

# The Shepherd's Messenger



FROM  
 Pastor  
 Burt 

“It’s Not a Secret to be Hidden,  
 but Rather a Story to be Heralded!”

Grace and peace to you in the name of our  
 Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

The title of my letter is actually a quote of Vance Havner from his book, “Why Not Just Be Christians.”

As the result of our recent retreat to create a parish plan for the next year and beyond, I want to begin a dialogue with you about evangelism. I hope this article will begin to stimulate interest and excitement in this area.

I came across a study by the Barna Research Group regarding evangelism. It states “9 out of 10 American adults cannot accurately define the meaning of the “Great Commission” (Matt 28:16-20) (I hope you will read it!)

In a nutshell it is a direct statement from Jesus to share the gospel and lead others to follow Jesus Christ. It is the responsibility of each and every believer to take this call of our Lord seriously.

D.T. Niles defines evangelism this way, “it is one beggar telling another beggar where he found bread.” Jesus is the “Bread of Life” and those who have been fed, whose souls have been saved, are obligated to share “the Bread” with others.

We will soon be beginning an evangelism program created by your brothers and sisters in this congregation. It calls on EVERY member and friends FULL SUPPORT and PARTICIPATION. You are a very important part of this, to insure its’ success and to demonstrate our faithfulness to Christ’s call.

A hospital elevator operator once said, “I’m just a Nobody telling Everybody about Somebody who can save Anybody.”

He certainly is not a nobody in God’s eyes nor are we! And we can share the same message. The Good News of Jesus is not a secret! It is a story to  
 be heralded,  
 bread to be shared,  
 a song to be sung,  
 love and hope to be offered!

I am excited about what this can mean for you, this church and our Lord.  
 Details to come soon!

Pray! Pray! Pray!

In Christ’s Service!

*Pastor Burt*



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

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

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

CUBA CMH

Henny van der Horst

WATERS OF WESTFIELD

Dawn Durkee

**Military personnel and their families...**

Brandon Snyder - Afghanistan



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.

**Others to keep in prayer:**

- Chuck Brooks
- Veronica Clayson
- Virginia Clayson
- Ray Climie
- Braden Currier
- Sid Emmons
- Robert Enderle
- Sherry McCubbin
- Family & friends of Thomas Morris
- Keith Pierce
- Kerigan Pierce
- Lucinda Pierce
- Kevin Kranock
- Royce Ross
- Ann Santagelo
- Leroy Sherwood
- Alice Sweet
- Laroy Spateholts
- Buster Van Valkenburgh
- Ken Wyant



- 4 Sarah Krott
- 12 Alan Zayac
- 14 Ashton Hawks
- 17 Veronica Clayson
- 18 JoAnne Hupp  
Derek Morris  
Alice Sweet
- 19 Paul Tsujimoto  
Delain Pierce
- 20 Betty Edwards
- 21 Louis Petroni  
Mary Ellen James  
Eve Kuhn  
Rena Smith  
Mary Lou Sprague  
Loren Sweet II
- 23 John Ricci
- 25 James Burdick
- 27 Eric Talbot  
Fran Young
- 28 Jessica Holden  
Laroy Spateholts
- 29 Leo Reynolds, III  
Marie Willer
- 30 Judy Zayac

**Statistics**

**Needed: \$1,657**

Date	Worship	SS	Offering
7/3	34	-	\$1,090.00
7/10	39	-	\$2,295.00
7/17	40	-	\$ 975.58
7/24	37	-	\$1,287.00
7/31	47	-	\$1,833.00
7/31		Rothfus	\$ 69.00
8/7	38		\$1,462.33
8/14	40		\$1,599.00

**September Helping Hands**

Ushers:  
Dean & Cheryl Wildrick

Altar Guild:  
Holly Scoville  
Thela Snow



Coffee Hour:  
9/18



- 19 Mike & Sandy LaFever
- 26 Robbie & Rhonda Cornell

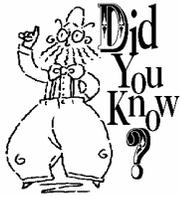


If you have a prayer request, call the prayer chain.

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

**DYK:**

*Submitted by Dean Wildrick*



Mission Central is in great need of wheelchairs!

If you can donate even 1, it will help.  
If you have a wheelchair that you can give to help someone else in need, please call us as soon as you can.

717-766-1533

**UMW MEETING**

*Submitted by Shirley Poore*



There will be a U M W meeting September 10th at 10:00 AM. would welcome all women to join us. Ruth will be calling to remind everyone.

We will finalize plans of curtains for In Wesley Hall & stoves for the kitchen.

July we collected \$123.00 from the no bake sale.

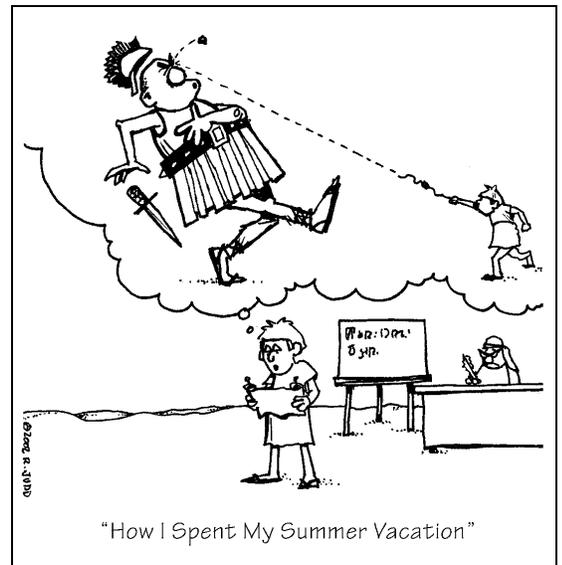
Will be having a rummage sale October 6th 7th & 8th. So, save all your good things for it.

Remember- bring Giant receipts to Sue Simmons. Also Cheer person, if you know anyone who needs a card please let her know.



**Alice Sweet** will celebrate her 90th birthday on Sept. 17th. Send her your best wishes. 33 Prospect Street Cuba, NY 14727 We can show her we care for her and her dedication to her Lord and friendship

to the members of our church family.



**A very sincere "Thank You!"** to Cuba UMC and the David Enderle Memorial Camping Scholarship Fund! Thanks so much for the gracious scholarship of paying for my attendance at Family Bible Camp and Findley! We were blessed with excellent speakers for Bible Hour, Discipleship Hour, and the Evening Worship! I was spiritually re-charged and nourished! The fellowship and conversations were also very enriching! Next year, I hope that some additional persons from Cuba UMC could attend Family Bible Camp! I think that you would be blessed!

Thanks so much!

\*Stan Scoville \*



**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**.

## DUDLEY TAILS

### It's alright. I'm here .

Recently I took Dudley and my two grandsons to Silver Lake, NY (north of Letchworth) to visit my brother. It really wasn't just a visit. It was a work project.

My brother Greg who is retired, had purchased a small cottage (600 sq. ft?) last fall. Being within walking distance of Silver Lake sounds great... but my brother is bent over, uses a cane or walker, and must sit frequently to lower his pain levels. Owning a little cottage sounds charming too... but its history goes back to 1930 when cottages were only used for staying overnight at religious camp meetings. So, over the years, things were added on: electricity, a bedroom, insulation, a small wall heater. But there are no cupboards, closets, or counter space. Living there is a challenge to be met.

Since he has downsized, Greg still had many boxes on his porch filled with things that needed a decision: KEEP, THROW, or GIVE. Dudley and I had visited in June to help with a lawn sale that later required repacking most things. While there, we had slept in the van, but this time the two boys would sleep in it. Dudley and I slept in the cottage this time. I was on the sofa and he was in his familiar dog crate at the end of the sofa.

Dudley knows that "bedtime" means "crate time" and he was fine with that. However, we left one light on in the room, and that was unfamiliar. During the night I heard a little whimpering coming from the crate, and I knew Dudley was feeling insecure. Without getting up, I said, "It's alright... I'm here." Dudley was soothed by my familiar voice and the knowledge that his master was near. He went back to sleep until morning.

Are we ever in unfamiliar territory? Do we ever feel insecure? Have we ever felt alone? God is our Master. He loves us. He protects us. When circumstances seem beyond our control, we can listen for His comforting voice saying, "It's alright... I'm here." And we can feel secure.

Oh, the work project? We accomplished our goal: to move enough furniture and paperwork so that the church volunteers could come in and paint the walls in the livingroom of the cottage. Thank you Lord.

Submitted by Cheryl Wildrick



Church School for all ages begins on September 11 at 9:45 AM

## Adult Sunday School Class



## Adult Sunday School Studies with Cheryl

### PROPHECY #9: The Future Messianic Kingdom

The word, "Messianic" means "Messiah's". The Bible began talking about the Messiah's kingdom, (or the kingdom of Christ) centuries ago in Old Testament books.

The prophet Isaiah announced that a child (Jesus) would be born and he would govern the earth in a time of peace. (Isaiah 9:6-7) Jesus was not a king when he lived on earth. This will happen in the future.

In the Old Testament we read that Satan tried to get Adam and Eve to do what he said, rather than what God said. Satan has introduced sin and evil into our world. The number of people who believe in God and obey him is decreasing. Jesus will come to earth again. This next time it will be to defeat Satan and evil, and to establish his kingdom of righteousness on earth.

The Messianic Kingdom was announced to Mary before the birth of Jesus. The angel Gabriel said that God would give the throne (of his ancestor David) and Jesus would rule (over Jacob's descendants) forever. (Luke 1: 30-33)

The Jewish people were taught (and continued to teach) that God would send them a Messiah who would free them from their enemies, and "bring in a glorious kingdom of righteousness and peace." (Major Bible Prophecies, John F. Walvoord, p. 116)

When Jesus lived on earth, most Jews did not believe that he was their Messiah, partially because he did not conquer the Roman rulers and evict the Romans from the Jewish land.

The disciples, however, were told by Jesus that they would have a role in the coming kingdom (Matthew 20:20-21) (Luke 22:29-30) as judges. The rule of Jesus, the Messiah, on earth will be characterized by righteousness, prosperity and peace. (Psalms 72:1-2; 3, 7) All believers will worship and obey Christ. Plus, the indwelling of the Holy Spirit will bring joy and peace to the believers on earth. (Ezekiel 36:27)

In the future, the Jews will return from foreign countries to live in the Promised Land. (Jeremiah 23:3) (Ezekiel 37:21) (Zechariah 10:9) and Jesus, the Messiah, (king) will rule over all believers. (Zechariah 14:9) (Luke 1:32-33)

"Evangelical" interpretation of the Bible says that scripture is factual. Its words are true. The Messianic Kingdom will be a literal kingdom on earth. God has done what he promised in the past. He will fulfill scripture in the future.





# Time for Sunday School

*Submitted by Sandy Allen*

Sunday school classes start September 11th at 9:45 A.M. There will be a class for the adults, 7th - 12th grades and the elementary class up to 6th grade.

The elementary class will learn to respect and use their Bibles. Their lives must be centered around the Bible and the teachings of Jesus Christ. The kids are encouraged to ask questions and together we will find the answers.

Please pray daily for the Sunday School students and teachers. Children are important to God. While Jesus was on earth, He welcomed children and valued them. We must do the same.

We must have one goal that our kids can grow to love and trust Jesus with all their hearts.



**Thank you, Clair Morris**, for the flowers by the Green Street entrance. The flowers by the sign board in front have been beautiful. **Thank you Fred Pearce**.

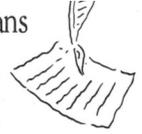
*Submitted by Cindy Dutton*



The **CUMC Meals on Wheels** volunteers are *so dedicated* that the meals continued to be delivered even when the Coordinator (me!) forgot to arrange the third quarter schedule! Thank you to Marshall Allen for delivering the first week of every month, Mary Hupp for delivering the second week, Fred and Peggy Pearce for doing the third week, and Dean and Cheryl Wildrick for delivering every fourth week. Dale and I cover any fifth week and substitute when needed. And make up the schedule ...

# 1 John 2:6

Find these important words written to Christians everywhere by John, disciple of Jesus.



Code:



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“Whoever claims to live in Him must walk as Jesus did.”

## FREEZER BREAD & BUTTER PICKLES

Sue Simmons



Recipe FROM THE Cuba UMC Cook Book

Layer in glass bowl:

7 sliced cucumbers

1 cup sliced onions

2 TBS. canning salt

Add syrup which is heated until sugar dissolves:

1 cup white vinegar

2 cups sugar

1 TBS. celery seed

1 TBS. mustard seed

Let stand 24 hours. Place in containers (cottage cheese containers work well) and freeze.

WORSHIP  
SERVICE  
SUNDAY  
11:00 AM

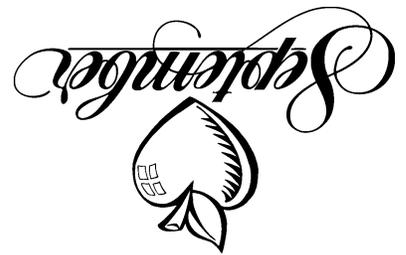
# September 2016

SUNDAY SCHOOL  
9:45 AM  
For All Ages

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> 10:30 Pray for Our nation UMW Food Pantry Collection	<b>5</b> 	<b>6</b> Prayer Group 10 am- 11 am Grief Support Group 12:30 am	<b>7</b> Management Team 6:30 pm	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> UMW Meeting 10:00 am
<b>11</b> 10:30 Pray for Our nation Church School Begins 9:45 am	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Prayer Group 10 am- 11 am	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
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<b>25</b> 10:30 Pray for Our nation Rothfus Collection	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Prayer Group 10 am- 11 am	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	

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