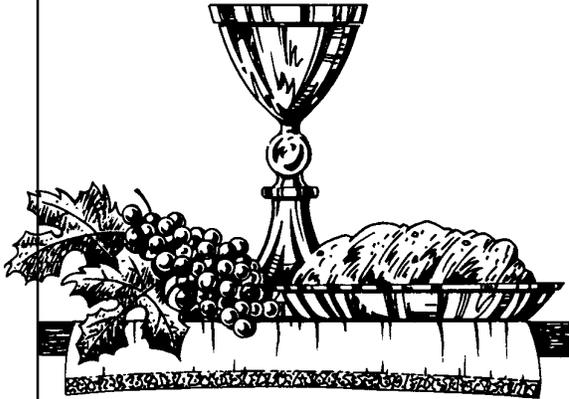


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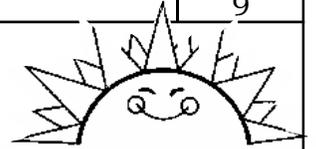


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The Lord's Table

Pastor Sunny's Rays



I have had almost as much trouble getting this newsletter article started as the spring is having in arriving here. (Please, Dear Lord, Let it come soon. Amen.) Then as Larry was in my office trying to help me come up with something, lo and behold, he picked up this book from my bookshelves. It was titled "Through the Eyes of Jesus", I took the book from him, read the poem that was written as the introduction and then banned him and phone calls from my office. Now my mind is awchirl with ideas or things I want to say, right now. So here it goes. First the introduction:

Just Imagine,

On some starry night, that you're in a sailing ship high in
God's heavens, traveling from galaxy to galaxy in the ocean of the universe.
Jesus is with you.

He shows you how to set the sails. He lets you try it by yourself.
The two of you stand together in the ship's bow, and watch.
Stars and comets pass quickly by on both sides.

You decide that here in the heavens, the word starboard fits better
as the name for a ship's right side than it did on earth.

Earth. Ah, yes. It seems so far away.

But once there was a time when you lived there.

And you know that once there was a time when Jesus did, too.

You wonder what those days were like for him. What did he enjoy looking at?
What did he like to listen to? What smells and tastes does he remember?

What did he touch and feel? What made him laugh?

What made him cry?

What was he always thinking about and praying about?

Jesus knows what's on your mind.

"Would you like me to tell you about it?" he asks.

His voice is warm and deep.

Yes, you really would.

He leans forward with his hands folded and his elbows on the rail.

You see silver starshine reflected in his eyes as he begins speaking.

And the story goes something like this.....

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Prayer Requests

Our World situation
The Rothfus Family



to those at other residences...

Cuba CMH:

Lucille Wildrick
Laura Clayton
Pearl Franklin

Eden Heights-Buffalo

Jane Wright

Waters of West Field

Dawn Durkee

Bath VA

John Visser

Absolut Houghton

John Lawton

Eden Heights of Olean

Evelyn Steen

Olean Pines

Adaline Wakefield

Military personnel and their families...

Nolan Searl
Luke Hitchcock
Bob Strong
MSgt Meredith Hubbard
Col. Patrick Frank
Major Reed Mohilewsky
Kevin Consedine
Donald Comstock
Shaine Cox
Colby Krug
Sgt. Major Holly Prafke



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

Quotes from John Wesley

"You will frequently see little fruit of all your labour. But leave that with Him. The success is His. The work only is yours."

April Celebrations

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 - Betty Malzahn
Samantha VanNess
- 2 - Harley Poore
- 3 - Patti Petroni
- 4 - Nicholas Kasperski
Colin Loftis
Jeremy Zeh
- 5 - Isabel Warren
- 6 - Marshall Allen
Jonnie Rothfus
Jennie Rothfus
- 9- Keith Pierce
- 10 - Christopher Knapp
Ed Rothfus
- 11 - Jennifer James
- 14 - Ayren Hewitt
- 15 - Adrienne Amundson
Sandra LaFever
April Mummery
- 16 - Joycelyn Riley
- 18 - Dale Dutton
Gracie Mouser
Jeanne Steen
- 19 - Jacob Burrows
Dale Miller
Thela Snow
- 20 - Corine Bump
Megan Torpey
- 21 - Jane Wright
- 22 - Sue Feldbauer
- 24 - Norm Ungerman
- 25 - John Freeman
Bobbi Woodruff
- 27 - Brian Hawks
Rifaat Nasser
- 28 - Ed German
Mary Hupp
Susan Shedlock
- 29 - Dick Karle



Anniversaries:

- 9 - Pete & Cherri Quattrini
- 14 - Kenneth & Brenda Wyant
- 16 - Gary & Joyce Enderle
- 19 - Chris & Kathleen Hulburt
- 27 - Elroy & Kelly Brickey



UMW NEWS

Submitted by Patti Petroni



The Cuba United Methodist Women's Meeting on Saturday, March 12, 2011

The women met on this morning and sat down to a delicious brunch provided by Judy Zayac and Lucinda Pierce. The meeting was called to order by co-presidents Maggie Watson and Patti Petroni. Discussion took place to eliminate the position of secretary. Judy Zayac was thanked for facilitating the Feb. meeting and submitting a write up for the newsletter.

All who are involved in the Prayer and Self Denial should be checking daily the sheets provided by Maggie and Judy. Sheets and envelopes are available on the ledge in the back of the church. Money is due to Barb Spateholts no later than May 14th.

New totes were purchased and are available for rummage goods. Check the "glory hole."

Sandy Tsujimoto is in charge of the "No Bake Sale" which is presently taking place and the proceeds will stay local in our food pantry. Kay Hayes is sewing new valances for the nursery. Maggie Watson is researching purchasing new mats for the kitchen and Judy Zayac and Patti Petroni will be taking a road trip to purchase "china" for the kitchen at some point. Kay Hayes took care of providing toiletries for Genesis House for the month of March and Mary Ann Pfouts will take care of this ministry for the month of June.

Patti spoke about the "Flower Power Fundraiser" supporting the Comfort House of Allegany County with many of the ladies eagerly willing to help, noting that the deadline is March 26th. The baby layette ministry will be put on hold until the fall.

Maggie, Patti, Cindy Dutton, and Shirley Mosher will be hosting a tea on the grounds of Chautauqua Institute at the Methodist House on July 26th. We have room for more women to join us so if you are interested see one of us to find out the details.

There will be no Mother's Day Banquet this year but we WILL provide a breakfast for the father's on Sunday, June 19th.

Our annual May rummage sale will be held on May 5-6-7.....please mark your calendars and help us out as much as possible that whole week. Many hands make light work. Sandy and Larry Latham will not be able to take our left over goods this year as they have for many years so this year we will haul the leftovers over to Angelica. If anyone has any other ideas please let us know. We are very thankful for all the years that Sandy and Larry helped us out.

Save this date: June 7th.....the ladies will be having dinner out someplace special. Sue Simmons is checking out a place for all the women interested in gathering for a good time of fellowship.

Last, but not least, Cindy Dutton has agreed to be in charge of coordinating funeral dinners. We say a great big THANK YOU to Sandy Allen, Jean Bowers, and Joyce Enderle who have done this for many, many years.

Our next meeting is Sat., April 9th with Doris Kellogg and Sue Simmons serving as hostesses. ***As always, all women of the church and community friends are welcome to join us in any of our activities.***

Dates to remember:

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|-----------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| March..... | No Bake Sale | May 21 st | Pampered Chef Party |
| April 9 th | UMW Meeting | June 7 th | Women's Dinner |
| May 2-7..... | Rummage Sale | June 19 th | Father's Day Breakfast |
| May 14 th | Prep for coffee hour | July 26 th | Tea at Chautauqua |
| | May 15 th | | Institute |



Pastor Sunny's Rays

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I would love to have the chance to ask those questions of him. In reality, I bet that when I get to heaven and get to sit with him and talk, I will be so overwhelmed by the peace and beauty of that heavenly kingdom I won't remember what it was I was going to ask him. I must admit that at this particular time of the year my questions for him are probably more at the forefront of my mind than at other times.

We will almost be at Holy Week by the time you receive this newsletter; it has often been my question in my heart and mind, "what must Jesus have felt that week?" One day they are waving Palm branches and shouting "HOSANNAS"; just a few short days later they are brutalizing him and screaming for his crucifixion. His followers have run away and are in hiding. The crowds are now spitting on him and rejoicing at every crack of the whip that is inflicting humiliation and agony upon him. You know if you listen to people talk about this time, it seems as if they almost solely hold the Jews responsible for his execution. It wasn't the Jews, folks, it was humanity.

As we approach Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and finally the resurrection, stop and ask some of his follower's questions. Then see if some of these answers fit us, his followers of today: we too have run away, but to greed, and our own self interest; we have turned our backs on those who are different; we are acting like children squabbling on the playground; we overlook those in need; we sit in judgment of others; we are pious and arrogant. If any of these answers fit you, hit your knees and pray for the forgiveness he has supplied for us.

May this Easter season be filled with the joy of resurrection life, with the peace of God and with the love of the heavenly kingdom for all of us, Jesus' followers. Remember, God loves you and so do we.

Pastor Sunny

Fun with Pastor Sunny

The first Saturday of each month, beginning in June, Pastor Sunny is inviting all kids from age 6 to 11 to come to have lunch and a movie with Pastor Sunny. The menus will consist of things like: pizza, hot dogs, burgers, chips, cookies, veggie sticks, pop, juice, milk and water, etc. All we ask is that you call or sign up to let us know you are coming. Our first movie will be "Second Hand Lion". We will also do things other than movies, ie, roller skating, playing games outside, swimming, and tons of other fun things. We will start at noon and should be done by 3:00 p.m.

Teens, you haven't been left out. On the third Saturdays of the month we will offer you the same opportunity. We could have not only movies and such, we could have WII tournaments. There will be all sorts of things to do. Age range for this group is 12 to 18. Again all we ask is that you let us know you are coming.

Hope to see all your smiling faces there!



Thank You

Liturgist

- 3: Cindy Dutton
- 10: Rob Cornell
- 17: Jasmyn Dorsey
- 24: Patti Petroni

Ushers

Red Hatters

Acolytes

- 3: Nick Berardi
- 10: Dominic Berardi
- 17: Andrew Clement
- 24: Katelyn Cornell

Coffee Hour—April 10

Cindy & Dale Dutton
Deb Battistoni

Children's Moments

- 3: **Reserved for you!!**
- 10: **Reserved for you!!**
- 17: Kay Hayes
- 24: **Reserved for you!!**

Nursery

- 3: **Reserved for you!!**
- 10: **Reserved for you!!**
- 17: **Reserved for you!!**
- 24: Rob Cornell

Greeters

- 3: **Reserved for you!!**
- 10: Rob Cornell & Kevin Kranock
- 17: **Reserved for you!!**
- 24: Mayme Giles

Altar Flowers

No Altar Flowers during Lent

24: Easter

Sign-up sheets are always located in the back of the Sanctuary. We have a lot of blank spaces, **So hurry up and sign up today!!!**



OUR
CHURCH
COOKBOOK

FROZEN CHEESE SALAD

Phyllis Hodge
(Grandma Alice L. Rowley)

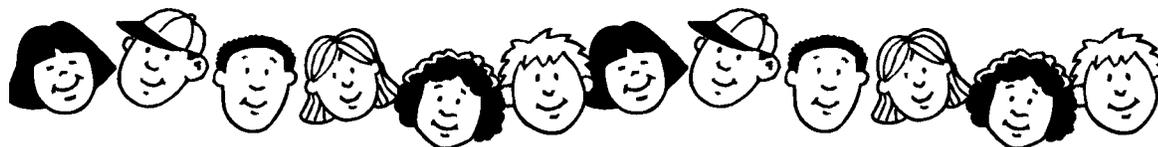
6 oz. or 2 small pkg. cream cheese
1 cup heavy cream, whipped
Pinch of salt
1/2 can fruit cocktail, drained

2/3 cup mayonnaise (not salad dressing)
4 TBS sugar
12 Maraschino cherries, chopped
1/2 can crushed pineapple

Blend cream cheese, mayonnaise and whipped cream, add salt & chopped cherries, then the pineapple & fruit. Mix well. Put in 8" X 8" or 9" X 9" dish. Put in freezer for 12 hours.



Additional observance for the season of Lent includes Lenten Luncheons, which continue until April 20th during Holy Week. Lunch and devotions begin each day at 12:00 noon.



Summer Shanigans...A Different Kind of VBS !!!

This year's VBS is going to look a little bit different. For six Fridays during the months of July and August, from 1-3 p.m., children of middle school ages (children going into sixth grade and/or entering ninth grade) are going to be doing some outreach experiences in a variety of ways. These outreach experiences include community service projects, reaching out to other children not attending our church as well as recreation activities. Plans thus far include: bowling, canoeing, sailing, community clean-up, maintaining flower boxes located in downtown Cuba (movies, various games, snacks, refreshments are planned for those rainy days.) If you are interested in helping out in any way, please contact Sandy Tsujimoto at the Cuba UMC. Schedules dates are: July 15, 22, 29 and August 5, 12, 26.

Hope to see you at the Cuba United Methodist Church this summer!

**Message from Rev. Rob Visscher
Mission Central Executive Director**

Greetings, Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

As the Pacific Disaster stemming from the massive earthquake and tsunami in Japan unfolds, the United Methodist Church is reacting through UMCOR. It remains a developing situation that changes hour-by-hour.

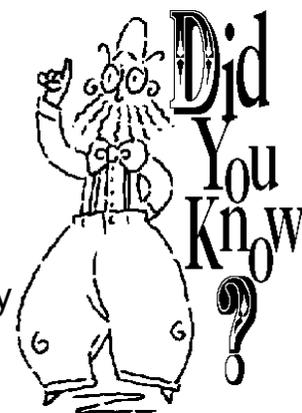
While Mission Central has not been contacted to respond directly, we are ready to help in any way that we are asked.

You can help in the church wide response in two ways: One, through your prayers for all those who are affected, and two, by making a financial contribution to UMCOR. You can make your contributions through their web site, Pacific Emergency, UMCOR Advance #3021317.

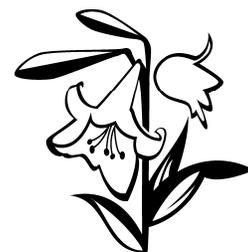
We will keep you posted from Mechanicsburg as the situation develops.

In the meantime, I ask you to hold the people of Japan in your prayers and seek God's direction for our appropriate response to their need.

Grace and Peace,
Rob Visscher



*Submitted by
Dean Wildrick*



Communion Breakfast

The Communion Breakfast will be held at the Friendship United Methodist Church on Saturday, April 16, 2011 beginning at 9 am and continuing until around noon. There is a service followed by a breakfast. There is a sign-up sheet on the UMW bulletin board in the hallway. The service scheduled for our church the same day and time has been cancelled. BUT we will be hosting the breakfast NEXT year in 2012. This will be discussed further at the April 9th meeting for those wishing to attend and possibly car pooling to this event in Friendship.



United
Methodist
Women

Choir Notes

Adult choir rehearsals: April 6, 13, 20 and 24 at 7 pm

Youth choir

Youth needed to sing Easter Sunday.

Rehearsals will be April 6 and 20 at 6:30 pm

See Maggie Watson or call her at 968-1792



Hope to see you at the next one!

April 30th—5:30PM



GAMENIGHT



CHURCH WORLD SERVICE

Church World Service at work in Japan earthquake, tsunami

Church World Service (CWS) is providing emergency relief to 25,000 people now living at 100 evacuation sites in the northeast area of Japan. We are focusing on evacuation sites where basic needs of food, water, sanitation, electricity and fuel are not being met.

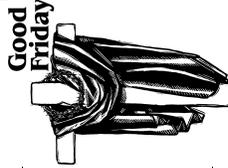
The CWS response will include ready-to-eat food, sanitation kits, including napkins and soap to fill significant sanitation and hygiene gaps.

Learn more in our full appeal at www.churchworldservice.org or text CWS to 50555 to donate \$10.



APRIL 2011



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | | 1 | 2 |
| 3 Worship 10:00am One Room Sunday School 11:15 | 4 5 Ad Council 6:00 Brown Bag Bible Study (BBBS) 11:45am | 6 Youth Choir 6:30 Choir 7:00 PM Lenten Luncheon 12:00 Noon | 7 | 8 | 9 | Kung Fu 6-8am Kung Fu 6-8am UMW 10:00am |
| 10 Worship 10:00am One Room Sunday School 11:15 | 11 12 BBBS 11:45 AF Deadline noon Finance Team 6:00 pm | 13 Choir 7:00 PM Lenten Luncheon 12:00 Noon | 14 | 15 | 16 | Kung Fu 6-8am |
| 17 Worship 10:00am One Room Sunday School 11:15 | 18 Newsletter Deadline | 19 Brown Bag Bible Study 11:45am | 20 Youth Choir 6:30 Choir 7:00 PM Lenten Luncheon 12:00 Noon | 21  Service 7:00pm | 22  | 23 Kung Fu 6-8am Angel Food Distribution 9am |
| 24 Worship 10am SS 11:45am  | 25 Trustees 7:00pm | 26 Brown Bag Bible Study 11:45am | 27 Choir 7:00 PM | 28 | 29 | 30 Kung Fu 6-8am Game Night 5:30pm |

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"The air is like a butterfly
With frail blue wings.
The happy earth looks at the sky
And sings."

- Joyce Kilmer, *Spring*