

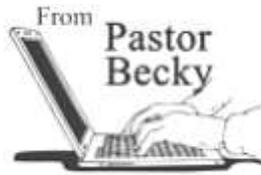
# The Shepherd's Messenger



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



## We Need Each Other!

There is a steadfast and universal truth as it pertains to the church. We need each other. In fact, the Bible is adamantly clear that without the contribution of each member, the church does not properly function. This is the substance of Paul's discussion in 1 Corinthians 12. The church in Corinth struggled with supremacy. There were those who possessed the most coveted and thereby most respected spiritual gifts, and to those they bestowed greater honor. Within the church, they were considered the most important. To get rid of such a controversial notion and to promote unity, Paul makes some assertions.

Notice what he says in 1 Corinthians 12:19-22, "19 If they were all one part, where would the body be? 20 As it is, there are many parts, but one body. 21 The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" And the head cannot say to the feet, "I don't need you!" 22 On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable"

Why? Because truthfully, if we all possessed the same talents, the same abilities, the same strengths and even weaknesses, where would the body be? The answer is simple. It would be lacking what **you** can contribute whether great or small. You see my friends; the truth of the matter remains steadfast. We need each other. Therefore, let us conclude that although you may not be able to do what others can; there is no gift given by God that is not both useful and beneficial to the growth and vitality of this congregation at Cuba United Methodist Church. So, by all means, contribute!

See you Sunday! (and bring a friend)

Pastor Becky

PLEASE PRAY FOR:  
Our World situation  
Naomi Scoville/Kosovo

# February BIRTHDAYS

- 2 - Richard Pierce
- 10 - Dominic Berardi
- 14 - Elroy Brickey III
- 17 - Joel Vanik
- 15 - Kerigan Pierce
- 18 - John Hupp  
- Linda Nelson
- 19 - Mark Morris  
- Christie Lee Reynolds
- 20 - Chloe Karn
- 23 - Christopher Hupp
- 29 - Richard Guild

# February ANNIVERSARIES

- 8 - Bill & Joyce Amundson
- 16- Marshall & Sandra Allen
- 22 -Bernie & Julie Hawks

# DEATHS

**Virginia H. Stephens,** mother of Rita Say, passed away on December 18, 2019. Services were held at Buckheit Funeral Chapel and Crematory, Inc. in Mansfield, PA on January 18, 2020.

**Audrey "Connie" Boyer,** mother of Sallie Wild, passed away on January 1, 2020. A funeral Service was held on January 4, 2020 at Switzer Funeral Home in Port Allegany.

Statistics		Needed: \$1,767	
Date	Worship	SS	Offering
12/24	85		\$1,257.00
12/29	63		
1/5	47		\$1,793.00
1/5		Naomi	\$ 135.00
1/12	52		\$1,479.00
1/12		Naomi	\$ 10.00
1/19	31		\$ 602.00
1/19	Human Relations		\$ 20.00
1/26	48		\$1,233.00
1/26		Gil's Hills	\$ 230.00

Others to keep in prayer:

- Norma Andrus
- Todd Baxter
- Bob & Sandy Beard
- Russell Brown
- Hazel Cornell
- Missy Dabolt
- David Edwards
- Nancy Frazier
- Brian Fries
- Tyler Griffin
- Don Hall
- David Halstead
- Donna Hart
- Katie Kellogg
- Sandy Lathrop
- Claudia Little
- Mark Middaugh
- Derek Morris family
- Nellie Moses
- Justin Murphy
- Keith Pierce
- Laroy Spateholts
- JoAnn Viglietta
- James Woodruff
- Ken Wyant
- Judy Zayac



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.  
*Thank you!*



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

**Call Ruth Holden at 968-1933**

February Helping Hands 

Usher:  
Jim Travis

Acolyte:  
Chris Hupp

Pianist:  
Christine Berardi

Altar Guild:  
Thela Snow



The Rothfus' mission work in Africa has ended. In place of our Rothfus offering, we are now taking an offering for **Gil's Hills Ministry on the last Sunday of each month.**

Located in Wellsville, **Gil's Hills** specializes in serving children and youth who are in need of special attention in some way. The staff & volunteers at Gil's Hills are serious about helping kids by communicating the love of God while providing friendship, counseling, and service.

Their website is: [www.gilshills.org](http://www.gilshills.org) or scan this code with your smart phone or tablet.





Submitted by Peggy Pearce

The Council of Churches clergy and laity met at the First Baptist Church on January 12<sup>th</sup>. The following reports were received:

- Food Pantry is well stocked at this time although donations of paper products (toilet paper, paper towels) and Hamburger Helper would be helpful.
- The portion of the CROP Walk proceeds coming back to Cuba (25%) has been received--\$1,303.
- The Holiday Assistance Program served 191 children and 94 families. Thank you to all who donated financially and with service to make the program successful.
- Future dates: June 18, "Songs of Faith, Hope and Inspiration" at the Opera House; June 22, Teacher Appreciation Day at CRCS.

The full Council will next meet at the North Park Wesleyan Church on March 8.

# Puzzle!

First, write the opposite of each listed word. Then transfer letters to the correct numbered blanks to discover Jesus' messages about love.

cool	1 2 3 4	soft	25 27 22 23
under	5 6 7 8	old	24 25 26 27 28
out	9 10	after	29 30 31 32 33 34
large	11 12 13 14 15	false	25 26 27 28
quiet	16 17 18 19		

13 11	21 27 23	2 10 23	1 9 35 20	1 9 35 20	14 5 6 7
24 25 26 22 11 7 14 31	16 32 5 7	1 9 35 20	21 15 16	3 14 6	35 20 7
	24 5 19 22	21 14 16	24 17 18 36	24 17 37 36	15 17 38 23
	10 34 9 28 20 29 17 38	24 5 37 8	11 35 3 30 10 28 35 20	11 5 18 14	24 5 18 8
		2 9 10 23	2 27 19	2 10 23	28 17 23

Answers were over in small hand, young before, true; "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind" and "Love your neighbor as yourself." Luke 10:27, 28, 29

## CHOCOLATE CHERRY CAKE

Cindy Dutton



- 1 pkg Fudge cake mix
- 1 (21 oz) can cherrypie filling
- 1 tsp almond extract
- 2 eggs, beaten

Combine almond extract, cherries and eggs and carefully fold into dry cake mix. Spread in greased 10"x14" jelly roll pan. Bake at 350° 25 minutes, or 9"x13" pan for 30 minutes.

### Frosting

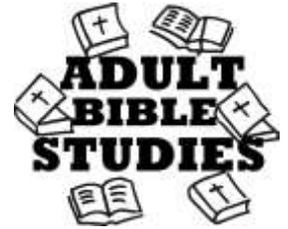
- 5 TBS butter
- 1 cup (6 oz. pkg) semisweet choc chips
- 1/3 cup milk
- 1 cup sugar

Combine first 3 in a small saucepan, stirring over low heat until sugar is dissolved. Add chocolate chips and stir until smooth. Pour over partially cooled cake.



## **SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY** 9:45 am

In December the Adult Class discussed the following questions and searched scripture for answers:



- 1.) What is a “negative thought?”
- 2.) Are there any negative thoughts that aren’t sinful?
- 3.) Where do negative thoughts come from?
- 4.) What can we do about negative thoughts (to stop them)?
- 5.) Can a Christian feel close to Jesus if he/she is having negative thoughts?
- 6.) During the temptation of Jesus, Satan appealed: 1) to Jesus’ hunger, 2) to Jesus’ identity (as the Son of God), and 3) to Jesus’ allegiance to God the Father. (Matthew 4:1-11)
- 7.) During the temptation of humans, Satan appeals: 1) to our physical needs (food, clothing, housing), 2) to whether our faith (or lack of faith) is sufficient for us, and 3) to whether people would rather have some heartache and suffering (while depending on God/Jesus) or whether people would rather have entertainment and gratification (money, status, sex) without salvation and heaven.
- 8.) What difference (in our lives) does faith in Jesus make (in our living, in our giving, in our language, and in our thinking?)
- 9.) Have you ever said, “the devil made me do it”? Is that true?
- 10.) Have you ever thought, “I am not respected/appreciated/highly educated/well salaried.”? Why? Can this problem be fixed?
- 11.) Have you ever thought, “I am unpopular/fat/ugly/lazy/stupid/under valued/unlovable.”? Why? Can this problem be fixed?
- 12.) Do we ever: hate, criticize, boast, gossip, swear, hit, hurt?
- 13.) Do we practice: stealing; occult; extra marital or premarital sex; selfishness; pornography; unforgiveness; disrespect; self indulgence (alcohol, tobacco, vaping, food, gambling). Why?
- 14.) Where do bad actions come from? What action can we take?
- 15.) Temptations (which have negative connotations) may lead to sin... or death... or even to spiritual death.

God says don’t give in. Don’t participate.





## DUDLEY TAILS

*Submitted by Cheryl Wildrick*

In the quiet of the breaking dawn, Dudley's master watched him. Dudley was curled up into a ball, as he slept on his bed. Black and white fur obscured his face... and his tail could not be distinguished. How funny it was, not to know which was which. Soon Dudley would awake, and the mystery would be revealed.

What pleasure the creature (Dudley) gave to his master. And, what pleasure (a human) could bring to its Master. Humans were created in God's image. (Genesis 1:26-27) Then, when God's work was done, He said that what he had created was good. (Genesis 1:31)

After breakfast, Dudley was energized. He asked to go outside, and (before the door was fully open) he ran across the deck, down the stairs, and into the yard. Awhile later, Dudley asked to come in. He trotted indoors, and immediately shook off a dusting of snow that covered his back. As his master sat down, the clicking of Dudley's toenails on the flooring caught his master's attention. There was Dudley grasping his tail in his mouth, and running in circles. After a brief pause, Dudley grabbed his tail again, (and around and around he ran again).

What pleasure the creature (Dudley) gave to his master. And, what pleasure a creature (a human) could bring to its Master. In the beginning, God breathed "the breath of life" into man's nostrils. Then man became a "living being" who could communicate with his Master. (Genesis 2:7) Then God realized that the man was by himself, and God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone." (Genesis 2:18) So God created a woman to be a helpmate for the man.

This was an afternoon for Dudley to go visiting. He climbed up into our SUV and enjoyed the ride into town. Visiting the residents at a senior living facility brought out Dudley's gentle personality. He would sit on the lap or bed of a resident, while the resident told Dudley what a good boy he was or how adorable he was. This conversation was usually accompanied by the hugging and petting of Dudley.

An especially touching visit (this day) found a resident sitting alone (in a wheelchair) in the dining room. The lady had a reputation for angry outbursts, and (at times) was difficult to calm down. Dudley's master gave a cheerful hello to the woman who began a warm conversation (as if she was being visited by an old friend.) She especially enjoyed an occasional pat on the hand and an arm around her shoulder. When the woman saw Dudley, she was thrilled. She petted Dudley and exclaimed what a wonderful dog he was. But, the best part of the visit, was when Dudley retrieved a dog treat that was thrown more than six feet away. The game of fetch continued. The lady found this behavior extremely entertaining, and shrieked with enthusiasm. After a couple of shrieks, a nurse quickly entered the room (thinking that there was a problem), and found the lady beaming with joy.

What pleasure the creature (Dudley) gave to his master when he brought joy to a lonely person. And, what pleasure humans can bring to their Master when they obey His words. Jesus says, "feed my lambs." (John 21:15) This means to provide both physical and spiritual food to the needy. And Jesus says to, "love one another." (John 13:34) This means to value everyone's worth, and help them with both their physical needs and their emotional stresses.

Dudley brings pleasure and joy to his master. Do we bring pleasure and joy to our Master?





## CHURCH MOVIE NIGHT

Wed. Feb. 19, 2020 6 pm

### “THE CHRIST QUAKE”

Filmed on location at Jerusalem and the Dead Sea.

Lent begins on Wed. Feb. 26, 2020, and we turn our thoughts to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. After his death, Jesus was buried... and His tomb was sealed. As the women approached the tomb (at dawn on the first day), “there was a violent earthquake,” (Matthew 27:51b.) (Matthew 28:2) If this is true, shouldn’t there be evidence? YES... AND THERE IS!

Geological evidence has been preserved by the Dead Sea. And, because the Dead Sea water is evaporating... the evidence is exposed. The Dead Sea acts as an enormous seismograph. It has been, “maintaining records of earth movements in Jerusalem, by individual year.”

You are invited to come (to the church basement) to watch as a group of four experts climb up and down the exposed earth of the Dead Sea, and find seismic proof of the earthquake in the year of Jesus’ death.

Who should see this film?

- Christians looking for evidence to prove what the Bible says.
- Non Christians who have to “see it to believe it.”
- Those who enjoy viewing parts of the Holy Land.
- Those wanting to grow in their faith.

Come, visit with Dudley, and enjoy a bag of popcorn. Bottled water is available. Bring a friend.



Picture taken 11/14/19.  
“The Day After”

**Thanks for all the well wishes** after I fell at church and broke my nose and knee cap. I am presently on P.T. for the knee, and it is uncertain if my nose will need additional work.

Thanks to the United Methodist Woman for purchasing a popcorn machine, (After my nose broke ours.) I won’t need to carry ours anymore!

Cheryl



We are collecting the following items for our 15 flood buckets in February:

16-40 oz. bottle liquid concentrate household cleaner (no spray cleaners)

scrub brush (with or without handle)  
scouring pads (no stainless steel with soap in them)

work gloves (cotton with leather palm or all leather)

We cannot send items that do not conform to the above specifications, so please shop carefully! There are buckets in the foyer and by each entrance to the sanctuary for your donations. Thank you for supporting this important project.



**WORSHIP SERVICE SUNDAY 11:00 AM**

**2020**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL for all Ages 10:45 AM**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>2</b> Communion Naomi Mission Offering UMW Food Pantry Collection</p>	<p><b>3</b> Tai Chi Class 7 pm</p>	<p><b>4</b> Prayer Group 10 am- 11 am Violin Lessons 3-6 pm</p>	<p><b>5</b> Trustees Meeting 6:00 pm Management Team 6:45 pm</p>	<p><b>6</b> Tai Chi Class 9 am Cub Scouts 6:00-7:30 pm</p>		<p><b>1</b> Kung Fu 6-8 am Small Children Yoga 10-11 am</p>
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<p><b>16</b> Coffee Hour</p>	<p><b>17</b> March Newsletter Deadline Noon Tai Chi Class 7 pm</p>	<p><b>18</b> Prayer Group 10 am- 11 am Violin Lessons 3-6 pm</p>	<p><b>19</b></p>	<p><b>20</b> Tai Chi Class 9 am Cub Scouts 6:00-7:30 pm</p>	<p><b>21</b></p>	<p><b>22</b> Kung Fu 6-8 am</p>
<p><b>23</b> Gil's Hills Ministry Offering</p>	<p><b>24</b> Tai Chi Class 7 pm</p>	<p><b>25</b> Prayer Group 10 am- 11 am Violin Lessons 3-6 pm</p>	<p><b>26</b>  Check Sunday bulletins or website for time of Ash Wednesday Serv.</p>	<p><b>27</b> Tai Chi Class 9 am Cub Scouts 6:00-7:30 pm</p>	<p><b>28</b></p>	<p><b>29</b> Kung Fu 6-8 am Small Children Yoga 10-11 am</p>

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THOSE WHO LOVE ME,

I WILL DELIVER;



I WILL PROTECT

THOSE WHO KNOW

MY NAME.

PSALM 91:14, NRSV

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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