

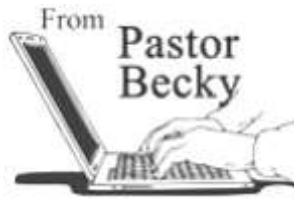
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KNOWING JESUS AS THE
 GOOD SHEPHERD & SHARING
 THE RISEN CHRIST WITH ALL.



Before My Eyes

In Psalm 26:3, David writes of God, “Your steadfast love is before my eyes.” All sorts of things will come “before our eyes” this week— commercials, billboards, popup ads, notifications... We’ll *choose* to place some things before our eyes—smartphones, television screens, books, to-do lists... Those things that come and stay “before our eyes” matter because they have a way of seeping into our hearts and ultimately shaping the way we live.

So, take a moment to think about the power of David’s words in Psalm 26. “Your steadfast love is before my eyes.” That wasn’t an accident, and it most certainly wasn’t a waste of time or effort. Read the rest of Psalm 26 and you quickly find that deliberately, intentionally placing God’s steadfast love before his eyes helped David:

- Trust in the LORD without wavering (26:1)
- Ensure his heart and mind were right in God’s sight (26:2)
- Walk faithfully with God (26:3)
- Avoid the wrong crowd (26:4-5)
- Worship with a clean conscience (26:6)
- Express thanks and tell others of God’s wondrous deeds (26:7)
- Meditate on God’s glory and offer prayers for his protection and help (26:8-10)
- Walk in integrity, confident in God’s grace (26:11-12)

All sorts of things will come before your eyes this week, but nothing more worthwhile or valuable than God’s “steadfast love.” What a great way of thinking about our opportunity to worship on Sunday.

The songs we sing together, the prayers we offer, the memorial of our Savior’s sacrifice, our time in God’s word—these are all powerful ways of placing God’s steadfast love before our eyes, inspiring us to say with David, “In the great assembly I will bless the LORD” (Psalm 26:12).

But don’t walk away from that assembly of Christians and grow nearsighted to the steadfast love of the LORD. Open your Bible this week and place his steadfast love right there, before your eyes. Pray fervently this week. Take a walk and really look for signs of his steadfast love above, below, and around you in Creation. Go outside after dark and marvel at the lights he has placed in the heavens. Serve as a channel of God’s steadfast love, comfort, and encouragement to someone else.

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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
- 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 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!



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




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



Jessica Veiders, daughter of Doug and Lynnette Clayson passed away Sunday June 18. Funeral Services were held June 27, 2023 at Melvin J. Sliwinski Funeral Home and from Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta Parish in Depew.

Statistics		Needed: \$1,798	
Date	Worship	SS	Offering
5/21	38	4	\$ 868.00
5/28	38	4	\$3,744.00
		Gil's Hills	\$ 300.00
6/4	30		\$2,415.00
6/11	33		\$1,873.00
6/18	28		\$ 866.00
6/25	44	3	\$2,041.00
		Gil's Hills	274.00

July Helping Hands 

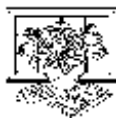
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Holly Scoville

Power Point:
Rob Cornell

Altar Guild:
Deb Battistoni



There will be a congregational meeting on Saturday, July 15 at 10:00 am in Wesley Hall to discuss and vote on what will happen to the church after disaffiliation. All church attendees are welcome.



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**.



FRUIT PUNCH

Shirley Poore

- 1 (46oz) unsweetened orange juice
- 1 (46oz) unsweetened pineapple juice
- 1 (46oz) pink grapefruit juice
- 2 qts. ginger ale
- 1 cup sugar



Blend juices and sugar. Add ginger ale just before serving.
 (This is a Cuba United Methodist recipe that is over 50 years old)



Puzzle!

Jesus instructs us to give and serve. What does Proverbs 3:27 (NIV) tell us *not* to do? To find out, cross out all the following letters. Then write the remaining letters in order on the spaces below.

B J K Q X Z

BWJITJHQHOB LZDGBOK
 DKFQROMTBHJOBSQEXZT
 OKXWJHOBMIZTIJSDQKU
 EWXBHEQNITKISIZNYOU
 RPJZOWBEQRTOAXCZTXJ

DO NOT _____

PROVERBS 3:27, NIV

Answer: Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to act. Proverbs 3:27, NIV

August
 Helping Hands



Pianist:
 Holly Scoville

Power Point:
 Rob Cornell

Altar Guild:
 Deb Battistoni



- 17 - Brian & Tammy Hawks
- 18 - Richard & Lucinda Pierce
- 21 - Stan & Holly Scoville
- 24 - Larry & Veronica Clayson



- 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



“SHARE, COMMUNITY and BIBLE” Sunday School Class Update

In February 2023, we gathered to begin our new class – 4 to 5 of us most Sundays. We started by sharing Bible verses that were important to us—in the past or present day. Some of the Scriptures that we shared were: John 3: 16, 17; Jeremiah 33: 3; Philippians 3: 4-9; Psalm 128; Proverbs 3: 1-12.

In April we continued to share verses but also shifted to a comparison study of the 4 Gospels - Palm Sunday events, Resurrection accounts. We asked questions about the details that each Gospel writer included. We then focused on the gospel in John’s account—so much more detail than the other writers included about the Lord’s Supper. Talking together we mentioned that in a room with more than one person talking not everyone will hear all the discussion (no microphones etc). A technique we used in our studies was to read aloud small portions and compare the accounts. We discovered that we were following a process that was described many times in the Old Testament- hearing the Word of God read out loud! Throughout our time together we shared devotional entries that confirmed that studying together can shed more light on what we already had known—confirming the truth that God’s Word is Alive and new every day! During the summer we will take a respite BUT we will again gather together in September to share and grow together! Please think and pray about joining us to share together in Christian community beginning September 10th at 9:30! We would love to share, pray and study together with you!

Yours in Christ,

Holly Scoville



**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>

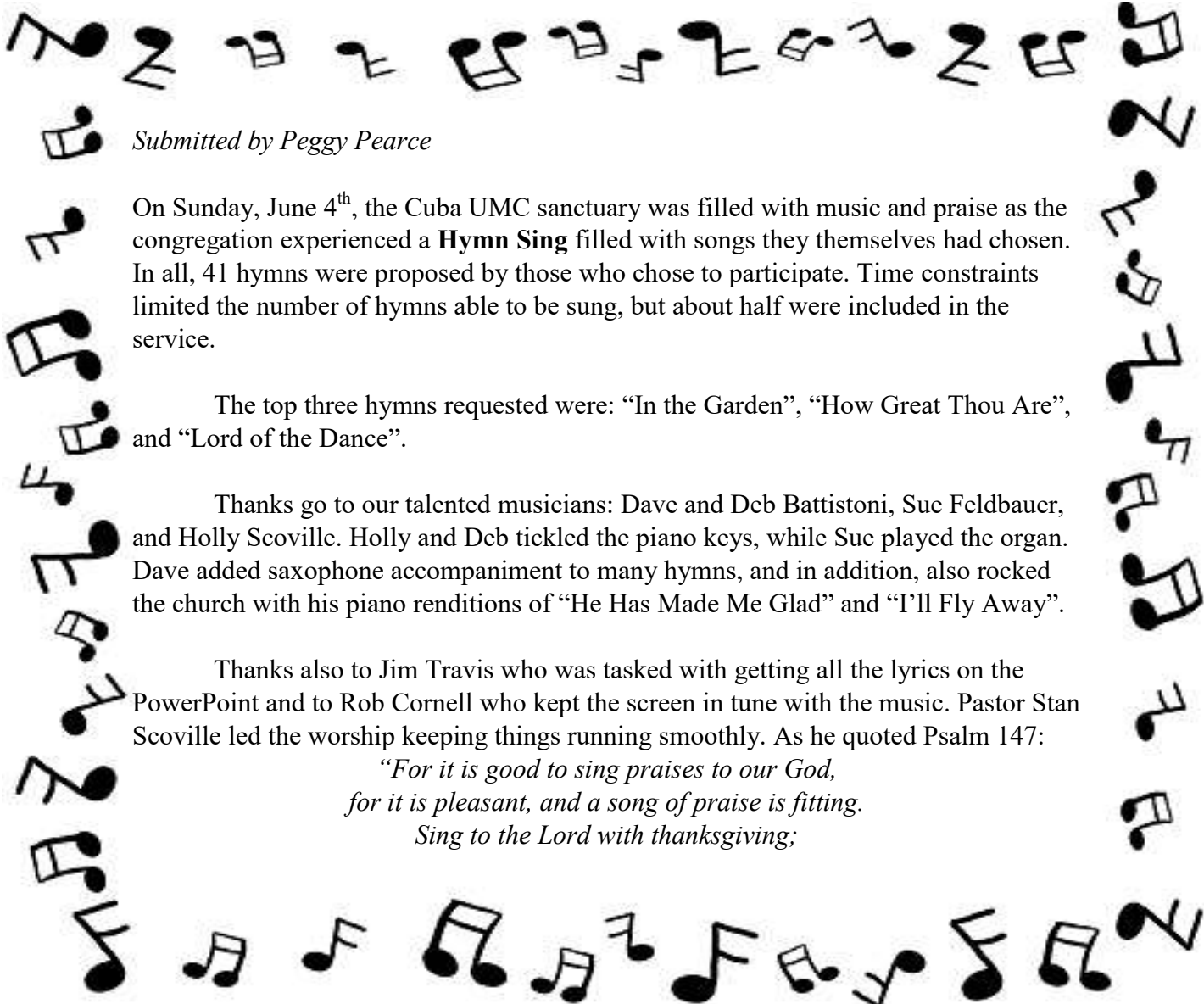


(Pastor Becky’s letter Continued from Front Page)

Those things that are consistently “before our eyes” seep into our hearts and ultimately shape the way we live. If you’re looking to summarize life the way it was meant to be in just a few words, it would be hard to find a better description than David’s determination in Psalm 26:3:

For your steadfast love is before my eyes,
and I walk in your faithfulness.

Pastor Becky



Submitted by Peggy Pearce

On Sunday, June 4th, the Cuba UMC sanctuary was filled with music and praise as the congregation experienced a **Hymn Sing** filled with songs they themselves had chosen. In all, 41 hymns were proposed by those who chose to participate. Time constraints limited the number of hymns able to be sung, but about half were included in the service.

The top three hymns requested were: “In the Garden”, “How Great Thou Are”, and “Lord of the Dance”.

Thanks go to our talented musicians: Dave and Deb Battistoni, Sue Feldbauer, and Holly Scoville. Holly and Deb tickled the piano keys, while Sue played the organ. Dave added saxophone accompaniment to many hymns, and in addition, also rocked the church with his piano renditions of “He Has Made Me Glad” and “I’ll Fly Away”.

Thanks also to Jim Travis who was tasked with getting all the lyrics on the PowerPoint and to Rob Cornell who kept the screen in tune with the music. Pastor Stan Scoville led the worship keeping things running smoothly. As he quoted Psalm 147:

*“For it is good to sing praises to our God,
for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.
Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;*



Thursday, August 10
12 noon to 7 p.m.
\$5.00/bag

Friday, August 11
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
\$3.00/bag

Saturday, August 12
9 a.m. to 12 noon
\$2.00/bag

- The flower beds in front of the church have been spruced up with flowering plants and the bushes & trees trimmed on both the front and side of the church by C&R Landscaping. They also mulched the flower beds and around the bushes.
- The trustees are working on putting something on the edges of the front steps to make them more visible in the bright sunlight.




Next Trustees meeting is Wednesday, July 12, 2023 at 6:00 pm.

Next Management Team meeting is Wednesday, July 12, 2023 at 6:45 pm.

July 2023

SUNDAY
WORSHIP
SERVICE
11:00 AM

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Kung Fu 6:00-8:00 am
2 UMW Food Pantry Collection Communion	3 Tai Chi 7:00 pm	4 	5	6	7	8 Kung Fu 6:00-8:00 am
9	10 Tai Chi 7:00 pm	11 Prayer Group 10 am	12 Trustees Meeting 6:00 pm Management Team Meeting 6:45 pm	13	14	15 Meeting in Wesley Hall at 10:00 am to discuss what will happen after disaffiliation
16	17 Tai Chi 7:00 pm	18 Prayer Group 10 am	19	20	21	22 Kung Fu 6:00-8:00 am
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30 Gill's Hills Offering	31 Tai Chi 7:00 pm					

August 2023

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13	14 Tai Chi 7:00 pm	15 Prayer Group 10 am	16	17	18	19 Kung Fu 6:00-8:00 am
20	21 September Newsletter Deadline Noon Tai Chi 7:00 pm	22 Prayer Group 10 am	23	24	25	26 Kung Fu 6:00-8:00 am
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