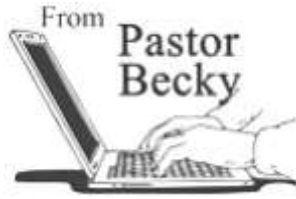


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What have you missed during the lockdown? Eating out? Going shopping? Getting together with friends? Traveling? All of the above? For me, add to that list getting a haircut! All these are things we take for granted . . . until we can't. And then we realize how fortunate we are.

And some of you, I know, would add going to church to that list. Did we take that for granted before now? Assume that we could just always go and so, what's the big deal in missing a week or two? But then we could no longer go as before . . . and it hasn't been easy.

So maybe one of the blessings that will come out of this time of lockdown is a realization of how blessed we are to be able to go to church every week, and a renewed commitment to do so! Maybe we won't so easily let other things get in the way anymore. We need the gifts given there, including the fellowship we have with one another. We haven't had it for a while, and it is tough.

But now think, too: How many don't have this at all? We have a church to go back to, but others do not. How can we help them? How can we share the joy we have in re-opening with others? Especially those who have been so frightened and anxious during this time? How can we tell them of the confidence and certainty we have in Jesus, and that they can have this too? Perhaps this time of lockdown has exposed a need, or an emptiness, or hole in someone's life they didn't realize was there before.

One of the ways we can reach out to someone and tell them about Jesus would be to point them to our website so they could watch our online service. Maybe you could even watch a service with them yourself. Pick a service with a sermon that particularly stood out to you and watching with them you could explain what it means.

Now, we haven't been able to re-open yet, but I am hoping that by the time you are reading this we will be very close to doing so. Our leadership team is doing everything required by the State and the United Methodist Church to get the church ready and safe for our first meeting together since this virus began. There are six pages of guidelines that must be followed in order to return. We can do this, friends! God is on our side!

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR:
Our World situation
Naomi Scoville/Kosovo

Others to keep in prayer:

- Norma Andrus
- Todd Baxter
- Bob & Sandy Beard
- Russell Brown
- Virginia Clayson
- Hazel Cornell
- Missy Dabolt
- David Edwards
- Nancy Frazier
- Brian Fries
- Tyler Griffin
- Don Hall
- David Halstead
- Donna Hart
- Bernie Hawks
- Julia Hinkle
- Bob Huddleston
- Katie Kellogg
- Sandy Lathrop
- Bruce Metler
- Mark Middaugh
- Derek Morris family
- Nellie Moses
- Justin Murphy
- Keith Pierce
- Laroy Spateholts
- Donald Thompson
- JoAnn Viglietta
- Clint Wilder
- James Woodruff
- Ken 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!



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**.

Tithes & Offerings

Please continue to tithe to the church during the pandemic crisis by mailing it to:

Cuba United Methodist Church
 49 East Main Street
 Cuba, NY 14727

Thank you!


Statistics		Needed: \$1,767	
Date	Worship	SS	Offering
5/17			\$ 245.00
5/24			\$ 440.00
5/31			\$1,420.00
6/7			\$1,175.00
6/7	Gil's Hills		\$ 50.00
6/14			\$ 570.00



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

July Helping Hands

Usher:
Jim Travis



Acolyte:
Chris Hupp

Pianist:
Christine Berardi

Altar Guild:
Cindy Dutton
Deb Battistoni



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



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

**Ruth Holden
at 968-1933**

STRAWBERRY PIE

Shirley Poore

Fill 9" baked, cooled pie shell with 4-5 cups sliced strawberries.

Boil ½ cup sliced berries in 1 cup water. Strain. Then mix 3 TBS cornstarch in 1 cup sugar, add to juice. Cook until thick, stirring constantly. Let cool and pour over berries. Chill. Serve with whipped cream.



Puzzle!

Use the code to find out what these biblical people may have taken on a picnic.



A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
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- (Genesis 3:6) Adam and Eve 6 18 21 9 20
- (Genesis 25:28) Isaac 23 9 12 4 7 1 13 5
- (Genesis 25:34) Esau 19 20 5 23
- (Numbers 11:5) Israelites in Egypt 3 21 3 21 13 2 5 18 19
- (Ruth 2:1-4) Ruth 7 18 1 9 14
- (1 Samuel 14:2) Saul 16 15 13 5 7 18 1 14 1 20 5 19
- (1 Samuel 14:29) Jonathan 8 15 14 5 25
- (Daniel 1:12-16) Daniel and friends 22 5 7 5 20 1 2 12 5 19
- (Matthew 3:4) John the Baptist 12 15 3 21 19 20 19
- (Matthew 14:17) The 5,000 people 2 18 5 1 4 & 6 9 19 8

Answer: fruit, wild game, stew, cucumbers, grain, pomegranates, honey, vegetables, locusts, bread & fish



- 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



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

August Helping Hands

Usher:
Jim Travis



Acolyte:
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Here is how more Cuba United Methodist Church members have spent their time during COVID 19...in no particular order...I have tried to reach everybody...and at least left a message...and I decided it would be best not to “make things up” for those who didn’t return calls!

Ken and Doris Wyant were happy to return to delivering Meals on Wheels in Franklinville. They deliver every Tuesday, masks and gloves on! Doris also said her granddaughter, **Brittany Van Ness** finished her degree to become a psychologist in Seattle. She begins her residency this summer.



Rev. Bob and Sandy Beard have been “hanging in there.” Bob retired after 8 years as Pastor of the Limestone United Methodist Church. Of course, he says at the age of 85, this was not his first retirement! He plans on helping his sister with family genealogy. Bob says **Sandy** is “holding her own.” They enjoy spending time remembering “this great adventure called life” that they have been on.

Gary Enderle misses traveling, though he says he is sure to get for a bit every day, even if it’s only to the store. He hasn’t been able to see his brother until this week when he is going to Pennsylvania to visit.

Robbie and Rhonda Cornell have had a few changes. Rob has been able to continue work from home. **Rhonda**, a nurse at Olean General, was pulled from the out patient surgery area, to work on the medical-surgical floors for several weeks. Son **Brandon** continues to do computer programming in Ogdensburg, while **Dylan** is a field service technician for SEMs, “scanning electron microscopes.” His job involves traveling. Daughter **Kate and husband Levi** are expecting their first child in November. Kate works as a nurse in home health care. **Rob’s mother** is doing well back in her home, and she is even driving.

Bernie Hawks is also “holding his own,” though he faces more surgery on July 23 at Strong Memorial. When asked what **Julie** has been doing...he exclaimed “taking care of me!”

Kevin Kranock has been very busy with four vegetable gardens. We agreed that TV weather forecasters, “always happy for another sunny day” are missing the boat because what we need is a day or two of RAIN! Rain would be a happy forecast!

Tom Krott, who retired in January says he is keeping busy, but would sort of like to find a part time job. Judy still works in the same location, which is now C & S Wholesale, instead of Olean Wholesale.

Lori Sweet is grateful that she can get out every day and go the Village Hall where she is completing her first year as Deputy Clerk. Her mother **Alice** had three births to celebrate on April 6,7, and 8: two great grandchildren, and one great great grandchild!

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(Pastor Becky’s letter continued from the front page)

What can we as a church be doing to **re-open**, **re-capture**, and **re-claim** what had perhaps been taken for granted or lost? Please give it some thought and let me know. Let's use this time of **re-opening** as a time of **re-newal** and **re-commitment**. Keep your church and our leaders in your prayers. We've been through a difficult time - will we try to quickly move past it and forget it? Or can we use it as a blessing to help us? God uses all things for our good - how about this?

Blessings and hope to see you all real soon!

Pastor Becky

(“How Cuba United Methodist Church members have spent their time during the COVID 19” - Continued from Page 4)

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Bob and Suzanne Huddleston have been busy these last few months with Doctor’s appointments and pet care! First, Bob has regained his strength after stays at Roswell, Buffalo General, and Gates. He will have the results of more tests next week but they are feeling hopeful. They are very grateful for the prayers and cards from their church family. Their menagerie of five animals keeps them busy. They are: dogs – Cookie, an American Eskimo dog, and Stella and Roxie, miniature pincers, plus two cats, Jessica, and then Daisy who arrived absolutely emaciated on their doorstep in a snowstorm last winter. These furry friends are good company.

Naomi Scoville is back in town, preparing to attend the University of Rochester this fall for her Master’s in Education.

Pastor Stan Scoville is finishing his assignment this month at Riverside UM Church in Portville. He continues to be the Spiritual Care Coordinator for Hospice, and also is on call at Olean General Hospital. **Holly** spent her first year of retirement... teaching! She has had two long-term sub positions. They have spent time socializing a special needs Boston Terrier that they adopted from the SPCA. For the first time in many years, they have no cats so they are enjoying the increase in birds and chipmunks around their house.

And our present **Pastor, Becky Worth** has learned all kinds of new “technology” and is now an old pro at Zoom meetings! She continues to call and visit church members. She also has continued caring for her niece’s one year old and three year old children three days a week! She said the planning has begun to meet the stringent requirements to reopen church. There is no date set yet...there are six pages of guidelines to be met first.

Al and Marilyn Goodliff celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 20! They hope to take a trip to the Adirondacks in the fall to celebrate!

Note from Editor: Thanks again Cindy Dutton for contacting all the people and putting together the article! The articles really help keep our church family “connected” during this time.



You can watch **videos of Pastor Becky’s Sunday Sermons** **Pastor Becky** on our



website, www.cubaumc.org. Go to “Sermons” page for list of archived videos.

The videos are also posted on the **Cuba UMC Facebook page**.



DVDs are available. Contact Pastor Becky or Jim.





DUDLEY TAILS

Submitted by Cheryl Wildrick

Hi. This is Dudley. Yes, I'm still around... but I'm confused. Things are so different. I don't know what to expect. My daily life has changed.

Since the global pandemic hit home, I have not been able to visit at Cuba's senior residence, or go to church, or even leave the house. I miss my friends, and there are days when I can't even communicate very much with my master.

Visiting at our town's senior residence gave me a chance to meet new people and get lots of attention. I made the people smile... and they enjoyed petting me. But I have not been there in months. What is my purpose now, when I am stuck at home?

I used to go to church on prayer days and movie nights. The prayer group members are like family... and the people at movie night became new friends. What is my purpose now, when I am stuck at home?

Lately the days have been sunny, and I've been able to go out in the yard on nice days. Then the weather turned cold and I didn't stay out long. I've been taking more naps. Also, my master doesn't seem to be around as much. Maybe I am imagining that. Maybe my master is talking with someone else. (I have been breaking some rules.) Is my master leaving me? What is my purpose, now that I am stuck at home?

I am getting bored and restless. My master says I am reverting to bad habits in the house. And when I am let outdoors, into the yard, I bark as loud and as long as I can. I know that my master is not pleased when I go back to immature ways. So, what is my purpose now, when I am stuck at home?

When my master and I are alone, and in a quiet place, my master communicates with me. Sometimes it is with words, and sometimes it is with a feeling of love and warmth enveloping me. At those times, my master communicates that I am an unique and special creature. 'That there is a purpose for my existence.

In times of isolation, and during days that have no agenda or deadlines... my master communicates that I must be obedient. I must be patient. And I must think of others. To me, being obedient means to stop barking when I am told to do so. Being patient means to sit still until I am given supper. And, thinking of others means to lick a hand or a toe.

I think, maybe, what your Master wants you to do (during your isolation) is:

1. Be obedient by praying and seeking your Master's will.
2. Be patient... as you wait for this pandemic to pass, and as you inter-act with other people.
3. Be thoughtful of others... communicate your love through word and deed.

My master loves me... and your Master loves you!

Dudley





Meeting Our Need

Thy word is truth.
John 17:17

The Bible is written to meet every need;
The standard for testing each conscience or creed;
It starts with the God of creation revealed,
And reaches out into our everyday field.

It covers all phases of life on this sphere;
It tells where we came from and why we are here;
It has the solution for problems in full;
It speaks of salvation that none can annul.

It calls for a choice that we freely must make;
Explaining the issue; excluding the fake;
It furnishes light to our sin-darkened mind,
And if we respond we are nevermore blind.

We cannot escape from the challenge it gives;
The word is eternal; forever it lives;
We'll meet at the courtroom where Jesus presides,
And hear His just verdict and what He decides.

We cannot foresee what the future may hold;
Yet trusting His promise we thus can be bold;
Accepting His offer with hope for the soul;
Believing the gospel will render us whole.



An informal **Management Team meeting** was held Wednesday evening, June 24 in the church sanctuary to **discuss reopening the church** and what is required to keep everyone safe.

The 6 page document “UNY Church Reopening Guidelines” gives the New York State requirements such as everyone must wear a mask, sit at least 6 feet apart (families may sit together), no bulletins, no singing, people must enter and exit through different doors etc. Signage has to be posted throughout the church etc. All Bibles, hymnals, pencils and envelopes must be removed from the pews and stored away.

The pews need to be marked off for proper seating. What doors to use to enter and exit the building and the method of leaving the sanctuary after the services was discussed. Also discussed were the special requirements for serving Communion.

The required hand sanitizer stations to be placed in the church and at the restrooms have been pre-ordered and delivery is expected the last of July.

Deep cleaning before and after the services was discussed.

Because of the current restriction that churches are allowed to operate at only 25% seating capacity (which would limit us to around 25 people in our sanctuary), it was decided to hold another meeting on July 22, 2020 at 6:00 to further discuss reopening and see if anything has changed.

If in the mean time, the seating limit is raised to at least 50%, a special meeting of the Management Team will be called.




The **Food Pantry** bin in the Green Street Foyer is looking mighty lonely these days.

The Green Street door is unlocked from 8am-1pm every Monday – Thursday...if you want to drop off food donations. They always need: canned and boxed meals” (ravioli, Hamburger Helper etc) cereal, juices, soups, canned meat, canned fruit.



July 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	 Independence Day
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 Management Team Meeting 6:00 pm in church sanctuary	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

August 2020

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*You care for the land
and water it;
you enrich it
abundantly.*
Psalm 65:9



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