

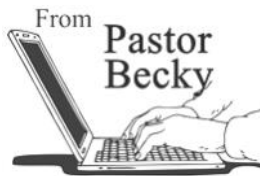
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KNOWING JESUS AS THE GOOD SHEPHERD & SHARING THE RISEN CHRIST WITH ALL.



But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.
Hebrews 11:6

One of my favorite passages of Scripture is Hebrews 11 because it tells us about the "heroes of faith"—the people throughout the Bible who did amazing exploits for God. I have read Hebrews 11 many times, but one day I noticed a pattern. All the heroes listed in that chapter **heard** God, **believed** God, and **obeyed** God. Noah heard God tell him to build an ark, he believed God, obeyed Him, and saved his household. Moses followed the same pattern when God told him to take the children of Israel out of Egypt. And when Joshua heard, believed, and obeyed God's instruction to march around Jericho seven times and shout, the walls came tumbling down.

Many people who grew up in church remember being told to hear and obey. But they are leaving a step out. We may hear God, but if we don't believe what we've heard, we won't obey. Biblical faith is believing what God says no matter what people, our feelings, or our circumstances tell us.

The good news is we can follow the pattern outlined in Hebrews 11 today! We can hear God every day because He has sent the Holy Spirit to speak to us, guide us into all truth (John 16:13), and tell us what God wants us to do. And there is more good news! If we hear and believe Him, He gives us the power to obey Him—to do what He told us to do—even if it seems impossible.

Acts 1:8 says, "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." The Holy Spirit gives us power not only to witness to other people about Jesus but also to do what He says. When we obey God and He shows up to do signs, wonders, and miracles through our lives, it makes us want to follow Jesus even more and become even greater disciples.

I don't know about you, but I would have wanted to be one of those heroes of faith. What if God was writing a faith chapter today in the books He keeps in heaven? Would you make it in? What do you think it would take to become a hero of faith? Follow the examples of Jesus' disciples and the heroes of faith, and hear, believe, and obey God every day. When you become a follower, you have the power to change the world for Jesus Christ!

Prayer

Father, thank You for sending the Holy Spirit so He might guide me into all truth. Today, I choose to hear what You are saying, believe You, and obey You so I might be transformed into the image of Jesus Christ and become one of His followers. Please give me the grace and power to do Your will. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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
 Family & friends of Roberta Farrell
 Nancy Frazier
 Brian Fries
 Luke Fries
 Tyler Griffin
 Don Hall
 David Halstead
 Donna Hart
 Jean Higby
 Sandy Lathrop
 Mark Middaugh
 Mary Ellen Moriarty
 Justin Murphy
 Keith Pearce
 Laroy Spateholts
 JoAnn Viglietta
 James Woodruff
 Ken Wyant
 David Yonaka

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!

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

June 2 Laona Emmanuel UMC. Pastor Mike Spell, his wife Jaimee and their family.

June 9 Limestone UMC. Rev. Bob Beard, his wife Sandra and their family.

June 16 Magnolia & Open Meadows UMCs. Pastor John Bowen, his wife Cordie and their family.

June 23 North Harmony UMC. Joe Osborne, his wife Kelly and their family.

June 30 Olean: Christ UMC. Rev. Suzanne Block and her family and Rev. Carrie Wolfe, her husband Aaron and their son Max.

Statistics

Needed: \$1,659

Date	Worship	SS	Offering
4/21	73	-	\$2,016.75
4/28	43	-	\$ 984.00
4/28		Rothfus	\$ 20.00
5/5	65		\$3,006.00
5/5	Naomi/Rothfus		\$95/\$50
5/5	Native American		\$37.00
5/12	53		\$2,233.00
5/12	Rothfus		\$ 20.00
5/12	Native American		\$ 13.00
5/19	39		\$1,281.00
5/26	56		\$1,561.00
5/26		Rothfus	\$ 70.00

June Helping Hands

Usher:
 Jim Travis



Pianist:
 Christine Berardi

Acolyte:
 Chris Hupp

Altar Guild:
 Claire Morris



- 4 - Anthony Berardi
- 6 - Julie Hawks
- 7 - Dylan Cornell
- 15 - Eric Young
- 18 - Tim Dutton
 - Rinoa Lockwood (Casi's daughter)
 - Ken Wyant
- 19 - Kevin Kranock
- 22 - Nikolas Berardi



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

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



Roberta K. "Bobby" Farrell, Judy Krott's mother, passed away on May 18, 2019. A funeral service was held on May 22, 2019 at Hill Memorial UMC in Bradford, PA.



- 10 - Cindy & Dale Dutton
- 22 - Bob & Sandy Beard
- 30 - Laurie & John Simons

Thank You!

Thanks to Cheryl and my church family for prayers, cards, hospital visits and get well expressions that I received recently.

Dean

LEMON GRAHAM FREEZE

Cindy Dutton

- 1 (5 oz) can evaporated milk
- ½ cup sugar
- 2 TBS lemon juice
- 6 whole graham crackers



Pour milk in large metal mixing bowl. Add beaters to bowl and freeze for 30 minutes until soft crystals form around edge of bowl. Using cold beaters, beat milk until soft peaks form. Gradually add sugar and lemon juice. Mix well. Place 5 graham crackers in ungreased 11" x 7" x2" dish. Pour milk mixture over crackers. Crush remaining graham crackers and sprinkle on top. Cover and freeze until firm. Yield: 6 cool and refreshing servings!

Puzzle!

Write the names of the parents of these biblical children. For help, look up the verses in an NIV Bible.

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|----------------------------------|---------------|
| Joash (2 Kings 11:2) | A _____ |
| Obed (Matthew 1:5) | B _____ |
| Joseph (Genesis 35:22-24) | C _____ |
| John the disciple (Matthew 4:21) | _____ D _____ |
| John the Baptist (Luke 1:13) | _____ E _____ |
| Lo-Ruhamah (Hosea 1:3, 6) | F _____ |
| Jezreel (Hosea 1:2-4) | G _____ |
| Esau (Genesis 25:28) | H _____ |
| David (1 Samuel 16:19) | I _____ |
| Jacob (Genesis 25:28) | J _____ |
| Samuel (1 Samuel 1:19-20) | _____ K _____ |
| Gershom (Exodus 2:21-22) | L _____ |
| Samuel (1 Samuel 1:19-20) | _____ M _____ |
| Jesse (Matthew 1:5) | _____ N _____ |
| Gershom (Exodus 2:21-22) | _____ O _____ |
| | _____ P _____ |
| | _____ Q _____ |
| Joseph (Genesis 35:23-24) | R _____ |
| Isaac (Genesis 21:3) | S _____ |
| John the Baptist (Luke 1:13) | _____ T _____ |
| Jonathan (1 Samuel 14:1) | _____ U _____ |
| Solomon (1 Kings 2:1) | _____ V _____ |
| | _____ W _____ |
| | _____ X _____ |
| Jesus (Matthew 1:18) | _____ Y _____ |
| Isaiah (Isaiah 1:1) | _____ Z _____ |



UMW News
Submitted by Sharry Semans

The UMW held their meeting on May 18, 2019. Much was discussed.

First, thank you all for contributing to the Health Kits. Ten were completed with your help. The UMW is completing the remaining fourteen. The kits will be sent out within the next couple of weeks.

Second, another big thank you for donating items for the Flood Buckets. The Church recently received a donation for \$100 to be used toward filling the Buckets. Along with that donation, UMW will donate any supplies needed in order to complete filling the Buckets.

Third, here are details you all have been waiting for...THE ALL SEASON RUMMAGE SALE. This will be the final sale of the year. We will be open on Wednesday, July 17, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM, and July 18-20, from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Mark your calendars. Prices will be reduced every day of the sale. Bring your friends and relatives. (We appreciate any and all donations, which you may drop off at any time the Church is open.)

Finally, UMW would like to extend an invitation to any woman (sorry guys) who would like to go to dinner with us. It will be a fun evening out at the Old Greyhound on June 19, 2019, at 6:00 PM. If you wish to join us, please let Deb Battisoni know by June 10th, as we do need to make reservations.

Ladies, even if you are unable to make the dinner, we would welcome any woman of the congregation to join us in the fall when we hold our next meeting on September 21, 2019, at 10:00 AM. Peggy Pearce will be bringing refreshments. It will be worth coming just for that!

Answers: Ahaziah, Boaz, Jacob, Zebedee, Zechariah, Comer, Hosea, Isaac, Jesse, Rebekah, Elikanah, Moses, Hannah, Obed, Zipporah, Rachel, Sarah, Elizabeth, Saul, David, Mary, Amoz



Clayton

"I can't believe it! The same woman who sends me to my room for staining my clothes just donated money for stained glass."

ADULT SUNDAY BIBLE STUDIES with Cheryl



Spiritual Warfare: Jesus

When Jesus lived on earth, everything did not go perfectly. As a matter of fact, He was fighting spiritual warfare with Satan just after He was baptized and spent forty days alone, fasting in the desert.

Satan's desire is to be elevated above God: to be worshipped and obeyed. Satan appeared to Jesus in order to tempt Him, and to win Him over to Satan's side in the battle for souls.

After forty days of fasting, Jesus was hungry. Satan knew this, and tempted Jesus to turn stones into bread.¹ Satan wanted Jesus to use His divine powers for selfish gain, but Jesus refused. Jesus quoted scripture that said He sustained himself on the words of God.

Satan led Jesus to Jerusalem and had Him stand on the highest point of the temple. Satan said "if" Jesus was the Son of God, he should prove it. Jesus should jump off the temple, and "if" He was who He said He was... angels would catch Him before He hurt even His foot.² But Jesus refused. Jesus again quoted scripture. He said, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."

A third time, Satan tempted Jesus. Looking down on the kingdoms of the world in their splendor, Satan promised that he would give them to Jesus if Jesus would bow down and worship him. Jesus refused. Again He quoted scripture: "worship the Lord your God, and serve Him only."³

If Jesus had given-in to Satan, He would have been Satan's servant... and we would not have a savior. Jesus set the example of using scripture to fight against the forces of evil. We must be alert to every time that we are tempted to sin. And... we must do what Jesus did: refuse to give in to temptation. Then we too will win our spiritual battles.

¹ Matthew 4:3 ² Matthew 4:6 ³ Matthew 4:10

Spiritual Warfare: Peter

Simon Peter became one of the strongest of Jesus' disciples. His brother, Andrew, introduced Peter to Jesus, and Peter left his vocation of fishing to become a follower of Jesus.

Peter wasn't always right about what he thought. And Peter was often corrected by Jesus. But Peter's love for Jesus and desire to serve Jesus were strong.

Jesus called Peter a "rock" and Jesus said that He would build His church upon that rock. But... Peter was not a rock of faith after Jesus was arrested.

Why would Peter deny his true friend? Why would Peter deny his Lord? Why would Peter deny the Son of God? Had Peter just been pretending to believe all that Jesus had said? Had Peter only been thinking of the benefits he derived from following Jesus? Had Peter only loved the status he gained by being a disciple of Jesus?

It would probably be more accurate to say that Peter was more brave with Jesus at his side, than he was when Jesus was taken away. Peter wanted to live with Christ, but he didn't want to die with Christ.

Where does this thinking come from? Does it come from weakness? (as if we are unable to be brave when we do not feel Christ next to us?) Does it come from fear? (as if we are afraid of pain or death?) Does it come from doubt? (as we are saying: "I'm fairly certain that Christ is my savior... but don't make me stake my life on it.")

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DUDLEY TAILS

Submitted by Cheryl Wildrick

I came home after dark and was greeted at the door by Tucker and Dudley, who barked and wiggled, because they were so happy to see me. But, their mood quickly changed.

They sensed a problem... a problem that they did not understand. Their master did not want to play, and tears ran down her face. She went into a room and pushed the door almost closed.

Tucker followed, wanting to help, and pushed the door open. But the door was again pushed back, almost closing. Undeterred, Tucker pushed the door open again, and then came over to me.

Tucker's eyes were softly pleading: "Tell me what is wrong. How can I help?" He had my complete attention. He would fore-go his own desires to comfort me. 'No matter how long it took.

I exited the room and went to sit down in the living room, in my spot on the loveseat. Both dogs followed. Dudley lay at my feet, looking concerned. He did not understand sobbing, but he knew enough to stay close. After a while, Dudley jumped up to his spot next to me. He put his head down, but looked up at me (as if to say, "Is it alright for me to sit with you?") It was alright.

Minutes later, Dudley walked over to me... shoved his nose under my elbow... and pushed it up. His tail was wagging. I petted him briefly, and when I stopped, Dudley laid down again. But the mood had not changed much. Dudley was determined. He came back over and repeatedly lifted up my elbow until I smiled and he had my complete attention. Sometimes my dogs are a gift of peace.

It is wonderful to have a good friend near us in times of grief. Words don't even have to be spoken. The closeness, the caring, and the understanding are a comfort.

When Jesus hung on the cross, I'm sure that God, the Father, was angry, because His Son did not deserve to die. *

When Jesus died on the cross, I'm sure that God, the Father, was relieved that the suffering of His Son was over. **

When Jesus ascended into heaven, I am sure that God, the Father, was overjoyed to be with his beloved Son again. ***

Our family, and extended family, lost a wonderful 15 year-old son (and grandson) on 10/20/18. He would have turned 16 on 6/30/19. As the milestones pass, we remember with tears and love, our beloved Charlie. God knows how we feel: "Charlie didn't deserve to die." "Charlie suffered in silence, but now the suffering is over." "We will be overjoyed to be with our son (and grandson) again, one day in the future. "

Thank you lord for making that possible.

* Mark 8:31; 1 Peter 3:17

** Luke 24:26; 1 Peter 2:24

*** John 20:19-20; Mark 1:9-11

Adult Sunday Bible Study (Continued from Page 4)

Weakness, fear and doubt come from Satan. He is subtle... and without knowing it, we are pulled away from our Lord, and are lining up on Satan's side in the spiritual battle of good vs. evil. Be strong. Speak out in faith.

Do not be deceived.*

* Galations 6:7

Lament to the Lord

How long oh Lord?
 How long will pain and suffering endure?
 How long will our hearts ache and our tears flow?

You created the earth and said that it was good.
 You showed us beauty in the sky and sea.
 You gave us children and grandchildren in your own image.

We watched our children and grandchildren grow.
 We saw a part of us in their appearance and interests.
 We taught them to honor and worship you.

Then they grew, and faced things unknown to us.
 Then their deepest thoughts were hidden from us.
 Then we could not protect them from what we did not know.

What is happening to our world today?
 What are our real foes, and do we recognize them?
 What is the battle plan, and when do we fight?

Oh Lord, I cry out to you, my Maker and my Master.
 Oh Lord, some days I hurt so terribly.
 Oh, Lord, you are my refuge and my hope for peace.

How long oh Lord?
 How long will pain and suffering endure?
 How long will our hearts ache and our tears flow?

Lord, please give Charlie a big hug for me... Gramma Cheryl

**As a father has
 compassion for his
 children, so the Lord
 has compassion for
 those who fear him.**

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Cuba Council of Churches News

Submitted by Peggy Pearce

Christ Episcopal Church was the location of the May 5th meeting of the Cuba Council of Churches, including both pastors and laity. The treasurer reported \$899.51 in the checking account, and \$505.78 in the scholarship account. The Food Pantry has an ongoing need for nonperishable food items, in particular, Hamburger Helper, rice, instant potatoes, canned soup, fruit, tuna and macaroni and cheese. Assistance requests included six food and four gas in March; five food and two gas in April, and one food in May as of this meeting date.

A scholarship committee of Mary Hupp, Mike Kunz and Pastor Lynn Sullivan will meet to review and discuss applicants. The \$500 award will be presented at graduation to the deserving Cuba Rushford senior.

President Nettie White asked for continued advertising through bulletins and newsletters of the various Council projects: dental/hygiene items for Cuba Rushford (collection box at the library) and Coats for Kids (winter coats and snow gear collected at Baptist Church).

Please plan to attend the annual "Songs of Faith, Hope and Inspiration" planned for June 2nd starting at 2 p.m. at the Palmer House. Donations received at the program go to support the Council Scholarship Fund. And watch for "Jail Bail" during June Dairy Days where 'prisoners' will have to pay (\$1.00/minute) to go free. In addition to paying to get out of jail, you also have the opportunity to pay to put someone **in** jail. Money raised is earmarked for the Council Scholarship Fund.

The full Council will meet again on Sunday, September 8, at the Cuba United Methodist Church.




June

WORSHIP SERVICE SUNDAY 11:00 AM

2019

SUNDAY SCHOOL For All Ages 9:45 AM

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 Naomi /Kosovo Offering UMW Food Pantry Collection	3	4 Prayer Group 10 am- 11 am Violin Lessons 3-6 pm	5	6 Cub Scouts Evening	7	8 Kung Fu 6-8 am
9	10	11 Prayer Group 10 am- 11 am Violin Lessons 3-6 pm	12 Trustees Meeting 6:00 pm Management Team Meeting 6:45 pm	13 Cub Scouts Evening	14	15 Kung Fu 6-8 am
16  Peace with Justice Sunday Offering	17 July/August Newsletter Deadline - Noon	18 Prayer Group 10 am- 11 am Violin Lessons 3-6 pm	19 UMW Dinner Out 6pm @ The Old Greyhound	20 Cub Scouts Evening	21	22 Kung Fu 6-8 am
23	24	25 Prayer Group 10 am- 11 am	26	27	28	29 Kung Fu 6-8 am
30 Rothfus Offering						

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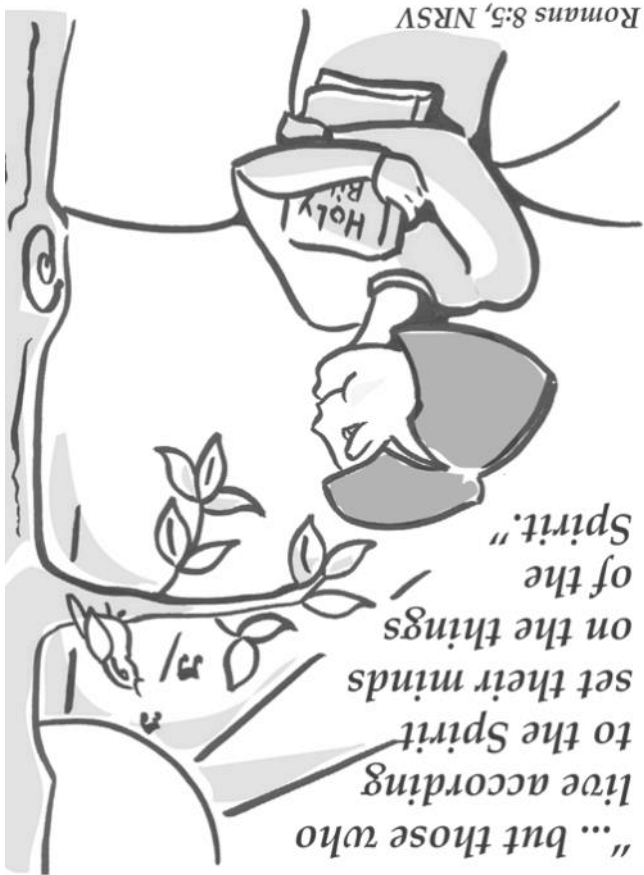
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