

The Shepherd's Messenger



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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

How many United Methodists does it take...well, you've heard all the jokes so I won't repeat them here. I do wonder from time to time, however, how many it would take to ensure that our church became the very best it can be – unique to its design and purpose, offering the highest quality of ministry and mission, providing an opportunity for all who visit to encounter God in an intimate way.

God's Word says, "Each of you has been blessed with one of God's wonderful gifts to be In the service of others. So use your gift well." (1 Peter 4:10)

Isn't that used difference here in this life? To strive to finish the unique work God has given each of us to do? To live "full" ... and leave "empty"?

What role has God asked you to play in the life of your church's ministries and mission?

- Are you a teacher? Perhaps there is a place for you to share your knowledge of God's Word.
- Do you have the gift of exhortation? Attending a retreat and encouraging others may be just what someone needs.
- Is serving your gift? There are many times when ministries are running full speed, and extra hands would be a welcome gift.
- Being trained to lead a church group may be a place for those who enjoy the gifts of administration or shepherding.
- Has God blessed you financially such that you might have the means to make a significant gift to the ministry of your church?
- Those who have developed a skill or have expertise in a specific area may consider offering professional services at no cost.

Think you're not needed? Think again. Your church is a place where lives can be transformed, in part because of the prayers of faithful servants who have also given time and financial resources to support this congregation. Where is God calling you to serve?

WISHING EVERYONE A BLESSED AND PROSPEROUS
NEW YEAR!!

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Our World situation
The Rothfus Family
to those at other residences...

CUBA CMH

Lucille Wildrick
Pearl Franklin
Carmelita Butts

WATERS OF WESTFIELD

Dawn Durkee

OLEAN PINES

Adaline Wakefield

EDEN HEIGHTS-

OLEAN

Others to keep in prayer:

Tim Bushnell
Chuck Brooks
John Culbert
Mike Gibbons
Kathy Glover
Tyler Griffin
Karen Hessney
Kelly Hitchcock
Richard Karle
James Kellogg
Rolly Miles
Mina (Doris Wyant's sister)
Rolly Miles
Elizabeth Morris
Pastor Bob Schooley
Jean Switalski

**January****Anniversaries**

8 - Butch & Mary Ann Pfouts
16 - Leo & Christie Reynolds
18 - Bruce & Patti Metler

**January Birthdays**

2 - Jeff Hewitt	25—Pete Simmons
11 - Karl Hodge	Maggie Watson
Todd Mosher	28—Kayla Noll
15- Lisa Ricci	Andrew Thornton
Vanessa Clement	30- Diane Karle
16 -Derek Edwards	Elizabeth Ray
17 - Amanda Clayson	31—Bernie Hawks
18 - Janet Enderle	Kimberly Sweet
19 - Butch Holden	
20 - Erin LaFave	
Brittany VanNess	
Thomas Steen	
23 - Jessica Clayson	
Art Higby	

**Military personnel and their families...**

Pauline Baker
Benny Cartin
Colby Krug
Ross McPhee
Chris Sirianni (Deployed)
John Curtis Quattrini
*Lew Holden is HOME!



Our continued prayers go out to ALL military personnel who are serving our country by active duty & reserve status, both in the States, and abroad. Our List of Military Names is provided by the Weekly Prayer Group for our Military men and women and our world situation. Gatherings are held on Monday's at 7 p.m. at Our Lady of Angels Roman Catholic Church at 50 South Street in Cuba. All are welcomed to attend. For more information, call Sandy Lathrop at 585-968-91531.

Statistics

Needed: \$1,519.27

Date	Worship	Offering
11/25	29	\$1392.00
12/2	38	\$1,889.00
12/9	33	\$1,372.05
12/16	36	\$1,567.00
12/23	40	\$1,296.00
12/24	Christmas Eve	60

January Helping Hands**Ushers**

Dean & Cheryl Wildrick

Greeters

1/6 *Open for you*
1/13 *Open for You*
1/20 *Open for You*
1/27 *Open for You*

Acolyte

1/6 Josh Tsujimoto or Josh Enderle
1/13 Josh Tsujimoto or Josh Enderle
1/20 Josh Tsujimoto or Josh Enderle
1/27 Josh Tsujimoto or Josh Enderle

Altar Guild**Coffee Hour**

Many Hands make Light Work. Won't you please consider volunteering. We need greeters, liturgists, nursery helpers, Coffee Hour Hosts. Please sign up on the clipboards at the front entrance if you can help. Thank You.

UMW NEWS

Submitted by Judy

The UMW met on Saturday, December 8th for a brunch with breakfast casserole and coffee cake. There were six women present. The agenda for this meeting was to decide if there was enough interest to continue the United Methodist Women's Group as the attendance has been very poor since September. The decision was made to meet quarterly rather than monthly. We will still try to do the two rummage sales in the Spring and Fall. This serves both as a mission project and a local church fundraiser. We believe that there is enough interest to continue, however, we may need to solicit some assistance from the Trustees or Men of the church.

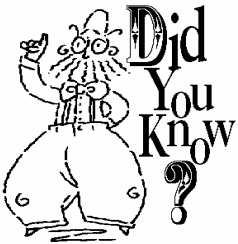


Cindy discussed the bereavement luncheons. We felt that this is an important mission, and we will also continue to do them with God's help and the help of the congregation.

Judy reported that she purchased four \$250 WalMart gift cards and delivered to four families who were identified by the Cuba-Rushford School as needing some holiday help. The congregation donated almost as much as last year to this worthy cause, and the UMW contributed the balance.

To end the year we will complete pledges to the local church and to mission. We will meet again in March with the date to be determined. Thank you to all who attend, support and pray for our UMW.

DYK: *Submitted by Dean Wildrick*



Did You Know? WASHINGTON (UMNS) — Forty-five United Methodists will serve in the 113th United States Congress, three fewer than in the 112th. The new Congress, which will convene on Jan. 3, 2013, will be the most religiously diverse in the nation's history with the first Hindu in either chamber, the first Buddhist in the Senate and the first member describing her religion as "none."

Administrative Council Notes

Submitted by Judy Zayac

The Administrative Council met briefly on December 11th. The main purpose of this meeting was to review and approve a policy for "Safe Sanctuaries" before the deadline on December 31st. We had already put most of the policy in place with windows in our Sunday School rooms, but the policy needed to be formalized. The committee reviewed and approved this policy to be put into place immediately. A copy of this policy is available on the website or by requesting from the secretary or pastor.

Paul Tsujimoto will be taking over the reigns as Chair of this Council in January. Thanks to all who actively attended and supported the work of this committee during my chairmanship.

Help UMCOR Response to Hurricane Sandy

Donations to help Our United Methodist response to Hurricane Sandy can be sent to: Upper New York Annual Conference, 324 University Ave, 3rd Floor, Syracuse, NY 13210. Please mark the donation "UMCOR Hurricane 2012 Advance #3021787." Or you can donate at www.umcor.org selecting "Hurricanes 2012" from the drop down menu.

Christmas Eve

A very nice Christmas Eve Service was held at 6:00 in a Festival of Lessons and Carols. Special music was performed by Jennie Gleason, and Paul & Joshua Tsujimoto.

After receiving Communion, all members of the congregation formed a circle around the sanctuary. Ushers lighted their hand-held candles from the Christ Candle, and then “passed the light” to closest people in the circle who then passed the light from person to person until all candles were lit. The sanctuary lights were dimmed and “Silent Night” was sung by candle light. More Christmas Eve photos are posted on our website www.cubaumc.org





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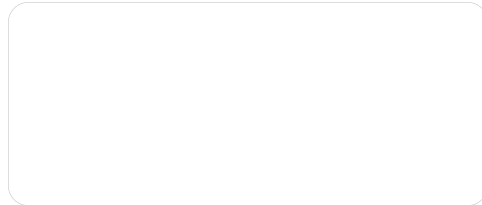
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 New Years Day	2	3	4	5 Kung Fu 6-8:00 am
6 Worship 9:00 a.m.	7 Military Prayer Grp 7:00 @ OLA	8 Finance 6 pm Ad Council 7 pm	9	10	11	12 Kung Fu 6-8:00 am
13 Worship 9:00 a.m. Un-decorate Church after Worship	14 Military Prayer Grp 7:00 @ OLA	15 Transition Team 7:00 pm	16	17	18	19 Kung Fu 6-8:00 am
20 Worship 9:00 a.m.	21 Military Prayer Grp 7:00 @ OLA	22 PPRC 7:00 pm Cuba	23	24	25	26 Kung Fu 6-8:00 am
27 Worship 9:00 a.m. AIM offering	28 Military Prayer Grp 7:00 @ OLA	29	30	31		

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