

The Shepherd's Messenger



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



“Christ is risen! He is risen indeed, alleluia!”

These are the words we start Easter with. Our entire Easter season is peppered with these words, salted with them so we may never forget. Jesus Christ truly has risen from the dead. Because we have been baptized into Christ, united to Christ through baptism, we will also rise from the dead (Romans 6). It is very right and fitting we shout, “Christ is risen! He is risen indeed, alleluia!”

We need to say these words. We desperately need to be reminded of the reality of Christ’s resurrection from the dead, because the reality we see around us is so often very different looking. We see our parents die, we see our spouses die, our friends, our family, even our children. We see the cold reality of death staring us in the face all the time. This is why we need the warm reality of the resurrection being shouted into our ears.

Paul understood what Christians like us go through. The church in the city of Thessalonica had Christians who were worried about the resurrection. They saw their loved ones die, just like we do. They saw spouses, friends, and children die as well. Seeing them die was just as hard for them as it is for us. Paul wrote to them, and you as well, saying:

¹³ And now, dear brothers and sisters, we want you to know what will happen to the believers who have died so you will not grieve like people who have no hope. ¹⁴ For since we believe that Jesus died and was raised to life again, we also believe that when Jesus returns, God will bring back with him the believers who have died.

¹⁵ We tell you this directly from the Lord: We who are still living when the Lord returns will not meet him ahead of those who have died. ¹⁶ For the Lord himself will come down from heaven with a commanding shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet call of God. First, the believers who have died will rise from their graves. ¹⁷ Then, together with them, we who are still alive and remain on the earth will be caught up in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Then we will be with the Lord forever. ¹⁸ So encourage each other with these words.

(1 Thessalonians 4:13-18).

The reality of death we see around us is hard, it is bitter, it is heartbreaking. But the Easter proclamation “Christ is risen! He is risen indeed, alleluia!” can soften the blow of death, comfort the sadness, and soothe the bitterness of death. We do grieve, but we do not grieve as those without hope. May we shout it out loud and remind ourselves constantly, “Christ is risen! He is risen indeed, alleluia!”

Blessings,
 Pastor Becky

PLEASE PRAY FOR:
Our World situation

Others to keep
in prayer:



- Brad Allen
- Norma Andrus
- Todd Baxter
- Wayne Botens
- Frank Calcagno
- Family & Friends of Donald Clark
- Hazel Cornell
- David Edwards
- Don Hall
- David Halstead
- Donna Hart
- Bernie Hawks
- Jean Higby
- Andrew James
- Katie Kellogg
- Kevin Kranock
- Bruce Metler
- Helen Middaugh
- Mark Middaugh
- Nellie Moses
- Justin Murphy
- Keith Pierce
- Shirley Poore
- Family & Friends of Marlene Rogers
- Laroy Spateholts
- Jessica Veiders
- JoAnn Viglietta
- Clint Wilder
- Judy Zayac

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!



- 4 - Jeremy Zeh
- 6 - Marshall Allen
- 9 - Keith Pierce
- 10 - Christine Berardi
- 15 - Robert Huddleston
- Sandra LaFever
- Mark Middaugh
- 18 - Dale Dutton
- 19 - Thela Snow
- 22 - Sue Feldbauer
- 27 - Brian Hawks
- 28 - Mary Hupp



- 14 - Kenneth & Brenda Wyant
- 27 - Elroy & Kelly Brickey

Statistics Needed: \$1,970

Date	Worship	SS	Offering
2/26	31		\$1,422.00
		Gil's Hills	\$ 210.00
3/5	32	5	\$1,867.00
		Gil's Hills	\$ 50.00
3/12	29	3	\$1,675.00
3/19	38	5	\$1,775.00
		UMCORE Sunday	\$ 45.00
3/26	34	5	\$1,952.00
		UMCORE Tornado	\$ 50.00
		UMCORE Sunday	\$ 50.00
		Gil's Hills	\$ 252.00



Marlene Rogers, Bernie Hawks' sister, passed away on March 5, 2023. A service of remembrance was held on March 11, 2023 at Alden Mennonite Church.

Donald Clark, Kelly Brickey's brother, passed away on March 9, 2023. A celebration of life was held on March 18, 2023 at the Cuba American Legion.



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.

April
Helping
Hands



Power Point:
Rob Cornell

Pianist:
Holly Scoville

Altar Guild:
Holly Scoville
Thela Snow






Puzzle!


Starting at the capital A and ending at the period, find the words to Isaiah 53:6 in the letter maze below. Words can appear forward, backward, up or down. Not all letters will be used, and some words may be split. But you won't need to lift your pencil off the page!

Allwelikesbelievewraywecommandsodtherighteousnessof
 gospelthrsrevealstartestimonynsalordrtheiniquity
 rightasipraisedswiffoaputownwayaposahumcornersto
 heavenouerisagoneadogiviscaruootgercorlaidoirasonsus
 returncaphaventrustedealturmedrespossesnhtruths.Ila

Answer: All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. Isaiah 53:6, NRSV




The United Methodist Women collect for the Cuba **Food Pantry** on the first Sunday of each month. Please place your Food Pantry donations in the bin in the Green Street Foyer.



PINEAPPLE CASSEROLE

Cindy Dutton

2 (16 oz.) cans chunk pineapple, drained 1/3 cup sugar 1 TBS. flour	1 sleeve Ritz crackers, crushed 1 stick butter, melted 1½ cups grated sharp cheddar cheese
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Recipe
FROM THE
Cuba UMC
Cook Book

Preheat oven to 350°. Lightly grease 2 quart casserole. Place pineapple in casserole. Mix sugar and flour and sprinkle over fruit. Sprinkle with cheese. Cover with crushed crackers. Drizzle with melted butter. Bake for 30 minutes.

COUNCIL OF CHURCHES NEWS

Submitted by Peggy Pearce

The Cuba Council of Churches met at Cuba First Baptist Church on March 12th to receive program reports and plan future events.



Food and gas assistance requests were down in January and February. The pantry shelves are fairly well stocked at this time thanks to a large donation from the North Park Wesleyan congregation. However, some items seem to turnover faster than others and are always needed: easy meal preparation things like Hamburger Helper and Manwich, canned hash and stew, pasta/spaghetti sauce, cereal. Snack items like crackers, cookies, snack bars and brownie/cake mixes are a special treat. Also, right now paper products (toilet paper, paper towels) are in short supply.

Church representatives shared information from their congregations:

Christ Episcopal continues to hold two services monthly and a Good Friday service will be held this year.

Cuba First Baptist has four baptisms planned for the end of April. Unfortunately, there will be no spring market this year. They are continuing their search for a pastor.

North Park Wesleyan has initiated "Mission 28" with a goal of birthing 1,000 new souls by 2028. Their annual Easter Eggstravaganza is planned, as is a Good Friday service.

Our Lady of Angels new priest is Father John Cullen. They now have a Saturday night mass in addition to the Sunday service.



Next Meetings:
Wed. April 12, 2023
in Adult Sunday School Room

Trustees Meeting 6:00 pm
Management Team 6:45 pm



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



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



Virgil and Margaret are simple people who are new Christians looking for a church home. When they attend First Church of Springdale the week before Easter, they think they have found that home. However, church members Mrs. Tishwater and daughter Tisha don't want them in their church. Have Virgil and Margaret found their new church or will the Tishwaters prevail?




The **Cuba Council of Churches** invites you to join us for an evening of light-hearted theater. On **Sunday, April 30 at 6 p.m.** the curtain will lift on a **Reader's Theater production of "Virgil's First Easter"** hosted at the First Baptist Church. The cast is made up of people from all the community churches. Everyone is welcome to enjoy the play and stay for light refreshments to follow.

**SUNDAY
WORSHIP
SERVICE
11:00 AM**



2023

Sunday School is at
9:30 am in the Adult
Sunday School room.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Kung Fu 6:00-8:00 am
2 Communion UMW Food Pantry Collection 	3 Tai Chi 7:00 pm	4 Prayer Group 10:00 am Barbershoppers 6:30-8:30 pm	5	6  Service 6:00 pm	7 	8 Kung Fu 6:00-8:00 am
9 Sunday School 9:30 am	10 Tai Chi 7:00 pm	11 Prayer Group 10:00 am Barbershoppers 6:30-8:30 pm	12 Trustees Mtg. 6:00 pm Management Team Mtg. 6:45 pm	13	14	15 Kung Fu 6:00-8:00 am
16 Sunday School 9:30 am	17 May Newsletter Deadline Noon Tai Chi 7:00 pm	18 Prayer Group 10:00 am Barbershoppers 6:30-8:30 pm	19	20	21	22 Kung Fu 6:00-8:00 am
23 Sunday School 9:30 am	24 Tai Chi 7:00 pm	25 Prayer Group 10:00 am Barbershoppers 6:30-8:30 pm	26	27	28	29 Kung Fu 6:00-8:00 am
30 Gil's Hills Reader's Theater Baptist Church 6pm						

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