

**March 2017**

# The Shepherd's Messenger



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

FROM  
Pastor  
Burt

Lent 2017

Grace and Peace to you and yours in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

For the next 40 days you are invited to reflect on God's story and God's call on you and the meaning of this on your lives. It is truly 40 Days with Purpose. The church has understood Lent to be a time when people are called to do just that, reflect on the purpose of their lives in Jesus, where they have gone astray, and how they might rejoin Christ on the journey toward wholeness and fulfillment in God.

Every journey has a beginning. Ash Wednesday is the day that we embark on the journey. Even if one knows the end point - the destination - one isn't always sure what one will encounter along the way, what new experiences and new insights may be discovered.

As we set out on the journey to the cross, we can be sure that Jesus is the WAY, the TRUTH and the LIFE. He has been this way before and he travels with us supporting and encouraging us every step of the way. While we know that the cross, and ultimately resurrection are our destinations, we do not know what experiences and insights will meet us on our journey.

Jesus said, "Lo, I am with you always even unto the ends of the earth." Take his hand as you journey to Calvary and beyond.

Bon Voyage!

*Pastor Burt*



LENTEN  
SERVICE  
SCHEDULE

Ash Wednesday	March 1	7:00 PM
Palm Sunday	April 9	11:00 AM
Maundy Thursday	April 13	7:00 PM

Easter Sunday	April 16	11:00 AM
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**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

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

CUBA CMH

Henny van der Horst

PINES - OLEAN

Connie Battistoni

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

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:**

Tom Bean  
Luke Fries  
June Ink  
Jackie McKeel  
Derwood Say  
Thela Snow  
Laroy Spateholts  
Maggie Watson  
Alice Sweet  
Ken Wyant

**Prayer LIST Update**

**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.

You can write prayer requests in the attendance pads on Sundays, or drop your request off at the office, or email. *Thank you!*



- 2 - Gary Enderle
- 3 - Casi Burdick  
Desi Lockwood  
Elizabeth Lockwood
- 4 - Claire Morris
- 8 - Shirley Poore
- 12 - Helen Middaugh
- 14 - Peggy Pearce
- 15 - Jeffery Zeh
- 17 - Cindy Dutton
- 19 - Derwood Say
- 21 - Rachel Holden
- 22 - Christianna  
Reynolds
- 23 - Rob Cornell
- 27 - Jean Higby

**Statistics****Needed: \$1,739**

Date	Worship	SS	Offering
1/29	45	15	\$1,509.00
1/29		Rothfus	\$ 80.00
2/5	47	17	\$2,785.00
2/5		Naomi	\$ 137.00
2/12	45	15	\$1,358.00
2/19	45	12	\$1,210.00
2/19		Rothfus	\$ 20.00

**March Helping Hands**Usher:

Jim Travis

Pianist:

Christine Berardi

Organist:

Jonathan Denham

Altar Guild:

Thela Snow



- 18- Arnold & Linda Nelson
- 28 - Mike & Fran Young

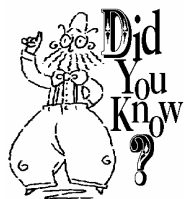


**Sue Simmons** is the UMW's **Cheer Person**. If you know of someone who needs a note of cheer, please call her at **585-968-1135**.



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

**Call Sandra Allen**  
at 968-2137  
**or Ruth Holden**  
at 968-1933

**DYK:***Submitted by Dean Wildrick***NEJ Bishops release statement supporting refugees and speaking against visa ban**

The Northeastern Jurisdiction's College of Bishops has released a statement about the recent Executive Order suspending the country's refugee assistance program and banning visas for seven countries. In part, the statement reads:

"We write you today, the people that we serve in the northeastern section of our country, urging you to embrace the gospel message of providing rest for all who are weary in the midst of a land that has begun to build walls of division and discord. In response to Executive Orders from the President, it is our hope that you will once again embrace the mandate from Jesus to be in ministry to the least, the last, and the lost among us."

**UMW MEETING***Submitted by Shirley Poore*

February 18, 2017

United  
Methodist  
Women

Thela opened meeting with prayer.  
Were 7 ladies in attendance.  
Brunch was provided by Janet & Ruth.

Minutes of last meeting were read & accepted by Janet. 2nd by Doris.  
Treasurer's Report - have \$7,400.

We received a thank you from Carlos Barksdale for our donation for The Next Generation Youth Center.

Thela had lists of what is needed for the 24 UMCOR health kits we are doing. Dr. Sessler donated 24 toothbrushes. A thank you card has been sent to him. We each selected an item to get to complete them.  
Accepted by Doris. 2nd by Sue.

The valances & curtain are up in Wesley Hall. Thank you Thela.

She will be ordering the flatware.  
Accepted by Sue. 2nd by Doris.

Response magazine has been ordered for the Reading Program.

Sue received \$14.00 for her Cheer budget.

Raised \$185.00 from the Souper Bowl Sunday, Will go to the community food pantry.

Next meeting will be March 18,  
Brunch will be provided by Thela & Ruth.

**The taste of ashes**

In 1966, about a year before he died, the physicist J. Robert Oppenheimer said, "I am a complete failure!" This man had been the director of the Los Alamos Project, the research team that produced the atomic bomb, and had also served as head of the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton. Yet, in looking back, he saw his achievements as meaningless. When asked about them, he replied, "They leave on the tongue only the taste of ashes."

On this Ash Wednesday, let's examine our own situation. As Christians, we can live so completely for things of this world that we have neither time nor energy to serve the Lord. Let's put him first, always seeking to know and do his will. Then we'll never look back on our accomplishments with the sad comment, "They leave only the taste of ashes."

—Herbert Vander Lugt

**UPSIDE DOWN TUNA PIE**

Deb Battistoni

- 1 can tuna (6 ½ or 7 oz), drained and flaked
- ¼ cup bread crumbs
- ¼ cup ketchup
- 1 tablespoon chopped onion
- 1 ½ cup shredded sharp cheese (6 oz)
- 1 egg
- 2 teaspoons lemon juice
- ½ teaspoon dry mustard



1 package (8 ½ ounce) corn muffin mix, prepared as directed. Lightly grease a 9 inch round cake pan. In a bowl, thoroughly combine all ingredients except cheese and muffin mix. Spread in bottom of pan. Sprinkle grated cheese on top. Cover top with corn muffin batter. Bake at 350° for 25 to 30 minutes.

**Bible Quiz**

At 16, Scottish-born Patrick was sold as a slave in Ireland. After six years he fled to Europe where he studied in monasteries. He later returned to Ireland spreading the gospel and building churches. We know him today as Saint Patrick (387-493), the patron saint of Ireland.

Using letters found in the words

**SAINT PATRICK'S DAY,**

complete the following Scripture verses:

1. For lo, the winter is \_ \_ \_ , the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has come. —Song of Solomon 2:11
2. If then your whole body is full of light, having no \_ \_ \_ \_ dark, it will be wholly bright, as when a lamp with its rays gives you light. —Luke 11:36
3. When I look at thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the \_ \_ \_ \_ which thou hast established; what is man that thou \_ \_ \_ mindful of him. —Psalm 8:3-4
4. If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them has gone \_ \_ \_ \_ , does he not leave the ninety-nine on the hills and go in search of the one ...? —Matthew 18:12
5. So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the \_ \_ \_ \_ and members of the household of God. —Ephesians 2:19

Answers: 1. past, 2. part, 3. stars, art, 4. astray, 5. saints



I want to introduce you to our teacher, Sahara Javner.

Sahara is a student at Houghton College majoring in Biology.

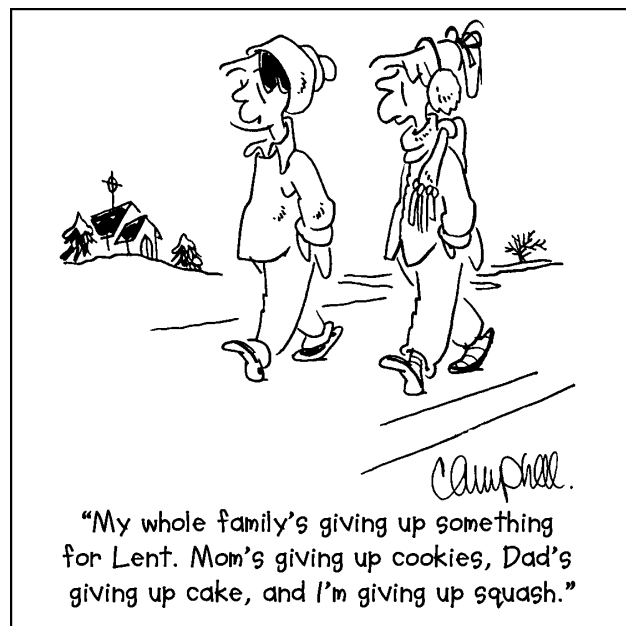
She hopes to work in the medical field in the future. Sahara grew

up in Senegal, West Africa with her family who served as missionaries for over 10 years.

Her hometown now is Chester, Maine. She is a blessing to our Sunday School and church.

Please welcome her.

Sandra Allen



## Adult Sunday School Class



## Adult Sunday School Studies with Cheryl

### PROPHECY #16: The New Covenant of Grace

A covenant is a pledge to fulfill a promise. God made a covenant with a number of people during the Old Testament. To Moses He gave the law (Ten Commandments) and a covenant essentially saying to His people: if you will obey my laws, I will be your God and you will be my people. I will bless you.

In the Old Testament, the Mosaic Law (law given to Moses) provided ten simplified statements so that the people would know how to act in order to please a holy God. But, if the Jewish people disobeyed the law, God would not be pleased!

Later in history, God gave the prophesy of a new covenant to come. It would be available after the death of Christ. It is available to all people who believe that Jesus is the Son of God, and that He is their Savior. In the New Covenant, God was essentially saying: if you will believe in my son as your Savior, I will save you from the consequences of your sin. (eternal death)

This New Covenant had a central feature called "grace". Grace is: forgiveness and favor that mankind does not deserve. Believers receive forgiveness and favor from God because Jesus died in place of us. At the end of our lives when we are placed on trial (before God who is the righteous judge), it is Jesus who takes the "guilty" verdict and the sentence of death. And we are set free.

The Lord's Supper is a remembrance of the New Covenant of grace for Believers. And Jesus is the mediator of the New Covenant: He will go between us and God, saying that we are to receive grace because we believe in Him as our Savior.

The prophesy of the New Covenant of Grace came true at the death of Christ. God's other prophesies will come true also.



**Daylight Saving Time Begins on**  
Sunday, March 12 at 2:00 AM.  
Remember to turn your clocks  
ahead one hour Saturday night,  
March 11.

*Thank You!*

Thank you to all for your prayers, cards, and visits. It gave me strength and warmed my heart.

"giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." Ephesians 5:20

Marshall

## DUDLEY TAILS

*Submitted by Cheryl Wildrick*

After mild temperatures, the snow had again appeared. Tucker and Dudley went running out into their fenced yard to play. Tucker returned first, but Dudley wanted to stay out longer. So, I went to the livingroom and sat down on the loveseat, and Tucker joined me there.

When Dudley came to the sliding glass door, he could not see me, and he wanted to come in. The door was opened for him.. and from the livingroom. I heard the sound of small paws running across the floor. Then I saw Dudley through the archway. He had abruptly stopped running... but had not looked toward the livingroom.

With his eyes looking directly forward, Dudley bolted toward the hall. He was looking for his master. After a quick stop, Dudley ran through the hall and up the stairs. (Tucker looked at me as if he was thinking, "What IS he doing?")

After a short while upstairs, Dudley descended the steps. He stopped at the bottom and looked bewildered. Then he looked into the livingroom and saw me on the loveseat. --- boy, can that dog run! He had been seeking his master and he found his master. He was overjoyed! He heard my voice and felt my touch.

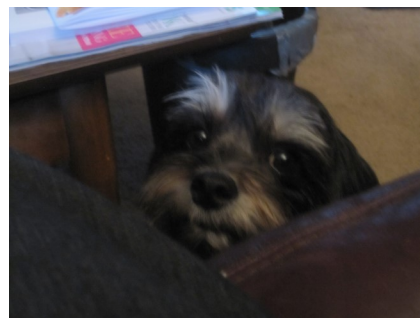
Then I got up and got a dog treat for Dudley. (We included Tucker.) Dudley had been rewarded for finding his master. (Tucker had been rewarded for spending time with his master.)

Sometimes in life we feel alone (like Dudley did when he was outside) and even when we are in the warm comfort of our own home, there is something missing. We search and keep searching, but we don't find what we are looking for. Then, because we don't give up, we see what we need: our master. We are overjoyed! But, what we don't realize is... that the Master was there all along! And, He is just as happy to see us as we are to see him.

The Bible tells us to seek our Master... and it promises that He will be found. (Matthew 7:7-8) In addition, the Bible says that our Master will reward those who earnestly seek Him. (Hebrews 11:6)

Have we been seeking in the right places? Have we made time to seek? The Master will be found through prayer and Bible reading. God bless you in your search.

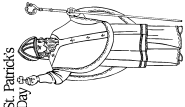
[See also: 1 Chronicles 28:9; 2 Chronicles 15:2; Jeremiah 29:13; Proverbs 8:17; and Psalms 119:2]



WORSHIP  
SERVICE  
SUNDAY  
11:00 AM

# march 2017

SUNDAY SCHOOL  
9:45 AM  
For All Ages

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Naomi Mission Collection UMW Food Pantry Collection			1 Bible Study 5 pm Management Team 6:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service 7:00 pm	2	3	4
5	6	7 Prayer Group 10 am- 11 am Bible Study 11 am Grief Support Group 12:30 pm	8 Bible Study 5:00 pm	9	10	11
12 Daylight Saving Time begins	13	14 Prayer Group 10 am- 11 am Bible Study 11 am	15 Bible Study 5:00 pm	16	17  St. Patrick's Day	18 UMW Meeting 10:00 am
19	20	21 Prayer Group 10 am- 11 am Bible Study 11 am	22 Bible Study 5:00 pm	23	24	25
26 Rothfus Collection	27	28 Prayer Group 10 am- 11 am Bible Study 11 am				

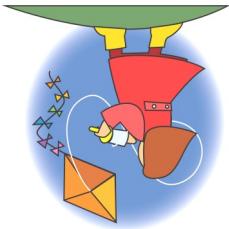
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"Today is the day when bold kites fly,  
When cumulus clouds roar across the sky.  
When robins return, when children cheer,  
When light rain beckons spring to appear.  
Today is the day when daffodils bloom,  
Which children pick to fill the room,  
Today is the day when grasses green,  
When leaves burst forth for spring to be seen."

- Robert McCracken, *Spring*

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