

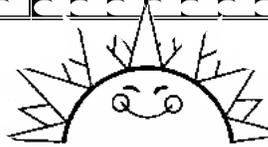
The Shepherd's Messenger



February 2010



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



Pastor Sunny's Rays

Obituary - Someone Else

Our church was saddened to learn this week of the death of one of our most valued members, Someone Else.

Someone's passing creates a vacancy that will be difficult to fill.

Else has been with us for many years and for every one of those years, Someone did far more than a normal person's share of the work.

Whenever there was a job to do, a class to teach, or a meeting to attend, one name was on everyone's list, "Let Someone Else do it."

Whenever leadership was mentioned, this wonderful person was looked to for inspiration as well as results;

"Someone Else can work with that group."

It was common knowledge that Someone Else was among the most liberal givers in our church. Whenever there was a financial need, everyone just assumed Someone Else would make up the difference.

Someone Else was a wonderful person; sometimes appearing superhuman. Were the truth known, everybody expected too much of Someone Else.

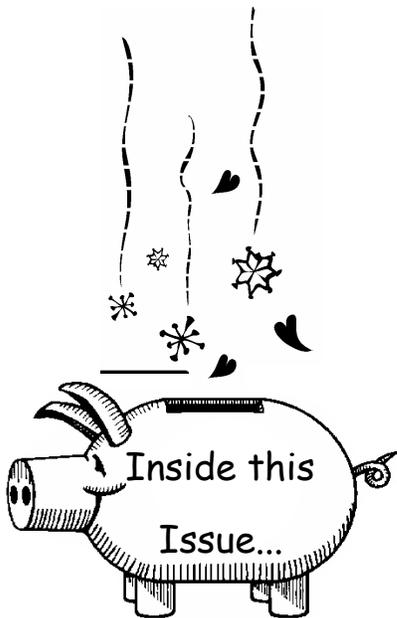
Now Someone Else is gone! We wonder what we are going to do. Someone Else left a wonderful example to follow, but who is going to follow it?

Who is going to do the things Someone Else did?

When you are asked to help this year, remember - we can't depend on Someone Else anymore.

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Prayer Requests

Our World Situation

The Rothfus Family

THOSE AT HOME

- Alicia Bradley
 - Ernestine Green
 - Alice Sweet
 - Adaline Wakefield
 - Mayme Giles
- to those at other residences...

CUBA- CMH:

- Lucille Wildrick
- Laura Clayson
- Helen Clement
- Pearl Franklin

ABSOLUT HOUGHTON

- John Lawton

WATERS OF WESTFIELD

- Dawn Durkee

BATH VA CENER

- John Visser

IRIS PARK COMMONS

- Marge Bly

EDEN HEIGHTS EDEN-BUFFALO

- Jane Wright

Military personnel and their families...

- | | |
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| Bob Aaronson | Dan Thompson |
| Daniel Bunk | Ron Truax |
| Kevin Desaultels | Miles Ward |
| Brad Frank | Eric Young |
| Mark Keenan | |
| Karl Linderman | |
| Justin Linza | |
| Charles Randall | |
| Alfred Reynolds | |
| Greg Rodges | |
| Justin Sweet | |
| Dan Thompson | |



The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.

James 5:16



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, contact Ray Perkins at 585-968-1467

"Praying for Our Churches, Pastors and Leadership" Mountain View District:

February Celebrations

Birthdays:

- 2 - Richard Pierce
- 5 - Peg Baker
Chase Bump
Laurie James
Ploma Raub
- 9 - James W. Travis
- 12 - Rachael Brammer
Annette Butts
- 13 - Falyn Sweet
- 14 - Elroy Brickey III
- 17 - Joel Vanik
- 18 - John Hupp
Linda Nelson
Caleb Young
- 19 - Mark Morris
Tammy Parker
Christie Lee Reynolds
- 22 - Alan Deck
- 23 - Christopher Hupp
Cherri Quattrini
- 25 - Bill James
Clinton Matteson
- 26 - June Odell
Stacey Pagli
- 29 - Richard Guild



Anniversaries:

- 3 - John & Lisa Ricci
Wally & Maggie Watson
- 8 - Bill & Joyce Amundson
- 16 - Marshall & Sandra Allen
Paul & Sandy Tsujimoto
- 22 - Bernie & Julie Hawks
Bill & Mary Ellen James





COMMUNION STEWARD:

Thela Snow & Darcy Eastham

USHERS

Butch & Mary Ann Pfouts

LITURGIST:

7: Rob Cornell
 14: Patti Petroni
 21: Michael Kunz
 28: Liz Abraham

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS:

7: *Reserved for you!!*
 14: *Reserved for you!!*
 21: *Reserved for you!!*
 28: *Reserved for you!!*

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS:

Judi & Joe Hughes
 Lucinda & Keith Pierce

NURSERY

7: *Reserved for you!!*
 14: *Reserved for you!!*
 21: *Reserved for you!!*
 28: *Reserved for you!!*

ACOLYTE:

7: Jasmyn Dorsey
 14: Josh Enderle
 21: Joseph Hughes
 28: Josh Tsujimoto

GREETERS:

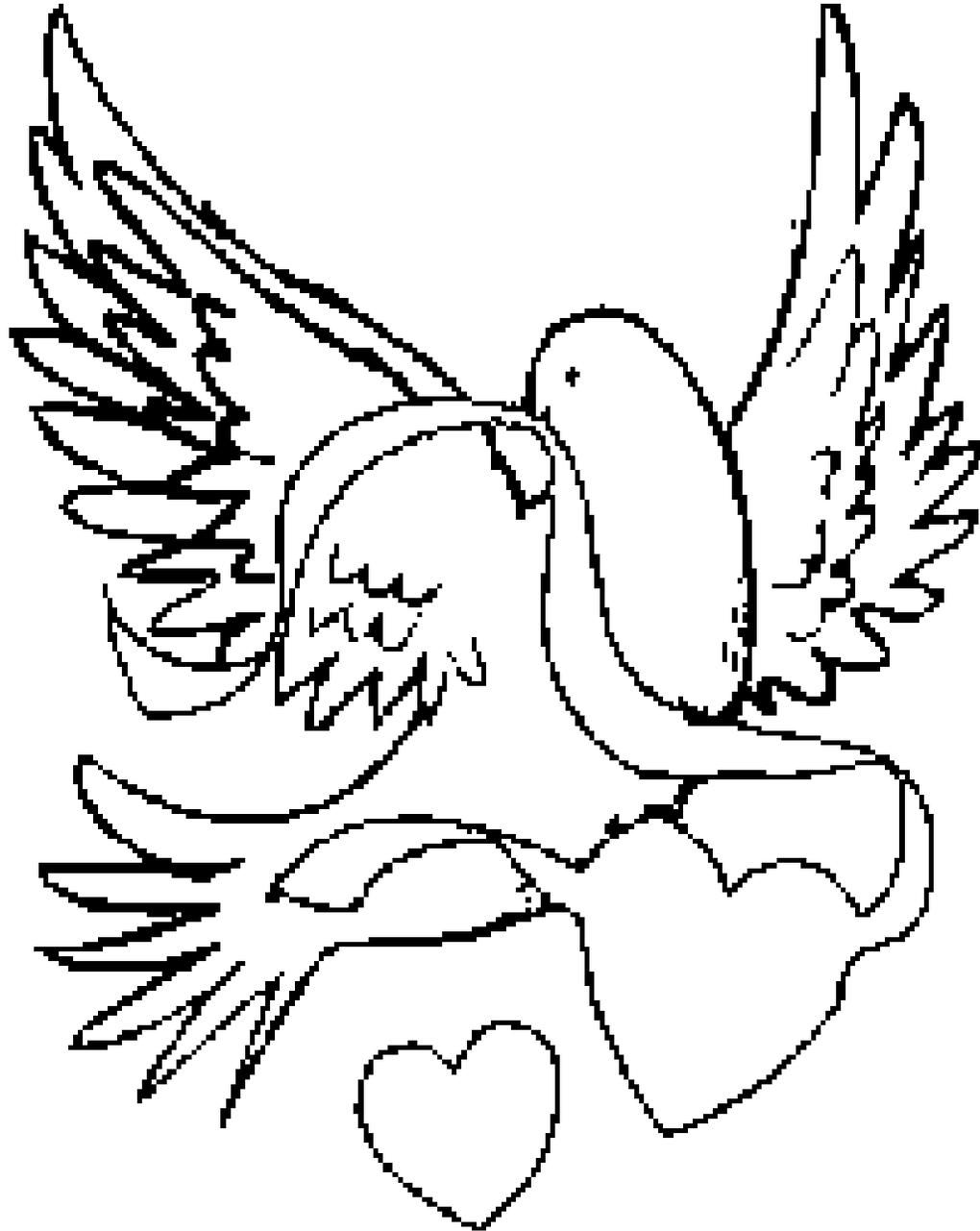
7: Fran Young & Ruth Holden
 14: Alan & Judy Zayac
 21: Sandy Pickert & Patti Petroni
 28: Liz Abraham & Barb Spateholts

Sign-up sheets are always located at the back of the Sanctuary. **So hurry and sign up today!!**

STATISTICS

Date Worship	Offering	Amount needed:	<u>\$2407.50</u>
01/03	52	\$1,983.13	
01/10	66	\$1,936.00	
01/17	70	\$2,420.75	
01/24	72	\$2,035.77	





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The 'Devil' Writes Pat Robertson A Letter

By Frank James

The Minneapolis Star-Tribune [published a letter](#) from Satan to evangelist Pat Robertson, responding to his comment that Haiti's persistent troubles, including the earthquake, are due to a [pact the nation made with Mephistopheles](#).

Actually, it wasn't Satan who wrote the letter but Lilly Coyle of Minneapolis writing in the persona of the hellish one.

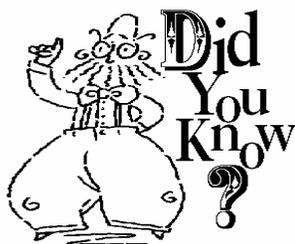
I think she got it down pretty well. What say you?

Dear Pat Robertson,

I know that you know that all press is good press, so I appreciate the shout-out. And you make God look like a big mean bully who kicks people when they are down, so I'm all over that action. But when you say that Haiti has made a pact with me, it is totally humiliating. I may be evil incarnate, but I'm no welcher. The way you put it, making a deal with me leaves folks desperate and impoverished. Sure, in the afterlife, but when I strike bargains with people, they first get something here on earth -- glamour, beauty, talent, wealth, fame, glory, a golden fiddle. Those Haitians have nothing, and I mean nothing. And that was before the earthquake. Haven't you seen "Crossroads"? Or "Damn Yankees"? If I had a thing going with Haiti, there'd be lots of banks, skyscrapers, SUVs, exclusive night clubs, Botox -- that kind of thing. An 80 percent poverty rate is so not my style. Nothing against it -- I'm just saying: Not how I roll. You're doing great work, Pat, and I don't want to clip your wings -- just, come on, you're making me look bad. And not the good kind of bad. Keep blaming God. That's working. But leave me out of it, please. Or we may need to renegotiate your own contract.

Best, Satan

LILY COYLE, MINNEAPOLIS



*Submitted by
Dean Wildrick*

From the Constitution and Discipline of the Methodist Protestant Church. 1854(yes, it is eighteen fifty four)
"Article XII

Suffrage and Eligibility to Office.

I. Every minister and preacher, and every white, lay male member, in full communion and fellowship, having attained to the age of twenty-one years, shall be entitled to vote in all cases."

From the 2004 Book of Discipline:

PP 244 Organization plan for the local church:...

"3. Members of the church council or alternative structure shall be persons of genuine Christian character who love the church, are morally disciplined, are committed to the mandate of inclusiveness in the life of the church, are loyal to the ethical standards of The United Methodist Church set forth in the Social Principles, and are competent to administer its affairs. It shall include youth members chosen according to the same standards as adults. All persons with vote shall be members of the local church, except where central conference legislation provides otherwise. The pastor shall be the administrative officer and, as such, shall be an ex officio member of all conferences, boards, councils, commissions, committees, and task forces, unless otherwise restricted by the Discipline.5"

"We have come a long way.



Lenten Community Outreach

Beginning on Wednesday, February 24th, from noon until 1:00pm, we will be serving lunch to those in our community. We will continue to do this every Wednesday throughout Lenten Season, ending on Wednesday, March 31. Our menu will consist of homemade soups, breads & rolls, and cookies for dessert. We will serve coffee and tea for beverages.

We are in need of volunteers to help make this a success. Can you make some soup? Please go to the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

Let's show our community the Cuba UMC is truly about "Open Hearts, Open Doors, and Open Minds" (and free lunch!)

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Did you all get the point here? Does any part of this poem sound familiar? They say that the seven last words of the church are: "We've never done it that way before!" I disagree. I believe that the real last words of the church are: "Someone else will do it." We can't depend on someone else. The pastor can't do it all. The pastor can't be every committee person, every dinner chef, every dinner clean up, no one person can do it all! It takes everyone to make this work. What happens to the ministry when the bishop decides it is time to move your pastor? Does the ministry end, does the out reach stop, does the family fall apart?

So the next time a sign up sheet is passed around, don't pass it on and say "Someone else can do it", sign up. The next time you see something that needs fixing, fix it. The next time a special service is held, don't say, "Someone else can go", get ready and go! The next time a class needs to be taught, don't say: "Well someone else will do it", teach it. When someone needs help, help!! When you see someone hungry, lonely, hurting, sad, scared, don't say, "Someone else will take care of them", reach outside yourself and the church and feed them, visit them, hold their hand, and show them that God loves them.

When we are talking about the future of the church, don't say: "Someone else will figure it out", be a part of that solution.

We are the only instruments that God has to do accomplish all this. Remember the words of Christ recorded in Matthew 25:31-45:

31"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his throne in heavenly glory. 32All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. 33He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

34"Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. 35For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, 36 I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

37"Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? 38When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? 39When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'

40"Then the King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'

41"Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. 42For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 43I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.'

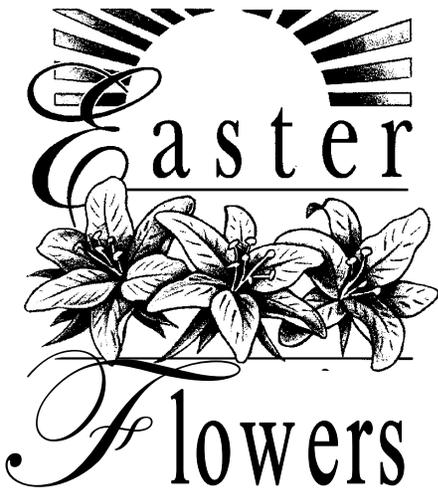
44"Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?'

45"Then he will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.'

These are not just words, they are instructions. So call the florist today and order flowers for Someone Else's funeral service and be the instrument God meant for you to be in this world.

May God Bless all of you and your families. Remember God loves you and so do we.

Pastor Sunny



If you would like to help decorate the Sanctuary for Easter (April 4, 2010) by purchasing a spring plant through the church, please give this completed form and your money to Thela Snow (5841 Hilltop Rd., Cuba, NY 14727) by Sunday, March 1st. Please make any checks payable to Thela Snow. **All plants cost \$6.00 or \$8.00 each.** For this low price we are unable to order specific colors.

Deadlines For Orders February 28.

As in the past, members of the Altar Guild will be on hand to assist you in getting your plant after Easter Sunday worship service. Thank you.

(quantity) (total cost)

Easter Lily _ X \$8.00 =

Tulip _ X \$6.00 =

Hyacinth _ X \$6.00 =

Mums _____ X \$8.00=_____

TOTAL _____

Fill out exactly as you wish it to appear in the bulletin. It may be helpful to use a different form for each category.

Given for the Glory of God

by: _____

Given for the Glory of God **in memory**

of: _____
by: _____
of: _____
by: _____
of: _____
by: _____

Given for the Glory of God **in honor**

of: _____
by: _____
of: _____
by: _____
of: _____
by: _____



February 2010



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Ad Council 7:00pm	3 Choir Practice 7pm	4	5	6 Kung Fu 6-8am
7 Worship 10:00a Sunday School 11a Scout Sunday	8	9	10 Choir Practice 7pm	11	12	13 Kung Fu 6-8am UMW 10:00 am
14 Worship 10:00a Sunday School 11a Coffee Hour	15 Angle Food Deadline Newsletter Deadline District Information Day	16	17  Ash Wednesday	18	19	20 Kung Fu 6-8am Angel Food Distribution 9:00-11:00am
21 Worship 10:00a Sunday School 11a Community Lenten Service @OLA 4pm	22 Trustees 7:00pm	23	24 Lenten Lunches 12-1:00pm Choir Practice 7pm	25	26	27 Kung Fu 6-8am
28 Worship 10:00am Sunday School 11a						

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He'll clean 'em.

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What Valentine Can I Give Him?

What can I give to Jesus
On this special Valentine's Day?
How can I tell Him I'll love Him,
And follow Him, come what may?
How can I show I need Him?
Should I send a red heart, with lace?
How can I thank Him enough
For his sacrifice, love and grace?
What Valentine can I give Him,
My adoration to impart?
I'll give to Him what He wants most;
I'll yield to Him my heart.

By Joanna Fuchs