

March 2015

# The Shepherd's Messenger



Remember to turn your clocks ahead one hour Saturday night March 7



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

From Pastor Tim



Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (Matthew 28:18-20)

This has been my favorite Scripture text since seminary. It is called the Great Commission that Jesus gives to all his disciples (you and me). What is God saying or doing to us in the Great Commission? I hear God calling all of us to three tasks:

1. Go make disciples. This we call **evangelism**. The church exists to communicate God's Word to the whole world. We can start in our own community.
2. Baptize them. Why is baptism so important? I believe it is that through baptism one is made a part of the Body of Christ (the church). It is also a symbol of salvation and a very clear means of God's grace in one's life. It says, "This person is now one of us!" It is **fellowship**.
3. Teach them to obey everything Jesus has taught. This we call **discipleship**. The church exists to educate and spiritually form God's people. Discipleship is the process of helping people become more like Christ in their thoughts, feelings, and actions. We all need help in becoming more like Christ, as well as helping others in their journey.

You shall..."Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. The second most important is similar: Love your neighbor as much as you love yourself." (Matthew 22:37-39)

Note that in the Great Commandment loving God and loving our neighbor are equally "most important." They can't be separated in the life of a Christian. What is God saying to us in the Great Commandment? Again through Jesus Christ, we are assigned two more tasks:

1. Love the Lord with all our hearts. This we call **worship**. Throughout Scripture we are commanded to celebrate God's presence by magnifying the Lord and exalting God's name. We should be expressing our love to God with our will, feelings, intellect, even our bodies.

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## LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICES

March 29

Palm/Passion Sunday

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

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

CUBA CMH

Henny van der Horst

WATERS OF WESTFIELD

Dawn Durkee

**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.

**Others to keep in prayer:**

A.F. (Student at BRCS)  
Chuck Brooks  
Veronica Clayson  
Virginia Clayson  
Braden Currier  
Joyce Enderle  
Bill Francis  
Kenny Glass  
Norma Guinnip  
Art Higby  
Jeffrey Kellogg  
Stephanie LaFever  
Amber Lunn (2 yrs. old)  
Bruce Metler  
Mina (Doris Wyant's sister)  
Nellie Moses  
Wanda Pease  
Keith Pierce  
Harley Poore  
Kelly Roberts  
Muriel Small  
Dave Soper  
Barb Spateholts  
Laroy Spateholts  
Judy Warner



- 2 - Gary Enderle
- 3 - Casi Burdick  
Desi Burdick
- 4 - Claire Morris
- 6 - Barbara Spateholts
- 8 - Shirley Poore  
Ray Climie
- 14 - Peggy Pearce
- 15 - Jeffery Zeh
- 17 - Cindy Dutton
- 19 - Derwood Say
- 21- Rachel Holden
- 22 - Christianna Reynolds
- 23 - Rob Cornell
- 25- Todd Young
- 27 - Jean Higby

**Statistics****Needed: \$1,657**

Date	Worship	SS	Offering
2/1	41	18	\$2,216.21
2/8	36	17	\$1,001.10
2/15	32	14	\$ 782.00
2/15		Rothfus \$	40.00
2/22	28	-	\$1,474.00

*(This block does not appear in the Friendship edition of this newsletter)*

**Cuba March Helping Hands**Ushers:

Dean & Cheryl Wildrick

Greeters:

3/1 *Open for you*  
3/8 *Open for you*  
3/15 *Open for you*  
3/22 *Open for you*  
3/29 *Open for you*

Acolyte:

3/1 Austin Clement  
3/8 Hunter Scott  
3/15 Andrew Clement  
3/22  
3/29

Liturgists

3/1 Eric Talbot  
3/8  
3/15 Jennie Gleason  
3/22  
3/29 Stan Scoville

Junior Church

3/1 Mary Hupp & Vanessa Clement  
3/8 Marjanne Kunz  
3/15 Marjanne Kunz  
3/22 Marjanne Kunz  
3/29 Marjanne Kunz

Altar Guild

Thela Snow & Darcy Eastham



18- Arnold & Linda Nelson  
25 - Leroy & Barbara Spateholts  
28 - Mike & Fran Young



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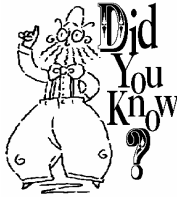
## Adult Sunday School Studies

Submitted by Cheryl Wildrick

Our class began in October with old Testament studies of Biblical history, Bible leaders, the Temple, and God's relationship to his chosen people. During Advent, we looked at prophecies of Jesus' birth and backgrounds of Christmas carols. In January, we studied prayer, including The Lord's Prayer. Then we looked at the temperament God gave us. During Lent we are studying "Jesus In His Day." Our attendance is averaging three men and five women. We meet in the upstairs class room next to the pastor's study. We welcome you to join us. There is room for you! *Cheryl*

## DYK:

Submitted by Dean Wildrick



During the years of 2010-2014, Mission Central processed nearly 470,000 UMCOR Kits. Approximately 90% of our Volunteers work on UMCOR Kit processing.

We are currently in need of UMCOR School Kits and Health Kits for future shipments. We are also seeking single subject spiral bound notebooks and 8 1/2" x 11" white lined 70 sheet note pads to complete previously donated partial school kits.

"Today is the day when bold kites fly,  
When cumulus clouds roar across the sky.  
When robins return, when children cheer,  
When light rain beckons spring to appear.



Today is the day when daffodils bloom,  
Which children pick to fill the room,  
Today is the day when grasses green,  
When leaves burst forth for spring to be seen."  
- Robert McCracken, *Spring*

*Thank You!*

Thank you for all the prayers, thoughts, concerns,  
and for the basket of flowers from my church  
family. I appreciate them all very much!

*Joyce Enderle*



New Message Board made by the children



The deadline for Cuba  
Easter Flower Orders is  
March 15. Please give  
your completed order forms  
& money to Thela by then.



Rehearsing for Children's Choir










Making bird feeders

We see many Christian symbols and signs during Lent and Easter. Write the name of each picture in the boxes. Unscramble the letters that are circled to find the message that these symbols and signs bring us each spring.

ACROSS

- 2. 
- 5. 
- 7. 
- 9. 

DOWN

- 1. 
- 3. 
- 4. 
- 6. 
- 7. 
- 8. 
- 10. 

“J \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ I \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ !”

Management Team News

Submitted by Rob Cornell



- Special charge conference decided to gift \$8000 from General Fund to Trustee Fund to help cover 2014 roof repairs  
*(Not in Friendship Newsletter)*
- Joint PPRC function (Cuba/Friendship) proposes shared ministry activities with Friendship, one of our church's 2015 goals, including movie and discussion; summer picnic; and a joint summer service with potluck dinner
- Financial position good through last Financial Report in mid-January
- Nominations function realizes need for Financial Secretary
- Team is considering forming separate PPRC
- Approved purchase of contemporary music DVD's to achieve blended contemporary/traditional worship music 2015 goal.

LEMON BREAD

(makes one large loaf or two small loaves)  
 Peggy Pearce

Cream together:

- 1 cup sugar
- 2 TBSP. butter

Add and mix

- 2 eggs

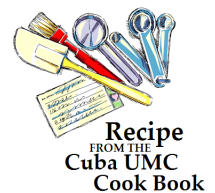
Sift together and add:

- 1-1/2 cups flour
- 1 tsp. Baking powder
- 1/2 tsp. Salt

Stir in:

- 1/2 cup milk
- lemon zest

Bake at 350° in greased loaf pan for about one hour. (small loaf pans bake for about 45 minutes.) After removing from oven, prick top with long-tined fork. Pour the juice of one lemon mixed with 1/4 cup sugar over warm loaf.



## Cuba United Methodist Women News

*Submitted by Judy Zayac*



The UMW has cancelled the January and February meetings due to bad weather. This is a first since I can remember!

The good news is that we will meet in March and I'm sure the weather will be sunny and warm (anything above 0 degrees is warm this winter). The meeting will be on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

We will be working on the schedule of events for the next few months and completing the UMCOR health and school kits so that we can get them mailed out soon.

The "Souper Bowl" Sunday in February netted \$153 for the Cuba Food Pantry. Thanks to all who made soup and those who donated.



Making Sugar Cone Bird Feeders

### Pastor Tim's letter (Continued from front page)

2. Love your neighbor as yourself. This we call **ministry**. Ministry is meeting others needs and healing their hurts. The church is to minister to all kinds of needs: Spiritual, emotional, relational, and physical. Healthy ministry is balanced between ministry to our brothers and sisters in the church AND our neighbors outside the church.

He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. But, you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." (Acts 1:7-8)

Where do you find yourself as a witness to Jesus Christ? Where is the Jerusalem / Judea / Samaria / ends of the earth in which you reach out with the love of Christ? Perhaps our community is our Jerusalem (Cuba Village and Township). I have been appointed to two Jerusalem's: Cuba and Friendship Townships, including the villages. Yet I also witness to Christ in all of Allegany County (our Judea?) Perhaps New York State beyond Western New York is our Samaria. I think of "the ends of the earth" as everywhere else.

#### Conclusion:

- Our church's purpose is **outreach** on Christ's behalf.
- Our church's character should be about **love** of God and one another.
- Our church's concerns run from **Cuba** to the **whole world**.

*Adapted from The Purpose Driven Church by Rick Warren.*



## 60 People Enjoy Fat Tuesday Party at Cuba UMC

Olean Barbershoppers sang at the Shrove/Fat Tuesday party sponsored by the Cuba Council of Churches held on February 17 evening.



Save the Date: May 31st  
Council of Churches  
Progressive Dinner

## CUBA LEADERSHIP TEAM

Our devotional time included a brief Bible study of the above texts. We will be providing leadership to three shared ministry events/activities with Friendship UMC:

- Discipleship – A movie and discussion
- Fellowship – A summer picnic
- Worship – A combined summer service and potluck

We decided to introduce the congregation to the needs of CMH in order to explore the congregation's interest in CMH as a unique ministry focus.

Pastor Tim reported that the Confirmation Program was canceled as only one youth could commit to participating. He and Jennie will be preparing that youth for baptism on Easter Sunday.



## EAGLE'S WINGS

In Isaiah 40, we are told that by waiting upon the Lord, we will mount on wings like eagles.

Eagles are majestic birds with remarkable vision. Scientists believe their vision may be eight times sharper than humans. They have powerful feet with talons that can grip like a vise. Their beaks are butcher-like, designed to cut and crush and tear their food.

Most of all, eagles are built for flying. They have incredible speed, able to fly at sixty and eighty and one hundred miles an hour. They can do rolls and loops like an airplane doing tricks. Their wing-span extends to nearly eight feet.

But eagles do not fly like sparrows or robins. Most birds fly through the air by flapping their wings, but eagles cannot flap very long. They're built for soaring, and so they can go much further in little energy.

God created our planet with invisible columns of hot air called **thermals** rising up here and there from the surface of the earth. Eagles find these thermals, fly into the invisible currents, stretch out their wings, and are lifted higher and higher into the sky as though ascending on an elevator.

They may rise as high as fourteen thousand feet, so high in the heavens they cannot be seen by the naked eye from earth.

When they reach those heights, they emerge from the updraft, wings still spread, and they soar this way and that way, downwards and side wards, traveling for miles with very little exertion of strength.

Isaiah seems to be telling us that God is invisible, but like the invisible uplifting thermal currents of this planet, he is present for us. When we search God out, claim God's promises and trust in God, spreading out the wings of faith, we are raised up to a higher plain. We mount up with wings like eagles. We can run and not grow weary. We can walk and not grow faint.

The strength we need for holy, effective, Christian living comes not from anxiously flapping our wings like sparrows in distress, but from trusting in God and resting in Jesus Christ.



Those who **hope** in the **LORD**  
will **renew** their **strength**.  
They will **soar on wings like eagles**.  
ISAIAH 40:31, NIV

## Friendship United Methodist Women News

Submitted by President Vicki Baker



The UMW met on Th., Feb. 12 at the church. We gathered at noon for lunch. There were ten present. Vicki went over changes in our little booklets. Mentioned that the District UMW Communion Breakfast, (the closest one) will be held on March 28 at the East Otto UMC. Begins at 9:00 am and the cost is \$8.00. We will make final plans for those who wish to attend at our March meeting.

The District UMW Spiritual Life Retreat will be May 2. Will wait for more info.

Also in the District Newsletter, UMCOR needs school bags. They have the materials to fill 700 bags, but no bags. As a Mission Project, the goal is 700 bags, at the Sept. Annual Meeting. Our unit has been challenged to make bags. The pattern and instructions were handed out to members of our unit that do sewing. If anyone else in the church would like to make some, contact Vicki for the instructions and pattern, and possibly fabric. They need to be made of sturdy fabric, not lightweight cottons.

Briefly mentioned UMW Sunday will be April 19. We will plan it at our next meeting.

Since we were hosting the first Lenten Lunch on Ash Wednesday, we spent time planning the menu and signing up for food donations and workers.

Vicki mentioned that the Mother/Daughter Banquet theme for this year will be on Paper Dolls.

Diana & Vicki did the program on Welcoming. The scripture was on the Prodigal and the Faithful sons. Discussion on times we were the Prodigal son and times we were the Faithful son from everyone. We closed with a group litany.

Our next meeting will be Mar. 12 at the church. At noon we will gather with our sandwiches for lunch and socializing. The meeting will start at 1:00 pm.

Any woman may be part of UMW. They meet the second Thursday of the month, excluding May, July & August. .



## LENTEN SCHEDULE

Lunch & Service will be held at the church listed beginning at Noon.

Feb 18 at Friendship  
 Feb 25 at Caneadea  
 Mar 4 at Belfast  
 Mar 11 at Centerville??

Mar 18 at Rushford  
 Mar 25 at Fillmore  
 Apr 1 at Short Tract



# Friendship UMC

## March Birthdays

- 3 Tim Hall
- 3 Brenda Johnson
- 4 Eva Baker
- 7 Michelle Hall
- 13 Diane Langdon
- 16 Jady Golden
- 18 Ken Pierce
- 24 Calum Ruxton
- 26 Brendon Hall



## March Anniversaries

- 4 Ray & Sheryl Hoopes
- 7 Tom & Debbie McCarthy
- 21 Mike & Yvonne Mason
- 30 Gary & Beverly Rathbun

Jennie's Parents  
Tristen Logue  
Pat Kupiec  
Travelers  
Fred Southwick  
Shirley Southwick  
Nancy Sortore

**For Prayer Chain**, call  
Roberta Butler 973-2351  
or Pat Kupiec 808-7345



## Please take Note

The Choir will be cooking their delicious chili recipe to serve on Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>. Chili will be served from 5:00-6:30 pm. Music will be provided by an Olean Barbershopper's Quartet throughout the dinner hour. Cost of dinner will be \$8.00 Adult and \$6.00 Children.



## Junior Church Leader(s) needed




Emily is having sickness with her pregnancy, and then will be on maternity leave. We have quite a few children attending, and they like going to Jr. Church. Don't let them down. Volunteer to do God's work teaching these children.



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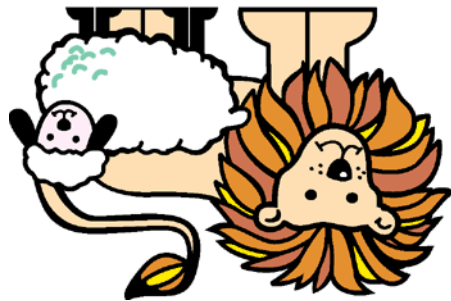
Sunday Worship 11:00 am  
 Sunday School 10:00 am  
**Cuba Dates**  
 (C)

Sunday Worship 9:30 am  
 Sunday School  
**Friendship Dates**  
 (F)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> (C) UMW Food Pantry Collection	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> LENTEN Service at Belfast UMC Friendship Choir 6:30 pm Cuba Choir 7:00 pm	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> (C) Kung Fu 6-8 a (F) Lunch On Us 11:30-12:30
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> (F) O.E.S. Mtg. Cuba Management Team 6:30 pm	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> LENTEN Service at Centerville UMC Friendship Choir 6:30 pm Cuba Choir 7:00 pm	<b>12</b> (F) UMW Mtg. at Noon	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Kung Fu 6-8a Cuba UMW 10:00 am (F) Lunch On Us 11:30-12:30
<b>15</b> Cuba Easter Flower order Deadline	<b>16</b> April Newsletter Deadline	<b>17</b> 	<b>18</b> LENTEN Service at Rushford UMC Friendship Choir 6:30 pm Cuba Choir 7:00 pm	<b>19</b> (F) WIC	<b>20</b> 	<b>21</b> Kung Fu 6-8 a (F) Trustee Breakfast (F) Lunch On Us 11:30-12:30
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> (F) O.E.S. Mtg. (C) Leadership Team 7:00 pm	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> LENTEN Service at Fillmore UMC Friendship Choir 6:30 pm Cuba Choir 7:00 pm	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> (C) Kung Fu 6-8 am (F) Lunch On Us 11:30-12:30
<b>29</b>  Palm Sunday Cuba Rothfus Offering	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>		<b>Maundy Thursday</b> April 2	<b>Good Friday</b> April 3	<b>Easter Sunday</b> April 5

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