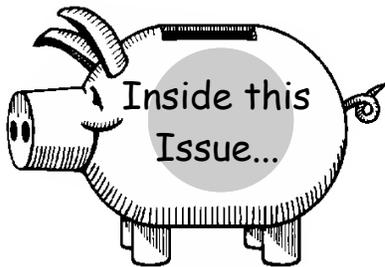


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UMW NOTES:

- ◆ The UMW will do the **prayer and self denial** during the month of May. Judy will have sheets available.
- ◆ There will be a **“No-bake” Sale** during the Month of June.
- ◆ There is still time to **bring in items for the Trash & Treasures Sale** that will be held May 9-11. You may call Judy at 968-3537
- ◆ or e-mail at jazayac@roadrunner.com if you would like her to pick up your items.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Have we taken time to ask God what God wants us to be as a church and the direction we need to go to really turn us around?

There seems to be a lack of what I think John Wesley would be promoting for us to do to turn the negative around for our church. There is no call to fasting and prayer, and no call to faithfulness to the Holy Scriptures. I do strive to preach Christ and him crucified, but is this enough? I would think the laity should be doing some spiritual discernment also.

I have seen radical changes occur in churches when before launching a visioning process, they stop to ask God through prayer what direction God wants them to go.

I encourage our lay leadership to maybe even scrap some plans that have been laid out until we seek God and God's kingdom. After all, didn't Jesus tell us that is what we were to do? "But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you" (Matthew 6:33). AS important as reorganization is, as important as becoming more focused on ministry is, our first calling as Christians is to major on the things God wants us to do. A church wide call to fasting and prayer would be a great way to start this process and to start restoration.

When I was ordained an elder in The United Methodist Church, I promised to teach my people to fast and to pray. It's time to take this seriously.

THOUGHTS FOR REFLECTION

Jesus of Nazareth taught us to live every hour of the day as saints (Christians). Every hour of the day is useful and may lead to divine inspiration, the will of the Father, the prayer of contemplation – holiness. Every hour of the day is holy.

We don't have to shut ourselves in a monastery (although there are days I want to hide in the Abbey of the Genesee) or fix strange and inhumane disciplines/rituals to our life. It is enough to accept the realities of life. Work is one of these realities; motherhood, the rearing of children, family life with all its obligations are others.



Trash & Treasures Sale

Remember the UMW Trash & Treasures Sale

Thursday May 9 6-8 pm
Friday May 10 9-11 am
Saturday May 11 9-12 Noon

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 585-968-1531.

Others to keep in prayer:

- Tim Bushnell
- Chuck Brooks
- Becky Calarco
- Ray Climie
- John Culbert
- 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
- Keith Pierce
- Charles Rogers
- Jean Switalski
- Paul Tsujimoto, Sr.
- Lola Wilson



May Birthdays

- 3 - Nici Kunz
Kerigan Pierce
- 5 - Andrew Clement
- 9 - Brandon Cornell
Mike Young
- 21- Austin Clement
- 23 - Doris Kellogg
- 24 - Zea Ann Dutton



May Anniversaries

- 11 - Karl & Phyllis Hodge
- 13 - Pete & Sue Simmons
- 14- Ken & Doris Wyant
- 20 - Jeremy & Dawn Wildrick-Cole
- 28 - Mark & Claire Morris



Congratulations to Dylan Cornell for being inducted into the National Technical Honor Society at C-A BOCES CTE Center at Belmont. He

- had to maintain a 90% average at the BOCES Center and
- at least an 85% average at CRCS. He also had to partici-
- pate in community service and submit two letters of rec-
- ommendation in order to qualify for the Honor Society.

Statistics

Needed: \$1,657.75

Date	Worship	Offering
3/17	28	\$ 974.00
3/24	38	\$1,444.00
Easter	52	\$1,472.00
4/7	37	\$1,760.75
4/14	36	\$1,695.25
4/21	37	\$1,360.00

May Helping Hands

Ushers

Joshua Enderle
& Ray Climie



Greeters

- 5/5 *Open for you*
- 5/12 *Open for You*
- 5/19 *Open for You*
- 5/26 *Open for You*

Acolyte

- 5/5 Josh Tsujimoto or Josh Enderle
- 5/12 Josh Tsujimoto or Josh Enderle
- 5/19 Josh Tsujimoto or Josh Enderle
- 5/26 Josh Tsujimoto or Josh Enderle

Altar Guild

Claire Morris

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!

Seeking after the Son

The upstate New York man was rich in almost every way. His estate was worth millions. He owned houses, land, antiques and cattle. But though on the outside he had it all, he was very unhappy on the inside. His wife was growing old, and the couple was childless. He had always wanted a little boy to carry on the family legacy.

Miraculously, his wife became pregnant in her later years, and she gave birth to a little boy. The boy was severely handicapped, but the man loved him with his whole heart. When the boy was 5, his mom died. The dad drew closer to his special son. At age 13, the boy's birth defects cost him his life and the father died soon after from a broken heart.

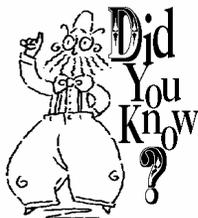
The estate was auctioned before hundreds of bidders. The first item offered was a painting of the boy. No one bid. They waited like vultures for the riches. Finally, the poor housemaid, who helped raise the boy, offered \$5 for the picture and easily took the bid. To everyone's shock, the auctioneer ripped a handwritten will from the back of the picture. This is what it said: "To the person who thinks enough of my son to buy this painting, to this person I give my entire estate."

The auction was over. The greedy crowd walked away in shock and dismay. How many of us have sought after what we thought were true riches only to find out later that our Father was prepared to give us his entire estate if we had only sought after his Son alone?

—Larry Linville

First United Methodist, Maryville, MO

DYK: Submitted by Dean Wildrick



"Mike McLelland, district attorney of Kaufman County, Texas, and his wife Cynthia, were found shot to death in their home near Forney, Texas, on Saturday.

On Easter, Mr. Head, pastor of First UMC in Terrell, Texas, faced what he called an "elephant in the sanctuary" situation. The crowd – on what was supposed to be the most joyous Sunday of the year – filed in burdened by news that their fellow church members had been killed, execution style.

"I thanked them for coming and being here on Easter morning, and told them they were here as a witness to the fact that evil is not the last word," Mr. Head said by phone Monday. "It's the resurrection of Jesus Christ that is the most powerful and brings God's love as the last word."

The brazen gunning down in January of Mark Hasse, a prosecutor on McClelland's staff, has yielded extraordinary attention by law enforcement and the media to the McLellands' killings, with a connection assumed as the investigation goes forward involving, local, state and federal officers.

The McLellands were active at First UMC Terrell. "They were very involved in the life of the congregation, attending all kinds of events," Mr. Head said. "Mike was one of our Sunday school teachers, part of the rotation for teaching the Unity class."

Administrative Council Notes

Submitted by Paul Tsujimoto

- ◆ Financial giving continues to be good. We are meeting all of our commitments.
- ◆ Baccalaureate service for CRCS Graduating Seniors to be held on June 21 at the Cuba Library.
- ◆ Boilers still an issue.
- ◆ Talk of a Spring Cleanup day. No date yet.
- ◆ Finance committee will be getting two credit cards for the Pastor and Secretary/Sexton for buying convenience.



HELP WANTED

Part-time prayer warriors to pray with Pastor just before worship. Only faithful Christians need apply. No other qualifications necessary. Meet with Pastor at 8:50 in pastor's study.

Prayer leader to organize and host a weekly group prayer meeting at church **or** in their home.

Location could also be rotated among group members' homes. Position open to a growing Christian. Preference will be given to members of Cuba United Methodist Church. Time commitment: One to two hours a week, including preparation. See Pastor for details.

Full-time prayer warriors to pray continually and consistently, asking God to help our church.

Other needs may be prayed for as the Holy Spirit leads you. Required: Pray for Cuba UMC daily. Time commitment: To be negotiated with God. No application needed – you were hired at your baptism. Accountable to God.



Easter Sunday Service

Photo by Judy Zayac



Sunday School began for children of all ages in Wesley Hall at 9:00 am on April 14th. Thank you Sandy Allen and Judy Krott! Please contact Sandy at 968-2137 if you have any questions.

What do they have in common?

Using the verse given in the clue, find the names to fill in the blanks on the right. Write the letter from the circle in the box below.

1. A close companion (John 15:13) _ _ _ _ _
2. Samuel's mother (1 Samuel 2:1) _ _ _ _ _ _
3. Thrown into lion's den for praying (Daniel 6:11) _ _ _ _ _ _ _
4. She saved the Jewish people (Esther 8:3) _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _
5. God made a covenant with him (Genesis 9:8) _ _ _ _ _
6. Members of a church (Acts 2:42) _ _ _ _ _
7. He led the Israelites into Promised Land (Joshua 4:14) _ _ _ _ _
8. Mother of John the Baptist (Luke 1:13) _ _ _ _ _ _
9. He forgave his brothers (Genesis 50:17) _ _ _ _ _
10. A prophetess (Judges 4:4) _ _ _ _ _
11. Israel's first high priest (Exodus 28:1) _ _ _ _ _
12. Disciple of Jesus (Acts 1:15) _ _ _ _ _
13. A prophet (1 Kings 18:36) _ _ _ _ _ _
14. Received Ten Commandments from God (Exodus 19:20) _ _ _ _ _

They were

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ITALIAN MACARONI SALAD

Doris Kellogg

- 1 box spiral macaroni (cooked, cool & drain)
- 3 stalks of celery, chopped
- 2 green peppers, chopped
- 2 small tomatoes, chopped
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 1/4lb. salami, cubed
- 1/4lb. pepperoni
- 1/3 cup grated provolone cheese
- 1 can of black olives, chopped
- 1 can of green olives, chopped
- 1 tsp. each: garlic powder, oregano, black pepper, celery powder
- 2/3 cup of salad oil (or use Italian dressing)
- 1/4 cup of white vinegar



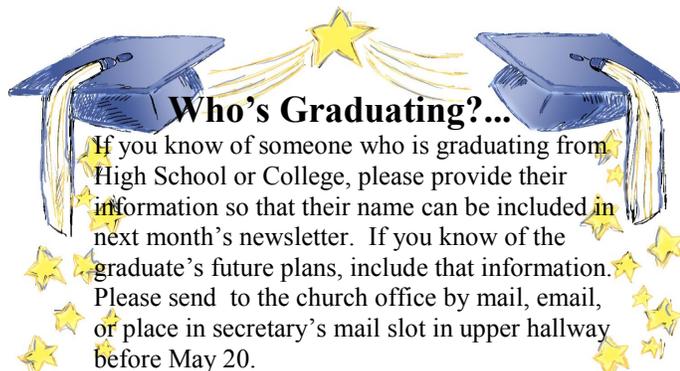
Recipe FROM THE Cuba UMC Cook Book

Mix well. Best to make one day and eat the next.



Claire Morris is helping with the sending of greeting cards for the UMW. Anyone that would like a greeting card sent out, let her know the circumstances, and she will gladly send one. Please call 585-968-2315 and leave a message.

(Address of recipient is really important.) Or her e-mail is: csm1313@hotmail.com Thank you!



Who's Graduating?... If you know of someone who is graduating from High School or College, please provide their information so that their name can be included in next month's newsletter. If you know of the graduate's future plans, include that information. Please send to the church office by mail, email, or place in secretary's mail slot in upper hallway before May 20.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 Kung Fu 6-8:00 am
5 Worship 9:00 a.m. Communion	6	7	8	9 UMW Trash & Treasures Sale 6-8 pm	10 UMW Trash & Treasures Sale 9-11 am	11 UMW Trash & Treasures Sale 9am-12 Noon
12 Worship 9:00 a.m. Mother's Day	13	14	15	16	17	18 Kung Fu 6-8:00 am
19 Worship 9:00 a.m. Graduates	20 June Newsletter Deadline Finance 6 pm Ad Council 7 pm	21 Baccalaureate Service @ Library	22	23	24	25 Kung Fu 6-8:00 am
26 Worship 9:00 a.m. AIM offering	27 	28 Trustees 7 pm	29	30	31	

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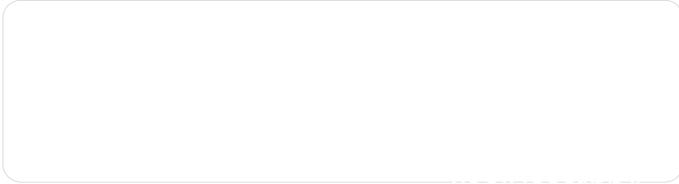
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



A SPECIAL MOTHER'S DAY

The children told their mother she wasn't going to lift a finger on Mother's Day. They were going to do all the cooking. So, they got out three pots, two frying pans, six measuring spoons, three mixing bowls, a double boiler, a chopping board, eight serving dishes - - - and Mom was delighted with the results. She said it was the best Jell-O she ever tasted.

- Wayland United Methodist Church
Wayland, MI

