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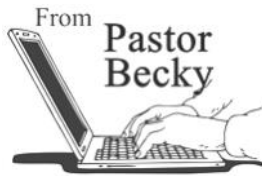
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KNOWING JESUS AS THE
GOOD SHEPHERD & SHARING
THE RISEN CHRIST WITH ALL.



"Now go, for I am sending you to Pharaoh. You must lead my people Israel out of Egypt." Exodus 3:10

Hi Friends!

To me nothing is sadder than someone who has grown older and has learned nothing. My Father always said that one of the few advantages of age is that you hopefully learn a few things. The problem with getting older is that you're less willing to take chances and risks. You like routine. You go to the same restaurant. You order the same thing. You sit in the same seat. You like routine. You like to know what's coming.

On the other hand, when you're young, you're willing to take chances. You're willing to take risks. You're willing to just go for it.

God wants to use you when you're young. And God wants to use you when you're old as well.

When the Lord called Moses to lead His people out of Egypt, Moses was 80 years old. He was well past retirement age. Maybe he thought, "I've worked hard. I'm going to kick back."

But God said to Moses, "I am the God of your father—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob" Exodus 3:6. Really, He was saying, in effect, "I am the God of second chances."

And Moses needed a second chance. He had killed a man and spent forty years probably thinking that he would never do anything for the Lord. But the Lord was saying to him, "Moses, I'm recommissioning you. So, park the Winnebago, and let's get busy. We've got work to do."

God still has a plan for your life. Don't tell me that you're too old to serve the Lord. Moses was eighty. Don't tell me that you're too young to serve the Lord. Jeremiah was a teenager. God wants to use all of us at every stage of our lives. Let's get busy for the kingdom of God.

See you Sunday (and bring a friend),

Pastor Becky

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Our World situation
 The Rothfus Family
 Naomi Scoville/Kosovo
 Butch Holden (in Kuwait)

For those at other residences...

PINES - OLEAN
 Connie Battistoni

Others to keep in prayer:

Norma Andrus
 Bob & Sandy Beard
 Sally Brinkmann
 Hazel Cornell
 David Edwards
 Roberta Farrell
 Nancy Frazier
 Brian Fries
 Luke Fries
 Tyler Griffin
 Don Hall
 David Halstead
 Donna Hart
 Bernie Hawks
 Sandy Lathrop
 Mary McCarthy
 Mark Middaugh
 Mary Ellen Moriarty
 Justin Murphy
 Keith Pearce
 Barbara Rasmusson
 Laroy Spateholts
 Lon Sweet
 JoAnn Viglietta
 James Woodruff
 Ken Wyant
 David Yonaka
 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!



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**.

Praying for Our Churches, Pastors and Leadership in Cornerstone District:

May 5 Jamestown: Camp Street & Kennedy 1st UMCs.
 Pastor Jennifer Delahoy, her husband Brian and their family.

May 12 Jamestown: Christ First UMC. Pastor Matt Rowe, his wife Maria and their children Mia & Sam.

May 19 Jamestown: Kidder Memorial UMC. Rev. Carolyn Stow, her husband Mark and their family.

May 26 Knapp Creek UMC. Rev. Jerry Piper, his wife Kathy and their family.



- 3 - Kameron Pierce
- 5 - Andrew Clement
- 9 - Brandon Cornell
 Payton Nelson
 Mike Young
- 14 - Brenda Wyant
- 21 - Austin Clement
- 23 - Doris Wyant
- 24 - Zea Ann Dutton



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

Statistics Needed: \$1,659

Date	Worship	SS	Offering
3/31	56	11	\$2,197.00
3/31	Naomi/Rothfus		\$50/\$140
3/31	UMCOR		\$340.00
4/7	52	10	\$1,871.00
4/7	Naomi/Rothfus		\$175/\$20
4/14	57	10	\$1,850.00
4/14	Naomi/Rothfus		\$15/\$20
Maundy Thursday 27			
4/21	73	-	\$2,016.75

May Helping Hands

Usher:
 Jim Travis



Pianist:
 Christine Berardi

Organist:
 Jonathan Denham

Acolyte:
 Chris Hupp

Altar Guild:
 Claire Morris



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

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

WALDORF SALAD

Sue Simmons

- 2 large red apples, chopped
- 1 bunch (small) grapes
- 1 medium banana, sliced
- ½ cup chopped walnuts
- ¼ cup mayonnaise
- 2 TBS. sour cream
- ½ tsp. sugar
- ½ tsp. lemon juice
- Pinch salt



In a large bowl, combine apples, grapes, banana and walnuts. Combine mayonnaise, sour cream, sugar, lemon juice and salt. Pour over fruit mixture and toss gently to coat. 6 to 8 servings.

During springtime, the beauty of God's creation emerges in many ways.

Directions: Use the vowel code below to complete Psalm 8:1, NIV.

A= E= I= O= U=

"L__RD, __r L__rd, h__w
 m__j__st__c __s y__r
 n__m__n __ll th__
 __rth!"

Ps__lm 8:1, N__V

Answer: "LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!"



United Methodist Women

UMW News

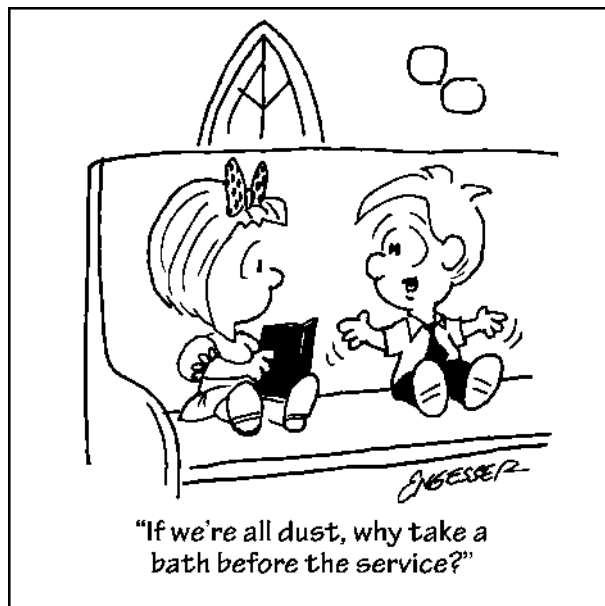
Submitted by Peggy Pearce

The monthly United Methodist Women's meeting was held April 20th in Wesley Hall with eight ladies attending. Hostess Deb Battistoni provided sweet breads and bars, all delicious and appreciated by the group. Agenda items discussed included:

- new valences for the church foyer windows; purchase approved
- small gifts for Mother's and Father's Days; approved
- June Dinner Out
 - o Wednesday, June 19, 6 p.m. at The Old Greyhound, Cuba
 - o Ordering off the menu
 - o Reservations due by June 9 to Deb
- Future rummage sales
 - o No sale in May this year
 - o Additional possibilities under consideration

UMW UMCORE Hygiene Kits

The United Methodist Women would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the UMCOR hygiene kits project. As of April 20, eight kits have been completed. The following items are still needed to finish the goal of 24 kits: 16 hand towels, 15 washcloths, 15 adult toothbrushes, 14 combs (at least 6 inches of teeth), 9 fingernail **OR** toenail clippers, 4 bars soap (3 oz. or larger; no Ivory or Jergens), 140 adhesive bandages (3/4x3"). A collection box is located in the Sanctuary along with a materials list containing the specific guidelines that must be followed.



ADULT SUNDAY BIBLE STUDIES with Cheryl



Spiritual Warfare: Kings of Israel

For years the Israelites were led by God. If they were obedient, then things went well. If they were disobedient, then often they were defeated by their enemies. Eventually the people demanded a king (like other nations had) to lead them. Not trusting God for leadership was a victory for Satan.

The first king of the Israelites was Saul. Although a good king in many ways, Saul eventually became self-centered and paranoid about someone taking away his kingdom. He was sure that the man who was seeking to be king was David. So, Saul led his army in pursuit of David. By doing this, Saul showed that he was no longer being led by God, but was following his own desires. Eventually, Saul's army was defeated in battle, and Saul, "fell on his sword" and died. Victory for Satan.

David became the next king.

Although David was a "man after God's own heart," and defeated his enemies... David eventually was tempted by Satan. He committed adultery and a baby was conceived. Then David had an innocent man killed to cover up his sin. As a consequence, the baby died. Victory for Satan.

Solomon was the son who became king after David. He was known for his wisdom, his great wealth, and the splendor of his kingdom. In his book of Ecclesiastes, Solomon reasoned about life. He concluded that there was a holy God, and that God would bring everything into judgement. Solomon set out to build a temple in Jerusalem for the Lord. This was a victory for God.

In the years that followed, Solomon's kingdom became divided and each section had its own kings. Many of the kings did not worship or obey God. Spiritual warfare continued.

Spiritual Warfare: Daniel

After many years, the kingdom of Israel was divided into North and South sections which were ruled by separate kings. Some kings were obedient to God and some were not. Conquerors from other countries saw the weaknesses of these Jewish lands and attacked. The Persians carried off many young Jewish nobles who began training in the court of Babylonia.

Daniel, Shadrack, Meshack and Abednego were young Jews who were quick learners and would be trained for three years before entering the (Persian) king's service. They were assigned a daily amount of food and wine from the king's table.

Daniel, however, asked the chief official for permission "not to defile himself" with such food and drink. Daniel proposed that the young Jews be given only vegetables to eat and water to drink for ten days. Then they would be compared to the young men who ate from the king's table and drank wine. So, the guard agreed, and after ten days, Daniel and his three friends looked healthier and better nourished than the young men who ate the royal food. So... vegetables and water it would be.

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DUDLEY TAILS

Submitted by Cheryl Wildrick

Dudley's days are filled with eating, sleeping, walking and talking (woofing). He seems quite content with the extent of those activities. Dudley is fed by his master. A place for him to comfortably sleep is provided by his master. An afternoon walk is enjoyed with his master. But, most of Dudley's "talking" is done with Tucker or other dogs. They speak the same language.

Dog language seems to be made up of shorter sentences than ours. Dudley may be saying to tucker: "give it!" "run, run, run," "strange dog outside," "catch me," or variations of "this is mine." With other dogs (at a distance) Dudley may be saying, "you out again?," "private property!," "beautiful night, huh?," or "you hear coyotes?"

I don't recall many long, dog, "woofing" conversations with Dudley, but he does communicate. 'Mostly with his eyes. They say things like: "This is fun!" or, "pet me some more please" or "can we go home now?" As Dudley's master, it pleases me when Dudley communicates with me... and when his eyes say, "I love you."

Jesus is our Master. He provides food for us. He gives us daily rest. He wants to walk with us, and He wants to talk with us right now. Is that what we want? Or are we waiting until the last minute?

How do we go about talking with Jesus? Often it's like talking with a good friend: you find a quiet place where you won't be interrupted, and you share everything that is on your mind. Jesus wants to spend time with us. He wants to be our best friend. He loves us and cares for us.

We can speak to him (or think about Him) in times of gratitude*, thanksgiving**, and praise***. We can speak to him in times of # trouble, ## grief or ### loneliness. Jesus knows what it was like to live on this earth. He understood our every joy as well as every sorrow. We can share every frustration, disappointment, every hurt. Our Savior will restore our soul. (Psalms 23:3)

Communication is vital and necessary. We are not in this life alone. Just as Dudley's master is pleased when he communicates with her, so our Master is pleased when we communicate with Him.

Do our eyes say, "I love you" to our Master?

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| * Colossians 3:16 | # John 16:33 |
| ** Colossians 2:6-7 | ## John 16:20 |
| *** James 5:13 | ### Luke 5:16 |

Our Organ is 100 years old this month (May). It was built in 1919 by M.P. Moller Organ Company of Hagerstown, MD (which was once the largest pipe organ builder in the United States). After the Methodist church on the corner of Spring and Chapel Streets burned in February 1918, the long abandoned Universalist Church at our present location on the corner of East Main and Green Streets was purchased, extensively repaired and remodeled. The new organ was purchased for \$1,750.00 and was installed in May 1919. This new home of the Methodist church was dedicated in June 1919.



Interior of our church in 1956

Restoration work on our organ was done in January 2002. A fund drive was held in 2001 with a goal of \$11,500 and members of the congregation and church groups contributing to it.

Heritage Pipe Organs, the company that currently services our pipe organ, said that our organ is the only one that they work on that has its mechanical parts and has not been "electrified".

ADULT SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY (Continued from Page 4)

To the four young Jews, God gave knowledge and understanding of all kinds of literature, and learning. After testing, they entered the king's service. Daniel was also given (by God) the ability to interpret dreams... which he did for King Nebuchadnezzar.

In these years of training and service to the king of Babylon, at no time did Daniel or his three friends forsake the One, True God of Israel. They said their Hebrew prayers and would not forsake the God of their fathers.

Later, Daniel would be thrown into a lion's den for praying to God, but was not harmed. In fact, the king praised the "God of Daniel" for keeping Daniel safe. In the battle of God vs. Satan, God won this victory.

to be continued....

MANAGEMENT TEAM NOTES



- ◆ Down Payment for repairs on the Good Shephard window has been sent to the glass company.
- ◆ Three people have put forth money to have names put on the windows.
- ◆ The Good Shephard window will be taken out either the first or second week after Easter. The storm window on the outside will be put back to close it up.
- ◆ Pastor Becky attended two workshops at Learning Day at Bemus Point on Saturday, March 16, 2019: "Five Things Your Visitors Are Thinking But Won't Ask" and "New Faith Communities".
- ◆ Confirmation Sunday will be June 2. There are three youths attending class.
- ◆ Pastor Becky will be on vacation on Sunday, May 19th. Pastor Stan may fill in.
- ◆ A \$200/yr. donation will be given to the fire department for the use of their parking lot.
- ◆ It was voted on and approved to endorse Peggy Pearce to be our representative to the Cuba Council of Churches along with Mary Hupp.
- ◆ Our Flood Bucket Project began Sunday, April 7. Buckets are in the sanctuary so people can put items in each bucket. Peggy is in charge of it.
- ◆ May 5th is Native American Ministries Sunday. We will have a special offering.
- ◆ May 5th is Jonathan's last day here to play the organ.
- ◆ Pastor Becky will be attending the Annual Conference in Syracuse June 3-8. Cheryl Wildrick will preach on June 9.
- ◆ Cleaning Day at the church is May 18 starting at 8:00 am or as soon as you can get there.
- ◆ We will have a picnic and worship in the park again this year. Marshall will try to reserve a Sunday in July.



WORSHIP SERVICE SUNDAY 11:00 AM

2019

SUNDAY SCHOOL For All Ages 9:45 AM

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Regional Gathering with Bishop Webb @ Christ UMC - Olean 6:30-8:30 pm	2 Cub Scouts Evening	3	4 Kung Fu 6-8 am
5 Native American Ministries Offering Naomi /Kosovo Offering UMW Food Pantry	6	7 Prayer Group 10 am- 11 am Violin Lessons 3-6 pm	8 Trustees Meeting 6:00 pm Management Team Meeting 6:45 pm	9 Cub Scouts Evening	10	11 Kung Fu 6-8 am
12  Mother's Day	13	14 Prayer Group 10 am- 11 am Violin Lessons 3-6 pm	15	16 Cub Scouts Evening	17	18 Kung Fu 6-8 am UMW Meeting 10 am Cleaning Day 8 am or as soon as you can be there.
19	20 June Newsletter Deadline - Noon	21 Prayer Group 10 am- 11 am Violin Lessons 3-6 pm	22	23 Cub Scouts Evening	24	25 Kung Fu 6-8 am
26 Rothfus Offering	27  Memorial Day	28 Prayer Group 10 am- 11 am Violin Lessons 3-6 pm	29	30 Cub Scouts Evening	31	

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Springtime



Arise, my love, my fair one,

and come away;
for lo, the winter is past,

the rain is over and gone.

The flowers appear on the earth,

the time of signing has come,

and the voice of the turtledove

is heard in our land.

The fig tree puts forth its figs,

and the vines are in blossom;

they give forth fragrance.

Arise, my love, my fair one,

and come away.

—Song of Solomon 2:10-13

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