

The Shepherd's Messenger



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

Greetings Friends!



Isaiah 61:3 says, **He has sent me to comfort all those who are sad and to help the sorrowing people of Jerusalem. I will give them a crown to replace their ashes, and the oil of gladness to replace their sorrow, and clothes of praise to replace their spirit of sadness. Then they will be called Trees of Goodness, trees planted by the Lord to show his greatness.**

What a blessing it is to serve a God who turns the sorrow of grief into a time of praise!

Ash Wednesday, which is March 2nd this year, marks the beginning of the Lenten season. On Ash Wednesday, we recall the biblical custom of covering ourselves in ashes. By doing this, we mark ourselves in two ways: as those who are in mourning for our crucified Christ, and as those who are filled with a heart of sorrow for their sins.

While our Advent celebrations are filled with joy as we remember the birth of our King, Lent is when we focus on the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Traditionally, many believers choose to participate in some sort of fasting during this time—people have been known to fast from various foodstuffs as well as television and Internet usage. Others decided to study the Bible more closely or experience a time of solitude. Perhaps you will commit to attending services from now until the glory of Easter or dedicating a larger portion of your day to a time of prayer.

Whatever your personal preference, Lent can be the time when you decide to let go of old habits and develop a more joyful, Christ-filled way of living. I would like to invite you and your family to join me as we prepare for a time of tremendous spiritual growth and renewal. I hope to see you in church on Sunday and bring a friend!

Blessings in Christ,

Pastor Becky



Join us on **March 2 at 6:00 pm** in the church sanctuary for the Ash Wednesday Service.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:
Our World situation

Others to keep in prayer:



- Norma Andrus
- Todd Baxter
- Russell Brown
- Gary Carlson
- Hazel Cornell
- David Edwards
- Brian Fries
- Don Hall
- David Halstead
- Donna Hart
- Bernie Hawks
- Jean Higby
- Bob Huddleston
- Andrew James
- Katie Kellogg
- Bruce Metler
- Helen Middaugh
- Mark Middaugh
- Nellie Moses
- Justin Murphy
- Keith Pierce
- Laroy Spateholts
- Donald Thompson
- Jessica Veiders
- JoAnn Viglietta
- Clint Wilder
- Ken Wyant

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!



- 2 - Gary Enderle
- 3 - Casi Lockwood
Desi Burdick
Elisabeth Lockwood
- 4 - Claire Morris
- 8 - Shirley Poore
Lori Sweet
- 12 - Helen Middaugh
- 14 - Peggy Pearce
Lyncoln Nelson
- 15 - Jeffery Zeh
- 17 - Cindy Dutton
- 19 - Derwood Say
- 21 - Rachel Holden
- 23 - Rob Cornell
- 25 - Todd Young
- 26 - Pete Sprague
- 27 - Jean Higby



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

Praying for Our Churches, Pastors and Leadership in Cornerstone District:

March 6 Jamestown: Camp Street & Kennedy: First UMCs. Pastor Jennifer Delahoy, her husband Brian and their family.

March 13 Jamestown: Christ First UMC. Rev. Susan Hadley, her husband Tim and their family.

March 20 Jamestown: Kidder Memorial UMC. Rev. Tom LeBeau, his wife Georgia Whitney and their family.

March 27 Knapp Creek UMC. Rev. Jerry Piper, his wife Kathy and their family.

Statistics Needed: \$1,798

Date	Worship	SS	Offering
1/30	35		\$ 952.00
		Gil's Hills	\$ 311.00
2/6	42		\$2,160.00
		Gil's Hills	\$ 50.00
2/13	38		\$1,323.00
2/20	35		\$2,410.00
		Gil's Hills	\$ 50.00



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**.



Daylight Saving Time Begins Sunday, March 13 at 2:00 am.
Turn clocks ahead one hour Saturday March 12 night (so you aren't late for church).

March Helping Hands



Power Point:
Rob Cornell

Pianist/Organist:
Christine Berardi

Altar Guild:
Thela Snow



MISSIONS

We take 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

Puzzle!

Complete the Scripture verses (NIV, unless marked) using letters found in the words



See! The winter is _ _ _ _ ; the rains are over and gone. Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come. (Song of Solomon 2:11-12)

"Therefore, if your whole body is full of light, and no part of it _ _ _ _ , it will be just as full of light as when a lamp shines its light on you." (Luke 11:36)

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the _ _ _ _ , which you have set in place, what is mankind that you are mindful of them ... ? (Psalm 8:3-4)

We all, like sheep, have gone _ _ _ _ _ , each of us has turned to our own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. (Isaiah 53:6)

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the and members of the household of God. (Ephesians 2:19, ESV)

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SCALLOPED POTATOES

Kathy Isaac (Doris Wyant's Family)

- 10 cups sliced potatoes
- 2/3 cups sliced onions
- 6 TBS flour
- 3 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. pepper
- 1/2 cup butter or margarine
- 3 cups milk, (scalded)
- 6 hot dogs (sliced)



Place half of ingredients in well greased 2 quart casserole (except milk). Add rest of ingredients, pour in scalded milk. Cover, bake at 375° for 30 minutes. Uncover and finish baking.



Bible Study on Moses is held on Sundays at 9:30 am in the Adult Sunday School Room.



DUDLEY TAILS

Submitted by Cheryl Wildrick

Winter was definitely here. Snow was piled up along every driveway. Birds competed with squirrels for suet and seeds... and people bundled up in heavy coats, hats and boots.

Dudley spent many hours sitting on top of the sofa and barking at the snow plows as they went by. During this winter, Dudley had grown a thicker coat to keep him warm when he was outside. But the daily walks were shorter due to the frigid temperatures lately. There had been so much snow that the walking path had not been clear for at least a week.

Three o'clock came, and Dudley knew it was time for a walk. He came over to the chair where his master was sitting and stared. Finally his master stopped working and looked at Dudley. Then the master looked at the clock.

Dudley began to wiggle and dance as his master pulled on boots. Then his master pulled on a sweater and scarf and hat. Dudley began to jump up and down. Finally Dudley's master put on a heavy jacket and gloves. Dudley was already at the door, scratching on it. His master had a difficult time clipping Dudley's leash onto his collar, but finally it was done.

As the door opened, Dudley dashed down the steps and toward the walking path. His master tried to keep up. The farther from the house the two went, the deeper the snow became. Dudley's retractable leash allowed him to get far ahead of his master (who struggled to stay upright.) Now Dudley was no longer in sight.

"Wait for me Dudley," shouted his master. "I'm coming with you." But the blowing snow was now obstructing any view of the small dog.

Then, suddenly, Dudley's leash was no longer taught. It sagged on the ground.

"Don't move. I'm coming!" shouted Dudley's master, while struggling to walk through the deep snow.

Meanwhile, Dudley sat, "up to his eyeballs" in the deep snow. He could not see his master, and as snow stuck to his fur... he became increasingly cold. His feet were especially cold. Dudley began to shiver.

When his master finally arrived, (clutching the other end of the dog's leash)... Dudley was holding up a small paw, and shivering. Both of them were overjoyed to see each other.

When Dudley had found himself alone and stuck in deep snow, (plus unable to see his master), Dudley was afraid. Dudley looked in the direction from which he had come. He knew that his master was also his helper, and was coming.

Dudley's strength was almost depleted by the cold. He wanted to snuggle in his master's embrace. He turned toward the sound of approaching footsteps.

After wondering where his help would come from... Dudley finally began to see. His master had come to help him. His master saw Dudley's cold paw and shivering body. The master would help.

Reaching down to rescue Dudley, his master saw how upset he was. But in the arms of his master, Dudley was no longer afraid. Dudley knew that he was safe, and that his master would always help him in times of trouble.

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COUNCIL OF CHURCHES NEWS

Submitted by Peggy Pearce



Icy conditions forced the January Council of Churches meeting to be rescheduled to February 13, at which time members met at the North Park Wesleyan Church.

Requests for assistance increased in January with seven requests for food and one for lodging. The requests in December 2021 were three for food and two for gas. At this time canned vegetables and fruit, beans, tuna fish, peanut butter, dry pasta and mac & cheese continue to be in good supply. “Helper” style meals (pasta, rice, potato), condiments, juice, cereal, snack food (bars, cookies, crackers) and cleaning supplies are less well supplied. Thank you to all who make this ministry possible with their donations.

A possible ecumenical Lenten-Easter observance using the format of the Thanksgiving-Advent service was discussed. It was decided to investigate creating a short video comprised of mini-messages from each church to be played on Easter morning. Final decision to be made at the March meeting.

The possibility of church tours has been raised by members of the Cuba Bicentennial Committee. A representative will attend the March meeting with more information.

Church representatives shared information from their congregations:

- Christ Episcopal—Father Rick Hamlin has retired. The Cuba Vestry has met with a person from the Rochester Diocese to discuss options for continuing service.
- Cuba First Baptist—The search for a full-time pastor continues. The new music director has restarted the choir.
- North Park Wesleyan—Ten teens attended the District Winter Retreat. An Easter “Eggstravaganza” and July Vacation Bible School are being planned.
- Our Lady of Angels—Father Dennis Mancuso will be leaving the Cuba area within six months although no definite date has been set as yet or replacement priest named.

The next meeting of the Council is Sunday, March 13 at Cuba First Baptist Church.

“Dudley Tails” continued from page 4

We also have a Master who will help us in difficulty.

Hebrews 13:6 says, “... the Lord is my helper. I will not be afraid.”

Psalms 46:1 says, “God is our... help in trouble.”

Psalms 121:1-2 says, “...where does my help come from? ... from the Lord.”

Psalms 59:16 says, “... you are my fortress, my refuge in times of trouble.”

PEACE

Awesome Wonder

The hymn writer famously wrote, “O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder, consider all the worlds thy hands have made I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder thy power throughout the universe displayed then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee how great thou art, how great thou art.” Have we lost a sense of awe and wonder in this world? For most of us, a normal day of life doesn’t leave us in awesome wonder. We pass by trees and grass, see the sun and moon every day, but they are all together ordinary, not awesome to us.



The Scriptures teach us that the natural world is not only God’s creation, but God’s revelation. Psa. 19:1 says, “The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.” In Rom. 1:19-20, “For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made.”

Have you ever wondered why God created everything in this world from the smallest ant to the Appalachian Mountains? The natural world is not merely the result of random, unguided processes, but is the masterpiece of God. The Bible tells us that every created thing reveals the glory of God. It is a sort of language by which God communicates with people that he exists and that he is glorious. We ought to be moved to worship, seeing God’s goodness, grace, power and creativity in the things around us. Nothing is ordinary in God’s world. The next time you take a walk in the forest and smell the dead leaves, sink your teeth into a delectable cheeseburger, stare out the window at the sparkling snow, play with your dog, or listen to the gentle chirping of crickets in a summer night – stand in awesome wonder and let your soul sing, “How great thou art!”

Peter Banfe

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Trustees Meeting Wednesday, March 9, 2022
6:00 pm

Management Team Meeting Wednesday,
March 9, 2022 6:45 pm

Sunday Worship Services
are streamed live
on our website,
www.cubaumc.org



and also on our Facebook Page
<https://www.facebook.com/Cuba-United-Methodist-Church-533879670015081>




**SUNDAY
WORSHIP
SERVICE
11:00 AM**



2022

**Bible Study on
Moses**

**Sundays at 9:30 am
in Adult Sunday
School Room**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Prayer Group 10:00 am	2  Ash Wednesday Service 6:00 pm	3	4	5
6 UMW Food Pantry Collection Bible Study 9:30 am	7	8 Prayer Group 10:00 am	9	10	11	12
13 Daylight Saving Time begins Bible Study 9:30 am	14	15 Prayer Group 10:00 am	16	17	18	19
20 Bible Study 9:30 am	21 April Newsletter Deadline Noon	22 Prayer Group 10:00 am	23	24	25	26
27 Bible Study 9:30 am Gil's Hills Offering UMCOR Sunday Offering	28	29	30	31		

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