

Here is the Weekly Church Mail 7/29/2024 from Panama Methodist Church.

Our **mission** is to make disciples of Jesus Christ who worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly.

Our **vision** is to lovingly give every person in our community the opportunity to believe in and follow Jesus for life!

Devotion from Pastor Paul

Contend For The Faith – Jude 1:3

What a joy it is to connect with old friends and colleagues! This was my experience last week at the annual Family Bible Camp, at the Camp at Findley, on beautiful Findley Lake. Even though I commuted, and I worked in the church office each morning, it was refreshing for me to see other pastors, some friends, and to be blessed with Global Methodist Church Bishop Rev. Mark Webb preaching every night!

What I loved hearing from our former bishop, and now our bishop once again, is that we stand on the authority of the Bible and Lordship of Jesus Christ. We believe that Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior, and we stand on the faith that the vast majority of Christians have believed and practiced for two-thousand years.

A good verse of scripture that explains this well from the Book of Jude or the Epistle of Jude in the New Testament, comes to us from Jude 1:3. This scripture is talking about teaching and believing the same faith that Jesus handed to his first twelve disciples two-thousand years ago. Jude 1:3 says:

3 Beloved, while eagerly preparing to write to you about the salvation we share, I find it necessary to write and appeal to you to contend for the faith that was once for all entrusted to the saints (Jude 1:3, NRSV).

We are blessed to have faith and salvation in and through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and we are blessed to have God's unchanging and authoritative word, through the Bible! As we move forward, may we seek this week and always to love each other like Christ loves us, and we may we share His hope, His love, and His plan of salvation with the world, through Christ our Lord.

In Christ, our Strong and Mighty Tower,

Pastor Paul W.

Upcoming Events

What's Happening This Week?

Monday, July 29

God's Groceries @ 9:00a

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Wednesday, July 31

Staff Meeting @ 9:30a (Pastor's Office)

Red Cross Blood Drive @ 1:00p-5:00p (Community Room)

Adult Bible Study @ 3:30p (Conference Room)

Prayer & Praise @ 5:00p (Conference Room)

Worship Team Meeting @ 6:30p (Conference Room)

Thursday, August 1

Harmony Senior Citizens Lunch @ 12:00p (Community Room)

God's Groceries @ 5:00p-7:00p

Praise Team Practice @ 6:00p (Sanctuary)

Friday, August 2

CHAT Care Group @ 6:00p (Anderson's)

Saturday, August 3

Men's Breakfast @ 8:00a (Gallery/Cafe)

Sunday, August 4

Prayer Meeting @ ***8:45a** (Conference Room) ***New Summer Time**

Worship! w/ Holy Communion @ 10:15a

BLOOD DRIVE
JULY 31ST 1PM-5PM



HOSTED IN THE PMC COMMUNITY ROOM

Red Cross Blood Drive Wednesday, July 31

MISSIONS FOOD
TRUCK FUNDRAISER!



August 4th

**Hot Ham & Cheese
on a Pretzel Bun or
Chicken fingers
with a Side, Dessert
& Drink.**

August Food Truck!

Help Support the Missions Team with another Food Truck Fundraiser!

Scheduled for August 4th after service.

Menu will be: Hot Ham & Cheese on a Pretzel Bun or Chicken Fingers with a side, dessert and a drink!



**Build Your
Own Sundae
Fundraiser!**

August 18th!
(after service)

All money raised will go to Tom our Church Custodian to help with any expenses he may have trouble covering while out of work battling heart issues.

Sundae Fundraiser

If you weren't aware, our hired cleaner, Tom Frankiewicz, has been out due to health complications with his heart. To help him out during this time, Kathy Foulk would like to raise some money to help with his expenses. Join after service in the community room on August 18th for a Sundae Bar. All donations will go directly to Tom.

Worship & Prayer Opportunities

WORSHIP TIMES: SUNDAY Mornings at 10:15am

PRAYER TIMES:

WEDNESDAY EVENING at 5pm (Conference Room)

SUNDAY MORNING at ***8:45am** (Conference Room) ***New Summer Time**

NURSERY MINISTRY:

The nursery will be staffed by Ministry Safe Trained volunteer staff, and two people will be present at all times. Please also know that all ages are always welcome to join us in the sanctuary - sitting with their family.

DID YOU KNOW? *Current and past sermons, as well as, the weekly bulletin are posted on the Church Website in audio and text-based format. Check them out and refer them to a friend. Many of you (and more) are "gathering" online and in-house for worship Sunday mornings.*

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:

7/28 - 108 in-house + 12 Facebook + 20 Livestream + 5 Subsplash

7/21 - 95 in-house + 28 Facebook + 19 Livestream + 9 Subsplash

7/14 - 95 in-house + 24 Facebook + 28 Livestream + 16 Subsplash

7/7 - 112 in-house + 57 Facebook + 0 Livestream + 19 Subsplash

You definitely are NOT worshipping alone!!

*Unfortunately our livestream didn't cast to our Facebook page. Sorry for the inconvenience!

Thank you to the Tech Team and Worship Team for helping us worship online and in-house.

Online Giving/Streaming

Now is the perfect time to make the shift to online giving to Panama Methodist Church. It's secure and very easy to register and begin tithing online. This is a difficult time, financially, for our nation and community. As you can, we are encouraging everyone to continue to do what you can to give to the church and other charities.

To sign up, go to the church website (www.panamamethodist.org/giving) and click on the Give Online button on the homepage. If you need help, please call the church office (716-782-4031) for assistance.

Join us at church, if you feel comfortable gathering, or you may worship with us via Livestream, Facebook, or on Subsplash!

The link to the Livestream is www.livestream.com/panamaum

Join us on Facebook at

[facebook.com/panamamethodist](https://www.facebook.com/panamamethodist)

Download the app here:

<http://get.theapp.co/ybt5>

Share, like, and invite others to JOIN US!

[Watch us Live Online Giving](#)

Mission and Outreach Opportunities

...serving Christ...

God's Groceries Food Pantry - The Panama area Food Pantry is hosted by our church, right here in our brand new addition. Contact Tina Swineford or call the office at 782-4031

if you are interested in helping with this vital ministry. Please realize that in an effort to better serve our community, God's Groceries Food Pantry will continue to keep both the Monday morning and evening hours (9:00-10:00a and 6:00-7:00p) as well as Thursday hours from 5:00pm to 7:00pm.

We are Live Streaming our worship! If you missed worship this week, or want to tune in on a Sunday to worship where you are, you can login to our [Livestream link](#) or watch on our [facebook](#) page! You can also go to the panamamethodist.org website and click on the livestream link. Also, you can watch past worship services and events.

Ministry Safe - Ministry Safe training is required for all Sunday School teachers and helpers, youth group leaders and helpers, Vacation Bible School leaders and helpers, and nursery and Children's ministry volunteers.

Sunday Morning Hospitality Team! The Sunday Morning Hospitality Team is looking for new servants! This is a great mission and ministry of welcome and invitation...please pray about how you can help. Thanks! Call the office for more information

Discipleship Opportunities

Panama Methodist Church Discipleship Group Information

C.H.A.T. (George and Trudy Anderson) First Friday of every month gaanderson@windstream.net 716-782-3252

Band of Brothers 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm (Conference Room)

Rooted 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm (Library)

Class Meeting Wednesdays at 6pm (Varies)

For more information concerning Discipleship Groups, contact the church at (716) 782-4031 contact@panamamethodist.org



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