

The Shepherd's Messenger



Easter Message
 from Pastor
 Burt



“In The Garden”

...but Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. They asked her, “Woman, why are you crying?” “They have taken my Lord away,” she said, “and I don't know where they have put him.” At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus. “Woman,” he said, “why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?” Thinking he was the gardener, she said, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him.” Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means Teacher). John 20:11-16

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

Mary must have had a multitude of feelings as she stood weeping outside the garden tomb that first Easter morning. Over the last few days, she had seen the horrible, painful death of Jesus, and her faith in a God of goodness and love had to be wavering. However, these actions were not the last word on Jesus. As she stood weeping, a man, dressed as a gardener, appeared to her. The gardener spoke her name and she turned to see Jesus. In that moment - the world changed!

LIFE HAD CONQUERED DEATH
 AND HOPE CONQUERED DESPAIR!

This was a sign of the power and victory of God. And it proclaims a word of hope in the face of evil, sin, tragedy and death. Jesus had promised, “Because I live, you shall live also!” Scripture reminds us that Jesus was buried in a garden, - and it was in a garden that Adam and Eve committed the first sin and disobeyed God.

I wonder if God was saying to us - What happened in Eden was reversed - wiped away at Calvary! Was Jesus (the gardener) saying to Mary, “I'm restoring the garden and all that God intended for humanity in creation. Resurrection of Jesus meant salvation for us. In a way it all began IN THE GARDEN!

“And He walks with me and He talks with me and He tells me I am His own, and the joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known.”

Have a joyful Easter!

Pastor Burt

The Garden”



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

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
- Bob Clayson
- Luke Fries
- June Ink
- Jackie McKeel
- Mark Middaugh
- Derwood Say
- Laroy Spateholts
- 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!*



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



- 9 - Pete & Cherri Quattrini
- 27- Elroy & Kelly Brickey

Statistics Needed: \$1,739

Date	Worship	SS	Offering
2/26	36	15	\$1,673.33
2/26		Rothfus	\$ 50.00
2/26		Naomi	\$ 20.00
Ash Wed.	28		
3/5	46	20	\$1,873.00
		Naomi	\$ 58.00
3/12	48	20	\$2,290.10
3/12		Naomi	\$ 400.00
3/19	39	15	\$ 945.00
3/19		Rothfus	\$ 20.00
3/26	46	13	\$1,949.00
		Rothfus	\$ 110.00

April Helping Hands

Usher:

Jim Travis



Pianist:

Christine Berardi

Organist:

Jonathan Denham

Altar Guild:

Thela Snow



Shirley Pugh passed away March 10, 2017 at the age of 91. She was a member of Cuba UMC and had moved to Colchester, CT to be closer to her children.

A memorial celebrating her life will be held at 1 PM, Saturday, May 20 at the Palmer Opera House in Cuba.

Kay L. Cummings passed away March 15 at Oneida Healthcare. She was a member of Cuba UMC. There were no services. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

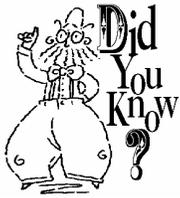


If you have a prayer request, call the prayer chain.

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

DYK:

Submitted by Dean Wildrick



The Upper New York Conference Nominations & Leadership Development Team is seeking gifted, passionate, and committed women and men to serve on various Conference committees, boards, commissions and teams, and has developed an application form for those who are interested in being considered. Conference members are invited to offer their future service to the Church through the Conference by completing an "Opportunities to Serve" form online indicating how you might like to serve.

serve.

UMW MEETING

Submitted by Shirley Poore



Our March meeting was cancelled, due to no power. We will be having rummage Sale first week in May, so save any good items you have for it. Our next meeting will be April 15. Ruth will be making her reminder calls.



The Sermon
of the Lilies

In the beauty of the lilies
We can see the love of God.
They without a conscious effort
Rise - supreme above the sod -
Clothed in tints of radiant glory
Fed by springs and from above,
Each a message of Creation,
Each a symbol of his love.

Dear Church Family,

I would like to thank you for saving your Giant Receipts.

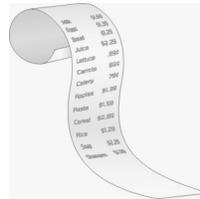
Thank you also to Mr. Berardi for taking part in this program.

We have to save \$10,000.00 and we earn \$1/500. Which is very nice as otherwise we would throw them out. The money then goes in the church treasury.

We have earned \$69.78 so far this year. I'm now in the process of totaling up some more tapes.

Keep saving them.

Sue Simmons



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**.

BOSTON SCROD

Cindy Dutton

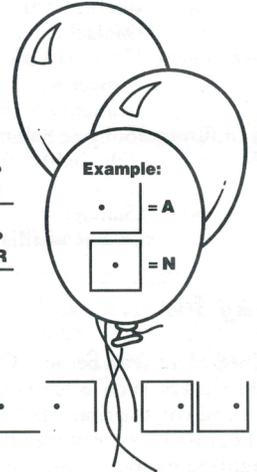
2 pieces of fresh cod or haddock
Salt and pepper
Season cod with S & P. Cover with foil and bake at 350° for 10 min. Uncover and evenly pat on a mixture of:

- 1/3 cup soft butter
- 3/4 cup dry bread crumbs
- 1 tsp dry mustard
- 1/2 tsp onion salt
- Dash Worcestershire and Tabasco
- 2 TBS lemon juice
- 1 TBS chopped parsley

Broil 5-7 minutes, or bake 12 minutes 350°, until fish is lt. brown and flakes.



In Spring we have much to celebrate: new life, warmer weather, Easter! There are many ways to celebrate! In Bible days the people celebrated special times also.



Use the code to find some ways Bible people celebrated.

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ABC	DEF	GHI
•••	•••	•••
JKL	MNO	PQR
•••	•••	•••
STU	VWX	YZ

Word search grid containing words related to Bible celebrations, such as 'Easter', 'Spring', 'Bible', 'celebrate', 'times', 'ways', 'people', 'celebrated', 'special', 'times', 'also'.

Nehemiah 12:27



HOLY WEEK

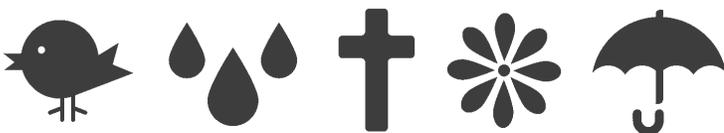
Passion/Palm Sunday April 9 11:00 AM

Maundy Thursday April 13 7:00 PM

Easter April 16 11:00 AM

Answers:

With songs of thanksgiving and with the music of cymbals, harps and lyres.



Adult Sunday School Class



Adult Sunday School Studies with Cheryl

PROPHECY #17: Characteristics of Jesus' Coming Kingdom

When Jesus talked with his disciples, He often spoke about the "Coming Kingdom". The disciples believed that Jesus was the Jewish Messiah who had come to free them from Roman rule and sit on a throne himself. They believed that they would receive material blessings too. But ... it was not time yet.

One day Jesus saw crowds of people approaching, and he went up on a mountainside to sit and teach them. What He said became known as the "Sermon on the Mount". It contained the prophecy of, (and the ethical principles of) the future spiritual Kingdom. (Matthew Chapters 5-7 and Luke 6:20-49) The Sermon on the Mount contained the Beattitudes.

The Kingdom that Jesus spoke about required the practice of ethical principles... and only people who were qualified would enter. Who is qualified to enter the Kingdom?

- People who greatly desire righteousness* (what is right)
- People who desire peace* (for themselves and others)
- People who are persecuted for their faith* (who will die before they will say it is not true)
- People of inner purity* (who do not have bad inner secrets)

The ethical principles (that Jesus spoke about for the future) added on to the Law of Moses (The Ten Commandments). The Pharisees (Jewish religious leaders in Jesus' lifetime) said: 1) keep the law, 2) don't do ACTS that are wrong, 3) love your friends, 4) bring your gifts to the altar.

But Jesus added: 1) do more than just keep the law (Matthew 5:20, 2) don't have ATTITUDES that are wrong (Matthew 5:38-41), 3) love your enemies (Matthew 5:44), 4) before you bring your gifts to the altar, first reconcile with others (Matthew 5:23-24). The emphasis is on INNER righteousness.

Christians are to look forward to the Kingdom and prepare for it. Jesus taught us to pray to God: "Thy kingdom come."

God has fulfilled many prophecies in the past. He will fulfill this prophecy of the Coming Kingdom in the future.

* MAJOR BIBLE PROPHECIES Written by John F. Walvoord



DUDLEY TAILS

Submitted by Cheryl Wildrick

Before we brought Dudley home as a puppy, I had done a lot of thinking. Would I have time for a “companion-breed” dog that would want to be with me 24-7? Would I be able to afford all of the expenses that come along with a puppy? What would happen to Dudley if I died before he did?

Dudley is dependant upon me for many things. Not just for his physical needs, but for love, attention, and security. Dudley’s “spot” is next to me on our loveseat where we can touch and look into each other’s eyes. Other times he maneuvers his nose under my elbow and lifts it, to indicate that he wants time with me. He also occasionally looks up at me for support when he is uncertain of his surroundings or different people.



What would Dudley do without his master? I imagine he would be brokenhearted. He would feel alone. He would doubt that he could survive by himself.

This is how the disciples of Jesus felt when Jesus died on the cross. They had lost a person who loved them. They had lost a friend who always had time for their personal needs. They had lost their spiritual advisor who made them secure in the knowledge that their lives would continue, even after death.

We can be thankful that we will never lose our Master. (Matthew 28:20) Believers who know the Savior now (in this life), will be with Him in heaven. The spirit goes on.

Easter Quotes



The Bible tells us that Jesus Christ came to do three things. He came to forgive your past, give you a purpose for living, and a home in heaven. - Rick Warren

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God proved His love on the cross. When Christ hung, and bled, and died, it was God saying to the world, "I Love You" - Billy Graham

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Earth's saddest day and gladdest day were only three days apart! - Susan Coolidge

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“He was wounded for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities; on Him was chastisement that brought us peace, and by His stripes we are healed.” - Isaiah 53:5

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Here is the amazing thing about Easter; the Resurrection Sunday for Christians is this, that Christ in the dying moments on the cross gives us the greatest illustration of forgiveness possible. -T.D. Jakes

WORSHIP
SERVICE
SUNDAY
11:00 AM



2017

SUNDAY SCHOOL
9:45 AM
For All Ages

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2 Naomi Mission Collection UMW Food Pantry Collection	3	4 Prayer Group 10 am- 11 am Bible Study 11 am Grief Support Group 12:30 pm	5 Bible Study 5:00 pm Trustees 6:00 Management Team 6:45 pm	6	7	8
9 Palm Sunday	10	11 Prayer Group 10 am- 11 am Bible Study 11 am	12 Bible Study 5:00 pm	13 Maundy Thursday Service 7:00 pm	14	15 UMW Meeting 9:30 am
16 EASTER	17	18 Prayer Group 10 am- 11 am Bible Study 11 am	19 Bible Study 5:00 pm	20	21	22
23	24	25 Prayer Group 10 am- 11 am Bible Study 11 am	26 Bible Study 5:00 pm	27	28	29
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