

# Patuxent Presbyterian News

Patuxent Presbyterian Church (USA)

'Inwardly Strong Through Christ ~  
Outwardly Focused for Christ'

## From the Pastor's Pen



From Chuck Swindoll, in *Living Above the Level of Mediocrity* comes this story.

LEGEND HAS IT that a man was lost in the desert, just dying for a drink of water. He stumbled upon an old shack – a ramshackled, windowless, roofless, weatherbeaten old shack. He looked about this place and found a little shade from the heat of the desert sun. As he glanced around he saw a pump about fifteen feet away – an old, rusty water pump. He stumbled over to it, grabbed the handle, and began to pump up and down, up and down. Nothing came out.

Disappointed, he staggered back. He noticed off to the side an old jug. He looked at it, wiped away the dirt and dust, and read a message that said, “You have to prime the pump with all the water in this jug, my friend. P.S.: Be sure you fill the jug again before you leave.”

He popped the cork out of the jug and sure enough, it was almost full of water! Suddenly, he was faced with a decision. If he drank the water, he could live. Ah, but if he poured all the water in the old rusty pump, maybe it would yield fresh, cool water from down deep in the well, all the water he wanted.

He studied the possibility of both options. What should he do, pour it into the old pump and take a chance on fresh, cool water or drink what was in the old jug and ignore its message? Should he waste all the water on the hopes of those flimsy instructions written, no telling how long ago?

Reluctantly he poured all the water into the pump. Then he grabbed the handle and began to pump, squeak, squeak, squeak. Still nothing came out! Squeak, squeak, squeak. A little bit began to dribble out then a small stream, and finally it gushed! To his relief fresh, cool water poured out of the rusty pump. Eagerly, he filled the jug and drank from it. He filled it another time and once again drank its refreshing contents.

Then he filled the jug for the next traveler. He filled it to the top, popped the cork back on, and added this little note: “Believe me, it really works. You have to give it all away before you can get anything back.”

Such is the life for us all. We are called upon to trust and hope in an uncertain future. God has sought to remove that uncertainty through the life and words of Jesus. He has taught us to trust and risk ... expecting a greater reward, God's reward!

God's blessing to you in these warm and wonderful summer days!

August 2009

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## New Members Class

*“New Members Class,  
October 18th - November  
8th!*

Reverend Jones has scheduled a **New Members** class to begin on **October 18th** at 5:30 p.m. The class will run for 4 weeks, October 18th through November 1st at 5:30 p.m. with the last class to be a New Members luncheon to meet the Session at 12:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall on November 8th.

Please call the church office to sign-up for this class. This is a good way for you to learn more about the Presbyterian faith and this church in particular.

Please let us know if you need child care.

## Worship Ministry News

Carolyn Huff and Sadie Pitcher have agreed to be the new flower coordinators replacing Stephanie Thomson as of August 1st. The Worship Ministry and Congregation would like thank Stephanie for all the years she was the flower coordinator, for her dedication to making sure there was flowers on the altar every Sunday.



We would like everyone to know that there are still several dates available in August, September and November. You can donate an arrangement for \$35.00 to celebrate your loved ones birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, or any important event or in memory of someone.

The flower chart is located on the wall by the church office door. There is a holder with envelopes for your check, made payable to Patuxent Presbyterian Church, in the memo line “Flowers”. On the opposite side of the door are slips of paper to make your dedication request. Please fill out the form and drop it in the box marked flower donations.

For questions or information call Carolyn Huff, 301-863-2662, or email [1pccarolyn2@aol.com](mailto:1pccarolyn2@aol.com) or Sadie Pitcher, 410-326-9502, or email [sadiepitcher@yahoo.com](mailto:sadiepitcher@yahoo.com)

## Blue Crab Baseball Game!



**“Take me out to the ball game”!** Remember that old song? We have 16 tickets left for the Faith Night Baseball Game on Sunday, August 2nd at the Blue Crab Stadium. The game is scheduled to begin at 2:00 p.m. Please see Jeanine Easley for your ticket. Cost of ticket is \$13.00 a person.

Jeanine will arrange car pooling for those who do not wish to drive. Please call Jeanine Easley at 301-994-0081 [home] or her 410-610-2200 [cell], if you want to car pool or if you are willing to drive. **Thank you!**

# Sunday Servants

**Lay Readers Schedule for August:**

- 8/2            Sadie Pitcher
- 8/9            Rick Cooley
- 8/16          Melody VanMeter
- 8/23          Dave Smouse
- 8/30          Joyce Carey

If you are unable to serve when scheduled, please try to trade with someone on the schedule or call Tina Watts at 301-862-4775 for a replacement. Please let the office know if there is a change. *Thank you!*



**Time for Young Disciple Schedule for August**

<u>8:30 a.m.</u>	<u>10:00 a.m.</u>
8/2     Merri Clark	8/2     Bob Volland
8/9     Rev. Michael R. Jones	8/9     Rev. Michael R. Jones
8/16    Tom Schumacher	8/16    Debbie Dennis
8/23    Rachel Portillo	8/23    Mark Strayer
8/30    Rebecca Portillo	8/30    Mallory Turner

If you are unable to serve when scheduled, please try to trade with someone on the schedule or call Merri Clark at 301-863-5750 for a replacement. Please let the office know if there is a change. *Thank you!*

**Acolyte Schedule for August:**

- 8/2     Hannah Varner
- 8/9     Michelle Sutherland
- 8/16    Jay Tracy
- 8/23    Alex Miller
- 8/30    Mary Spangler

If you are unable to serve when scheduled, please try to trade with someone on the schedule or call Nancy Owens at 443-295-7256 for a replacement. Please let the office know if there is a change. *Thank you!*



## How to Dance in the Rain

*'Life isn't about how to survive the storm but how to dance in the rain.'*

It was a busy morning, about 8:30, when an elderly gentleman in his 80's arrived to have stitches removed from his thumb. He said he was in a hurry as he had an appointment at 9:00 a.m.

I took his vital signs and had him take a seat, knowing it would be over an hour before someone would be able to see him. I saw him looking at his watch and decided, since I was not bust with another patient, I would evaluate his wound. On exam, it was well healed, so I talked to one of the doctors, got the needed supplies to remove his sutures and redress his wound.

While taking care of his wound, I asked him if he had another doctor's appointment this morning, as he was in such a hurry.

The gentleman told me no, that he needed to go to the nursing home to eat breakfast with his wife. I inquired as to her health.

He told me that she had been there for a while and that she was a victim of Alzheimer's Disease.

As we talked, I asked if she would be upset if he was a bit late.

He replied that she no longer knew who he was, that she had not recognized him in five years now. I was surprised, and asked him, 'And you still go every morning, even though she doesn't know who you are?' He smiled as he patted my hand and said, 'She doesn't know me, but I still know who she is.'

I had to hold back tears as he left, I had goose bumps on my arms, and thought, 'That is the kind of love I want in my life.'

True love is neither physical, nor romantic. True love is an acceptance of all that is, has been, will be, and will not be.

The happiest people don't necessarily have the best of everything; they just make the best of everything they have.

'Life isn't about how to survive the storm but how to dance in the rain.'

## Memory Verse

Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you.

Exodus 20:12

## Congregational Life Events

### *Living Proof Live* SIMULCAST with **Beth Moore**

Our friends at Leonardtown Baptist Church have an invited us to attend an exciting women's event.

**What:** Beth Moore Live Simulcast with worship leader Travis Cottrell

**Topic:** "Coming Home to the Heart of Your Desires" based on Psalm 37

**When:** August 28-29, 2009

**Time:** Friday doors open at 7:00 pm and the event starts at 8:00. Saturday's event is from 8:30 am-1:00 pm.

**Where:** Leonardtown Baptist Church

**Cost:** \$10 per person

**Registration:** Forms are available in the church office or you may register online at [www.lbcmd.org/bmsimulcast](http://www.lbcmd.org/bmsimulcast).

**Registration ends August 14th.**

We have been asked to keep this event lifted up in prayer. Specific prayer requests are:

- Pray for each woman attending to invite one lady who does not know Christ or is not connected to a body of believers.
- Pray for the Simulcast to deepen the church's commitment to reaching and ministering to lost women.
- Pray for each participants' needs.
- Pray for those women committed to serve in the various responsibilities related to the Simulcast.
- Pray for the lost to be saved and the unchurched to become connected to a church body.

### **Fireproof:** Movie Event

**What:** Showing of the movie *Fireproof*

**Movie Summary:** At work, inside burning buildings, Capt Caleb Holt (Kirk Cameron) lives by the old firefighter's adage: Never leave your partner behind. At home in the cooling embers of his marriage, he lives by his own rules. Growing up, Catherine Holt (Erin Bethea) always dreamed of marrying a loving, brave firefighter...just like her daddy. Now after 7 years of marriage, they are having arguments of jobs, finances, and housework. It seems they are both ready to move on to something "better." Can their marriage be saved? Plan to join us for this movie that will be sure to move you.

**When:** Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** Doors open at 6:30 p.m.. Movie will begin at 7:00.

**Where:** Fellowship Hall

**Follow-up Small Group Study:** Beginning the week of September 27<sup>th</sup>, a new small group will begin using "Fireproof Your Marriage" curriculum. Featuring clips from the movie, this six-part study challenges couples to look at love as a lifetime commitment.

Study topics include:

- Forgiveness
- Marriage as a covenant
- God-designed differences
- Unconditional love

## From Our Choir Director

By: Maureen Wysham



Come one, come all! The choir will be resuming rehearsals on Wednesday, August 26th, at 7:00 p.m. and would love for you to join us. Taking a page from David Letterman's book, we came up with our own top ten list.

### Top Ten Reasons to Join the Choir

10. Choir robes hide a multitude of sins.
9. Rehearsal night means a couple of hours away from the spouse and kids (or a couple of hours you are away from them!). And don't forget, we provide child care.
8. The sanctuary is often full; being in the choir ensures that you'll always have a seat.
7. The offering plate is never passed to the choir.
6. There's a clock at the back of the sanctuary and you get to be the first to know when it's 11:00 a.m.
5. For years you've wanted to know who sits in the back rows but were always afraid to turn around. Now you'll be in the know.
4. Food! The choir uses any excuse to have a party.
3. Keeping a running count of those dozing in the congregation helps the service pass quickly.
2. Your favorite movie is Sister Act.  
**And the number one reason to join the choir:**
1. Singing in the Choir is not only heart healthy, it's soul healthy!

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## Sunday School Teachers Needed

We are making plans for this year's Sunday School program. We are still in need of people to help teach all grades. If you are interested or would like more information on being a Sunday School teacher, please contact Beth Miller at (410) 326-1210 or millers123md@comcast.net

## Kick-Off Sunday



We invite everyone to join us for our annual Sunday School Kick-Off Breakfast to be held Sunday, September 13th, at 9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a breakfast dish to share in a disposable container.

Coffee and juice will be provided.

Afterwards we will move to the Sanctuary for singing and then children will be dismissed to their new Sunday School classes to find their classrooms and meet their teachers! Adults will receive information about the Adult Sunday School classes.

## Ten Commandments of Human Relations

1. Speak to people. There is nothing as nice as a cheerful word of greeting.
2. Smile at people. It takes seventy-two muscles to frown, only fourteen to smile.
3. Call people by name. Music to anyone's ears is the sound of his/her own name.
4. Be friendly and helpful.
5. Be cordial. Speak and act as if everything you do is genuinely a pleasure, and if it isn't, learn to make it so.
6. Be genuinely interested in people. You can like almost everybody if you try.
7. Be generous with praise, cautious with criticism.
8. Be considerate with the feelings of others. There are usually three sides to a controversy: yours, the other fellow's, and the right one.
9. Be alert to serve. What counts most in life is what we do for others.
10. Add to this a good sense of humor, a big dose of patience, and a dash of humility, and you will be rewarded manifold through life.

Adapted from the Bible Tract Bulletin.

## August Youth Ministry Information

### From Larry,

I am updating my master youth roster. So if you have a student who is entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup> grade for the 2009-2010 school year then please contact me as soon as possible at youthgroups@paxpres.org or 703-772-3040. I want you to have all of the current and up to date information. Once again please send me your information **even** if you think I already have it...**send it again!** Over communication is okay with me and necessary when undertaking the task of roster updating!

### **Patuxent Playhouse Presents "School House Rock!"**

Patuxent Playhouse has again graciously agreed to perform one of their fine musicals for our entertainment and to serve as a fundraiser for the youth ministry here at the church. We will have three performances at the end of August and we would appreciate it if you could attend, enjoy a show, and support the Youth Ministry here at Patuxent Presbyterian Church! Tickets will go on sale Sunday August 9<sup>th</sup> and will be available for purchase in the church office or by visiting Larry at anytime! Larry will even hand deliver your tickets if you request!

**For Students:** There will be sign-up sheets on the bulletin board to volunteer for any or all of the performances! We need a lot of youth to serve for this fundraiser as it significantly contributes to our youth ministry financially.

August 28th is a Dinner and a Show (6:30-8:00pm dinner 8:00-10:00pm show)

August 29th 7:00p.m. Show Only

August 30th 3:00p.m. Show Only

Suggested Donations are as follows.

\$10.00 for Show Tickets (August 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>)

\$20.00 - \$25.00 for Dinner Show Tickets (August 28<sup>th</sup>)

### **Disciple Now 2009 – November 12th – 15th 2009:**

The planning for D-Now 2009 has already begun and here are ways that you can be involved or can contribute to this amazing weekend of Discipleship. Since D-Now is an in town retreat we bring in Leaders in from all over the country. These leaders are close friends and colleagues of Larry Kile.

### **The following is a list of needs for Disciple Now 2009:**

- Prayer
- Church members to donate their homes to be used for Disciple Now
- People willing to donate Frequent Flyer miles. (We will be flying in at least 4 leaders)
- People who are willing to provide one of 3 meals on Saturday for a house.
- People who are willing to cook breakfast on the Sunday Morning of D-Now
- People who are willing to provide transportation.

I ask that you prayerfully consider the above list. Disciple Now is a great way to get the entire church involved in this amazing retreat for our youth. We would love for you to be involved and if you have any questions please contact Larry at the church! youthgroups@paxpres.org

**August Calendar Events:**

Blue Crabs Baseball Game (Faith Day!) Game at 2:05p.m.  
Tuesday August 4<sup>th</sup> Middle School **Mystery Day** 12-4p.m.  
Tuesday August 11<sup>th</sup> – Lunch with Langella at Panera, 1p.m.  
Thursday August 20<sup>th</sup> – Lunch with Langella at Chic-fil-a, 1p.m.  
Friday August 28<sup>th</sup> – School House Rock youth fundraiser  
Saturday August 29<sup>th</sup> – School House Rock youth fundraiser  
Sunday August 30<sup>th</sup> – School House Rock youth fundraiser

**Remember for more information and to sign up for all events check out the youth bulletin board at church!**

**Mystery Day** - Mystery Days are an opportunity for our upcoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders to get acquainted with the middle school youth ministry and experience the fun we have!

**Step Up To The Edge** – Is exactly like Mystery Days except that it is for upcoming 9<sup>th</sup> graders who are now entering “The Edge” family

**Youth Prayer Ministry**

Are you aware that we have a weekly prayer e-mail that highlights the youth ministry and the specific ways we can be praying for the youth ministry and its participants? Rachel Portillo leads this ministry and she would love to send you this e-mail! This is open everyone! If you would like to be praying for the youth ministry here at Pax Pres and we would love for you too, then contact Rachel at: [becca.brian.robert@verizon.net](mailto:becca.brian.robert@verizon.net)

**Youth Website:**

The youth ministry here at Pax Pres has its very own website! [www.paxyouth.org](http://www.paxyouth.org) is entirely dedicated to our youth ministry! It is a great hub for youth and parents alike. You can download permission forms, view the youth calendar, and even make payments for youth events! Remember that this website is in addition to the church’s existing website. So remember [paxpres.org](http://paxpres.org) and [paxyouth.org](http://paxyouth.org) for your church information needs!

Thank you so much for your support of the youth ministry here at Pax Pres!  
Grace and Peace,  
Larry

## August Birthdays



8/1	Hunter Harris	8/19	Reid Davidson
8/1	John Martin	8/20	Jill Gross
8/1	Chris Simpson	8/21	Cameron Paul
8/1	Danny Worrell	8/21	Cathy Pinkel
8/3	Rachel Aaron	8/23	Robbie Baker
8/3	Edward Hazelwood V	8/23	Hal Hebele
8/3	Preston Hopkins	8/23	Marci Turner
8/3	Steve Shiell	8/24	Jennifer Drury
8/4	Daniel Aaron	8/25	Liam Byers
8/4	Dick Imes	8/27	Lucas Duenas
8/4	Gale Kanney	8/27	Mark Strayer
8/5	Joe Fay	8/27	William Wilhelm
8/6	Kristi Cikovic	8/27	Joshua Wright
8/6	Caitlin Crosby	8/28	Bill Dixon
8/6	Timothy Frantzen	8/29	Ted Gross
8/6	Bill Smith	8/29	Molly Strayer
8/8	Caroline Clarke	8/30	Elena Fingerle
8/8	Jim Funyak	8/30	Alexis Hartzell
8/8	Mike Paul	8/30	Austin Porter
8/9	Carson Cikovic	8/31	Julie Harris
8/9	Peter Crosby		
8/9	Diane Stearns		
8/9	Maureen Wysham		
8/10	Wayne Reeves		
8/10	Elizabeth Sakach		
8/11	Brooke Henderson		
8/12	Kalynn Dietz		
8/12	James Gunn		
8/12	Lillian Mason		
8/12	Dylan Morse		
8/13	Jarod Grant		
8/13	Kyle Kebaugh		
8/14	Peggy Densford		
8/14	Marlene Thomas		
8/14	Betty Trautman		
8/16	Toby Lakin		
8/17	William Arnold		
8/17	Linett Hazelwood		
8/17	J. W. Homewood		
8/18	Sadie Pitcher		
8/18	Robert Portillo		

## Wedding Anniversaries

8/5	Lou & Lynn Kendrick	31st
8/7	Bill & Anna Schibler	27th
8/8	Hank & Cindi Williams	11th
8/9	Sam & Jennifer Drury	12th
8/11	Dick & Alene Imes	53rd
8/12	Steve & Barbara Shiell	37th
8/13	Jarod & Michelle Grant	4th
8/15	Peter & Debbie Crosby	22nd
8/17	David & Rosemary Bailey	36th
8/17	Don & Lisa Blottenberger	13th
8/17	Ted & Lynne Gross	18th
8/18	Ken & Jean Reamy	25th
8/20	Mike & Lee McCullough	49th
8/24	Ed & Linett Hazelwood	7th
8/26	Hal & Vi Hebele	59th
8/27	Eric & Alice Virts	21st



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Memory Verses  
Year to Date

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| “A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.”  | Proverbs 15:1    |
| “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved - you and your household.”                                | Acts 16: 31      |
| “Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.”                                 | Psalms 51: 10    |
| “Do everything without complaining or arguing.”   | Philippians 2:14 |
| “Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.”     | Psalms 100:4     |
| “For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”              | Romans 6:23      |
| “God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.”  | Psalms 46:1      |
| “Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you.” | Exodus 20:12     |