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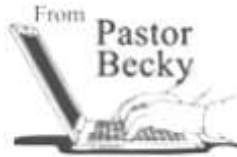
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KNOWING JESUS AS THE GOOD SHEPHERD & SHARING THE RISEN CHRIST WITH ALL.



Heaven on Earth

“Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing at the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders . . . and I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.” Revelation 5:6; 21:3,4

Why go to church? I’m not sure if you have ever thought about such a thing. Maybe you’re on auto pilot and when Sunday comes you just get up, put on your ‘Sunday best’ and head off to church but . . . why go to church? People could do all kinds of different things on a “freed up” Sunday morning and yet, all around the world – from the United States, to Nigeria, to Russia – people get up and go to church. That still doesn’t answer the question though, why go to church?

Maybe we would respond to such a question and say, “Well, the third commandment says we should worship.” This is true. The Third Commandment does say **“Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.”** However, I hope there is a greater reason why you are drawn to come and worship with other Christians. I hope it is not just the whip of God’s law that gets you out of bed, dressed and moving to church (although sometimes that is needed!)

Maybe take a minute right now and re-read the excerpt above from Revelation. That passage gives us quite an amazing picture, doesn’t it? The book of Revelation gives us a glimpse into heaven. In that glimpse we see Christ, the Lamb who looks as if it had been slain, surrounded by His followers as He creates a new creation for all of us. That glimpse we see of heaven in Revelation, is also a picture you witness as we gather for worship. As we gather together, heaven is cracked open through the wounds of Christ and His mercy spills down into this world. In our sanctuary Jesus Himself stands among us, the living Lamb who looks as if He had been slain, and He feeds us, He speaks to us, He comforts us. Jesus comes to forgive us and refresh us for the days ahead. I hope this is why we gather around God’s Word and Sacrament. Anyone can be beaten into church with the law of a commandment, but I hope we all yearn to be near Christ; He certainly yearns to be near you!

Hope to see you on Sunday 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
Don Hall
David Halstead
Donna Hart
Bernie Hawks
Jean Higby
Bob Huddleston
Andrew James
Katie Kellogg
Kevin Kranock
Bruce Metler
Helen Middaugh
Mark Middaugh
Nellie Moses
Justin Murphy
Keith Pierce
Shirley Poore
Laroy Spateholts
Donald Thompson
Jessica Veiders
JoAnn Viglietta
Clint Wilder
Family & friends of Kenneth Wyant
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!




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




- 10 - Cindy & Dale Dutton
- 20 - Al & Marilyn Goodliff
- 30 - Laurie & John Simons

Statistics Needed: \$1,798

Date	Worship	SS	Offering
5/1	39		\$2,117.00
		Gil's Hills	\$ 75.00
		Native American Ministries	44.00
5/8	38		\$1,053.00
		Native American Ministries	50.00
5/15	39		\$2,372.26
		Gil's Hills	\$ 50.00
5/22	42		\$2,864.00




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.

June Helping Hands  **HELPING HAND MINISTRY**

Power Point:
Rob Cornell

Pianist/Organist:
Christine Berardi

Altar Guild:
Claire Morris



Kenneth W. Wyant, Doris Wyant's husband and Brenda Wyant's father-in-law passed away on May 18, 2022 at the Buffalo General Hospital. A Memorial Service will be held June 4, 2022 at the Babbitt & Easton Funeral Home in Franklinville.



Sunday Worship Services are streamed live on our website, 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

Puzzle!

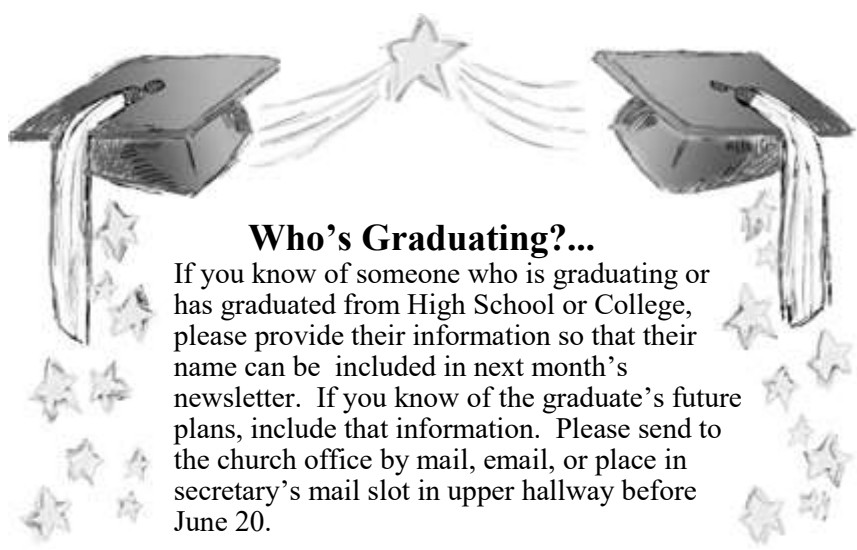
Find the names of these fathers and sons from the Old Testament.

ADAM	REUBEN
CAIN	DAN
ABEL	ASHER
SETH	JUDAH
NOAH	LEVI
HAM	GAO
SHEM	NAPHTALI
JAPHETH	SIMEON
ELKANAH	ISSACHAR
SAMUEL	ZEBULUN
AARON	BENJAMIN
NAOAB	JOSEPH
HUR	MANASSEH
CALEB	EPHRAIM
ABRAHAM	SALU
ISHMAEL	JONATHAN
ISAAC	DAVID
ESAU	SOLOMON
JACOB	

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W R D I T T N A H T A N O J



Combined Trustees & Management Team Meeting Wednesday, June 1, 2022
6:00 pm in Wesley Hall



Who's Graduating?...

If you know of someone who is graduating or has graduated from High School or College, please provide their information so that their name can be included in next month's newsletter. If you know of the graduate's future plans, include that information. Please send to the church office by mail, email, or place in secretary's mail slot in upper hallway before June 20.



The **United Methodist Women** collect for the **Cuba Food Pantry** on the 1st Sunday of each month.

Please place items in the bin in the Green Street Foyer.
Items needed at this time are: cold cereal, one-dish meals (i.e. Manwich, stew, etc.) and boxed meals (i.e. Hamburger Helper, etc.). Snack bars, crackers and cookies are also appreciated.



DUDLEY TAILS

Submitted by Cheryl Wildrick

As Dudley raced along the walking path with his master in tow, squirrels scattered, and occasionally a cat bolted out of his way. Behind, and around the end of the barn, the path curved, and entered a wooded area. There, it continued to curve between tall, old trees... (many of which had died... 'lost their bark... or 'dropped their dead branches.)

The path curved more sharply now, and as Dudley disappeared from view, (still pulling his master forward), then Dudley began to bark loudly.

Suddenly, a short animal with a long busy tail, (and a thick mahogany - colored coat) ran past Dudley's master. It jumped onto a tree, scurried into the tree's crotch, and sat motionless... while staring down at Dudley.

With his nose to the ground, Dudley was returning to his master. Dudley stopped at the base of the "fisher's" tree. He could go no further. He had lost the scent which he had been following.

Dudley's master glanced up, to the crotch of the tree, and made sure that the, "fisher" was still there. Then Dudley was picked up, and he was hurried back to the safety of their home.

Once inside the house, Dudley's master put him down and said:

"Dudley, you were very fortunate today. Without knowing it, you were running into danger. "Danger" (the fisher) was waiting for you. You could have disappeared... or died painfully."

People too, may be running into danger... They may be choosing dangerous or risky activities.

- They take guns to school or employment.
- They may use drugs sold on the black market.
- They walk alone after dark.
- They may chug excess amounts of alcohol.
- They may have risky sex with little-known people...

Danger may be waiting for people also. They do not choose:

- to be shot, due to the gun violence of others.
- to die because a lethal drug was in their recreational drug.
- to fall off a cliff in a recreational park.
- to be abducted and sold as a slave.
- to be injured by a shark while swimming.

What is in people's control? What isn't? What can we do? What is not worth the effort? Where can we go, in times of trouble and fear?

The Old Testament book of Psalms (Chapter 46, verse one) says, "God is our refuge and strength, an ever present help in trouble." and Psalms (46:2) says, "Therefore, we will not fear."

There's the answer: In times of trouble, do not fear. Go to God for refuge and strength. God is our "ever present help."

TRUSTEES NOTES

- The front doors to the sanctuary have been stripped and repainted.
- The upstairs door on the lift wasn't working properly and has been repaired.
- Spring Cleaning was held on May 21. Windows and screens were cleaned. The outside siding was cleaned and Wet and Forget was applied. Thank you to all who participated!



COUNCIL OF CHURCHES NEWS

Submitted by Peggy Pearce

Cuba UMC was the meeting place for the Council of Churches on May 15th. Representatives from all Cuba churches were at the meeting.



The Food Pantry report for March, April and May (to the 12th) was reviewed. There were seven requests for food assistance and three requests for gas assistance in that time period. With the exception of canned vegetables and fruit, the Pantry shelves need replenishing. Cold cereal, one-dish meals (i.e. Manwich, stew, etc.) and boxed meals (i.e. Hamburger Helper, etc.) would be especially helpful at this time. Not essential but enjoyed would also be snack bars, crackers and cookies.

Our church will participate in the Church Walking Tour planned for Saturday, July 16. If you would like a chance to visit Cuba's historic churches, meet at Our Lady of Angels Roman Catholic Church that morning at 10 a.m. After touring Our Lady, the tour will proceed to Christ Episcopal, First Baptist, Cuba UMC and finishing at North Park Wesleyan. Only twenty minutes is allotted for each church with time built in for traveling among them, the tour ending at 1 p.m. Schedule may change so watch for more details both at church and in the Cuba Patriot.

The Council's popular "Jail Bail" will be back during Dairy Days on the corner of West Main and South Streets, Friday, June 17 from 5 to 7 p.m. Pay to put someone in jail; pay to get them out. All money earned will go to the Food Pantry. **Would you be willing to help from 6-6:30 p.m.?** If so, talk to Council representatives Mary Hupp or Peggy Pearce.

Church representatives shared information from their congregations:

- Christ Episcopal—Father Brian Belden is substituting two Sundays (second and fourth) monthly while the Vestry continues its search for a replacement for Father Hamlin.
- Cuba First Baptist—Search for pastor continues; planning for summer activities like VBS and camping.
- North Park Wesleyan—Vacation Bible School is planned for the second week in July (July 12th-16th) with a construction theme.
- Our Lady of Angels—No new news.

The Council is on summer hiatus and will meet again Sunday, September 11 at 5 p.m. at Christ Episcopal Church.

My Father Knows Everything

Have you seen the coffee mugs that say, “I don’t need Google, my father knows everything”? Well, our earthly fathers may know a lot, but they know next to nothing in comparison to our heavenly Father.



God knows every minor detail. In Matt. 10:30 Jesus said, “even the hairs of your head are all numbered.” Wow, every hair on our heads – numbered! He knows the shape of every snowflake, the number of raindrops in every storm, the color of each feather on each peacock, every detail of the complexities of human DNA, every whisper, and every heartbeat. God knows the future. In Isaiah 46 the prophet Isaiah shows how God is fundamentally distinct from the idols of their day because he only knows the future. This is demonstrated by prophecy. The Lord said, “I am God, and there is none like me, declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done.” He knows all events past, present, future and possible. God knows our thoughts. The Psalmist in Psalm 139:2 wrote, “you discern my thoughts from afar” and in verse 4, “Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O LORD, you know it altogether.” God knows our hearts. 1 Kings 8:39 says, “for you, you only know the hearts of all the children of mankind.”

In fact, God knows everything. Heb. 4:13 (NIV) says, “Nothing in all creation is hidden from God’s sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.” What does God not know? Nothing. What does God know? Everything. He has never learned anything. He simply knows everything because he is God. His knowledge is totally comprehensive. His all-encompassing gaze, like a massive tsunami wave sweeps up everything. Child of God, you can trust this God! He knows, he knows! Let that be a pillow for you to lay your head and rest. What will happen with your job? Why did your Mom die? He knows. Nothing catches him off guard, and he is a Good, Good Father. Remember too, God knows more about you child of God than you will ever know. He knows more of your sinfulness than you will ever know. Yet knowing all that he still loves you more than you will ever know.

– Peter Banfe

UMW NEWS

Submitted by Peggy Pearce



United
Methodist
Women

The United Methodist Women met in the Sanctuary on Saturday, May 21, at 10 a.m.

We have been approached by the Cuba Circulating Library about holding a possible food fund raiser on Saturday, July 16 during the library’s block party. After discussion it was decided to do so and a menu of hot dogs, small bags of snack items, cookies and water/soda was developed. Final details will be worked out at the June UMW meeting, but the group is grateful to the Claysons for volunteering the use of their grill as well as cooking the hot dogs. We are turning to the congregation for donations of rolls, paper plates, napkins, condiments (ketchup, mustard, relish, chopped onions) and cookies. A sign-up sheet will be available at church. Monetary donations to help defray the cost of the hot dogs, snacks and drinks are also appreciated. One tent has been offered but perhaps a second would be welcome if someone has one that could be borrowed. We’ll also need coolers and ice for the drinks.

A rummage sale is planned for August 11, 12 and 13 with set up the week before. We will use the same successful format as last year, selling things by the bag: \$5 day one, \$3 day two and \$2 day three. Although the “glory hole” looks pretty full at the moment, more ‘rummage’ will be needed to have a successful sale. So please sort through your closets, cupboards and drawers and bring your ‘treasures’ to the church. Things can be placed in the last two Sunday school rooms in the basement. More details closer to the sale will be forthcoming.


The United Methodist Women are truly appreciative of all the support received from the congregation for our various projects.

The next meeting of the UMW will be Saturday, June 18 at 10 a.m. All women of the church are invited ... we hope to see you there.

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SUNDAY
WORSHIP
SERVICE
11:00 AM

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Combined Trustees & Management Team Meeting 6:00 pm	2	3	4 Kung Fu 6:00-8:00 am
5 UMW Food Pantry Collection	6 Tai Chi 7:00 pm	7 Prayer Group 10:00 am	8	9	10	11 Kung Fu 6:00-8:00 am
12 Peace with Justice Sunday Offering	13 Tai Chi 7:00 pm	14 Prayer Group 10:00 am	15	16	17	18 Kung Fu 6:00-8:00 am UMW Meeting 10:00 am
19 	20 July/August Newsletter Deadline Noon Tai Chi 7:00 pm	21 Prayer Group 10:00 am	22	23	24	25 Kung Fu 6:00-8:00 am
26 Gil's Hills Offering	27 Tai Chi 7:00 pm	28 Prayer Group 10:00 am	29	30		

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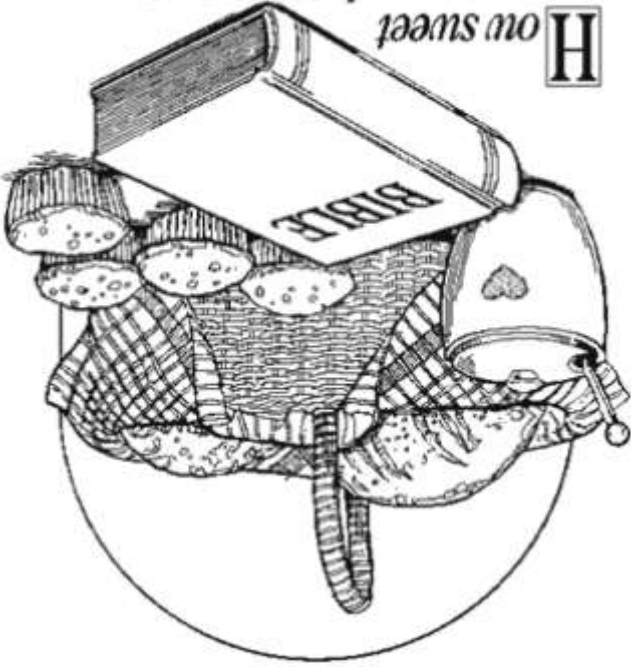
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How sweet
are your words to my taste,
sweeter than honey to my mouth.
-Psalm 119:103



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