

June 2014

The Shepherd's Messenger



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With the coming of the Pentecost season (or Ordinary Time, as it is sometimes called), we will enter into what might be called the "second semester" of the church year. Whereas the first half of the church year deals with Christ's birth, ministry, death, and resurrection, the long, non-festival Pentecost season emphasizes Christ's teachings and parables.

In John 14:18, Christ promises, "I will not leave you orphaned." He keeps that promise with the giving of the Holy Spirit to his disciples and to his new church. On Pentecost Sunday, therefore, we commemorate Christ's church unified in the Holy Spirit, empowered for its mission in the world. The gift of the Holy Spirit is God's way of continuing Christ's work on earth through us.

Pentecost is the time we are to grow in the understanding of the Lord's teachings. It is the season during which we focus on applying Christianity to our daily living. After all the "Hosannas!" it is now to put muscle on our faith and put it to work!

It is ironic that the long Pentecost season – the time of the church – includes the summer months when traditionally many of us go on extended summer vacations. I implore you not to let the summer portion of Pentecost to become a kind of "spiritual hibernation." If we are truly to grow in the understanding of our Lord's teachings, then we cannot take a vacation from **living them.**

Pastor Jim



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

SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICES

- June 8 Special music and testimony
- June 27 Cuba-Rushford Baccalaureate Service at library community center
- June 29? Graduation Sunday at Cuba UMC?
Please let Jim know if anyone in your family is graduating from high school or college this year.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Our World situation
The Rothfus Family
to those at other residences...

CUBA CMH

Henny van der Horst

WATERS OF WESTFIELD

Dawn Durkee

EDEN HEIGHTS - OLEAN

Evelyn Steen

Others to keep in prayer:

Chuck Brooks
Bob Campbell
Bud Carlin
Veronica Clayson
John Culbert
Dee Donner
Myrtle Finch
Bill Francis
Sharon Ghannt
Mike Gibbons
Kenny Glass
Tyler Griffon
Norma Guinnip
Jeffrey Kellogg
Stephanie LaFever
Mary Lindquist
Amber Lunn (2 yrs. old)
Bee Mason
Bruce Metler
Rolly Miles
Mina (Doris Wyant's sister)
Rhonda Morse
Nellie Moses
Bessie Palmer
Wanda Pease
Keith Pierce
Harley Poore
Sharon (Sue Simmon's Friend)
Kelly Roberts
Wally Watson
Lola Wilson



2 - Donna Burdick
4 - Anthony Berardi
6 - Julie Hawks
7 - Dylan Cornell
Shirley Mosher
Kay Wetzell
11 - Sandy Pickert
12 - Franz Hodge
13 - Eric Young
18 - Tim Dutton
20 - Bessie Dillon
22 - Nikolas Berardi



**Call Sandra Allen
for Prayer Chain
(585) 968-2137**



10 - Cindy & Dale Dutton
22 - Bob & Sandy Beard
27 - Patti & Louis Petroni
30 - Laurie & John Simons

Military personnel and their families...

All the people on our Military Prayer List have returned to the 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.

Statistics Needed: \$1,616.65

Date	Worship	SS	Offering
4/27	41	18	\$1,510.50
4/27		Rothfus	\$ 107.00
5/4	46	18	\$1,956.00
5/4		Rothfus	\$ 20.00
5/11	50		\$1,413.00
5/11		Rothfus	\$ 50.00
5/18	33	10	\$1,329.00

June Helping HandsUshers

Mike & Marjanne Kunz

Greeters

6/1 *Open for you*
6/8 *Open for you*
6/15 *Open for you*
6/22 *Open for you*
6/29 *Open for you*

Acolyte

6/1
6/8
6/15
6/29

Children's Moment

Marjanne Kunz

Altar Guild

Claire Morris

Coffee Hour

6/15

Communion Server

Shelly Giczkowski

Many Hands make Light Work. Won't you please consider volunteering. We need greeters, liturgists, nursery helpers, Coffee Hour Hosts, Communion servers. Please sign up on the clipboards at the front entrance if you can help. Thank You!



SUNDAY SCHOOL

By Sandra Allen

Good News - The Cuba United Methodist Church has a Sunday School again! God has blessed us. It has been an exciting year.

Mike Kunz has a large class for 5-12 grades. Vanessa Clement started class for K-1. My class for 2-4 grades has been 5 boys. They are eager to learn and ask many very good questions. They ask questions that show they understand God's Word and want to know more. The highlights of our lessons have been the meaning of Communion, learning the Lord's Prayer and John 3:16.

Thank you to the people of the congregation that have encouraged us; the parents that have faithfully brought their children and to Judy Krott for her help and support.

God has been good.

Pentecost



Pentecost, also called the Feast of Weeks in the Bible, was a Jewish festival marking the harvest. The word *Pentecost* means "50 days," named for the fact that the festival fell seven weeks after the beginning of the harvest season. The most important Pentecost for Christians was the one that occurred 50 days after Jesus' resurrection, when the Holy Spirit entered the lives of the believers in the Upper Room in Jerusalem. Since that time, Pentecost has been an important day in Christian worship. It is often referred to as "the birthday of the church."

DYK:

Submitted by Dean Wildrick



NEW ORLEANS (UMNS) -- First Lady Michelle Obama addressed the 2014 graduating class of Dillard University, one of the (our) denomination's historically black colleges. She received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters during the May 10 commencement ceremony

Management Team Meeting Highlights

Submitted by Paul Tsujimoto

- ◆ Tuesday was a SPPRC meeting.
- ◆ Last Saturday was the Spring Cleanup day. Thanks to Bernie, Sandy T., and Rob Cornell
- ◆ The Bat Abatement project is on schedule



My thanks to Pastor Tim for his visits.

Also to everyone for their prayers, cards, phone calls & concerns for my recovery.

All were very much appreciated.

Harley

HomeCare & Hospice of Cattaraugus and Allegheny Counties are in need of



volunteers. It could be providing companionship, read, play games, serve prepared meals, or just sit with them, to allow the caregiver a much needed respite. We can also use professional volunteers such as: artists, hairdressers, nurses, massage therapists, musicians, who could help our patients by spending an extra hour or two a week doing what they do best. Veterans are very welcomed to visit our veteran patients. This has been very well accepted by our veteran patients. Office volunteers may help with filing, copying, putting Hospice or HomeCare family packets together, putting charts together, mailings. Event volunteers are needed for events we either organize or help with. These may include: Spring Bouquet sale, Hospice Walk, Home & Garden Show, Strawberry Festival, Tree of Life, to name a few. Any person interested in becoming a patient, office, or event volunteer should contact Peggy Gillespie, Volunteer Coordinator at 716-372-5735 or pgillespie@HomeCare-Hospice.org

HomeCare & Hospice, a non-profit United Way agency, provides specialized medical care and social/emotional support for patients and families coping with life-limiting illness in Allegany, Cattaraugus, Genesee and Wyoming counties. This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

“And God said, ‘Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds’ And God saw it was good.”
-Genesis 1:24-25

Unscramble these words to find names of animals that are found in the Bible.

- ntalepoe _____ Deuteronomy 14:5
- cooircdle _____ Leviticus 11:30
- prdleoa _____ Revelation 13:2
- hpsee _____ Deuteronomy 14:5
- zilrda _____ Leviticus 11:29
- ttcael _____ Genesis 1:25
- uomse _____ Leviticus 11:29
- mealc _____ Genesis 12:16
- oatg _____ Deuteronomy 14:5
- rhsoe _____ 1 Kings 10:25
- earb _____ Revelation 13:2
- niol _____ 1 Samuel 17:34
- abt _____ Deuteronomy 14:18
- eap _____ 1 Kings 10:22
- odg _____ Exodus 22:31



Lucille Wildrick, 101 passed away on Sunday, May 4 at the Cuba Memorial Hospital's Skilled Nursing Facility. She had been a member of Cuba UMC since 1979.



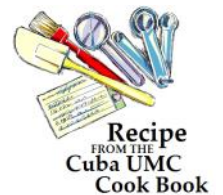
We would like to thank all who sent cards and well wishes to Lucille Wildrick during her 8+ year stay as a resident of Cuba Memorial Hospital.

She kept them all and got great pleasure from each of them.

Dean and Cheryl

FRUIT SMOOTHIE

Thela Snow



- 1 cup pineapple or orange juice
- 3 bananas, sliced
- 5 large strawberries
- 1 TBS honey
- 1 ½ cups ice

Combine all in a blender and process until smooth.
Makes 4 glasses.

Cuba United Methodist Women News

Submitted by Judy Zayac



Nine women got together on Saturday, May 10th in Wesley Hall to enjoy coffee, quick bread and fruit. We had a very informal meeting. Barbara reported that she deposited \$58.60 for the Call to Prayer and Self Denial. This will be sent to the district for mission.

Then we got down and dirty as we put together about 38 potted petunias and marigolds to give to women on Mother's Day.

We will be going to Allegany Hills Restaurant in Rushford on Thursday, June 5th to enjoy dinner out together before taking the summer hiatus. We plan to meet again in September for a pot luck dinner and begin another project year.

We welcome all women to join us for fun and fellowship as we gather to work toward mission both locally and world wide.



Dad

He never looks for praises
 He's never one to boast
 He just goes on quietly working
 For those he loves the most
 His dreams are seldom spoken
 His wants are very few
 And most of the time his worries
 Will go unspoken too
 He's there.... A firm foundation
 Through all our storms of life
 A sturdy hand to hold to
 In times of stress and strife
 A true friend we can turn to
 When times are good or bad
 One of our greatest blessings,
 The man that we call Dad.

LEADERSHIP TEAM REPORT

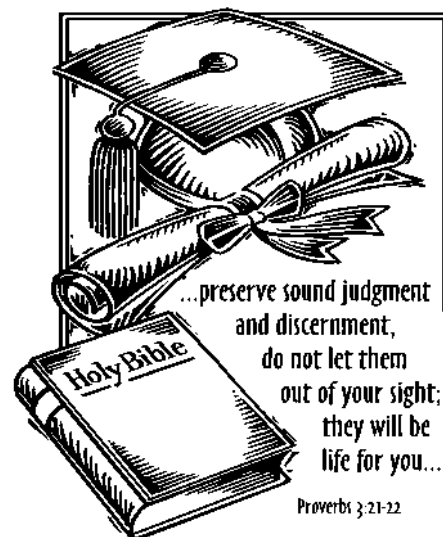
- We are arranging for a young adult from Houghton's baseball team to share music and a testimony with us during worship on Sunday, June 8.
- At the end of the camp season, we hope to have the children do a camp video for us along with s'mores. Will the management team let us build a fire in the sanctuary?
- Marjanne will be recruiting more adults to participate in children's church and children's moments. Church members will be asked to serve for a month at a time.
- Discussed and began implementation of worship ministry action plan to invite inactives to join our fellowship. Starting by reviewing current church directory.
- Number of church members involved in ministry is starting to grow!

OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The first half of 2014 has been a time of continued restoration for the “new” Cuba United Methodist Church. We have been working towards the goals we established in the fall and have accomplished much. Here is a rundown of what we can celebrate and give thanks to the Lord:

- An adult Sunday school/Bible study has been meeting after the Sunday service.
- The leadership team has developed a plan to contact each non-attending person listed in the directory to promote the new Cuba UMC.
- Our music ministry is beginning to include contemporary selections through CD's of praise music and singing of some contemporary songs by the choir for anthems and opening praise choruses.
- We now have an electronic interactive calendar that can be accessed by the leadership and management teams to schedule summer events.
- Changes to the worship service have been made which encourage the spiritual growth of children and include them in our fellowship.
- The management team has been inspired to discuss and suggest ministry ideas as well as caring for our church's administrative needs. There has been excellent communication between the management and leadership teams.
- We have produced a colorful church brochure for mass distribution.
- We are supporting a revitalized camping ministry. 9 children and 1 adult are attending Camp Findley and/or Camp Casawasco this summer.
- Pastor Tim is planning a fall Confirmation class for youth in 7th grade and up.

The New Cuba United Methodist church is on a roll!



JUNE 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Worship 9:00 am Food Pantry Collection	2	3	4	5 UMW Dinner Out @ Allegany Hills Golf Course Restaurant 5:00 pm	6	7 Kung Fu 6-8:00a
8 Worship 9:00 am Genesee Rapids Baseball Player	9 Management Team 6:30 pm	10	11	12	13	14 Kung Fu 6-8:00a
15 Father's Day Worship 9:00 a.m	16 July/Aug Newsletter Deadline	17	18	19	20	21 Kung Fu 6-8:00 am
22 Worship 9:00 am	23	24	25	26 Leadership Team 7:00 pm	27 Baccalaureate Service 6 p.m @ Cuba Library	28 Kung Fu 6-8:00 am
29 Worship 9:00 am Rothfus Offering	30					

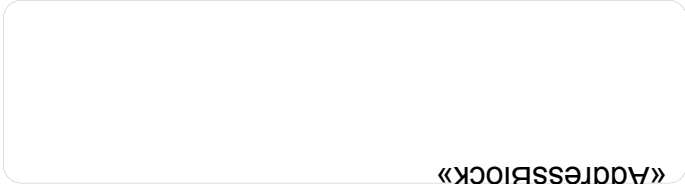
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