

# The Shepherd's Messenger



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

FROM  
Pastor  
Burt

## "What's So Special About Easter?"

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

Here's one you'll enjoy -

A group of 4 yr. olds were gathered in a church school class. The teacher asked the class, "Does anyone know what today is?" One little girl said, "Yes, it's Palm Sunday."

"Very good" said the teacher. "And does anyone know what next Sunday is?"

The same little girl said, "Yes, next Sunday is Easter!"

The teacher was very pleased with the little girl. She then said, "Does anyone else know what makes Easter so special?" No one said anything, so the little girl that answered the first 2 questions raised her hand.

She said, "Well, next Sunday is Easter because Jesus rose from the dead..."

And before the teacher could compliment her, she kept on talking, "... But if he SEES HIS SHADOW, he has to go back in for 7 weeks!"

I think she may have had her holidays kind of mixed up. What about you? Reality is - Jesus was raised from the dead that first Easter, and His church continues to remember it with beginning our week with a Resurrection Celebration every Sunday morning.

Eastertide affords us a time to truly reflect on what it is that makes Easter special! To praise God for his victory over sin and death with - Alleluia, Alleluia!

Christ the Lord is Risen!  
Risen Indeed!

That's what makes it Special!

*Pastor Burt*

**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

THE PINES IN MACHIAS

\*Laura Clayson

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

Brandon Snyder - Afghanistan



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:**

- Chuck Brooks
- Laura Clayson
- Veronica Clayson
- \*Ray Climie
- Braden Currier
- Zach Deschler
- Sid Emmons
- \*Art Higby
- Stephanie LaFever
- Bruce Metler
- Thomas Morris
- \*Keith Pierce
- Kerigan Pierce
- \*Lucinda Pierce
- Ann Santagelo
- Leroy Sherwood
- \*Alice Sweet
- Laroy Spateholts
- \*Buster Van Valkenburgh
- \*Connie Wandall
- Wally Watson
- Ken Wyant



*\*Sue Simmons, UMW's Cheer Person, sends cards one a month to these people.*



- 4 - Jeremy Zeh
- 6 - Marshall Allen  
Jonnie Rothfus  
Jennie Rothfus
- 9- Keith Pierce
- 10- Christine Berardi  
Ed Rothfus
- 15 - Sandra LaFever
- 18 - Dale Dutton
- 19 - Thela Snow
- 22 - Sue Feldbauer
- 24- Norm Ungermann
- 27 - Brian Hawks
- 28 - Mary Hupp

**Statistics**

**Needed: \$1,657**

Date	Worship	SS	Offering
2/28	45	18	\$1,056.00
		Rothfus	\$ 149.00
3/6	36	12	\$1,889.00
		Rothfus	\$ 20.00
3/13	44	16	\$1,024.50
3/20	51	8	\$1,344.00
3/24	31	-	100.00
(Maundy Thursday)			
3/27 Easter	72	4	\$1,602.00

**April Helping Hands**

Ushers:

Dean & Cheryl Wildrick



Greeters:

- 4/3 Open for you
- 4/10 Open for you
- 4/17 Open for you
- 4/24 Open for you

Acolyte:

- 4/3
- 4/10
- 4/17
- 4/24

Coffee Hour:

4/17 Red Hats

Altar Guild

Thela Snow



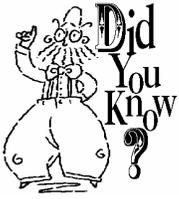
APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

27 - Elroy & Kelly Brickey



**If you have a need for prayer, call the prayer chain.**

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

**DYK:***Submitted by Dean Wildrick*

Mission Central at work:

"I am a volunteer with the American Foundation for Children with AIDS, based out of Harrisburg, PA. In addition to sending life-saving medicine, we also send 4 or 5 cargo containers full of medical supplies and equipment to our partner clinics in Africa each year. Mission Central is one of our biggest suppliers of medical supplies. I make the trip to Mission Central in Mechanicsburg about once a month to pick up hospital beds, adult diapers, sterile operating drapes, crutches, canes, wheel chairs, potty-seats and orthopedic supplies. Ray Harden and Jean Norris know what AFCA needs and these items are held for us until the time when I can come to pick them up. These two people are our 'eyes and ears on the inside' for AFCA. Last summer, a doctor's office closed down and all of the supplies ended up at Mission Central. There must have been over 150 boxes of supplies. I received a call that these items were up for grabs so I arrived at Mission Central the very next day, gathering the things most useful to AFCA. What makes this situation so special is this came at a time when AFCA was desperate for supplies and we were thinking about postponing the next container. However, due to Mission Central's flood of supplies, we were able to send that container right on schedule. As always, God's timing is perfect!"



Do you know of someone who needs a note of cheer? Someone who might be sick, in the hospital, has a birthday, or has a loved one who has passed away?

If you do, please call **Sue Simmons at 585-968-1135**. She is the UMW's **Cheer person**. She sends out cards to those in need of some cheer, so please contact her to let her know.



**Joyce Enderle** passed away on March 10, 2016. A Memorial Service will be held at the church on Sat. April 16, 2016 at 1:00 PM with visitation before starting at 11:00 AM.

**We are making good progress on the membership audit** we started in March. Due to the efforts of many, we have been able to reduce our list of 45 members, for whom we had no address, to 16 Thank you to all who have helped.



If you know addresses for any of the following, please tell Peggy Pearce (585-968-3066):

Joseph Boldt, Hattie Smith, Lisa Worthington DiPaola Cummins, Katherine "Kay" Hays, Ann Hayward, Will Landon, Shannon Storms Lipka, Douglas Lopes, Douglas Moses, April Mummery, Jacquelyn Bowker Nassar, June Odell, Tammy Huey Parker, Sandy Quant Pickert, Cathy Flower Schleigh, Betty Stroup Smith.

Again, my sincere thanks to all who have supplied information.

*Peggy Pearce*



### Dudley Tales

You may have been wondering, "What has Dudley been up up lately? In the last month (Feb.) he had to take a couple weeks off to be neutered and to recover. He had a bit of a set-back when he had to wear an opaque cone over his head (for a week). This was so that he did not lick his stitches. Wearing the cone crushed his spirit because he thought I was angry with him. That I was punishing him.

just like Dudley, we may go through unhappy times and think that our master is angry with us. It is difficult to understand what is happening to us. It is then that we must wait faithfully and rely upon what we know about our master's love. It will be revealed to us again.

Dudley is well again. He realizes that I love him and always have. He is again faithfully visiting those who are sad, lonely, or not 100% well. And he continues to be rewarded for a job well done.



Dudley 5/21/2015



We need a few year-end directories to put in the church historical files: 2005, 2006, 2007, and 2011. If anyone is willing to donate one of these directories, please see Peggy Pearce.

## Adult Sunday School Class



## Adult Sunday School Studies with Cheryl

### Prophecy # 5: The savior will be a descendant of Abraham

Many people today enjoying tracing their ancestry. They like to know who they have descended from. The Jewish people kept very detailed records of their history. The priests had to have a pure ancestry dating back to the first priest: Aaron, (the brother of Moses). And, Jewish lines were to remain “pure”. (Jews should only marry Jews.) It is not unusual then, that the promised Savior would trace his lineage all the way back to Abraham.

God had told Abraham, “All peoples on earth will be blessed through you.” (Gen. 12:13) This referred to the coming Savior who would be a blessing to the world. Abraham finally had a son with Sarah in his old age. They named him Isaac.

When Isaac grew up, God said to him, “through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed .” (Gen. 26:4-5) Isaac married Rebecca and they had twins. So the godly line continued .

Jacob was the younger twin and Esau was the older, but because God had said, “the older will serve the younger,” (Gen. 25:23)... God chose Jacob and said, “all peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring.” (Gen. 28:146) Jacob was renamed, “Israel”.

Judah was one of the Twelve Tribes (sons) of Israel (Jacob). When his father gave a prophecy to each of these sons, he told Judah that, “The scepter will not depart from Judah nor the ruler’s staff... until (Christ) comes (to whom it belongs.)” (Gen. 49:10). Judah was chosen to be in the lineage that led to Christ Jesus. Judah’s offspring would pass down the lineage of a king and ruler until the true king and ruler of the world would appear.

This godly lineage eventually led to David (shepherd boy, slayer of Goliath, musician, psalmist, warrior and second king of the Jewish nation.) God promised David that he would always have a descendant upon the throne. (2 Sam. 7:16). Eventually it would be Christ.

Solomon was David’s son who became the third king of the united Jewish nation. God blessed him with wisdom and riches for years. But because of his sin, (in later life) his sons fought over who would be the next king. Soon the kingdom was divided, and eventually the Jews were defeated by their enemies, and taken away from the Promised Land. Solomon’s lineage eventually led to Joseph, (earthly father of Jesus.)

Joseph provided the legal title for Jesus in his lineage. However Nathan, (another son of David,) was the ancestor of Mary (the mother of Jesus). Because Mary physically carried and birthed Jesus... his physical claim to the throne of David (and also to being the Messiah) came through Mary.

The Jews had looked for their Messiah and Savior for generations. Yet they did not believe who he was when he came. Jesus fulfilled the prophecy.

So, the prophecy of the savior being the descendant of Abraham was literal, and the prophecy came true.

**UMW MEETING MARCH 19**

*Submitted by Shirley Poore*

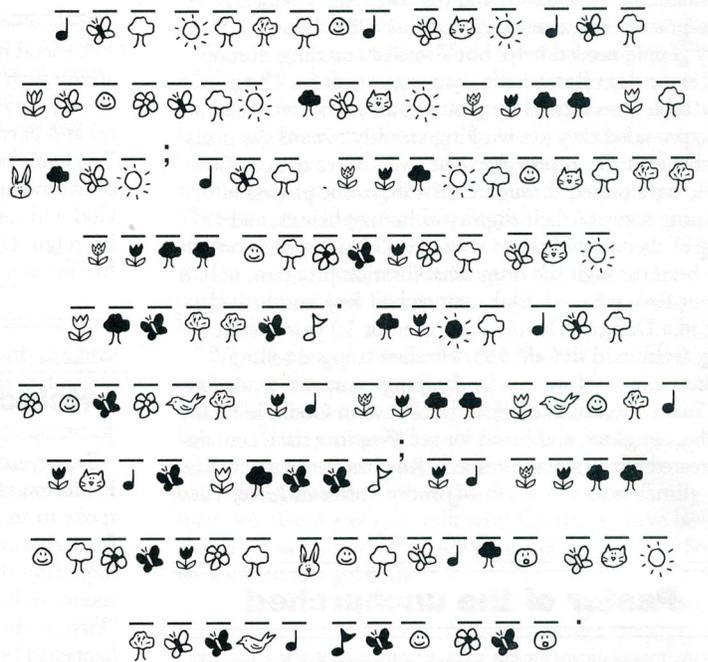
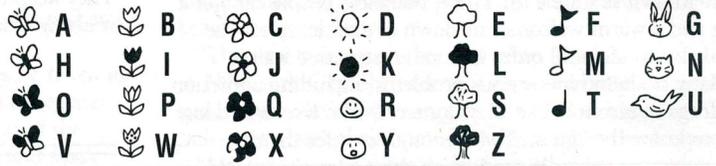


- Sue, Doris & Shirley furnished refreshments.  
Thela opened meeting with a Prayer  
Were 11 ladies in attendance.
- Shirley read Minutes of last meeting.  
Ruth gave the Treasuries Report,  
Have \$2026.83, plus \$156 to be deposited.
- We are going to send \$150.00  
United Methodist Women's 100 year old  
fund.  
And also to--Henderson Mission
- Sue does the Giant receipts.  
It is up to the Church where the money  
go's.  
She will chair the Prayer & Self Denial in  
May.
- In June will do the "No Bake Sale"
- We will have Rummage Sale in May.  
If you have things you want to bring to  
Church, They can go into the "Glory Hole",  
or the last Sunday Class room.
- Sunday-May first- will ask for help after  
Church to get out & set up tables.  
Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday, will un  
pack & set up for sale.  
On Tuesday evening will be someone there  
from- 6:30-8:00- PM to bring things in.  
Hours will be-- Thursday 6:00-8:00 PM  
Friday 11:00-2:00 Saturday Bag sale-  
9:00-12:00.  
There will be sign up sheets in Church for  
name & times you can help.
- We did some cleaning in kitchen.
- There Will be no Meeting in April.

**Isaiah 35:1-2**

One sign of spring and rebirth is the appearance of flowers and plants in our yards, woods, fields and gardens.

Use the code to find this verse in Isaiah that reminds us of spring and rebirth.



The desert and the parched land will be glad; the wilderness will rejoice and blossom. Like the crocus, it will burst into bloom; it will rejoice greatly and shout for joy.

**QUICK FRUIT SALAD**

Sandy LaFever



**Recipe**  
FROM THE  
**Cuba UMC**  
Cook Book

- 1 cantaloupe
- 1 small jar maraschino cherries  
(drained)
- 1 cup pineapple chunks (drained)
- 1 cup mandarin oranges (drained)
- 1 banana sliced
- 1 can (21 oz) peach pie filling

In a medium bowl, combine all fruit. Stir in peach pie filling, blend well. Chill at least one hour before serving. (Proportions of fruit can be varied without additional pie filling).



WORSHIP  
SERVICE  
SUNDAY  
11:00 AM

# April 2016



SUNDAY SCHOOL  
10:00 AM  
ADULT: 9:50 AM  
CONFIRMATION CLASS  
9:45 am - 10:30 am

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> UMW Food Pantry Collection	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Prayer Group 10 am- 11 am	<b>6</b> Management Team 6:30 pm Choir Practice 7:00 pm	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Prayer Group 10 am- 11 am @ Church	<b>13</b> Choir Practice 7:00 pm	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> Coffee Hour after worship	<b>18</b> May Newsletter Deadline	<b>19</b> Prayer Group 10 am- 11 am @ Church	<b>20</b> Choir Practice 7:00 pm	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> Rothfus Offering	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Prayer Group 10 am- 11 am @ Church	<b>27</b> Choir Practice 7:00 pm	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>

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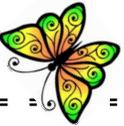
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## THE SIGNATURE OF SPRING



I stand by my window and breath the fresh air,  
I notice Spring's signature penned everywhere:

The snow's disappearing beneath greening grass,

While buds and green sprouts are emerging at last.

New plumage embellishes birds on the wing,

And a fresh note of joy sparks each song that they sing.

An early Spring shower pours droplets of white,

As a wintering cloud slowly makes it's last flight.

In wakening woods I can hear peepers sing;

Redundant their songs, yet as new as each Spring.

As I stand by my window and breath God's fresh air,

I rejoice in Spring's signature penned everywhere.

*Loise Pinkerton*