

# The Shepherd's Messenger



March / April 2012



Submitted by Patti Petroni

## Palm Sunday

On Palm Sunday Christians celebrate the triumphal entry of Jesus Christ into Jerusalem, the week before his death and resurrection. For many Christian churches, Palm Sunday, often referred to as "Passion Sunday," marks the beginning of Holy Week, which concludes on Easter Sunday.

Palm branches are mentioned in only one of the four Gospels (John 12: 12 – 15). So why do we call the first day of Holy Week Palm Sunday?

Tradition plays an important part in church history. During Jesus' time, Rome was the world's leading power. Whenever the Romans were victorious in battle, citizens traditionally threw palm branches in the returning heroes' path.

The Bible reveals that when Jesus entered Jerusalem, the crowds greeted him by waving palm branches and covering his path with palm branches. Immediately following this great time of celebration in the ministry of Jesus, he begins his journey to the cross.

This was the accepted custom of reception. So when Jesus rode into Jerusalem, it was appropriate that he receive a hero's welcome. One week later, he would be victorious over death.

**Please remember:** The Lenten Luncheons are every Wednesday at noon through 4/4. The Lenten Bible Study is every Wednesday evening at 6:00 pm. until Completion of Max Lucado's book "He Chose the Nails: What God Did to Win Your Heart." All are welcome to attend.

Easter is the sacred celebration of Christ's resurrection from the dead. It is the oldest and holiest Christian festival, the climax and center of the liturgical year, and the holy day to which all other holy days point. Even denominations that do not strictly follow a liturgical calendar commemorate Easter with tremendous joy and thanksgiving.

The Cuba United Methodist Church celebrates by bringing fresh flowers to put on our life-sized, oak Cross to celebrate new life. Many many thanks to Fred Pearce for crafting this beautiful cross for us.

**Halleluiah, He is Risen!**

We are again trying to keep everyone up to date with what is going on in our church. Thanks to all who helped.

This newsletter is a little late for March and a little early for April, but please bear with us until June when we will (hopefully) have a secretary to help out. God Bless All of Us and God Bless Our Church.

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

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

CUBA CMH

Lucille Wildrick  
Laura Clayson  
Pearl Franklin  
Carmelita Butts

WATERS OF WESTFIELD

Dawn Durkee

BATH VA CENTER

John Visser

EMERITUS BASSETT  
MANOR/ WILLIAMSVILLE

Jane Wright

OLEAN PINES

Adaline Wakefield

EDEN HEIGHTS-  
OLEAN

Evelyn Steen



**Others to keep in prayer:**

Dennis Abraham  
Liz & Nick on the  
passing of Liz's Dad  
The Family of Dick  
Bowers

Gary Enderle  
Scott Farrell  
Mayme Giles  
Tyler Griffon  
Courtney Kellogg  
Heather Mouser  
Ethan Peet  
Shirley Poore  
Kendra Tidd  
Mid West Tornado  
Victims



*Many Hands make Light  
Work. Won't you please  
consider volunteering.*

**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 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

**UMW CHEER PERSON**

Sue Simmons is our "Cheer Person". If you know of anyone who is in the hospital or just needs to be cheered, please contact her. She will be happy to send them a card.

**March Helping Hands**

Ushers  
Dean & Cheryl Wildrick

Acolytes  
3/18-  
3/25-

Altar Guild  
Cindy Dutton

Liturgist  
3/18- *Open for You*  
3/25 Mike Kunz

Greeters  
3/18- *Open for You*  
3/25 *Open for You*

**April Helping Hands**

Ushers  
Mike & Marjanne  
Kunz

Greeters  
4/1 *Open for You*  
4/8 *Open for You*

Acolytes  
4/1  
4/8  
4/15  
4/22  
4/29

4/15 *Open for You*  
4/22 *Open for You*  
4/29 *Open for You*

Altar Guild  
Cindy Dutton

Coffee Hour  
4/8 Deb Battistoni &  
Vanessa, Andrew  
& Austin Clement

Liturgist  
4/1 Cindy Dutton  
4/8 *Open for You*  
4/15 *Open for You*  
4/22 *Open for You*  
4/29 *Open for You*

## March Celebrations

- 2 - Gary Enderle  
Doug Moses  
Justin Sweet
- 3 - Casi Burdick  
Desi Burdick  
Sally Miller
- 4 - Clair Morris
- 6 - Barbara Spateholts
- 7 - Jacob Hawks
- 8 - Shirley Poore  
Lori Sweet  
Ray Climie
- 10 - Michelle Quattrini
- 12 - Melissa Abraham
- 13 - Robb Moses
- 14 - Thad Burdick  
William Farrell  
Peggy Pearce
- 15 - Nicholas Sweet  
Jeffery Zeh
- 17 - Cindy Dutton
- 18 - Kayla Sweet
- 19 - Sarah Kellogg  
Derwood Say  
Pamela Watson
- 21 - Rachel Holden
- 22 - Christianna Reynolds
- 23 - Shelly Beckwith  
Rob Cornell  
Tom Donahue
- 24 - Jacquelyn Nasser
- 25 - Todd Young
- 26 - Heather Mouser  
Pete Sprague
- 27 - Jean Higby
- 28 - Michelle Koubek  
Adam Ricci
- 31 - Leslie Arnold  
Marilyn Ostrander



## April Celebrations

- 1- Harley Poore
- 2 - Gary Enderle  
Gary Jahnke  
Doug Moses  
Justin Sweet
- 3 - Casi Burdick  
Desi Burdick  
Sally Miller  
Patti Petroni
- 4- Jeremy Zeh
- 6 - Marshall Allen
- 15 - Sandra LaFever  
Rex McIntosh
- 18- Dale Dutton
- 19- Thela Snow
- 20- Corine Bump
- 21- **Jane Wright (91) Send Cards!**
- 22- Sue Feldbauer
- 27- Brian Hawks
- 28- Mary Hupp
- 29- Dick Karle

### Statistics

**Needed: \$2,407.50**

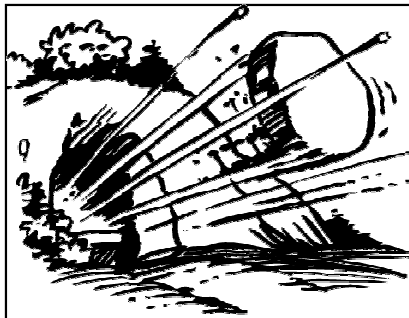
Date	Worship	Offering
1/1	53	\$1,501.00
1/8	35	\$1,913.50
1/15	42	\$1500.00
1/22	53	\$1,300.25
1/29	35	\$1,841.55
2/12	36	\$1,464.00
2/19	34	\$1,229.10
2/26	40	\$1,303.00
3/4	46	\$1,907.10
3/11	42	\$1,842.00

## March Anniversaries

- 2 - Todd & Sarah Mosher
- 18 - Dick & Diane Karle  
Arnie & Linda Nelson
- 25- Laroy & Barbara Spateholts
- 28 - Mike & Fran Young

## April Anniversaries

- 9- Pete & Cheri Quattrini
- 14- Ken & Brenda Wyant
- 16- Gary & Joyce Enderle
- 27- Elroy & Kelly Brickey



### JUST FOR KIDS:

# Easter

**Unscramble the words-**

**All relate to Easter.**

**1. srcso** \_\_\_\_\_

**2. streoor** \_\_\_\_\_

**3. nsrei** \_\_\_\_\_

**4. mbot** \_\_\_\_\_

**5. seficarci** \_\_\_\_\_

**6. paers** \_\_\_\_\_

**7. elavi** \_\_\_\_\_

**8. vfnoiegr** \_\_\_\_\_

**9. ucyricf** \_\_\_\_\_

**10. iansl** \_\_\_\_\_

## UMW NEWS

*Submitted by Judy & Shirley*

The UMW met on Saturday, March 10th with yummy coffee cake and brownies baked by Barbara Spateholts. "The Souperbowl Sunday" deposit was made in the amount of \$179.90. We will donate \$100 to the Cuba Food Pantry. Thanks Sandy T!



The new Officers for 2012 are:

Co Presidents— Shirley Mosher and Judy Zayac

Secretary - Shirley Mosher

Treasurer - Judy Zayac

Cheer Person and Reading Program Coordinator—Sue Simmons

We will participate in the Prayer and Self Denial from now until Easter Sunday. There are sheets and envelopes in the back window if you would like to participate. It is fun and anyone (men or women) can participate.

The District Communion Breakfast will be held at our church on March 24th from 9:00 a.m. until noon. All women are invited to attend. The cost is \$8.00. Rev. Kristen Allen from Olean will be the speaker. This will be a good opportunity to meet with women of our sister churches. If you would like to attend, please call Maggie (1782) or Judy (3537) to make your reservation.

Other items of discussion were the May Rummage Sale, future meeting at Eden Heights, Comfort House donations, and projects for tornado victims in the Mid West.

Our next meeting will be on April 14th at 10:00. Sharon Tyrell from the Comfort House in Wellsville will be our guest speaker. All women are invited to come to enjoy a yummy brunch, coffee, and fellowship. Please bring men's or women's toiletries to be donated to the Genesis House. **Come, Enjoy, and Bring a Friend!**

### ***Cuba-Rushford News***

We all know how great our CUMC kids are, but they have proven it with their accomplishments during this last month. The C-R Honor Roll was announced, and from that list I found over a dozen that have ties with our church:

Grade 6— Joshua Tsujimoto

Joseph Hughes

Grade 7— Jocelyn Noll

Grade 8— Jasmyn Dorsey

Rylee Juliano

Grade 10—Katelyn Cornell

Ian Miller

Grade 11—Dylan Cornell

Joshua Enderle

Mason James

Sierra Rose

Kimberley Sweet

Grade 12—Jennifer James

Taylor Rose



***Good Job—You make us Proud!***

Cuba-Rushford Continued)

Besides smart kids, we have talented kiddos. The Boys Basketball Team claimed their first sectional title in 25 years when they prevailed 54-51 over No. 1 Lyons on Friday, February 2nd at the Blue Cross Arena in Rochester. The last Section 5 Class C2 championship win was in 1987. Taylor Rose was named MVP shooting 15 points and 10 rebounds. Mason James and Joshua Enderle are also on that winning team.

***Congratulations to all our  
smart and  
talented Cuba-Rushford  
Students!!***

\*\*Also, Brandon Cornell was named to the Dean's List at Clarkson University in Potsdam



**DYK:****"WAL-MART \$1,250 Grant awarded to Mission Central**

The Walmart Foundation and Facility # 1886 are pleased to inform Mission Central that your organization has been selected to receive a grant through the Local Community Contribution/Hunger Outreach Grant Program in the amount of \$1,250.00. We believe that your organization is doing important work to the communities you serve, and we are proud that we are able to support you in your efforts.

Your grant payment will be awarded to you by check, and it will be sent to the address listed in your grant application. Your grant check will be issued within the next few weeks and mailed to your organization as quickly as possible.

Thank you for the work your organization does to create opportunities so people can live better.

Sincerely,  
The Walmart Foundation"

**Mission Central** is where our flood buckets and health kits went.



*Submitted by  
Dean Wildrick*

**Sandy is Mac & Cheese Queen**

Our own Chef Sandy Tsujimoto was the 2nd place winner of the Cuba Cheese Shoppe's annual Mac & Cheese contest on Saturday, March 10th. She has graciously agreed to share her recipe.

Double-Cheese Macaroni

Prep 25 minutes    Bake 20 minutes  
Yields 12 servings (1 cup each)

1 16 oz pkg of elbow macaroni  
3 cups cottage cheese (Shur-fine or Friendship)  
1/2 cup butter  
1 tsp salt  
1/2 tsp pepper  
1/4 tsp garlic salt  
3 cups half n half cream  
1 cup milk  
4 cups shredded cheddar ( I use 2 cups extra sharp Cuba Cheese and 2 cups sharp Cuba Cheese)

Topping:

Crushed crackers with melted butter

Cook macaroni. In large saucepan, melt butter. Stir in flour, salt, pepper and garlic salt until smooth. Gradually add cream and milk. Bring to boil; cook and stir until thickened. Add 4 cups of shredded cheese gradually until melted. Pour mixture into cooked macaroni. After placing

(Yummy Cont.)

topping on mixture, bake at 375 degrees for 20-25 minutes. Do not cover while heating. Enjoy!!!

**Administrative Council News:**


The Administrative Council met on March 6th. We have good news.... Mike Kunz volunteered and was unanimously elected to fill the position of Financial Secretary to replace Nick Abraham. He will do a great job.

We discussed other vacant positions within the church. We elected a new secretary to start in June, but will need to work with the Finance Committee prior to announcing this. We still need someone to step up to fill the positions of Historian and Lay Member to Annual Conference. Donna Lawton has been our representative to conference for many years. The Conference this year is May 31-June 2 in Syracuse. There are many interesting issues being discussed at this years conference, such as bullying, abortion, sexuality, environment, and reform of Council of Bishops and Clergy Appointments. If you want more information, you can find it in the February issue of the "Advocate." If you are interested, please see me.



# March 2012





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 Worship 10:00a Communion Food Pantry	5 Military Prayer Grp 7:00 @ OLA	6 Ad Council 6:00pm	7 Lenten Lunches 12-1:00pm Council of Churches Bible Study 6:00 Choir Practice 7pm	8	9	10 UMW 10:00 am Community Garage Sale at Baptist Church 10-12pm
11 Worship 10:00a	12 Membership Class 6:30 Military Prayer Grp 7:00 @ OLA	13	14 Lenten Lunches 12-1:00pm Bible Study 6:00 Choir Practice—7:00	15	16	17 
18 Worship 10:00a Pulpit Exchange- Larry Poelma	19 Membership Class 6:30 Military Prayer Grp 7:00 @ OLA	20 Finance Meeting 6:00	21 Lenten Lunches 12-1:00pm Bible Study 6:00 6:30 Phase II Mtg w/DS	22	23	24 UMW Communion Breakfast 9-Noon
25 George Miller	26 Military Prayer Grp 7:00 @ OLA	27 Membership Class 6:30	28 Lenten Lunches 12-1:00pm Bible Study 6:00 Choir Practice 7pm	29	30	31



# April 2012



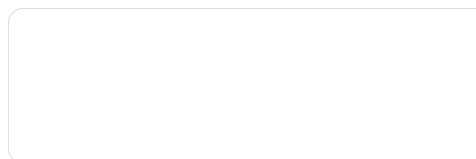
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <b>Palm Sunday</b> Worship 10:00 a.m Communion	<b>2</b> Military Prayer Grp 7:00 @ OLA  HOLY WEEK	<b>3</b> Ad Council 6:00pm	<b>4</b> Lenten Lunches 12-1:00pm Bible Study 6:00 Choir Practice 7pm	<b>5</b> Maundy Thursday	<b>6</b> Good Friday	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> Easter Sunday Worship 10:00a Coffee Hour	<b>9</b> Military Prayer Grp 7:00 @ OLA	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> UMW 10:00 am Guest Speaker from Comfort House
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Answers to Kids Word Scramble:

1. cross
2. rooster
3. risen
4. tomb
5. sacrifice
6. spear
7. alive
8. forgiven
9. crucify
10. nails