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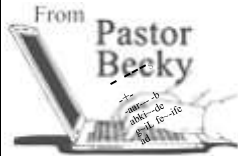
# The Shepherd's Messenger



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



Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him."

**Matthew 2:1-2**

Greetings Friends,

Worship is not just something you do; it's something that comes from deep within your heart and soul. It's a love so intense it cannot be contained and must be expressed. Worship is a yearning to be with the One who sustains you and makes you whole—who gives you life, peace and real joy. You were created to worship.

The wise men knew what it meant to worship. They expectantly awaited the birth of the Savior and went to great lengths to be in His presence. It didn't matter what they had to go through or how long it took to get there, they were determined to be in His presence. Imagine the excitement they felt at the moment they laid their eyes upon Him. It made them incapable of doing anything but falling down and worshipping Him. This kind of worship and adoration flows from a heart that is filled with anticipation, excitement and expectancy. It comes from spending time meditating on Him and adoring Him.

One moment in God's presence is all it takes to transform you forever. The Father is waiting with an expectant heart. Do you yearn for Him as much as He yearns for you? To what lengths are you willing to go to be in His presence?

All are welcome to come and worship the Savior Jesus Christ here at Cuba United Methodist Church Sunday mornings at 11:00 am. We would love to see you and bring a friend!

Blessings,

Pastor Becky

PLEASE PRAY FOR:  
Our World situation

Others to keep in prayer:



Norma Andrus  
Todd Baxter  
Wayne Botens  
Russell Brown  
Gary Carlson  
Hazel Cornell  
David Edwards  
Brian Fries  
Don Hall  
David Halstead  
Donna Hart  
Bernie Hawks  
Jean Higby  
Bob Huddleston  
Andrew James  
Katie Kellogg  
Bruce Metler  
Helen Middaugh  
Mark Middaugh  
Nellie Moses  
Justin Murphy  
Keith Pierce  
Laroy Spateholts  
Donald Thompson  
Jessica Veiders  
JoAnn Viglietta  
Clint Wilder  
Ken Wyant

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.

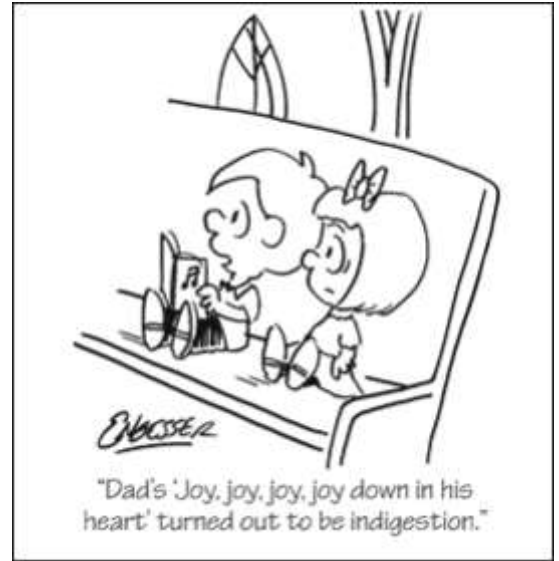
*Thank you!*



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  
27 - Kim Hall




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



**Bible Study on Moses is held on Sundays at 9:30 am in the Adult Sunday School Room.**

**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.**

May Helping Hands 

Power Point:  
Rob Cornell

Pianist/Organist:  
Christine Berardi

Altar Guild:  
Claire Morris

Statistics		Needed: \$1,798	
Date	Worship	SS	Offering
4/3	43		\$1,792.00
	UMCOR Sunday		\$ 120.00
	Gil's Hills		\$ 50.00
4/10	48		\$3,127.00
4/14	Maundy Thursday		
	16		\$ 62.00
4/17	72		\$1,749.00
4/24	35		\$1,074.00
	Gil's Hills		\$ 343.00



**Sunday Worship Services**  
are streamed live  
on our website,  
[www.cubaumc.org](http://www.cubaumc.org)



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



Past Services are Archived  
DVDs are available

Directions: Arrange the words in alphabetical order. Then insert the circled letters in order to complete Exodus 20:12, NIV.



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daughter  
respect

mother  
honor  
family  
love


father  
home  
obey

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6. (a) \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
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9. \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
10. \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

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the L\_RD \_ou\_ God i\_ givi\_g you.

EXODUS 20:12, NIV

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## Outside Cleaning Day

Saturday, May 21  
Starting at 9:00 am

### RHUBARB CAKE

Cindy Dutton

Cream: 1 ½ cups brown sugar  
½ cup butter

Add: 1 egg  
1 cup sour cream

Combine: 2 cups flour  
1 tsp baking soda  
½ tsp salt



Add dry ingredients, then mix in rhubarb. Spread in greased 9"x13" pan. Add topping:

#### Topping:

Toss together:

½ cup sugar, ½ cup chopped pecans  
1 TBS melted butter and 1 tsp cinnamon

Sprinkle over cake. Bake 350° 35-45 minutes, or until toothpick comes out clean.



## DUDLEY TAILS

*Submitted by Cheryl Wildrick*

9:00 AM. Dudley has finished his breakfast, and is now distracted by activity outside of the sliding glass door. The fresh, cool air hints of Spring, but Dudley is only interested in one thing: “THE SQUIRREL”. It has returned!

Dudley sees it — running on the handrail of the deck and jumping to the bird feeder. If only Dudley could get outdoors! But, alas, the door is only open two inches. Dudley barks. The first “woof!” is stunningly loud and sharp. It is followed by a succession of short, staccato blasts.

“Dudley stop that,” his master firmly suggests. Dudley did not stop: “woof, woof, woof, woof!”

“Enough barking,” insists his master.

“Woof,” says Dudley, (getting in the last word”).

12:00 NOON. Dudley hears a car outside... slowing down, and turning onto a gravel driveway across the road. Dudley runs to the window in the livingroom and shouts (in quick succession),

“Woof, woof, woof, woof, woof!”

“Quiet down, Dudley, “ says his master.

The car disappears into a garage.

“Where did it go?” wonders Dudley.

“Woof, woof, woof, woof.”

“Dudley, What did I say?” asks his master.

“Woof,” replied Dudley, asserting his (presumed) control of the situation.

3:00 PM. Dudley is excited. It is time for his daily walk with his master. Dudley’s master snaps his leash onto Dudley’s collar, and “off they go.” The sun is shining, the grass is green, and new flowers emerging from the thawed ground.

Dudley leads the way, stopping occasionally to sniff a fresh scent, or to roll in the grass. As they pass the barn, Dudley stops. Something has caught his attention. He is looking toward a marshy area in the distance. His master sees that a “four-some” of deer is grazing on grass near the marsh.

“Woof! Woof! Woof! Woof! Woof! Dudley barks. The deer look up alertly.

“Dudley STOP,” says his master.... “don’t scare the deer.” Dudley is not listening. He strains to escape his leash.

“Woof, woof, woof woof!” barks Dudley.

“Dudley, LISTEN,” says his master. “I’ve asked you to stop barking.” Dudley relaxes his stance, but gives an audible, “woof” of defiance. Dudley’s master wants to protect him, but cannot - unless Dudley is obedient. Sometimes it is better to avoid danger than to try to get out of it.

Our Master wants us to learn obedience to Him. Jesus is not only worthy of our obedience... but, Jesus will also reward us for our obedience. Jesus wants us to love Him enough to obey Him.

In the New Testament book of John, (chapter 14, verse 23), we are told by Jesus, that, “if you love me, you will obey my teaching.” Later, in the book of John, (chapter 15, verse 10), Jesus says, “if you obey my commands, you will remain in my love.”

If you are anything like me, you will want to remain in His love! Keep walking with Jesus, and obeying your Master willingly.

Extensive research into old church records and historic newspapers enabled Church Historian Zelda Allis to compile the information she uncovered into a history of our early church starting with the circuit riders of the 1800s. She also organized a small committee, of which I was a part, to update the history through the 1980s. Zelda passed her research to me and I am currently attempting to put it into an easily accessible format for this and future generations. With the availability of information on the internet, I'm also attempting to include additional relevant material.




I have reached out to some of our older members in longevity (not age) for their remembrances of our church family and ministers. I am particularly interested in the 1940s, 1950s, 1960s, 1970s and 1980s at this time ... the years pastored by Chapman, Brewster, Amundson, Hutchinson, Bell, Horn, Mack, Wright, Talbott, Derk and Reichman.

Is there a particular minister you remember? Is there a church program you recall? Did something happen at a church dinner ... a meeting ... a work project ... during worship that has stuck in your mind? If so, I'd love to hear about it.

Dean Wildrick provided this little snippet into church life: "Glenn Brewster had identical twin boys, Jim and Jack that used to dump their mother's purse on the bare wood pew and floor. A coin would roll down and go plink plop clang down the hot air furnace grate in front of the pulpit while their dad was preaching. Both boys eventually became ordained ministers."



Thank you,  
Peggy Pearce



Thank you to all who faithfully contribute to the **Council of Churches food pantry**. Presently there is a good supply of canned items (vegetables, fruit, tomato products, tunafish, soup). However the pantry could use meal preparation aids (Hamburger Helper, rice and pasta helpers, boxed potatoes, Manwich, etc.), cereal, crackers and snack bars, Jello pudding and gelatin, condiments, jam/jelly.

## Holy Land trip 2023

March 22, 2022 / By Syracuse United Methodist Ministries

The clergy team of Syracuse United Methodist Ministries (Revs. Andy Anderson, B.J. Norrix, Jee Hae Song and Alicia Wood) invite you to join them on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, February 14 - February 24, 2023. This trip will expand your knowledge of the Bible and the sacred land. A journey following in the footsteps of Jesus will change the way you read the Bible.



We will explore, learn, and fellowship together as we visit Caesarea, the Sea of Galilee, Cana, Nazareth, Samaria, Jacob's Well, the Dead Sea, Bethlehem, Jerusalem and much more. The cost of the trip starts at \$3,448, leaving from JFK, New York. It includes basic tour and guided sightseeing, roundtrip international airfare, fuel surcharges, government taxes, administrative fees, entrance fees, hotel gratuities and program fees, daily breakfast and dinner, deluxe motor coaches, first-class hotels, and much more.

There is also the option of extending your trip by doing the Jordan Extension from February 24 -28 at an additional cost of \$1,148. With this extension, we will cross the Allenby Bridge into Jordan, visit Jerash, Petra, Mount Nedo, Madaba, Amman, and more.

You are encouraged to register immediately with only \$100. Register by April 14 (\$125 off), May 14 (\$100 off), June 14 (\$75 off), July 14 (\$50 off), August 14 (\$25 off). Brochures with more details and registration forms are available. Please contact Pastors B.J.: [bjnorrix@gmail.com](mailto:bjnorrix@gmail.com), 315-726-2815 (cell); Andy: [andmcand@hotmail.com](mailto:andmcand@hotmail.com), 917-723-0901 (cell); Alicia: [pastoraliciawood@gmail.com](mailto:pastoraliciawood@gmail.com), 315-450-1632 (cell); or Jee Hae: [jeehaesong611@gmail.com](mailto:jeehaesong611@gmail.com), 404-825-8025 (cell), for a brochure, online registration link, if you have any questions or need more information.

You are cordially invited to attend an information session of Tuesday, May 3 at 6 p.m at Erwin First UMC (920 Euclid Avenue, Syracuse, NY) either in-person or on Zoom. Kindly contact any of the pastors listed above to indicate whether you plan to attend in-person or via Zoom (Zoom link to follow).

### *Editor's notes:*

- *Check Upper New York Conference website for updates.*
- *It would be nice to have several people from our church take this trip together.*

meeting  
NOTICE

**Combined Trustees & Management Team**  
**Meeting** Wednesday, May 4, 2022  
6:00 pm in Wesley Hall



SUNDAY  
WORSHIP  
SERVICE  
11:00 AM

*May*

2022

Bible Study on  
Moses

Sundays at 9:30 am  
in Adult Sunday  
School Room

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 UMW Food Pantry Collection	2	3 Prayer Group 10:00 am	4	5	6	7 Kung Fu 6:00-8:00 am
8 Bible Study 9:30 am <b>Mother's Day</b>	9	10 Prayer Group 10:00 am	11	12	13	14 Kung Fu 6:00-8:00 am
15 Bible Study 9:30 am Council of Churches Meeting 5:00 pm Here	16 June Newsletter Deadline Noon	17 Prayer Group 10:00 am	18	19	20	21 Kung Fu 6:00-8:00 am
22 Bible Study 9:30 am	23	24 Prayer Group 10:00 am	25	26	27	28 Kung Fu 6:00-8:00 am
29 Bible Study 9:30 am <b>Gil's Hills Offering</b>	30	31 Prayer Group 10:00 am				

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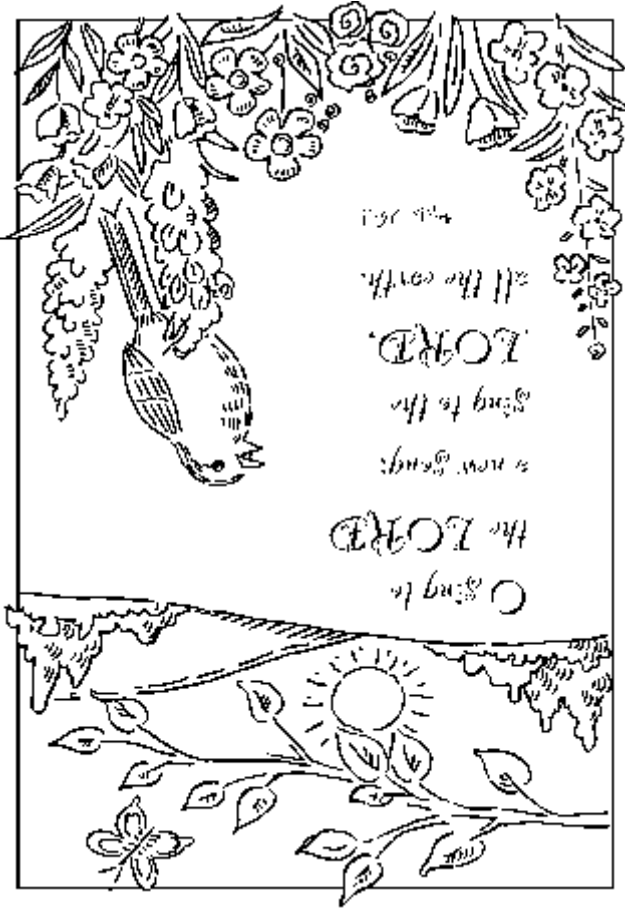
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