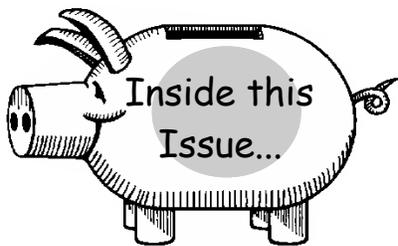


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KNOWING JESUS THE GOOD SHEPHERD & SHARING THE RISEN CHRIST WITH ALL.

Bishop Webb's Easter Message

But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, He has been raised from the dead' ..." (Matthew 28:5-7)

This is the good news of our faith. This is the good news for our world! Jesus is alive. Jesus defeated sin and death, and because Jesus lives, we too can know the fullness of life offered by God. During the 40 days of Lent, we have examined our lives, examined the ministry of Jesus and have made our way, once again, to the cross and the work of forgiveness and salvation found in that ultimate act of sacrifice. While the cross is vital in our faith and theology, the work of the cross is completed in the reality of the empty tomb. We are a forgiven people; we are a saved people, AND we are people of resurrection.

What does it mean to be a people of resurrection?

One of the many online dictionaries defines resurrection in this way:

1. The act of rising from the dead or returning to life.
2. The state of one who has returned to life.
3. The act of bringing back to practice, notice, or use; revival.

People of resurrection are people who by faith in Jesus Christ receive the promise that sin and death no longer have power. The barriers are gone, not because of something we have done or not done, but because of what Jesus has done! God's amazing grace led Jesus to the cross and propelled Jesus from the grave. The power that brought Jesus back to life is available to us – it brings our spiritually dead selves back to life! People of resurrection allow the reality of the empty tomb to become the reality within their lives.



People of resurrection are people who go quickly into the world and share the hope of life with others. As we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, we must choose to allow the power and truth of the resurrection to move us from a celebration of faith to a revival of faith. Resurrection transforms us SO THAT we may be used in God's work of transforming the world.

You see, a true Easter faith, a true response to the empty tomb, is found in allowing our lives to be renewed, revived and changed in such a way that we become relevant within the world and boldly proclaim to others the truth, reality and power of resurrection!

The world is filled with despair, hopelessness, suffering and injustice. The message of the resurrection offers something different, something new. Those who claim to be people of the resurrection have a vital task, a great commission of making sure that the message of hope, justice and life is spoken and lived louder than any other message.

As we celebrate another Easter, may we wrestle with the question of what it means to be a people of resurrection. May God empower us to more fully live the reality of who we are – for our sake and for the sake of the world around us.

Jesus is alive! Let's join Him in living the life offered, because the tomb is empty!

Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Happy Easter!

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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

CUBA CMH

Lucille Wildrick
Pearl Franklin

WATERS OF WESTFIELD

Dawn Durkee

OLEAN PINES

Adaline Wakefield

EDEN HEIGHTS-

OLEAN

Evelyn Steen

Military personnel and their families...

Erik Beatty
Benny Cartin (in States)
Dylan Matijas
Steven Moore
Christopher Sirianni
John Curtis Quattrini (in 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. 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, call Sandy Lathrop at 585-968-91531.

Others to keep in prayer:

- Tim Bushnell
- Chuck Brooks
- Becky Calarco
- Ray Climie
- John Culbert
- Greg Franklin
- Mike Gibbons
- Kathy Glover
- Tyler Griffon
- Norma Guinnip
- Karen Hessney
- Kelly Hitchcock
- Richard Karle
- James Kellogg
- Rolly Miles
- Mina (Doris Wyant's sister)
- Elizabeth Morris
- Joanie O'Brien
- Keith Pierce
- Charles Rogers
- Starry Sherwood
- Jean Switalski
- Lola Wilson



April Anniversaries

16 - Gary & Joyce Enderle



Statistics

Needed: \$1,657.75

Date	Worship	Offering
3/3	36	\$2,339.50
3/10	29	\$1,363.00
3/17	28	\$ 974.00
3/24	38	\$1,444.00

April Birthdays

- 2 - Harley Poore
- 4 - Jeremy Zeh
- 6 - Marshall Allen
Jonnie Rothfus
Jennie Rothfus
- 9- Keith Pierce
- 10 - Ed Rothfus
- 15 - Sandra LaFever
- 18 - Dale Dutton
- 19 - Thela Snow



April Helping Hands

Ushers

Mike & Marjanne Kunz

Greeters

- 4/7 *Open for you*
- 4/14 *Open for You*
- 4/21 *Open for You*
- 4/28 *Open for You*

Acolyte

- 4/7 Josh Tsujimoto or Josh Enderle
- 4/14 Josh Tsujimoto or Josh Enderle
- 4/21 Josh Tsujimoto or Josh Enderle
- 4/28 Josh Tsujimoto or Josh Enderle

Altar Guild

Cindy Dutton

Coffee Hour



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

UMW NEWS

Submitted by Judy Zayac

The United Methodist Women met on Saturday, March 16th at 10:00 for brunch and business meeting. We discussed making disbursements of the funds raised in 2012. In 2012 we made donations in the amount of \$1300 and donated toiletries to Genesis House. Those donations included \$100 to the Cuba Food Pantry, \$200 to Summer Shenanigans, and \$1000 to four families for Christmas. We have decided to fulfill the pledge to local mission (CUMC), and send funds to Red Bird Mission and Church World Service. We will keep a safe amount in the treasury to cover any bereavement dinners and wedding and baby gifts as needed until we see how the first Trash & Treasures Sale goes in May.

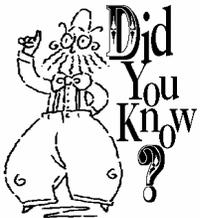
We will be asking the entire congregation to lend a helping hand for the sale which we plan to hold on May 9th to 11th. We will have the Thursday sale from 6-8:00 p.m., Friday from 9-11, and the bag sale on Saturday from 9-12 with clean up afterward.

We will be participating in the Prayer and Self Denial program for the month of May and will do a "no bake" sale in June. Claire has offered to send cheer cards for the group. (THANK YOU CLAIRE!!!)

We discussed whether a different meeting time might bring in more women. We will try by meeting at 5:30 on June 12th with a soup and sandwich meal. We hope all the women of the church will join us.



DYK: Submitted by Dean Wildrick



"The United Methodist Committee on Relief has expanded its reach after two years of working with partner agencies, including Church World Service, to meet immediate needs for the people affected by the tsunami and nuclear plant disaster. One of UMCOR's new efforts involves sending sunflower seeds to growers outside of Fukushima to gain five to 10 tons of seeds produced in non-contaminated areas."



Thank you to the volunteers from our church who deliver Meals on Wheels to 15-20 individuals every Friday. Volunteering in the first quarter of 2013 were: Deb Battistoni, Ray Climie, Dale & Cindy Dutton, Mike Kunz, Louis Petroni, Sandy & Josh Tsujimoto, Cheryl & Dean Wildrick. If you are interested in this rewarding ministry that takes about an hour mid day on Fridays, let Cindy Dutton know.

Administrative Council Notes

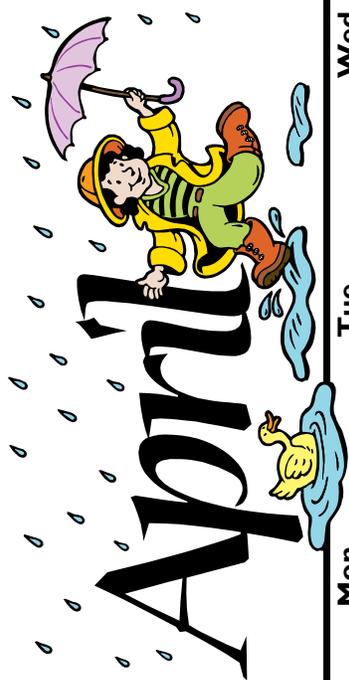
Submitted by Paul Tsujimoto

Some Points Discussed at the March Meeting:

- ◆ We have a new organist
- ◆ Finances are stable, but could be better (especially with a full time organist)
- ◆ The troublesome middle boiler seems to be fixed.
- ◆ Sandy Allen will start a Sunday School and will need congregational help.
- ◆ Trustees are ordering some more cushioned floor mats for the kitchen. Thanks to the UMW and other committees.
- ◆ We would like to ask the congregation to reach out to the departed members of the church and invite them back.



The UMW is having their Spring Trash & Treasures Sale May 9- 11. Please clean out your closets and bring used clothing and other treasures to the church.



April 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6 Kung Fu 6-8:00 am
7 Worship 9:00 a.m. Communion	8	9	10	11	12	13 Kung Fu 6-8:00 am
14 Worship 9:00 a.m.	15 Finance 6 pm Ad Council 7 pm	16	17	18	19	20 Kung Fu 6-8:00 am
21 Worship 9:00 a.m.	22 Trustees 7pm	23	24	25	26	27 Kung Fu 6-8:00 am
28 Worship 9:00 a.m. AIM offering	29	30				

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April Showers

"Thou waterest the ridges thereof abundantly: thou settlest the furrows thereof: thou makest it soft with showers: thou blissett the springing thereof. Psalm 65:10"

When April skies begin to frown,
And the cold rain comes peltin' down,
We must not grumble nor complain,
Nor idly say, we hate the rain.

God sends the rain; the dusty ground
It softens in the fields around;
The moisture every plant receives,
And springs afresh in flowers and leaves.

Should God forbid the showers to fall,
Nor send us any rain at all,
The ground would all grow hard and dry,
And every living plant would die.

All things would starve and perish then—
No food for birds, nor beasts, nor men;
Then do not murmur, nor complain,
God, in His goodness, sends the rain.

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