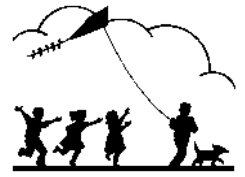


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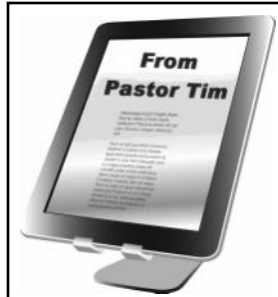
# The Shepherd's Messenger



Remember to turn your clocks ahead one hour Saturday night March 8



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We are all so very busy. We are pushed and pulled every which way, seldom having the chance to catch our breath. While the upcoming Lenten season traditionally requires that we give up something to devote more time and energy to Christian service, we find it nearly impossible to do so.

Therefore, without asking you to fast for forty days or practice some other kind of abstinence, let me suggest that each of you focus your thoughts on the forty days that Jesus spent in the wilderness following his baptism (Matthew 4).

To most of us, having forty days alone in the tranquility of the outdoors would be heaven on earth. (I claim Letchworth State Park as my wilderness.) Cleansing. Revitalizing. And while it must have been restful for Jesus, too, it was also a period of trial and unsettledness. Jesus prayed a great deal while in the desert. He reflected on who he was. He thought about his earthly mission as set forth by his heavenly Father. More than once he was confronted with temptation. But he resisted. He fortified his purpose and will.

Let us do the same this Lenten season. Let's each set aside some quiet time for prayer, meditation, and spiritual recommitment. Let's think about those things that steer us in the wrong direction, and let's renew our covenant with God to resist those things and fortify our hearts and minds with Christian purpose and intent.

*Pastor Tim*



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

**SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICES**

Sun., March 2      Transfiguration Sunday / Lord's Supper  
 Wed., March 5      Ash Wednesday service and luncheon at Friends in Christ, 12:00 noon  
                                  Ash Wednesday service at Cuba, 7:00 PM  
 Sun., March 9      First Sunday in Lent

The remaining Wednesday Lenten services in the Fillmore area will be held at locations to be announced.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

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

CUBA CMH

Henny van der Horst  
Lucille Wildrick

WATERS OF WESTFIELD

Dawn Durkee

EDEN HEIGHTS - OLEAN

Evelyn Steen

**Others to keep in prayer:**

- Chuck Brooks
- Terry Bush
- Bob Campbell
- Bud Carlin
- Veronica Clayson
- John Culbert
- Sharon Ghantt
- Mike Gibbons
- Kenny Glass
- Tyler Griffon
- Norma Guinnip
- Bernie Hawks
- Karen Hessney
- Ted Hopkins
- Jeffrey Kellogg
- Amber Lunn (2 yrs. old)
- Bee Mason
- Rolly Miles
- Mina (Doris Wyant's sister)
- Rhonda Morse
- Nellie Moses
- Bessie Palmer
- Wanda Pease
- Keith Pierce
- Harley Poore
- Sandy R. (Sue Simmons' Friend)
- Kelly Roberts
- Michael Small
- Wally Watson
- Lola Wilson



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

*All the people on our Military Prayer List have returned to the states!!!*



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.



- 2 - Gary Enderle
- 3 - Casi Burdick  
Desi Burdick
- 4 - Clair Morris
- 6 - Barbara Spateholts
- 8 - Ray Climie  
Shirley Poore
- 14 - Peggy Pearce
- 17 - Cindy Dutton
- 19 - Derwood Say
- 23 - Rob Cornell
- 27 - Jean Higby



**Call Sandra Allen  
for Prayer Chain  
(585) 968-2137**



- 18- Arnold & Linda Nelson
- 25 - Leroy & Barbara Spateholts
- 27 - Harold & Sylvia Clement
- 28 - Mike & Fran Young

**Statistics Needed: \$1,616.65**

Date	Worship	SS	Offering
2/2	57	21	\$1,728.00
2/2		Rothfus	\$ 300.00
2/9	47	23	\$1,256.50
2/16	44	14	\$1,866.00
2/16		Rothfus	\$ 20.00
2/23	44	17	\$2,193.00
2/23		Rothfus	\$ 437.00

**March Helping Hands**

Ushers  
Cindy Dutton



Greeters

Acolyte

3/2 <i>Open</i>	3/2 Andrew Clement
3/9 <i>Open</i>	3/9
3/16 <i>Open</i>	3/16
3/23 <i>Open</i>	3/23
3/30 <i>Open</i>	3/30

Altar Flowers

- 3/2
- 3/9 Ruth Holden - In Memory of Lewie's Birthday (Mar. 8)
- 3/16
- 3/23 Sue Feldbauer - In Honor of Shelly Daniel's Birthday
- 3/30

Children's Moment  
Shelly Giczkowski

Altar Guild  
Cindy Dutton

Coffee Hour 3/16

*Many Hands make Light Work. Won't you please consider volunteering. We need greeters, liturgists, nursery helpers, Coffee Hour Hosts, Communion servers. Please sign up on the clipboards at the front entrance if you can help. Thank You!*

## HOW TO PUT ON THE VIRTUES

Paul says we are to put on the virtues of “compassion, kindness, lowliness, gentleness, and patience” (Colossians 3:12). But how do we do this? Paul provides us two basic contexts: (1) relationships in which we must **forbear** one another, and (2) **forgive** one another.

What does it mean for us to be forbearing with one another? Perhaps the best understanding is letting others be who they are, rather than relating to others as we perceive them to be or want them to be. The boxes in which we try to imprison others keeps them at arm’s length. The box by which we attempt to control others enables us to accommodate them to our agendas. It also provides us some protection and defense against the threat they pose to our control of our world.

To forbear others is to engage them and be for them one in whom God’s love knocks on the closed door of their lives with compassion and kindness. Forbearance is **not** simply a blessed way to be a doormat for others. To relate to others does not mean allowing them to be destructive toward us. Forbearance, however, is also not engaging in defending ourselves against the destructive behaviors of another, but always seeks their welfare and wholeness.

**Forgiving one another** is the most difficult context in which we put on the virtues: “Forgive one another if anyone has a complaint against one another” (Colossians 3:13). It appears that Paul has overlooked an essential detail here. He says nothing about others crawling to us on their knees to beg our forgiveness. How can we forgive someone who has not acknowledged the wrong they have done to us? Paul answers, “Unconditionally!

We assume forgiveness is an act of gracious superiority bestowed when the one who has wronged us cringes before us in abject humility; something we do for them. This is not the forgiveness Paul calls us to. Forgiveness is an act that, by God’s grace, releases us from the destructive bondage of what the other did to us. When we have been wronged by another, that wrong becomes a festering sore, a developing cancer in our soul, that not only degrades our relationship with the one who wronged us but also degrades all other relationships. Having been deeply wounded in one relationship, we become hypersensitive and defensive in all other relationships to ensure that we are not hurt in that relationship again.

The importance of **unconditional forgiveness** is not so much that it absolves the one forgiven as it cleanses the one who forgives.

*Includes excerpts from M. Robert Mulholland in The Deeper Journey.*

**DYK:** *Submitted by Dean Wildrick*



Upper New York Camp & Retreat Ministries is excited to announce that registration is now open for its 2014 Summer Camp & Retreat programs. "We are excited about the high quality and excellent variety of programs being offered at all six of our facilities this summer," said Mike Huber, director of CRM. "The CRM team, in collaboration with hundreds of volunteers, has created programs specifically designed for spiritual growth, birth and renewal."

### Management Team Meeting Highlights

*Submitted by Paul Tsujimoto*

- ◆ Tuesday, Feb. 18, was a joint PPRC mtg with FIC church and Cuba UMC.
- ◆ Pews and chairs have been cushioned.

**Deadline for ordering Easter Flowers is Sunday, March 16th. Give your Flower Order & Money to Thela Snow by then.**

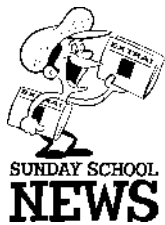


Bishop Webb announces the following retirement pending the approval of clergy session:

V.H. Stanley Scoville - effective Jan. 1, 2014

St. Joseph Table                      March 19th, 5- 7 PM  
At Our Lady of the Angels Church, Cuba  
Anyone can come. Pre-register by calling 585-968-3609 and leave name and number attending.

**Sunday School for Pre-K through 1st grade** taught by Vanessa Clement; and **grades 2-5** taught by Sandy Allen, meet weekly in the nursery after worship service.



**Teen Sunday School** taught by Mike Kunz meets after Worship Service until 11:00 AM. In the Sr. High Sunday School room.



**Adult Sunday School** with Rob Cornell-meets after worship until 11:00 am in the Adult Sunday school room.

**Cuba United Methodist Women News**

*Submitted by Judy Zayac*



The UMW met on Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup> for a yummy brunch. Nine women attended. We started out with a Valentine's Day prayer.

We then learned that the "Soup"er Bowl Sunday was a success with nearly 40 quarts of homemade soups being given away. We collected \$200.00 in donations which were sent to the Cuba Food Pantry.

The Call to Prayer and Self Denial will be ready for Lent. We next discussed some possible presenters or programs for future meetings. Ideas are welcomed. We will plan to clean the church kitchen some time in the spring. Since Claire does not need funds for postage for cheer cards at this time we will accumulate the monthly meeting donations and make donation to Comfort House in the future.

Please join us for food and fellowship on Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.



**Jennie Gleason's brother Mike passed away February 21.** He was diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma in June of 2013 and had been treated successfully, however the chemo treatments damaged his lungs and he was in the hospital since the middle of

December. He had been unable to work at Community Services for the Developmentally Disabled and G4S (Homeland Security). Mike was 40 years old and married with a 19-month daughter and a 14-year-old son.

**Jennie and her family are having a memorial benefit to help with the hospital bills. They need baked goods, for dessert and to sell.** Anyone interested in helping, please bring baked goods to Cuba by Friday March 14<sup>th</sup> or FIC by Saturday by March 15<sup>th</sup>. Also, if you could let Jennie know you are going to make something she would appreciate it. You can reach her on her cell (716) 597-4308 or Home (585) 567-2291. Thank you for everything you have done and will do.

The benefit is: Sunday, **March 16th** from **11:30 am - 4 pm** at: Crickett Tavern, 1103 Erie Ave., N. Tonawanda, NY 14120. Tickets for the event are priced at \$25, which will include food, soft drinks, beer, and wine! There will be a 50/50 raffle and Chinese auction.

**ST. PATRICK SALAD**

Phyllis Hodge



Recipe FROM THE Cuba UMC Cook Book

Delicious!

Heat 1 No. 2 (2 1/2 cup) can crushed pineapple until very hot.

Add 1 pkg. Royal Lime gelatin while still warm.

Add 1 - 8 oz. pkg. cream cheese. (be sure it all melts). When in the congealing stage, add 1/2 pint heavy whipping cream. Put in flat pan or mold.

Chill for several hours. Nuts and celery may be added.

**VARIATION:** Use orange gelatin instead.

## REPORT – LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING

January 30, 2014

Members selected ministry areas they would focus on for 2014:

Shelly: Music ministry    Marshall: Sunday school

Sandy: Outreach to non-attending members

Cindy: UMW and outreach (local missions)

Rob: Sunday school and outreach (local missions)

Bernie: Music ministry

Several ideas for outreach/local missions were suggested. A church brochure will be mass-produced and given to new water customers and placed in the Chamber of Commerce office.

We brainstormed ways to connect with non-attending members.

Ideas for music ministry were discussed. Shelly and Rob will begin process of including contemporary music in worship services.

Educational ministries: Bibles will be purchased by church and presented to children during worship Feb. 16. Pastor Tim will take care of leadership training for now.

Worship ministries: Cindy will contact Houghton (Genesee Rapids) as a possible resource for contemporary music in the summer.

Five-year vision elements were offered up by all members.

We will be intentional about sending children to church camp this year. Pastor Tim will recruit a Camping Coordinator. We have children. We have finances for scholarships. On Pastor Tim's recommendation, we are aiming to send children to Camp Findley and/or Camp Casawasco.



On Sunday, February 23, 2014, the Teen Sunday School Class of the Cuba United Methodist Church presented a check of \$60 to Suzanne Krull, Director of the Cuba Cultural Center, to support their efforts in helping over 1,000 families in Allegany County. The students had collected this money during the first quarter of Sunday School and wanted it to go to a local cause.

Shown L-R are, Karl Giczkowski, Mrs. Krull, Jacob Riley, Josh Tsujimoto, Dustin and Joey Fredericks, and teacher Michael Kunz.

**MANAGEMENT TEAM**  
(ADMINISTRATION AND RESOURCES)

## CLASS OF 2015

Paul Tsujimoto  
Rob Cornell

Pastor Tim  
Bernie Hawks

## CLASS OF 2016

Gary Enderle  
Tom Krott

**LEADERSHIP TEAM**  
(NURTURE, OUTREACH, WITNESS)

Sandy Tsujimoto  
Rob Cornell

Pastor Tim  
Cindy Dutton

Marshall Allen  
Rochelle Giczkowski

**OTHER ELECTED MINISTERS/ADMINISTRATORS**

Recording Secretary

Jim Travis

Lay Member of Conference

Sue Feldbauer

President, UMW

Judy Zayac

Council of Churches Representatives

Cindy Dutton    Bernie Hawks

Altar Guild Coordinator

Thela Snow

Membership Secretary

Doris Wyant

**MEMORIAL COMMITTEE**

## CLASS OF 2014

Sue Simmons  
Doris Wyant

## CLASS OF 2015

Barb Spateholts

## CLASS OF 2016

Shirley Poore

**NON-ELECTED MINISTERS**

Pianist/Choir Director

Christine Berardi

Financial Secretary

Dean Wildrick

Meals on Wheels Coordinator

Cindy Dutton

Altar Guild

Cindy Dutton

Claire Morris

Sandy Tsujimoto

Thela Snow, Coordinator

Darcy Eastham

Shirley Poore

Judy Zayac




*Thank  
You!*

Thanks to the following CUMC members who have toughed some rough weather this winter to deliver **Meals on Wheels**: Marshall Allen, Ray Climie, Cindy Dutton, Mike Kunz, John and Mary Hupp, Josh and Sandy Tsujimoto, and Dean and Cheryl Wildrick



# MARCH 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<b>1</b> Kung Fu 6-8:00a
<b>2</b> Worship 9:00 a.m Communion Sunday School 10:15 am Food Pantry	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>  ASH Wednesday Service 7:00 pm	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Kung Fu 6-8:00a UMW Meeting 10:00 am Turn Clocks Ahead One Hour tonight
<b>9</b> Daylight Savings Time Begins Worship 9:00 a.m Sunday School 10:15 am	<b>10</b> Management Team 6:30 pm	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Kung Fu 6-8:00 am
<b>16</b> Worship 9:00 a.m Sunday School 10:15 am Easter Flower Order Deadline	<b>17</b> April. Newsletter Deadline	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Kung Fu 6-8:00 am
<b>23</b> Worship 9:00 a.m Sunday School 10:15 am	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Kung Fu 6-8:00 am
<b>30</b> Worship 9:00 a.m Sunday School 10:15 am Rothfus Offering	<b>31</b>				<i>April 13 Palm Sunday</i> <i>April 20 Easter</i>	

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## March



The sun is nervous  
As a kite  
That can't quite keep  
Its own string tight.

Some days are fair,  
And some are raw.  
The timid earth  
Decides to thaw.

Shy budlets peep  
From twigs on trees,  
And Robins join the chickadees.  
Pale crocuses  
Poke through the ground  
Like noses come  
To sniff around.

The mud smells happy  
On our shoes.  
We still wear mittens,  
Which we lose.  
—John Updike