

# The Shepherd's Messenger



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KNOWING JESUS AS THE  
 GOOD SHEPHERD & SHARING  
 THE RISEN CHRIST WITH ALL.



The New Year can often bring a mixed bag of emotions and memories for many of us. Some may have just experienced the best year ever and look forward to an even greater one looming ahead. Others may have just trudged through one deep struggle after another. The fresh calendar year brings desperate hope for things to be better, with an ache for the still-fresh wounds to slowly begin their process of healing. Whether you've just walked through the greatest year of your life, or are incredibly glad to see this one finally over, one truth still rings clear amidst it all. You are not alone. Not ever. Our God is a "with us" God. On the heels of the celebration of the birth of our King, that reminder has the power to carry us right into a fresh, new start. He is Immanuel, God with us. And though things and people around us shift and change, our God never changes!



Lord, make 2018 a very happy year for all of us individually here at Cuba United Methodist Church.

Not by shielding us from sorrow and pain, but by strengthening us to bear it if it comes.

Not by taking hardship from us, but by taking all cowardice and fear from our hearts as we meet hardships.

Not by making our paths easy, but by making us sturdy enough to tread any path.

Not by granting unbroken sunshine, but by keeping our faces bright even in the shadows.

Not by making our lives always pleasant, but by showing us where others and your cause need us most and by making us zealous to be there and to help...

We pray also Lord you will bless us as a local congregation, Not with great numbers of people who come looking for entertaining activities and services . . .

But with abundant opportunities to teach your word and do your work here in this area in all sincerity and truth.

Nor do we pray that you will make our name great as a local church, but that through us your great name will be magnified.

Father, make our year a happy one! — In Jesus' Name, Amen!

*Pastor Becky*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

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

CUBA CMH

Henny van der Horst

PINES - OLEAN

Connie Battistoni

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



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.

**Others to keep in prayer:**

- Jim Benz
- Luke Fries
- Ashton Hawks
- Pastor Carl Holmes
- Sandy Lathrop
- Mark Middaugh
- Keith Pearce
- Bob Rasmusson
- Laroy Spateholts
- Heidi Sturdevant
- Lon Sweet
- David Taylor
- JoAnn Viglietta
- Ken Wyant



- 15- Vanessa Clement
- 17 - Chris Berardi
- 18 - Janet Enderle
- 19 - Butch Holden
- 20 - Brittany VanNess
- 25- Peter Simmons
- 31-Bernie Hawks

**Prayer LIST Update**

**Please keep our prayer list up to date.**

If someone should be added or removed from the prayer list, please submit their name in writing.

You can write prayer requests in the attendance pads on Sundays, or drop your request off at the office, or email. *Thank you!*

**Statistics**

**Needed: \$1,739**

Date	Worship	SS	Offering
12/3	45	10	\$2,798.95
		Naomi	\$ 70.00
12/10	46	16	\$1,078.00
		Naomi/Rothfus	\$75/\$50
12/17	53	-	\$2,691.00
		Rothfus	\$ 20.00
12/24	51		\$1,247.00
Christmas Eve	72		

**January Helping Hands**

Usher:

Jim Travis



Pianist:

Christine Berardi

Organist:

Jonathan Denham

Altar Guild:

Thela Snow



If you have a prayer request, call the prayer chain.

**Call Sandra Allen  
at 968-2137  
or Ruth Holden  
at 968-1933**

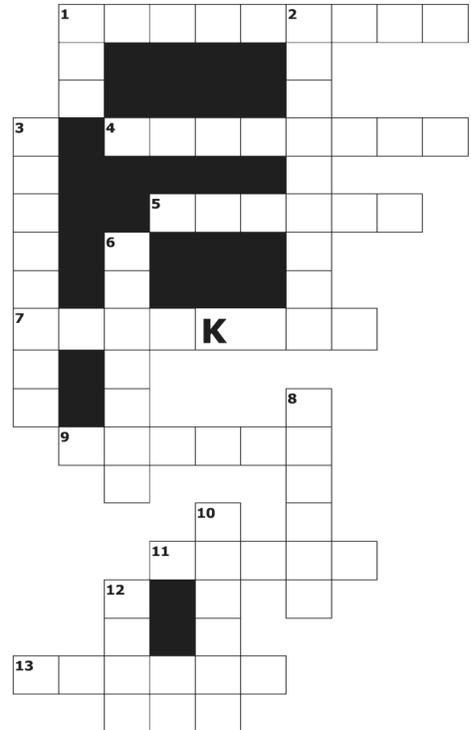


Do you know of someone who needs a note of cheer? Someone who might be sick, in the hospital, has a birthday, or has a loved one who has passed away? If you do, please call **Sue Simmons at 585-968-1135**. She is the UMW's **Cheer person**. She sends out cards to those in need of some cheer, so please contact her to let her know.



# Puzzle!

Use the clues to complete this crossword about women in the Bible.



- 1. (across) Cousin of Mary (Luke 1:36)
- 1. (down) Mother of Abel (Genesis 4:1-2)
- 2. Mother of Solomon (2 Samuel 12:24)
- 3. Moses' wife (Exodus 2:21)
- 4. Lied about her giving to the church (Acts 5:1)
- 5. Saved her people from destruction in Persia (also a Bible book name)
- 6. A judge in Israel (Judges 4)
- 7. Mother of Esau (Genesis 25:21, 25)
- 8. The wife Jacob loved (Genesis 29:20)
- 9. Sister of Mary (John 11:1)
- 10. Sewed clothes (Acts 9:39)
- 11. Hosea's wife (Hosea 1:3)
- 12. Sat at Jesus' feet in conversation (Luke 10:39)
- 13. Sister of Moses and Aaron (Exodus 15:20)

## Big Thank You!

to the Cuba United Methodists who rang the bell at Giant Food Mart for the Salvation Army...  
 Rev. Stan Scoville, Janet Calcagno, Thela Snow, Sylvia Clement, Julie Hawks, Cindy Dutton, Anthony Berardi, Dominic Berardi!

### HAMBURGER SOUP

Cindy Dutton

1 # hamburger, crumbled, browned in Dutch oven or soup pot, drained of fat  
 1 cup diced onion, sautéed with hamburger

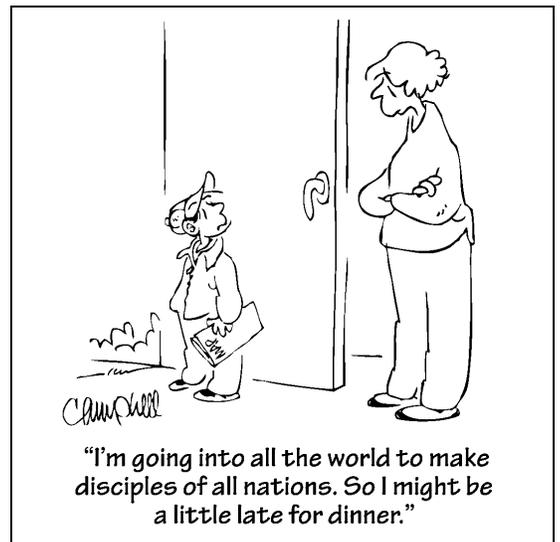
Add:

- 6 cups water
- 1 cup diced raw potatoes
- 1 cup sliced carrots
- ½ cup diced celery
- 1 cup shredded cabbage (do not omit)
- 1 can diced tomatoes
- ¼ cup raw rice or barley
- 1 bay leaf
- ½ - 1 tsp. dried thyme leaves
- ¼ - ½ tsp. dried basil leaves
- 4 tsp. salt
- ¼ tsp. pepper



Bring to boil, then reduce heat and simmer 1 hour. Pass freshly grated sharp cheddar cheese to sprinkle on top of each bowl.

Answers: 1. (across) Elizabeth, 1. (down) Eve, 2. Bathsheba, 3. Zipporah, 4. Sapphira, 5. Esther, 6. Deborah, 7. Rebekah, 8. Rachel, 9. Martha, 10. Dorcas, 11. Gomer, 12. Mary, 13. Miriam



"I'm going into all the world to make disciples of all nations. So I might be a little late for dinner."

## Adult Sunday School Studies with Cheryl



### PROPHESY #25: Peace in Israel: The Seven Year Covenant

The history of the Jewish people is filled with everything but peace. In the Old Testament we read of wars between the Israelites and their heathen enemies. We read of wars between King David's sons who each wanted to rule David's kingdom. We read of Jewish men and women who could have lost their lives because of their faith... when foreign kings ruled over the Jews in their captivity. The hope of the Jews has always been in the promises for a better future... which God revealed in books of prophesy. But, things will get worse before they get better.

After the future formation of the Ten Nation Confederacy, and the rise of the World Leader... Israel will be given a seven year covenant of peace. (Daniel 9:27) Because the regathered nation of Israel will have no defenses at this time (such as walls surrounding their cities, or an army, or weapons)... the Covenant of Peace will be acceptable to it. Peace precedes the coming Great Tribulation. (1 Thessalonians 5:2-3) During the first 3 1/2 years of peace, the Jews will worship in their temple, and give sacrifices to God. But after the first 3 1/2 years, the Peace Covenant will be abruptly broken by the World (Leader) Dictator. He will stop Jewish offerings and sacrifices in the temple. He will put an idol of himself in the Jewish temple. This is called the "Abomination of Desolation." (Matthew 24:15-16) Then he will be revealed as the Anti-Christ. When people are forced to worship the idol (and, subsequently, the Anti-Christ, the Great Tribulation will begin. (Matthew 24:21-22) It will last for 3 1/2 years. (Revelation 13:5-6) Then Christ will return to earth to battle Satan.

God's prophesies in the past came true. (Such as the birth and death of Jesus.) His prophesies for the future will come true also.

## **Cuba United Methodist Church Trustees Meeting Minutes November 8, 2017**



**PRESENT:** Pastor Becky Worth, Gary Enderle, Judy Krott, Marshall Allen, Bernie Hawks, and Rob Cornell.

6:00 p.m. Rob Cornell called the meeting to order. Pastor Becky opened with prayer.

October 4, 2017, Minutes were read and discussed. Rob made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Marshall seconded the motion, and all approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Rob Cornell presented the Treasurer's Report and explained Trustee financials. Discussion followed. Marshall made a motion that the Trustees give the Memorial Committee suggestions on uses for \$1,000 worth of funds that are allocated to memorial projects. Judy seconded the motion, and all approved.

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**(Trustees Minutes - Continued from page 5)**

**Discussion of Trustee Topics:**

\*Marshall reported that the elevator was serviced.

\*The carpet and furniture in the pastor's study was cleaned.

\*The inside painting project will begin in a couple of weeks. Rob made a motion that we accept the two suggested paint color choices. Marshall seconded the motion, and all approved. Rob will contact the Boy Scouts and the violin teacher who use the church to give them instructions on how to enter while the painting is in progress.

\*Gary Enderle is coordinating the ramp project for Mark Middaugh's home. Gary has had discussion with the Office of the Aging and Grace United Church in Wellsville. Grace United has a ramp ministry group that builds/funds these projects.

\*Rob Cornell will connect the speakers and DVD in Wesley Hall.

\*Marshall will purchase another shelf for the High School Sunday School Room which will be used for the electronic equipment.

\*The pastor's desk chair needs to be replaced. Judy offered to go with Pastor Becky to Olean Standard Equipment to obtain a chair. Rob made a motion that a new chair be purchased for Pastor Becky. Marshall seconded the motion, and all approved.

\*A filing cabinet in the pastor's office was inadvertently locked, and we do not have a key to unlock it. Marshall made a motion that we obtain a replacement key. Rob seconded the motion, and all approved.

\*We discussed the computers/software used by Pastor Becky and Jim Travis. These really need to be updated. Rob offered to get a proposal on costs for these new computers and the necessary software. Gary made a motion that we accept Rob's offer to get a cost proposal for this equipment/software. Marshall seconded the motion, and all approved.

\*A suggestion was made to upgrade to LED light bulbs in the sanctuary. Further discussion will be held after the first of the year.

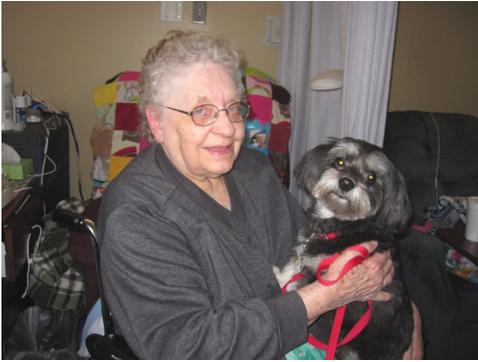
\*As a formal Nominations Committee is not in place, Gary Enderle and Bernie Hawks agreed to extend their terms as Trustees. We also discussed other potential Trustees. It was suggested that John Hupp be contacted to see if he is interested in serving as a Trustee. Marshall will contact John.

\*The next meeting will be held on December 6, 2017, at 6 p.m.

Marshall made a motion that the meeting be adjourned at 6:45 p.m. Rob seconded the motion, and all approved.



## DUDLEY TAILS



Hello to all my friends! This is Dudley. December was very busy. We had a real tree in our livingroom! It smelled good... but it made it more difficult to see out our front window.

I visited many friends in the residential wings of Cuba Memorial Hospital this month. Some friends must have gone home, because I don't see them anymore. But there are new faces and new friends.

One lady is very busy. She has made hundreds of blankets with tied edges. The blankets are given to those in need... or sold to raise money for residents' activities. The lady smiles when she see me, so my master and I sit down for awhile and visit with her.

Two doors down the hall there is a man who likes to color pictures. Many are hanging on the walls of his room. He likes to pet me and calls me "Doggy".

Farther down the hall, there is a man who has an autographed picture of Dolly Parton on his wall. He says that he is from Tennessee, and that Dolly is a friend of his. The man has a restricted diet and talks about the fruit that he wished he could eat.

Sitting in the parlor area is a new lady. My master introduces us to her. The lady talks of her home. She would prefer to be there. She could only bring a few things with her, and she does not know anyone here. The lady likes to have someone to talk to.

A man (and his wife who was visiting him) were also sitting in the parlor area. He saw me from a distance and called us over. Her husband petted me while the lady spoke about the little dogs that they used to have.

Walking down the second hallway, we found a lady in her room. Last time we visited, she was confined to her room due to medical precautions. Now we went in, and I sat on her bed. That's the best! And she fed me dog treats!

A new couple has moved into a room near the end of the hall. Their daughter saw me and was excited. She wanted me to come into the room and see her parents. I did. They each petted me and smiled.

Before leaving the residential area, we saw a cleaning lady that my master said has been working there for as long as she could remember. My master said that the lady is always so kind to the residents. She talks with them, helps when she can, and gives hugs freely. My master knows that this lady is a Christian because she shows love to the less fortunate, just like Jesus did. There are never too many people to show the love of God. Jesus wants to love people through us.

Next week I will visit more new friends on the other floor of the residential wing. I will tell you about them too.

Love, Dudley



**WORSHIP  
SERVICE  
SUNDAY  
11:00 AM**

# January

# 2018

**SUNDAY SCHOOL  
For All Ages  
9:45 AM**

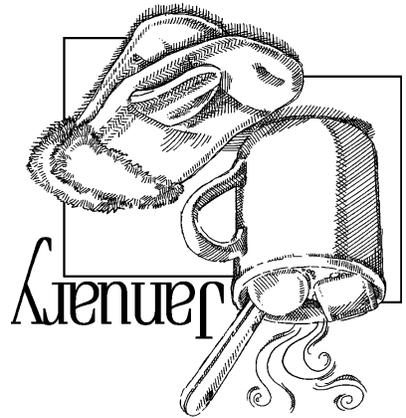
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>2</b> Prayer Group 10 am - 11 am	<b>3</b> Trustees Mtg. 6:00 Management Team 6:45 pm	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> Communion Naomi Mission Collection UMW Food Pantry Collection	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Prayer Group 10 am - 11 am	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> February Newsletter Deadline - Noon	<b>16</b> Prayer Group 10 am - 11 am	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> UMW Meeting 10 am
<b>21</b> Coffee Hour	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Prayer Group 10 am - 11 am	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> Rothfus Collection	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Prayer Group 10 am - 11 am	<b>31</b>			

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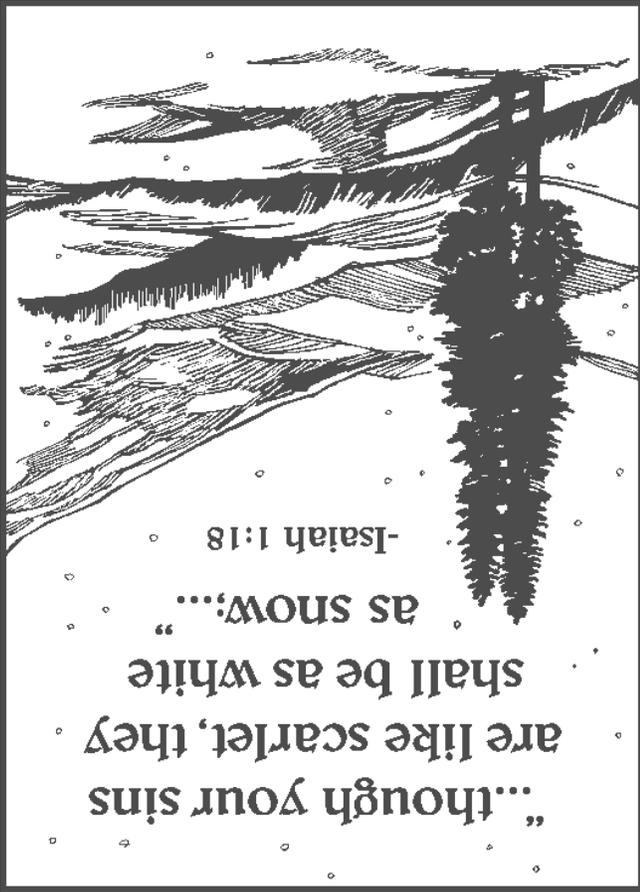
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