

The Shepherd's Messenger

February 2012

Well, Surprise!! We decided not to wait for a newsletter, so several people have been asked to contribute. And the response has been overwhelming. And thanks to Judy for getting it going.

We should be very happy and pleased to have Judy as our Lay Leader. She certainly has taken on a lot of responsibilities and put forth the extra effort to keep our Church comfortable and moving forward. And we certainly appreciate you for your contributions also.

The Lord has blessed us and has been watching over us as we plug along on these cold wintery days. But, today the sun is shining and it should put a smile on your face and a warm glow in your heart. It has mine.

As I looked around at the congregation this morning, I asked myself how small a group we are. Although I realize we have several people who have gone south and still have some going soon, I think we are a good group of Christians, small or not. We come to church to worship and ask God for guidance and to show us the way.

Please remember that God loves you and please, do unto them as you would want them to do unto you.

Keep those contributions coming....and thanks for supporting the MESSENGER.

Maggie 1/29/2012



Bible Scramble: Unscramble the letters in each word to discover the passage. Solution on last page.

TSOBA TON YTSLHFE FO
WTRROOM; ROF UTOH
WTSONKE TON WTHA A YDA
YMA RNIGB TROHF. TLE
TRONHEA NMA SRPIEA EEHT,
NDA TON TNIHE WON UTOMH;



February 5th is "Super Bowl Sunday". It is also the day we have chosen to do our own "**Souper Bowl Sunday**" for the UMW in place of the usual "No Bake Sale". Please make a contribution to the UMW's mission by donating. Sandy Tsujimoto has again volunteered to help us in our fundraising efforts. She will be stirring up some support with her Soup Pot, so please be generous. THANKS SO MUCH!!

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This is a very impromptu version of the *Messenger*, but better something than nothing at all. Just goes to show you that we really need a secretary. If you know of anyone who might want to do this important job for our church, please contact me. I will be more than happy to train someone in the Publisher software that we do the newsletter in or help out in any other way. It's not a difficult job and it can even be fun.

I thank **everyone** who has helped out during Pastor's Sunny's absence in December and January and a special thanks to Rev. Bob Beard for his good sermons. It wasn't without a few glitches, but we did pretty well overall and everyone was gracious and understanding.

We are into what used to be called the most boring month of the year, however, that has changed over time as everyone continues to get busier and try to balance more and more with less time. There are just some things, like our church, that take priority when push comes to shove. If you have any time to contribute to keeping our ministries alive, please don't hesitate. Any comments are welcomed and helpful. Thanks,

Judy Z

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



CUBA CMH
Lucille Wildrick
Laura Clayson
Pearl Franklin
Carmelita Butts

WATERS OF WEST
FIELD
Dawn Durkee

BATH VA CENER
John Visser

EMERITUS BASSETT
MANOR/
WILLIAMSVILLE
Jane Wright

OLEAN PINES
Adaline Wakefield

EDEN HEIGHTS-
OLEAN
Evelyn Steen

ALTAR GUILD/COMMUNION STEWARD
Thela Snow & Darcy Eastham

USHERS:
Sandy & Joshua Tsujimoto

LITURGIST:
2/5 Shirley Mosher
2/12 Judy Zayac
2/19 **Open**
2/26 Mike Kunz

ACOLYTES:
2/5 Katelyn Cornell
2/12 Nick Berardi
2/19 Dominic Berardi
2/26 Andrew Clement

GREETERS:
2/5 Joshua & Sandy Tsujimoto
2/12 Lucinda Pierce
2/19 Doris Wyant & Sue
Simmons
2/26 **Open**

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS:
2/12 Cindy Dutton & Judy
Zayac

Military personnel and their families...

Bob Aaronson
Daniel Bunk
Kevin Desaultels
Patrick Frank
Mark Keenan
Justin Linza
John Curtis Quattrini
Charles Randall
Alfred Reynolds
Greg Rogers
Justin Sweet
Dan Thompson
Ron Truax
Miles Ward
Eric Young



Our continued prayers go out to ALL military personnel who are serving our

PLEASE HELP!

Sign-up sheets are always located at the back of the Sanctuary. Remember that it is your church and we need you to participate in the ministries of the church.



Special THANKS go out to Maggie and Patti for cleaning the Sanctuary and Sunday school rooms upstairs. There is more to do. If you have a few hours to spare and feel like spring cleaning, please feel free to help with this.

Many things go unnoticed and are neglected over time, and we need to keep our church in good order. Many hands make light work.

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. Our continued prayers go out to those who have been hospitalized, experienced an illness or injury or have other concerns.

Prayer List Update

Please keep our prayer list up to date. Requests made in writing are preferred to assure proper spelling. You can do this in the attendance pads on Sundays, or you can drop your request off at the office. Your help is greatly appreciated!

WANTED/ NEEDED:

Financial Secretary: Job only requires about 15 minutes following church each Sunday to count and record the offering. There is always one other person to help you each week. Responsibilities are posted on the bulletin board or you can call Nick Abraham or Gary Enderle if you have any questions.

Office Secretary: This position is a paid, part time position and can be done in about 12 hours per week. Duties include handling mail, phone, e-mails, bulletins and monthly newsletters. Of course, there are always more things that come with the day to day, but nothing difficult.

Please consider helping with these ministries as we need to fill as soon as possible.

THANKS!

Important Message from PPRC

On Sunday, Jan 22nd, a short blurb was printed inside the bulletin to invite you to an open meeting that was to take place on Monday, Jan. 23rd to discuss issues concerning our church. The PPR Committee wishes to thank the many people who came to this meeting. Unfortunately, the District Superintendent had to inform those in attendance that the Pastor Parish Relations Committee had unfinished business to attend in another room and there would be no open meeting that evening. The PPR Committee appreciates your patience and understanding. All meetings of the PPR are confidential and, therefore, cannot share what was discussed. The purpose of this committee is to work with staff so that the mission of the church is realized. We are the liaison between the staff and the congregation. Therefore, in the future if you have any concerns, we encourage you to contact a member of the PPR Committee. A list of members, complete with e-mails and phone numbers is placed on the bulletin board in the hallway. And below. We also hope to have this information on our web site.

Again, all information shared with a member and all our meetings are confidential. The current PPR Committee's focus is on the mission of this church. Please keep us all in your prayers.

2012 Staff Parish Relations Committee

Chairperson	*Need to Appoint *		
Class of 2012	Thela Snow	585-968-3784	Tsnow@brcs.wnyric.org , thelasnow@gmail.com
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Class of 2014	Chris Berardi	585-968-2649	Giantofcuba@aol.com
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Lay Mbr to Conference	*Vacant*		
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United Methodist Women

submitted by Judy Zayac

Nine ladies met on Saturday, January 14th, over a delicious brunch of sausage/egg casserole, fruit salad, cinnamon coffee cake and beverages, to **organize the UMW for the 2012 year**. First on the agenda was the election of officers for the new year. Many **thanks to Patti and Maggie** for being our Presidents for the last few years. Great Job! Judy and Shirley Mosher agreed to share the office of President for the coming year (two heads are better than one?? hopefully) Mary Ann resigned as our Treasurer, so Judy will assume those duties. Sue Simmons will remain as our **Cheer Person and Reading Coordinator (THANKS SUE!!)**. She has done a great job with this for many years. We agreed to follow the same basic format for the upcoming year with a brunch meeting on the second Saturday of the month. We may make changes as suggested or needed, and we are always open to change.

We will continue with pledges to mission. Patti will find the 2012 budget and we will approve it at the February meeting. We agreed to do the **"No Bake Sale"** in February and ask Sandy Tsujimoto to help us with this again. *(Please note that we had to change to a "SuperBowl Sunday" format which will take place on February 5th)*. Of course, we will welcome donations any time during the month of February. This money is pledged to mission.

We received a thank you from Genesis House for the toiletries we have donated quarterly. Patti also updated us on the work of the Comfort House in Wellsville. She is a volunteer and a board member. Comfort House provides hospice care for cancer patients and their families. It is a very worthy cause and something we may all need/want to take advantage of in the future as residents of Allegany County. We may try to support them in the future.

We will be hosting the District Communion Breakfast on March 24th.

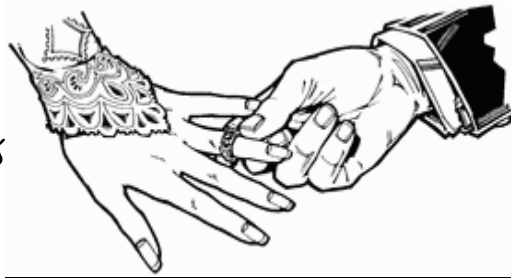
Our next meeting will be Saturday, February 11, 2012 at 10 am. Hostesses will be Maggie and Joyce.

A good UMW web site is www.umwmission.org

Check out the "NEWS" on the bulletin board.

WANTED: More Women to Come to the UMW meetings. All are welcome and bring a friend.

Cheer Person: Sue Simmons sends cards and greetings to members who are ill, have lost loved ones, project and you can help her by informing her of people who could use a "get well" card as well as sympathy cards.



February Celebrations

Birthdays:

- 2 - Richard Pierce
- 5 - Peg Baker
Chase Bump
Laurie James
Ploma Raub
- 9 - James W. Travis, Sr.
- 12 - Rachael Brammer
Annette Butts
- 13 - Falyn Sweet
- 14 - Elroy Brickey III
- 15- Kerigan Pierce
- 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
- 28- Kay Hays
- 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

And Congratulations to Mike and Marjanne Kunz who just returned from their honeymoon in Spain!!!

From Our Local Library:

By *Cindy Dutton*

Christian novels are a specific genre, written by and for Christians. They do not have to involve an actual event or character in [Bible](#) history. A novel can be Christian in the sense that one of its characters either comes to a proper understanding of God and of man's need for [salvation](#) from sin, or faces a [crisis](#) of his or her faith. Nor does the plot need to turn on whether any given character is a Christian or not, although many Christian novels do have plots that explicitly reference [persecution](#) (in the past, the present, or the future), [Bible history](#), or unfulfilled [prophecy](#) (as in the immensely popular [Left Behind series](#)). One of the first Christian authors I remember is Jeanette Oke who wrote [Love Comes Softly](#) in 1979.

Popular authors of Christian novels include [Francine Rivers](#) in the [romance](#) sub-genre, and [Ted Dekker](#) in [thriller/suspense](#) sub-genre, and Lynn Austin who has won the Christy Award for historical fiction for the last three years. The **Christy Awards** are awarded each year to recognize novels of excellence written from a Christian worldview. They are named in honor of [Catherine Marshall](#) and her novel [Christy](#). Other popular writers of Christian fiction are Terri Blackstock and Dee Henderson who write suspense; Wanda Brunstetter and Beverly Lewis who write about the Amish; Lori Copeland, Kathleen Morgan, Catherine Palmer and Lori Wick who write historical Christian fiction; Phillip Gulley, Jan Karon, Karen Kingsbury, Linda Nichols and Ann Tatlock who write contemporary novels and Robin Hatcher who writes romance. Don't forget local author (Portville) Dorothy Clark who writes historical romance and the "Men of Allegany County" romance novels written by Ruth Logan Herne. These are in paperback only.

A search of the library catalog shows 1661 Christian fiction titles system-wide in all 45 libraries, and 60 titles at Cuba Library. You will never run out of Christian fiction reading!

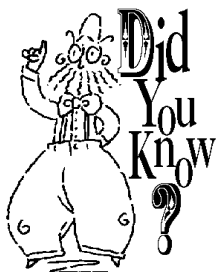
Other authors of Christian novels include [Karen Kingsbury](#), [Judith McCoy Miller](#), [Tracie Peterson](#), [Bethany Kennedy Scanlon](#), [Tosca Lee](#) and [Robert Whitlow](#). Some authors of Christian novels have received a mixed reception within the conservative Christian community. [William P. Young's](#) best-selling theological novel [The Shack](#), for example, was strongly criticized by some reviewers.^{[6][7]}

Why not check with our Reading Chair, Sue Simmons, to see if these books will work for the UMW Reading Program!

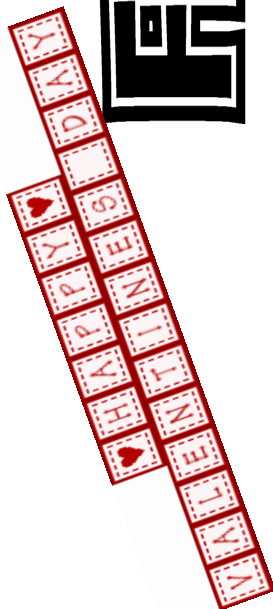
Our Youth are Special!!

All of our youth are special and have great talents. This month we celebrate Joshua Enderle and Dylan Cornell who have been chosen to be members of the Cuba-Rushford Honor Society. **CONGRATULATIONS!!!**

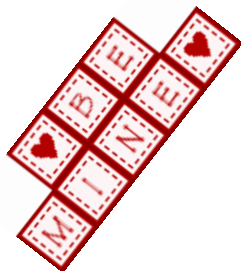
Submitted by Dean Wildrick





"Diverse issues presented at a recent three-day briefing signaled the workload ahead for the lawmaking body of The United Methodist Church, which meets this spring. More than 300 delegates, communicators and others who will be part of the 2012 General Conference met Jan. 19-21 at the Tampa Convention Center, site of the legislative assembly, for a preview of some of the issues they will face April 24-May 4. United Methodist Communications sponsored the event, with involvement and support from other agencies and ministries of the church. To see an overview of issues, visit gc2012.umc.org and click on "Briefing previews General Conference issues." To watch videos of the gathering, visit gc2012.umc.org/pregc-video/."



FEBRUARY



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Council of Churches Pastors Mtg Choir Practice 7:pm	2 	3	4 Kung Fu Class 6-8a
5 Worship 10am Communion	6	7 Ad Council 6:00p	8 Choir Practice 7 pm	9	10	11 Kung Fu Class 6-8a UMW Brunch & Mtg. 10:00 am
12 Worship 10am Coffee Hour	13	14 	15 Choir Practice 7 pm	16	17	18 Kung Fu Class 6-8a
19 Worship 10am	20	21 Council of Churches Fun Nite 6-8 pm First Baptist Church	22 No Choir Practice	23	24	25 Kung Fu Class 6-8a
26 Worship 10am Special Music AIM Offering	27	28	29 LEAP YEAR! No Choir Practice			

Pastor Sunny's Rays



Who can believe that the first month of another year is all ready gone and we have star on the second month. How and why does time go so fast? Kids grow up too fast, times change to quickly and we grow old to suddenly it seems to me.

As most of you know by now Larry and I are grandparents again. Jakobe William Swift, son of Heather Mouser and Jerome Swift, little brother to Jasmyn Dorsey was born on January 27, 2012 at 1:47 pm weighing in at 8 lbs 8 ozs and was 20 ½ inches long. He is a cutie and is well loved.

February is the month of love. In the book of Micah in chapter 6: 6-8 it asks this question: "What does the Lord require of you?" Have you ever thought about what does the Lord require of you? Does he require anything of you? Are we to just come into the church building on Sunday Mornings sit in our same spot and as soon as the last Amen is said beat it outta here as fast as we can? I have had a person tell me more than once that the members are not responsible not one bit for the growth and survival of this church. They are to come and to be taught but they don't have to do anything but to come and be taught. And they don't have to do anything with what they are taught. I beg to differ with them mightily here and this verse is a good foundation of that. One of the things that are required of us *is to act justly* with those around us. This means to toward God and His law according to his divine righteousness; by the standards that God set for us not by our standards. God's standards are much higher. It also involves treating each other fair and honestly as God treats us as well. Failure to do justly is also one of the main reasons that Israel was once again placed in captivitivy

Secondly, to love mercy is also are requirement from God. This means to show compassion and warm-heartedness toward all mankind. Not just toward those we feel are deserving. If you recall in James 2:15-16 says: "Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothing or daily food. If one of you says to them, 'Go, I wish you well, keep warm and well fed' but does nothing about their physical needs what good is it?" Then I ask you friends have you full filled the second requirement here of loving mercy. I would have to vote no in that instance. It also means that even when we deem ourselves to having been treated with less than mercy we are still held to loving mercy and treating those who did not show us mercy, how mercy looks and feels. Another reason we are to love mercy is because God Himself delights in showing mercy (Micah 7:18-19)

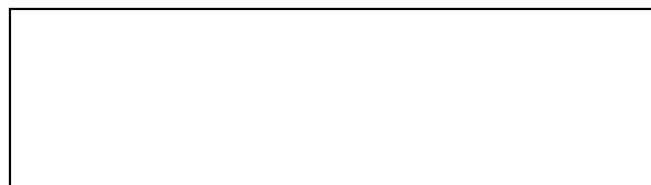
Thirdly is to walk humbly with your God. This involves living and walking in humble and submissive obedience to God's will for your life. Now I can tell you from first-hand experience there will be no joy in your life until you do. I fought tooth and nail against coming into the ministry. I was terrified of letting God down in some way but God finally wore me down and told me that this was what I was created for and that as long as I allowed him to guide me I couldn't let him down. I pray that prayer every day and you hear me pray it before I preach a sermon. When we walk humbly with God it is much easier to allow Him to pick us up when we fall down. And folks we all fall down from time to time.

God isn't asking too much of us or requiring to much of us, particularly when you stack it up against what he has done for us. Let us live into Christ and give into to Christ. Life will be much better when we do.

Remember God loves you and so do we

Pastor Sunny

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For our Youngest Members

Solution to Bible Scramble:

Boast not thyself of tomorrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth. Let another man praise thee, and not thine own mouth; a stranger, and not thine own lips. Proverbs 27:1-2



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Deadline for article submission is the third Monday of each month at noon. Please email articles to Editor's email address, or drop articles off to the church office.

This issue is a collaborative effort of many who stepped up to help in the absence of a secretary for our church. THANKS TO ALL!!

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Wed. 1-5pm

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