

The Shepherd's Messenger



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Effective January 1, Cuba United Methodist Church will function with a management/leadership structure. Two organizing groups, the management team and the leadership team, will direct the administration and ministry, respectively, of our congregation. The **leadership team** will be responsible for nurture, outreach, and witness ministries (NOW).

By Discipline, the **nurture** ministries of the church shall give attention to education, worship, and stewardship. We all need a growing relationship with Jesus Christ and the Christian community. We need to be nurtured in the Christian faith if we are to cultivate the spiritual resources necessary to provide effective outreach and witness ministries. Nurture and fellowship focus on the internal needs of a congregation and prepare the people of our church for ministry outside our congregation within the context of our community.

The **outreach** ministries of the church shall give attention to local and larger community ministries. To provide outreach ministries appropriate for our community, we will need to analyze the needs of the community. Who are the people with needs in the Cuba community? What do they need? Are there different kinds of needs? How can Cuba UMC respond? A small membership church like ours may not be able to do everything, but we can do something!

The **witness** ministries of the church shall give attention to evangelical outreach, membership care, spiritual formation, communications, and witnessing through stories of Christian experience, faith and service. The ministry of witness gives us an opportunity to share our faith understanding of salvation, reconciliation, worship, spiritual development, and spiritual discipline with each other. It also provides us with an opportunity to share our faith with other persons, who are often attracted to congregations like ours by our concern for unchurched persons living in our community and a willingness to befriend these persons.



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



The **UMW Fall Trash & Treasures Sale** will be held October 3rd, 4th and 5th. **Please clean out your closets** and bring all your treasures to the church "glory hole". Please set aside the first week in October to help out!

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Our World situation
The Rothfus Family
to those at other residences...

CUBA CMH

Pearl Franklin
Henny van der Horst
Lucille Wildrick

WATERS OF WESTFIELD

Dawn Durkee

EDEN HEIGHTS - OLEAN

Evelyn Steen

Military personnel and their families...

Dylan Matijas
Steven Moore
Juan Rivera
Christopher Sirianni



Our continued prayers go out to ALL military personnel who are serving our country by active duty & reserve status, both in the States, and abroad. Our List of Military Names is provided by the Weekly Prayer Group for our Military men and women and our world situation. Gatherings are held on Monday's at 7 p.m. at Our Lady of Angels Roman Catholic Church at 50 South Street in Cuba. All are welcomed to attend. For more information, call Sandy Lathrop at 585-968-1531.



Others to keep in prayer:

Tim Bushnell
Chuck Brooks
John Culbert
Mike Gibbons
Kathy Glover
Tyler Griffon
Norma Guinnip
Bernie Hawks
Karen Hessney
Diane Karle
James Kellogg
Rolly Miles
Mina (Doris Wyant's sister)
Elizabeth Morris
Harley Poore
Kelly Roberts
George Schneider
Michael Small
Brad Thompson
Family & Friends of Joshua
Tsujiimoto (Paul's Father)
Henny van der Horst
Lola Wilson



- 4 Sarah Krott
- 12 Alan Zayac
- 14 Ashton Hawks
- 17 Veronica Clayson
- Derek Morris
- Alice Sweet
- JoAnne Hupp
- 19 Paul Tsujimoto
- Delain Pierce
- 20 Betty Edwards
- 21 Louis Petroni
- 22 JoAnn Farrell
- 23 John Ricci
- Evelyn Steen
- Fran Young
- Jessica Holden
- Laroy Spateholts
- 29 Leo Reynolds, III
- Marie Willer
- 30 Judy Zayac

Statistics Needed: \$1,657.75

Date	Worship	Offering
6/30	29	\$1,128.10
7/7	41	\$1,790.25
7/14	34	\$1,780.00
7/21	21	\$1,050.35
7/28	32	\$1,335.00
8/4	26	\$1,421.00
8/11	26	\$ 907.00
8/18	32	\$1,453.00
8/25	33	\$2,259.50
8/25	Rothfus Offering	\$ 90.00

September Helping Hands

Ushers

Paul & Sandy Tsujimoto

Greeters

9/1 Open for You
9/8 Open for You
9/15 Open for You
9/22 Open for You
9/29 Open for you



Acolyte

9/1 Josh Tsujimoto
9/8 Josh Tsujimoto
9/15 Josh Tsujimoto
9/22 Josh Tsujimoto
9/29 Josh Tsujimoto

Altar Guild

Judy Zayac

September Anniversaries

- 19 Mike & Sandy LaFever
- 26 Robbie & Rhonda Cornell
- 30 Harley & Shirley Poore



Many Hands make Light Work. Won't you please consider volunteering. We need greeters, liturgists, nursery helpers, Coffee Hour Hosts, Communion servers. Please sign up on the clipboards at the front entrance if you can help. Thank You!

ONLY ONE 'T' IN DIRTY

He was not too well educated and his manner somewhat crude and rough. He became a Christian and was on fire for the Lord; constantly pestering his pastor to help him be of some genuine service to his church.

In desperation, the pastor gave him a list of 10 people, saying, "These are members who seldom attend services; some are prominent men of the city. Contact them any way you can and try to get them to be more faithful. Use the church stationery to write letters if you want, but get them back in church."

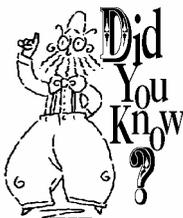
He accepted the challenge with enthusiasm. About three weeks later, a letter arrived from a prominent physician, whose name was on the list. In the envelope was a \$1,000 and a note:

"Dear Pastor: Enclosed is my check to make up for my missing offering. I'm sorry for missing worship so much, but be assured I am going to be present every Sunday from now on and will not by choice miss services again. Sincerely, M.B. Jones, M.D.

P.S. Would you kindly tell your secretary that there is only one 't' in dirty and no 'c' in skunk!"

-Immanuel Lutheran Church
New Philadelphia, OH

DYK: *Submitted by Dean Wildrick*



Gaza's prolonged unresolved conflict and political situation have resulted in economic disadvantages and socio-cultural limitations for war-impacted communities. The United Methodist Committee on Relief has provided a grant to ACT Alliance for the Middle East Council of Churches to support the implementation of a counseling program for Palestinian individuals and groups, specifically women and children, to help alleviate the stress provoked by the crisis. An estimated 10,000 women and 600 children are expected to benefit from the program.

Trustees Meeting Notes:

Submitted by Paul Tsujimoto

- ◆ Cleanup Day
 - a) Sanctuary, Kitchen, Wesley Hall and Green Street Foyer cleaned
 - b) Pews, Alter Rails and Choir Loft walls secured
 - c) Outside siding washed.
- ◆ Extra mat purchased for Kitchen
- ◆ Organ Maintenance completed
- ◆ Hot Water Tank in Kitchen being reviewed
- ◆ Carpets scheduled to be cleaned

"If I'm merely coming to church for community, I can get that at the local civic group. If I'm coming to church merely to do a social service project ... I can get that 100 other ways. You have to have some theological reason." — Bishop Mike Lowry on why evangelistic emphasis is a factor in church growth.

United Methodist Women's News

Submitted by Judy Zayac



The UMW will be "**dining out**" on Wednesday, September 10th at 5:30 at Moonwinks. I will need to make reservations and will have a sign in sheet at church, or you can call me at 585-968-3537 or e-mail me at jazayac@roadrunner.com. I can also provide a ride for anyone who is interested.

We had agreed to do a Fall Trash and Treasures sale at the June meeting. Please set aside the dates of October 3rd, 4th and 5th. To make this successful, please remember to clean out your closets and bring all your treasures to the church "glory hole". We also have quite a few things in the back Sunday School room. We will need many hands to help out with this, so please set aside that first week in October to help us out. This has been the UMW's major fundraiser in the past, so hopefully we will do well.

Please remember that all women of the church are welcomed, as well as friends.

Thanks,
Judy

Confessions of a Cellphone Challenged Journalist

Written by Rusty Wright

I have a confession.

Not one of those tawdry confessions, but it is a little embarrassing. You see, I am cellphone challenged.

I used a cellphone once – about ten years ago when volunteering to help rebuild Miami after Hurricane Andrew. The BellSouth loaner, a real clunker, helped me navigate the storm-ravaged county amidst downed street signs and landmarks.

But I've never owned one. Voicemail takes my messages and I've seldom wanted to be more accessible. Some of my friends swear by cellphones. Others swear at them. Ever been in a movie theater when a filmgoer gets a call and decides to talk?

My wife attended a conference presentation during which a woman asked the speaker a question from the audience. In the middle of her question, with all eyes on her, her cellphone rang. She not only answered it, but also conducted a brief conversation while everyone watched aghast.

Airline travelers talk before takeoff until the flight attendant tells them to stop. They resume talking when the plane lands. They talk walking through the airport, on the inter-terminal shuttle, entering the restroom. They talk while using the toilet or washing their hands. Some restrooms sound like offices.

Drivers talk. Beachgoers talk. Students talk between classes. Shoppers talk while cruising the aisles. ("What kind of cheese did you want me to get?")

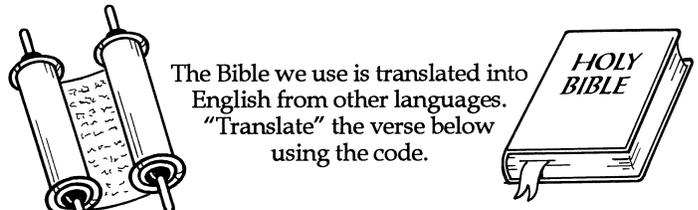
Some restaurants ask diners not to use cellphones. Some summer camps have banned them because they distract kids from social and recreational activities.

My doctor's office has a sign asking patients to please not talk on cellphones while the doctor or nurse is examining them. (Let your mind wander on that theme for a moment.)

One of my favorite signs is inside a nearby church: "Please turn off cellphones during service. (Let God call you.)"

The hit movie, "Bruce Almighty," depicts God's attempts to contact the main character (played by Jim Carrey) by leaving a number on his pager. Turns out the number is valid in many area codes. After the film's release, people and businesses began getting calls from folks asking for God.

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The Bible we use is translated into English from other languages. "Translate" the verse below using the code.

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 F W
 W
 U

-Proverbs 3:13

Code	E = †	L = ■	R = ▸
A = ☞	H = ⊕	M = □	S = ✿
B = ✕	I = ●	N = ▲	SH = ♥
D = ‡	K = ○	P = ◆	T = →

SAUSAGE ZUCCHINI BAKE

Donna Burdick



Recipe FROM THE Cuba UMC Cook Book

Fry 1 pound of sweet or mild Italian sausage until brown. Drain and spread in the bottom of a casserole dish.

Fry: 6 cups of sliced zucchini in 2 TBS butter
 1/2 cup chopped onion
 4 TBS flour

When tender, drain off moisture

Mix: 1 cup cottage cheese
 2 eggs beaten
 1/4 cup parmesan cheese
 1/2 tsp garlic salt

Put half of the zucchini mixture on top of sausage. Spread cottage cheese mixture on top of zucchini. Then spread rest of zucchini mixture on cottage cheese mixture. Top with mozzarella cheese. Bake at 350 degrees for 40 min.

Summer Shenanigans 2013



Cuba United Methodist Church sponsored another year of Summer Shenanigans for area middle and high school students. Over 20 children participated in three Fridays of Community Service including: Clearing of debris and mowing of cemetery on Medbury Avenue, cleaning and maintenance at Charlie's Restaurant and washing the inside and outside of emergency vehicles for the town of Cuba. These children also enjoyed three Fridays of fun, team-building recreational activities that included: Min-It-To-Win-It Games, Make your own Ice Cream Sundaes, Bowling at Community Lanes in Belmont and Kayaking/Canoeing on Cuba Lake! We all had a great time together and look forward to next summer giving back to our Cuba community while having fun and building a strong team of young adults!

Please contact Cuba Methodist Church with any questions or comments about Summer Shenanigans.



2013 Fall Market Sat., Sept. 14th 9am to 3pm. Cuba First Baptist Church

Over 35 vendors will be available with a selection of everything you can imagine – handbags, attic treasures, housewares, children's items, custom made jewelry, candles, hair accessories, hats, hand-made soaps, home decor, pet care, scarves, artwork, toys... you name it and you can probably find it! This is the perfect chance to get some early Christmas shopping done, and who doesn't love a one of a kind gift! Grab a friend and stop in for lunch - who can beat a \$5.00 deal? Take home dessert! We'll have loads of homemade goodies available at our bake sale.

ARE THE RELIGIOUS LESS INTELLIGENT?*

A new study claims that religious people are less intelligent than atheists. Some jumped immediately to the conclusion that “religious beliefs are irrational, not anchored in science, not testable and, therefore, unappealing to intelligent people who “know better”.

WRONG.

Study co-author Jordan Silberman says that it would be a mistake to assume their findings mean that if you're a believer, you're a few fries short of a Happy Meal. “Knowing that a person is religious would not lead me to bet any money on whether or not the person is intelligent.” Looking into the study:

It lumped all types of religions together, from Jehovah's Witnesses who decry education (especially for women), to evangelicals who founded intellectual institutions and honor scholars. And we all know the heroic story of Mahal Yousafzai who was shot in the head and neck by Taliban gunmen last August in retribution for her public advocacy for girl's education. Would we diminish the worth of her faith due to her lack of education?

Silberman said he suspected the study seeming to favor the atheist over the believer had more to do with “intelligent” people having less of a “need” for religion. Specifically, “Intelligence may also lead to greater self-control, self-esteem, and perceived control over events. Does that translate as “pride?”

I think I am smart, and maybe I am, so I am prone to pride. Intellectual pride leads to a false sense of self-sufficiency coupled with a lack of teachability. Winston Churchill said, “I love to learn. I just don't like to be taught.” The intellectually proud do not bow their knee to anyone – if anything, others should bow to you. How does that square with worshipping an all-knowing God?

No wonder the study concludes that the higher the “intelligence,” the more likely that person is to challenge established norms and dogma (read: authority).

If we give in to pride – particularly in its highest form, which is putting yourself in the position of God – then there is no place for, well, God. So maybe religious people are NOT less “intelligent” than atheists. What do you think?

(“Confessions..” Continued from page 4)

A Florida woman threatened to sue the film studio after 20 calls per hour clogged her cellphone. A Denver radio station built a contest around the fluke. Some callers to the station seemed to think they'd really discovered a direct line to God. One left a message confessing her adultery.

Another number holder decided to offer some friendly advice. She changed her voice message to say, "Looking for God? Well, I'm not Him, but I do know Him. And knowing Him has changed my life. You can know Him too. In fact, it's a local call."

Come to think of it, that may not be a bad idea. Jeremiah (the Jewish prophet, not the bullfrog) said God told him, "Call to Me and I will answer you, and I will tell you great and mighty things, which you do not know." It doesn't even require a cellphone.

I guess I can live with cellphones if people can realize that they're not for everyone. If you have one, I certainly don't fault you. But please, do turn it off when you go to see the doctor.

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SEPTEMBER 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Worship 9:00 a.m Communion	 9	3 UMW at Moonwinks 5:30 pm	4  18	5 12	6 13	7 Kung Fu 6-8:00 Am 14 Kung Fu 6-8:00 am
8 Worship 9:00 a.m	9 Finance 6 pm Ad Council 7 pm	10 UMW at Moonwinks 5:30 pm	17 24	19 26	20 27	21 Kung Fu 6-8:00 am 28 Kung Fu 6-8:00 am
15 Worship 9:00 a.m	23 Trustees 7 pm	October 3, 4, 5 UMW Fall Trash & Treasures Sale	25 October 6 Crop Walk			
22 Worship 9:00 a.m	30 AIM Offering					

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