

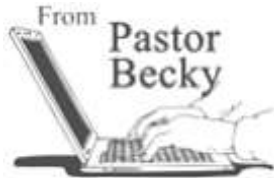
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KNOWING JESUS AS THE  
GOOD SHEPHERD & SHARING  
THE RISEN CHRIST WITH ALL.



Why the expression “Christians are in the world but not of it” is flawed.

That’s a mouthful, but it’s the best I could do. I’ve heard this expression numerous times, by Christians across the denominational spectrum. Everyone seems to agree that Christians are in the world, but not of the world. But is it true?

When someone says that Christians are in the world but not of it, what they mean is that Christians should engage the world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, but that they should live their lives differently from how “the world” does—their values and morals are different enough to stand out and apart from people who do not know Christ. You’ll get no argument from me that both of those statements are 100% true.

However. The main problem I have with the expression “Christians are in the world but not of it” is that it puts Christians on a pedestal. Imagine you don’t know Christ and are told that his followers, unlike yourself, are “in the world, but not of the world.” “That’s odd,” you’d think, “I see Christians doing the same dumb things I’m doing. Flipping off the same idiots in traffic, gossiping about the same people at work, and generally doing the same things I do—with the exception of Sunday... or every-other... or every-third... Sunday morning. Doesn’t seem to ‘not of the world’ to me.”

The hard truth is that we are still very much “of” the world. We still sin, failing to measure up to God’s holy will, and stand very much in need of forgiveness. If we say we have no sin (according to 1 John 1), we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. We are of the world. And that is a problem that only Christ can—and does fix, laying his life down on the cross as an amends making sacrifice on our behalf to God for our sins.

We are “of” the world; but we are no longer “in” it. In the words of St. Paul from the book of Philippians, our citizenship is no longer in the world, but is in heaven. We belong not to this age, but to Christ. “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has gone, the new has come,” according to Paul in 2 Corinthians 5:17.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR:  
Our World situation

Others to keep in prayer:

- Brad Allen
- Norma Andrus
- Todd Baxter
- Bob Beard
- Wayne Botens
- Frank Calcagno
- Hazel Cornell
- David Edwards
- Don Hall
- David Halstead
- Donna Hart
- Bernie Hawks
- Family & friends of Jean Higby
- Andrew James
- Katie Kellogg
- Kevin Kranock
- Bruce Metler
- Helen Middaugh
- Mark Middaugh
- Nellie Moses
- Justin Murphy
- Keith Pierce
- Shirley Poore
- Laroy Spateholts
- Family & friends of Peter Sprague
- Jessica Veiders
- JoAnn Viglietta
- Clint Wilder
- 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
- 18 - Tim Dutton  
- Rinoa Lockwood  
(Casi's daughter)
- 19 - Kevin Kranock
- 22 - Nikolas Berardi



- 10 - Cindy & Dale Dutton
- 20 - Al & Marilyn Goodliff



**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.**

Statistics      Needed: \$1,970

Date	Worship	SS	Offering
4/23	40	5	\$3,305.00
	Native American		\$ 52.00
4/30	33	3	\$2,107.00
	Gil's Hills		\$ 172.00
5/7	39	3	\$2,376.00
5/14	38	4	\$3,325.00
	Gil's Hills		\$ 50.00
5/21	38	4	



**Honorable Peter Sprague**, a member of Cuba UMC, passed away at UPMC Chautauqua in Jamestown on May 4, 2023. A celebration of Life Service will be held on Saturday, June 3, 2023 at 3:00 P.M. at Mark Rinker Funeral Home & Memorial Service.

**Jean Higby**, a member of Cuba UMC, passed away May 14, 2023 at home in Zephyrhills, FL. A funeral service will be held at the Cuba UMC on June 10 at noon with Rev. Stan Scoville officiating.

June  
Helping  
Hands



Power Point:  
Rob Cornell

Pianist:  
Holly Scoville

Altar Guild:  
Claire Morris




You can watch **live streaming of Worship Services** on our

website, [www.cubaumc.org](http://www.cubaumc.org), and also on the Cuba UMC Facebook page.

The Rev. Carlos Rosa-Laguer will be the new **Cornerstone District Superintendent** effective July 1st.





  
 Next Meetings:  
**Wed. June 7, 2023**  
 Adult Sunday School Room  
  
**Trustees Meeting 6:00 pm**  
**Management Team 6:45 pm**

# Puzzle!

Complete this crossword with names of biblical fathers. Use the references for help, if needed.



1. King Solomon's father, who ruled over Israel for 40 years (2 Samuel 5:4)
4. He was asked to sacrifice his son Isaac (Genesis 22:12)
6. He had 12 sons (Genesis 33:23)
7. Samuel's father (1 Samuel 1:19-20)
9. His son was Obed (Ruth 4:21)
10. David was the youngest of his 8 sons (Ruth 4:17)



2. His 3 sons helped him build an ark (Genesis 6:10)
3. His youngest son, Jacob, tricked him into giving away a birthright (Genesis 27:30)
5. The Father of our Lord (Ephesians 1:3)
7. His sons were not like Samuel; they were wicked (1 Samuel 2:12)
8. David's best friend and the father of Mephibosheth (2 Samuel 9:6)
11. Father of Cain, Abel and Seth (Genesis 4:25)
12. He was married to Mary, mother of Jesus (Matthew 1:20-21)
13. Father of Jonathan; Israel chose him as their first king (2 Samuel 9:6)


Answer DOWN 1. David, 4. Abraham, 6. Jacob, 7. Elhanan, 8. Jonathan, 11. Adam, 12. Joseph, 13. Saul  
 9. Boaz, 10. Jesse; ACROSS 2. Noah, 3. Isaac, 5. God, 7. Eli

## BLUEBERRY ORANGE SALAD

Claire Morris

1 cup unsweetened orange juice  
 1 (4 servings) pkg. Jell-O Sugar free orange gelatin  
 3/4 cup Diet Mountain Dew  
 3/4 cup Cool Whip Free  
 1-1/2 cups fresh blueberries

In a medium saucepan, bring orange juice to a boil. Remove from heat. Stir in dry gelatin, mixing well to dissolve gelatin. Add Diet Mountain Dew. Mix well to combine. Refrigerate for 30 minutes. Gently fold in Cool Whip Free and blueberries. Pour mixture into an 8x8 inch dish. Refrigerate until firm. About 3 hours. Divide into 6 servings.



*(Pastor Becky's letter continued from front page)*

Our identity is in Christ, we are new creations, his property, and assured of eternal salvation. But we are still "of" the world; we still sin and struggle with walking in faith and obedience to the one to whom we belong.

Of the world, but no longer in it! Thanks be to God through our Lord Jesus Christ!

Pastor Becky

If anyone desires to donate directly to **Mission Central** (United Methodist agency), they can make their check payable to:

Mission Central  
 send to: Mission Central  
 5 Pleasant View Dr  
 Mechanicsburg, PA 17050

Cuba church will not be connected after this disassociation is completed.

*Submitted by Dean Wildrick*

## COUNCIL OF CHURCHES NEWS

Submitted by Peggy Pearce



Representatives from the five Cuba churches met at Christ Episcopal Church on Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> to conduct the business of the Cuba Council of Churches.

The Council is sponsoring carnival-type games on Friday, June 16 from 6 to 8 p.m. during **Dairy Days**. The games are free and each participant will receive a small prize.

Requests for food assistance from the **Food Pantry** included one in March, seven in April and one in May (up to the 20th). The only area that is well stocked at this time is canned vegetables (including various types of beans). Everything else, including paper products and personal care items, is needed. Anything you are able to donate are very much appreciated.

The Council \$500 **scholarship** will be awarded to Cuba Rushford high school senior Sam Grover.

Amy Mattison has resigned as **Holiday Assistance Coordinator**, but will help transition whoever assumes the role. This is a very important program for the Cuba community that helped over 40 families/ over 90 children have a happier Christmas in 2022. The job is for someone who is well organized and able to communicate with the community and the families served. If you feel this is something God might be leading you to do, please talk with our church representatives (Pastor Becky, Mary Hupp and Peggy Pearce). The position needs to be filled as soon as possible since planning begins in September (or sooner).

**Christ Episcopal Church** continues to hold two services each month on the second and fourth Sundays with a retired priest who lives in Honeoye Falls.

Six **First Baptist Church** youth recently attended a retreat at Cooperstown. Camp JYC will be August 4-6 and Vacation Bible School August 14-18. They continue their search for a full-time minister.

**North Park Wesleyan** enjoyed a successful Wild Wednesday program this school year with 45 kids from first to fifth grades attending. The Wesleyan Youth Group will be traveling to the Ark Encounter the end of June, and a Vacation Bible School is planned from July 11-15.

Father John Cullen is serving **Our Lady of Angels RC Church**, celebrating Mass on Saturday evenings and Sunday mornings. He also serves in Canaseraga.

The Council will next meet on Sunday, September 10 at the Cuba United Methodist Church.



*On Saturday, May 20 in Wesley Hall, twenty-nine members of the Cuba United Methodist Church met with District Superintendent Suzanne Block for a special Church Conference. The only agenda item was to take a vote on disaffiliation from the United Methodist Church.*

*Linda Murphy was elected as the recording secretary and the voting bar defined. DS Block reviewed how the voting would be done, noting Holly Scoville and Butch Holden would be independent observers of the ballot counting.*

*A "Resolution to Request Disaffiliation from the United Methodist Church" was distributed and reviewed. The ballot had three options: APPROVE (disaffiliation), DISAPPROVE (remain United Methodist), and ABSTAIN. **By a vote of 24 to 5 the members voted to disaffiliate.***

*The request to disaffiliate will be presented at the October 14 virtual Upper New York Annual Conference special session where it will be either approved or denied. If approved, the church will remain United Methodist until all New York State requirements are met (this could possibly take seven months or longer).*

*(Kudos) During the meeting DS Block mentioned the discernment packet prepared by CUMC Secretary Jim Travis was one of the best she has received. She also mentioned the welcoming atmosphere in the church.*



Every year, **Father's Day** is celebrated by families all around the world who plan activities to celebrate the special men in their lives. Dads everywhere receive new socks, bizarre flavors of barbecue sauce or something they actually want from our finely honed guide to Father's Day gifts. Mothers and older children pore through Father's Day quotes and messages for the perfect words to put in their funny card, while new fathers may find themselves looking to their own dads for guidance and dad jokes as they experience their first official Father's Day.

While your dad probably enjoys being showered with gifts and love on this special day, the average dad had rather a different view back when the day was first created, more than 100 years ago. In fact, the history of Father's Day is not a straight line from idea to acceptance. So when is Father's Day, what exactly is it and how did the holiday originate? We have the answers to all that and everything else you're wondering about this dad-centric day.

The history of Mother's Day goes back to the 1860s, and Mother's Day was declared a national holiday in 1914. Then the celebration of moms paved the way for Father's Day. The history of Father's Day goes back to 1908, when a church in West Virginia held a sermon to honor 362 men who had been killed the previous year in a coal mining explosion. This was the country's first-ever event to strictly honor fathers, but it was just a one-and-done thing, at least in that community.

The following year, however, a woman named Sonora Smart Dodd started her quest to establish Father's Day as a national holiday. Dodd was one of six children raised by their single father, and she thought fathers should be honored in the same way as mothers.

After she'd petitioned her local community and government for a year, Dodd's home state of Washington celebrated its first official Father's Day on June 19, 1910. Over the years, the celebration of Father's Day spread from state to state, and after a long fight, it was finally declared a national holiday in 1972, when President Richard Nixon signed it into law. Now, we celebrate with funny Father's Day quotes, dad quotes, father-son quotes and even stepdad quotes for the bonus dad in our lives.

It took more than 60 years from the birth of the idea to Father's Day actually being recognized as a federal holiday, and a lot happened to threaten the parent-celebrating holidays during that time. In the 1920s and 1930s, there was a national movement to get rid of both Mother's and Father's Day and replace them with one "Parent's Day." Beyond that, some men didn't even want a Father's Day to begin with. They saw it as a "Hallmark holiday," invented for the sole purpose of a commercial gimmick, and as many fathers were the sole breadwinners at the time, they didn't particularly want their hard-earned cash spent on flowers and chocolates.

The Great Depression and World War II, however, helped boost the idea of Father's Day. Struggling retailers pushed the gift-giving holiday during the Depression, and during the war, Father's Day became a way to honor the many fathers serving overseas. By the time President Nixon signed the proclamation making Father's Day a holiday, it was already a national institution.

From *Reader's Digest* ([rd.com/author/cnannestad](http://rd.com/author/cnannestad)) Chloë Nannestad

Dear Cornerstone District,

Blessings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

In case you did not see this news, the Bishop has announced the district coverage assignments for UNY's 12 districts, effective July 1st, are as follows:



- The Rev. Carlos Rosa-Laguer will serve the Niagara Frontier District and the Cornerstone District.
- The Rev. Suzanne Block will serve the Genesee Valley District and the Mountain View District.
- The Rev. Dr. Sherri Rood will serve the Finger Lakes District and the Crossroads District.
- The Rev. Mike Weeden will be the Mohawk and Northern Flow District's District Superintendent.
- The Rev. Debbie Earthrowl will be the District Superintendent of the Adirondack and Albany Districts.
- The Rev. Bob-Kolvik Campbell will serve the Binghamton and Oneonta Districts.

We live in a world of change. I am grateful for the time we have shared in ministry together. Through the celebrations, challenges and times of grief, our focus continued to be the sharing of the love of God found only in Jesus Christ with and through the power of the Holy Spirit. And of course, "Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world." God placed us together for such a time as this.

Back in 2019, you welcomed me and "My Boys," Matzo and Noodles." Please welcome Rev. Carlos Rosa-Laguer with the same hospitality, as you begin your ministry together on July 1, 2023.

Remember, we are a connectional church! We are still in ministry together – bringing the love of Christ wherever God places us! The world so needs the love of Christ!

I am excited to see what God has in store for us as the Upper New York Conference with this new way of coverage! Let us be open and willing to be a part of what God is already blessing!

Now, may the Holy Spirit continue to transform and strengthen you, God's churches and communities with the love of Christ!

Rejoicing in the time we shared,

*Suzanne*

Nehemiah 8:10b, "Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."



**SUNDAY  
WORSHIP  
SERVICE  
11:00 AM**



**2023**

**Sunday School** is at  
9:30 am in the Adult  
Sunday School room.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4 Communion UMW Food Pantry Collection	5 Tai Chi 7:00 pm	6 Prayer Group 10:00 am Barbershoppers 6:30-8:30 pm	7 Trustees Meeting 6:00 pm Management Team Meeting 6:45 pm	8	9	10 Kung Fu 6:00-8:00 am Jean Higby Funeral Noon
11 Sunday School 9:30 am	12 Tai Chi 7:00 pm	13 Prayer Group 10:00 am Barbershoppers 6:30-8:30 pm	14	15	16 June Dairy Days games 6-8 pm	17 Kung Fu 6:00-8:00 am
18 Sunday School 9:30 am <b>Father's Day</b>	19 Tai Chi 7:00 pm July/August Newsletter Deadline Noon	20 Prayer Group 10:00 am Barbershoppers 6:30-8:30 pm	21	22	23	24 Kung Fu 6:00-8:00 am
25 Sunday School 9:30 am <b>Gil's Hills Offering</b>	26 Tai Chi 7:00 pm	27 Prayer Group 10:00 am Barbershoppers 6:30-8:30 pm	28	29	30	
				1	2	3 Kung Fu 6:00-8:00 am UMW Meeting 10:00 am

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Deuteronomy 5:16