

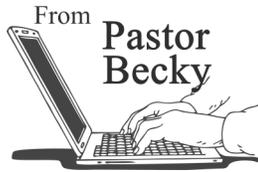
# The Shepherd's Messenger



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



From  
**Pastor  
Becky**

***Blessed be the Lord who daily loads us with benefits,  
the God of our salvation!***  
**Psalm 68:19**

Have you ever skipped a meal? Maybe your day was too busy or you simply forgot to stop and eat. It really affects you, doesn't it? You start to feel weak, irritable and tired the longer you go without food because you need it for your body to function properly. This is something that happens all the time spiritually. Let's take a look at Matthew 6, and you'll see what I mean.

In Matthew 6:11, in the middle of the Lord's Prayer, Jesus teaches us to pray for our daily bread when

He says, "Give us this day our daily bread." Is He referring to our provision? Yes, but I think He's talking about more than just our natural, physical provision. Throughout the Old and New Testament, many Scriptures refer to the Word of God as bread. So, with that in mind, is it possible that Jesus is telling us to pray every day for a word from God—for our daily bread?

I *fully* believe God has a word for you every day and that word will strengthen and nourish you all day long. However, there are a lot of Christians who are weak and tired because they aren't getting their daily bread from His Word. They're going weeks and months without eating what's readily available to them. God cares for us like a shepherd cares for his sheep, and He's provided us with the nourishment we need—but it's up to us to actually eat it.

When you start reading the Bible every day, God will speak to you through it. He'll encourage you and prepare you for situations you're going to encounter each day. Sometimes a word you get in your daily reading can provide nourishment for someone else, too. I can't tell you how many times I find myself talking to someone, and when they start to tell me about what they're going through, I'll remember, "That's what I read about this morning!" Then I can use that word to encourage and speak life to them. You never know when God is going to speak a word to you that will change your life or the life of someone around you.

What's God's word for *you* today?

### ***Prayer***

Lord, thank You that Your Word is bread that feeds and sustains me. I need the daily nourishment that it brings. Please speak to me today. I need a word from You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Blessings,

***Pastor Becky***

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

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

PINES - OLEAN  
Connie Battistoni

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

**June 3 The Laona Church.**  
Pastor Mike Spell and his wife Jaimee and their family.

**June 10 The Limestone Church.** Rev. Bob Beard, his wife Sandra and their family.

**The Napoli Church.** Tracey Barron, her husband Daniel and their children Jadon, Rylee and Ty.

**June 17 The Machias Church.**  
Pastor Nancy Preston, her husband Richard and their family.

**June 24 The Magnolia and Open Meadows Churches.**  
Pastor John Bowen, his wife Cordelia and their family.

**Statistics**

**Needed: \$1,548**

Date	Worship	SS	Offering
4/29	62	18	\$1,433.00
4/29		Rothfus	\$ 95.00
5/6	48	16	\$2,795.00
5/6		Naomi	\$ 110.00
5/13	44	13	\$1,674.00
5/13		Rothfus	\$ 20.00
5/13		Naomi	\$ 25.00
5/20	57	12	\$1,378.00
5/27	41	-	\$1,281.00
5/27		Rothfus	\$ 97.00

**Others to keep in prayer:**

- Norma Andrus
- Hazel Cornell
- David Edwards
- Luke Fries
- David Halstead
- Donna Hart
- Sandy Lathrop
- Jim Maxim
- Mary McCarthy
- Mark Middaugh
- Mary Ellen Moriarty
- Katie Morris
- Keith Pearce
- Laroy Spateholts
- Heidi Sturdevant
- Lon Sweet
- David Taylor
- Donald Thompson
- JoAnn Viglietta
- 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.

You can write prayer requests in the attendance pads on Sundays, or drop your request off at the office, or



- 4 - Anthony Berardi
- 6 - Julie Hawks
- 7 - Dylan Cornell
- 15 - Eric Young
- 18 - Tim Dutton  
Ken Wyant
- 19- Kevin Kranock
- 20 - Bessie Dillon
- 22 - Nikolas Berardi
- 30- Charlie Wildrick-Cole

**June Helping Hands**

Usher:  
Jim Travis



Pianist:  
Christine Berardi

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**



- 10 - Cindy & Dale Dutton
- 22 - Bob & Sandy Beard



**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**.

### COOL CUCUMBER PASTA SALAD

Kathy Isaac (Doris Wyant's family)

8 oz. uncooked penne pasta  
 2 medium cucumbers, thinly sliced  
 1-½ cups sugar  
 ¾ cup white vinegar  
 1 TBS. dried parsley flakes  
 1 tsp. pepper

1 TBS. vegetable oil  
 1 medium onion, thinly sliced  
 1 cup water  
 1 TBS. prepared mustard  
 1 tsp. salt  
 ½ tsp. garlic salt



Cook pasta according to package directions, drain and rinse in cold water. Place pasta in a large bowl, stir in the oil, cucumbers and onions.

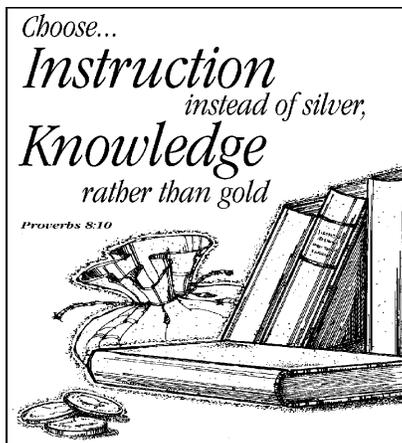
In a jar with a tight lid, combine the remaining ingredients. Shake well. Pour over salad, toss to coat. Cover and chill for 4 hours, stirring occasionally. Serve with a slotted spoon. Refrigerate leftovers. Yield: 8 to 10 servings.



#### High School Graduates:

**Lauren LaFever**, granddaughter of Mike & Sandy LaFever, is graduating from Portville Central School. She is planning to attend JCC in Olean.

**Sammy Kellogg**, grandson of Doris and Ken Wyant, is graduating from Ten Broeck Academy in Franklinville. He will be attending Ohio Technical College.



# Puzzle!

Find the missing letter in each alphabet below. Then read the words from top to bottom to discover Israel's promise from Joshua 24:24, NIV.

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 ZYXWVUSRQPONMLKJIHGFDCBA \_\_\_\_\_  
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 ZYXWVUTSRQPONMLKJIHGFDCBA \_\_\_\_\_

Answer: We will serve the Lord ... and obey him. Joshua 24:24, NIV

## Adult Sunday School Studies with Cheryl

37 Major Bible Prophecies

PROPHECY #30: Armageddon (location for the battle of Good vs. Evil)



Previous to this prophesy, we were told about the Great Tribulation which included pain, suffering and death for mankind and also the destruction of earth by a severe earthquake that split the city into three parts. This is also referred to as God "pouring out" judgments on the earth. (Revelation 16:1-21) Also 100 lb. hailstones will fall.

Now comes the Final World War (at Armageddon) which will be located in the Holy Land, north of Palestine. East of Mount Megiddo, in a broad valley, Jesus will battle Satan for control of the earth. (Revelation 16:16) Satan, the Anti Christ, and the False Prophet will gather kings and armies to fight on their side. (The kings will actually be fighting for their own power and superiority.) Jesus will gather the armies from heaven to fight on His side. (Revelation 19:11-15a)

At this point, Good is facing off against Evil. First, the Anti Christ and his associate will be thrown (alive) into the fiery lake of burning sulfur. (Revelation 19:19-20) Then, the kings and their armies will be killed by the sword. (Revelation 19:21) And finally, Satan will be bound with a chain, and thrown into the Abyss for one thousand years. (Revelation 20:1-3) When Satan is released, he will resume deceiving the nations and gathering them for battle. Satan and his followers will surround Jerusalem, but before the troops can do anything, they will be devoured by fire from heaven. Then Satan will be thrown into the lake of burning sulfur, and be tormented for ever and ever. (Revelation 20:7-10)

Thus, the Battle at Armageddon will be won by Jesus and the forces of Good. Punishment will be received by Satan and the forces of Evil.

Prophecies have come true in the past. They will come true in the future also.



Our **Cuba UMC Church Picnic and Worship** will be in Chamberlain Park on July 15. There will be a sign up sheet in the sanctuary for dish to pass.

**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN  
ANNUAL DINNER**  
ALLEGHENY HILLS  
RUSHFORD, NY  
JUNE 20, 2018 AT 5:30 PM



Respond to Janet Calcagno  
by June 9th



## FUNNY GRADUATION QUOTES



- “Even if you are on the right track, you will get run over if you just sit there.” —Will Rogers
- “Follow your passion. Stay true to yourself. Never follow someone else’s path, unless you’re in the woods and you’re lost and you see a path. By all means, you should follow that.” —Ellen DeGeneres
- “I have never let my schooling interfere with my education.” —Mark Twain
- “Your families are extremely proud of you. You can’t imagine the sense of relief they are experiencing. This would be a most opportune time to ask for money.”—Gary Bolding
- “To those of you who received honors, awards and distinctions, I say well done. And to the C students, I say you too may one day be president of the United States.” —George W. Bush
- “If you think you are too small to be effective, you have never been in the dark with a mosquito.” —Betty Reese
- “People often say that motivation doesn’t last. Well neither does bathing; that’s why we recommend it daily.” —Zig Ziglar
- “Always borrow money from a pessimist. He won’t expect it back.” —Oscar Wilde
- “I have not failed. I’ve just found 10,000 ways that won’t work.” —Thomas Edison
- “The elevator to success is out of order. You’ll have to use the stairs . . . one step at a time.” —Joe Girard
- “The road to success is always under construction.” —Lily Tomlin
- “Don’t worry about the world coming to an end today. It is already tomorrow in Australia.”—Charles Schulz
- “A man who has never gone to school may steal from a freight car, but if he has a university education, he may steal the whole railroad.” —Theodore Roosevelt
- “Nothing is impossible. The word itself says ‘I’m possible!’” —Audrey Hepburn



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## DUDLEY TAILS

Hi to all my friends! This is Dudley. I have been enjoying the spring weather and following the scent of an elusive red squirrel in our yard. Soon we will be going to visit residents at Cuba Memorial. There are new faces there again with new names. But some familiar faces have not been there in weeks. One face that has been missing is my friend Bob.

Bob has a thick mustache and glasses. I first met him last year. He was reclining in a chair in his room. My master introduced us and said that we visit the residents every week. Bob said that he would like us to visit him. He was very enthusiastic and wanted to hold me and pet me. At first I was a bit cautious. I don't usually let strangers hug me close. But I learned that if I sat in his lap or on his bed, I would receive yummy dog treats. (I learned that the best way to make friends is to offer a person something that they like.) Bob liked having me close. And I liked soft dog treats.

There was something about Bob... maybe it was the way that he greeted me. Often when my master arrived, Bob was sleeping. But at the sound of his name, he would wake up. Then, I heard his unforgettable greeting: "My Dudley! My baby!" Later I learned that Bob was not married and he had no baby, so I became his baby for a few minutes every time we visited.

Bob had a picture of a pretty blonde lady on his wall. He told us that the lady was Dolly Parton. (I know what you're thinking.) I found out that Bob had worked at Dollywood and he knew Dolly well. She had signed the picture.

When we visited Bob, it was not unusual if he and my master sang several old hymns. (I would not pay to hear their concert, but they both seemed to enjoy the activity very much.)

After a number of months, Bob told us that he would be going on dialysis. I don't know what that means, but sometimes when we went to visit him, we were told that he would not be back until later. With the passing of time, when we did see Bob, he was looking weaker and he spoke softer. He said that he did not enjoy food anymore and he often felt sick.

One day when we went to visit Bob, he had been moved to a private room. The staff said he would soon be leaving us. (I did not understand what that meant. But when we entered Bob's room, things were different.) Lights in his room were dim and the mattress that he was laying on was on the floor.

When my master told Bob that we were there, I heard the familiar sound of his voice. "My Dudley. My Baby." It was a weak voice. I laid down beside Bob on his bed. For some reason I felt sad. My master and Bob talked about heaven and prayed together. We stayed until Bob's family member arrived. My master said her goodbyes and I licked Bob's hand. Then I heard the words: "We'll see you again Bob."

I haven't seen Bob again. But my master says that Bob is going to heaven because Jesus is his Lord. We will see him there. I believe my master. That good news makes me happy. I will sit next to Bob (maybe he will hold me tight) and he will joyfully feed me soft, yummy dog treats.

Love,  
Dudley



**WORSHIP SERVICE SUNDAY 11:00 AM**



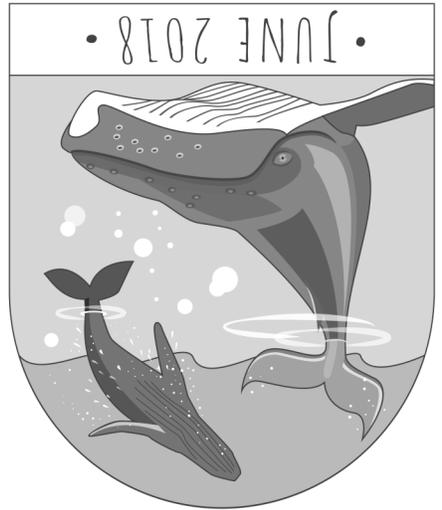
**2018**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL For All Ages 9:45 AM**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>3</b> Communion Naomi Mission Offering UMW Food Pantry Collection	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Prayer Group 10 am - 11 am	<b>6</b> Trustees meeting 6:00 pm Management Team Meeting 6:45 pm	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Clean Outside Church 9 am - Noon
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Prayer Group 10 am - 11 am	<b>13</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b>  Coffee Hour	<b>18</b> July/August Newsletter Deadline - Noon	<b>19</b> Prayer Group 10 am - 11 am	<b>20</b> UMW Dinner Out Allegheny Hills 5:30 pm	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> Rothfus Offering	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Prayer Group 10 am - 11 am	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>

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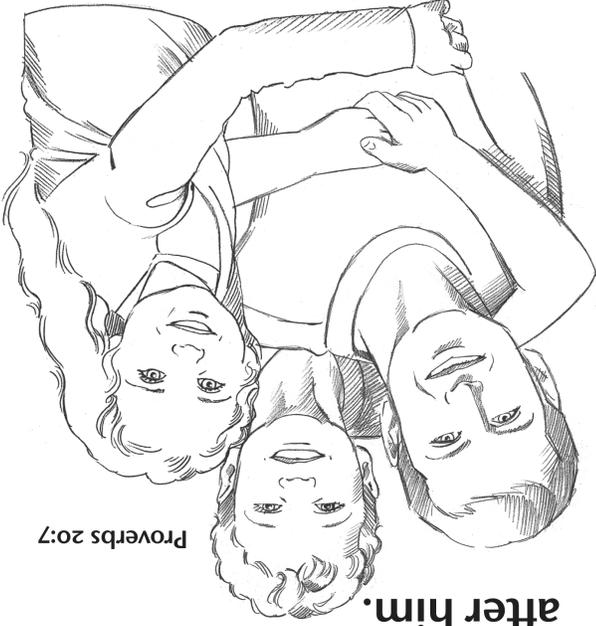
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**The righteous man  
leads a blameless life;  
blessed are his children  
after him.**

Proverbs 20:7