

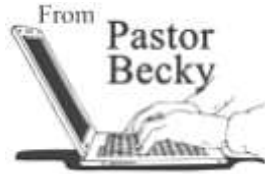
# The Shepherd's Messenger



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



Hi Friends!

We all know that “the church” refers to more than just a building. Of course, it gets confusing when we use the same word, “church”, for both the location we meet in to worship together as well as the group of people who does the meeting.

Our friend Merriam-Webster doesn't help the confusion much when his first definition of “church” is: “a building for public and especially Christian worship”. It isn't until definition #3 that we get: “a body or organization of religious believers”.

So, what is “the church”? We get numerous pictures in Scripture of what the church is. It's Jesus' body, all working together. It's the people of God, called out of their former identities to a new corporate identity. It is the Bride of Christ. Any identity of “church” is incomplete, however, without an understanding of the mission it is on, and the power it has.

In Matthew 18, Jesus tells the disciples that the gates of Hades will not prevail against the power of the church. **This isn't a reference to a fortress, it's a group of passionate, mission-minded, Spirit-empowered people who are making a difference in the world!**

With that in mind, leaving behind the church building for a Sunday doesn't seem too odd. In fact, when we enjoy our “Church in the Park” Sunday on July 14th, it's a great reminder about what the “church” really is. Not a building. Not a location. But a living organism, empowered by God, with a mission to transform the world with God's good news. That's who God has made us and called us to be! Looking forward to being “the church” with you at Chamberlain Park on July 14th! Hope to see you there and bring a friend!

Blessings,

Pastor Becky



PLEASE PRAY FOR:  
 Our World situation  
 The Rothfus Family  
 Naomi Scoville /Kosovo

For those at other residences...

PINES - OLEAN  
 Connie Battistoni

Others to keep in prayer:

- Norma Andrus
- Bob & Sandy Beard
- Hazel Cornell
- David Edwards
- 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!*



**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**.

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

**July 7 North Harmony UMC.**

Joe Osborne, his wife Kelly and their family.

**July 14 Olean:Christ UMC.**

Rev. Chad Sayers, his wife Jessica and their children.

**July 21 Olean:Trinity UMC.**

**July 28 Panama UMC.**

Rev. Steve Taylor, his wife Stacy and their children Ben & Abby.

Statistics                      Needed: \$1,659

Date	Worship	SS	Offering
6/2	59	-	\$2,566.00
6/2	Naomi/Rothfus		\$280/\$20
6/9	47	-	\$2,040.00
6/16	55	-	\$1,669.00
	Peace with Justice		\$50.00
6/23	48	-	\$1,327.00
	Native American		\$10.00
	Peace with Justice		\$10.00



- 2 - Michael Hupp
- 5 - Rita Say
- 16 - Katelyn Cornell  
       Debbie Rothfus  
       Daniel Rothfus
- 17 - Lucinda Pierce
- 22 - Stan Scoville
- 23 - Jim Travis
- 24 - Mike LaFever
- 28 - Debra Enderle



- 5 - James & Marilyn Luckey
- 17- Becky and Bill Worth
- 20 - Lewis & Cheryl Holden, Jr.
- 29 - Dave & Deb Battistoni

July Helping Hands

Usher:

Jim Travis



Acolyte:

Chris Hupp

Pianist:

Christine Berardi

Altar Guild:

Cindy Dutton  
 Deb Battistoni



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

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

### BLUEBERRY PUDDING

Doris Wyant

- 2 cups blueberries
- 1 TBS lemon juice
- 1 cup sugar
- 3 TBS flour
- 1 cup water



In a saucepan, combine berries and lemon juice. Mix sugar with flour, then add water. Bring to boil. Pour hot berry mixture into greased casserole.

- 1/2 cup sugar
- 3 TBS shortening
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1 cup flour
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1 tsp baking soda

Combine in order to make stiff batter. Drop batter on top of hot blueberry mixture – do NOT mix in! Bake 350° one hour.

# Puzzle!

Determine the letter patterns and fill in the blanks to complete Galatians 5:1, NIV.

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

F Q L V C R O  
G R K U D Q P  
H S J T E P Q

I O B H A L P Q K D W  
H P C G B M O R J C V  
G Q D F C N N S I B U

F E U L P W E D V  
F F T K Q V F C U  
D G S J R U G B T

P B Q R V C O H B  
Q C R S U D P G C  
R D S T T E Q F D

Answer: It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. (Galatians 5:1, NIV)



- 3 - Sylvia Clement  
Melissa Zeh-Gross
- 4 - Joshua Enderle
- 12 - Cheryl Wildrick  
Sid Wildrick-Cole
- 14 - Lisa Hawks
- 17 - Derek Clement
- 21 - Dean Wildrick
- 28 - Holly Scoville
- 30 - Dawn Wildrick-Cole
- 31 - Brian Krott  
Arnold Nelson  
Laurie Simons

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

August 4 Rev. Molly Golando, Literacy Ministry/Haiti & United Presbyterian Church of Randolph, her husband David and their family.

August 11 Pastor Vickie Hedlund (Chaplain, Olean General Hospital), her husband LeRoy and their family.

August 18 Rev. Tim Phelps (Chaplain, Chautauqua Hospice & Palliative Care), his wife Liz and their family.

August 25 Sheridan UMC.

### August Helping Hands

Usher:  
Jim Travis



Acolyte:  
Chris Hupp

Pianist:  
Christine Berardi

Altar Guild:  
Cindy Dutton  
Deb Battistoni



- 17 - Brian & Tammy Hawks
- 18 - Richard & Lucinda Pierce
- 24 - Larry & Veronica Clayson
- 25 - Peter & Mary Lou Sprague

**ADULT SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY with Cheryl****Spiritual Warfare: Judas Iscariot**

This Judas was called by Jesus, followed Jesus, and later betrayed Jesus to His enemies. Judas had been one of the disciples of Jesus for three years. Early on, Judas had been sent out by Jesus, (as were the other disciples) to, "heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, and drive out demons."\* Jesus advised Judas and the others to not be afraid of, "those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul." Jesus said, "Rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell."\*\*\*

Jesus was talking about Spiritual Warfare. He warned that the disciples should fear Satan. But, sometime during those three years of traveling with Jesus, Judas Iscariot lost his faith in Jesus as Lord and Savior. Judas let Satan into his life: perhaps beginning by allowing Satan's lies to tempt him. Then, little by little, Judas grew farther away from Jesus.

Judas became more selfish... more interested in money. He either no longer believed in Jesus, or he wanted to help himself, rather than others. Then Satan entered Judas \*\*\*. He went to the chief priests (who were enemies of Jesus) and said, "What are you willing to give me if I hand him over to you?"\*\*\*\* and so, Judas took 30 pieces of silver from the chief priests in exchange for pointing out Jesus to his enemies.

Later, Judas would regret what he had done. But, it was too late to stop the events leading to Jesus' death. Without really realizing it, Judas had been defeated by Satan in the battle of good vs. evil. When Judas realized what he had done... he took his life.

\* Matthew 10:8

\*\* Matthew 10:28

\*\*\* Luke 22:3

\*\*\*\* Matthew 26:14-16

**Spiritual Warfare: In today's world**

God is still fighting Satan, just as "good" is still fighting "evil". Jesus told us, "I saw Satan fall as lightning from heaven."\* Satan began as an angel in heaven. Then he wanted to have power and the worship of others. He wanted to be more powerful than God. So, he was banished to earth until Christ comes again and defeats him in battle.

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Our **Cuba UMC Church Picnic and Worship** will be in Chamberlain Park on Sunday, July 14, 10 am - 2 pm. Worship will be at 11 am in the park. There will be a sign up sheet in the sanctuary for dish to pass. The meat, beverages and plates etc. will be provided.



“ADULT SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY” *(Continued from Page 4)*

Satan is called; 1. prince of this world. (John 14:30),  
2. father of lies. (John 8:44), 3. adversary of God and man. (1 Thessalonians 2:18), 4. angel of light.  
(2 Corinthians 11:14), and 5. ruler of the kingdom of the air. (Ephesians 2:2)

“... Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God.” \*\* Spirits that do not acknowledge Jesus are called demons. They follow Satan. “Our struggle is... against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.” \*\*\*

In today's world, Satan tries to get people to:

- find other persons or activities to replace our need for God.
- make images to worship, like pentagons or cult symbols.
- use God's name in vain or not reverence it.
- not attend worship services, but indulge in their own pleasures.
- disrespect their father and/or mother or injure them.
- kill others that they don't like, or just kill randomly.
- have affairs with non-spouses, or have sex without commitment.
- take what is not theirs, no matter what the cost.
- lie about anybody or anything, for any motive.
- obsessively desire things that belong to others.

Sometimes our sins are thoughts rather than actions. Do we criticize people in our minds? Do we think that we are better than someone else? Do we hate certain people, like those of color or different ethnicity? Do we talk ourselves out of being generous to those in need? Do we plan how to get even with someone? Bad thoughts are as evil as bad actions. Christians are supposed to be Christ-like. We must be aware of sinful temptations. “Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.” (James 4:7) Let's go to battle on the side of God!

\* Luke 10:18

\*\* 1 John 4:2-3

\*\*\* Ephesians 6:12



There will be a **Charge Conference** after service on July 21. We will be voting on where the money will be taken out of for the stained glass window project.

**Upper Room Daily Devotionals** are placed on the windowsills in back of the sanctuary every two months.

THE UPPER ROOM  
DAILY DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

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Archived monthly newsletters and the current week's worship bulletin can be read online by clicking the links which are located at the bottom of the home page.





## DUDLEY TAILS

*Submitted by Cheryl Wildrick*

Dudley was not happy! Not because the grandsons had come to visit... but because they had brought HER with them! It was Molly, their six month old puppy.

She entered the room as if she owned the place. There was a smile on her face and a spring in her step. She made the rounds... going from one person to the next. She was the CENTER OF ATTENTION.

She licked fingers. She wiggled. She couldn't hold still to be petted. And... she was pretty. She had apricot - colored curls. She had a pink tongue... and she had beautiful, long, apricot - colored eye lashes that curled upward.

Dudley was not happy. Molly did most anything she wanted to do. She went where she wanted. She ate out of any dog dish that she wanted. And worst of all, she took any of Dudley's toys that she wanted.

Dudley came to me for attention and sympathy. But sympathy did not flow freely - because Dudley had growled, bared his teeth, and threatened to snap at Molly.

In Dudley's mind, he probably thought that he had done what was right. This was his house, and Molly was not following the rules. He needed to get Molly's attention and exert his authority. Otherwise, Molly wouldn't learn. Thus, the growling and the show of teeth. But... I am Dudley's master, and right now I didn't like Dudley's behavior.

Dudley was not happy. His punishment was to sit on my lap while company was visiting. If he threatened Molly again, Dudley would hear, "No!" and feel a tap on the bottom.

Jesus is our Master. I am sure that often we disappoint Him with our actions. He has made it pretty clear what the rules are. And, He has given us the choice to follow the rules.\* He does not want us to judge others. That job belongs to our Master.

Jesus is our Master. He expects us to act kindly toward others.\*\* He expects us to be patient\*\*\* with those who are just learning what is right. Jesus expects us to remember our (Christian) training and be obedient.

Jesus is our Master. He expects us to get along with others.\*\*\*\* He expects us to be less critical of offenders. And, He wants us to know the love of God .\*\*\*\*\*

During Dudley's experience, he learned something new from his master. We should also be learning new things from our Master every day.

- \* Psalm 119:14
- \*\* Colossians 3:12
- \*\*\* Ephesians 4:2
- \*\*\*\* 1 Peter 3:8
- \*\*\*\*\* Psalms 48:9





High School Graduates:

Michael Hupp, son of John and Mary Hupp, graduated from Cuba-Rushford Central School. He will be attending JCC in the fall and Tech college in Florida in the fall of 2020.

Kerigan L. Pierce, daughter of Keith and Delain, graduated from Cuba-Rushford Central School. She will be attending JCC in the Vet Tech program.

College Graduates:

Joshua W. Allen, grandson of Marshall and Sandra Allen, graduated from High Point University, High Point, NC with a degree in Exercise Science. He will continue his medical degree at Duke University.

Gregory M. Allen, grandson of Marshall and Sandra Allen, graduated from High Point University, High Point, NC with degree in Studio Art/Art Design. He is currently employed.



- ◆ Work began on the Shepherd's Window project on May 10.
- ◆ The cement floors have been painted.
- ◆ A contractor has replaced the gutters on the sanctuary roof.
- ◆ Rob will obtain quotes on having security cameras installed.
- ◆ Two chairs have been reupholstered and two more are in the process of being done.



- The Good Shepherd Stained Glass Window repair will take longer than anticipated.
- We thank Fred Pearce for refinishing around the window.
- Thanks to Peggy for the Food Buckets efforts.
- Peggy has scanned old photos and slides that were in church history and has put them on a flash drive and copied them to Jim's computer.
- The village will be contacted to see if we can have a couple more handicap parking spaces on Green Street.
- We will give \$500 to the family whose house burned on Medbury Street.
- The elevator has been repaired.



**UMW Rummage Sale**


Wednesday, July 17, from 6:00 - 8:00 PM, and Thursday, Friday, Saturday, July 18-20, from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

**WORSHIP  
SERVICE  
SUNDAY  
11:00 AM**



# 2019

**SUNDAY SCHOOL  
Out for the Summer**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> Communion Naomi Mission Offering UMW Food Pantry Collection	<b>2</b> Prayer Group 10 am -11 am	<b>3</b>	 <b>Independence Day</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Kung Fu 6-8 am
<b>7</b> Communion Naomi Mission Offering UMW Food Pantry Collection	<b>8</b> Tai Chi Class 7 pm	<b>9</b> Prayer Group 10 am -11 am	<b>10</b> Trustees meeting 6:00 pm Management Team Meeting 6:45 pm	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Kung Fu 6-8 am
<b>14</b> Picnic and worship in Chamberlain Park 10 am - 2 pm Worship at 11 am in park	<b>15</b> Tai Chi Class 7 pm	<b>16</b> Prayer Group 10 am- 11 am	<b>17</b> UMW Rummage Sale 8-8 pm	<b>18</b> UMW Rummage Sale 10 am - 4 pm	<b>19</b> UMW Rummage Sale 10 am - 4 pm	<b>20</b> UMW Rummage Sale 10 am - 4 pm
<b>21</b> Charge Conference after service	<b>22</b> Tai Chi Class 7 pm	<b>23</b> Prayer Group 10 am- 11 am	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Kung Fu 6-8 am
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**THE SUMMERTIME**



Thank you Lord for the golden sun  
That warms the earth from sky of blue  
The rays that brightens the summer's day  
Speaks of the love that flows from you

The summertime of heat filled days

We thank you for the cooling breeze

And the shade that cools us down

Under the shadow of leaf topped trees

We seek the shelter of your wings

Your breath upon us like a cooling wind

To ease the spirit and comfort the soul

And the rest you give to us who sinned

We thank you for the sparkling sea

To dive beneath its cooling waves

And Lord we thank you for the blood

Of your Savior Son the One who saves

The summer days we thank you for

The joys of spending sun filled hours

Along the coast or countryside

Or in the garden viewing pretty flowers

For in the heart redeemed by you

Your Savior Son brings a better time

Your rays of love; the sunshine of grace

And for our souls it is always summertime

Colin Moffett