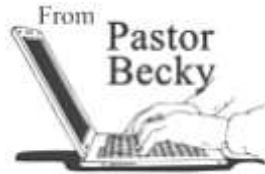


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And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb. (Revelation 22:1)

One day when Jesus' disciples had gone into the city to buy food, Jesus encountered a Samaritan woman at a well, and He said to her, "give Me a drink." His request perplexed the woman. John 4:9 tells us about their conversation. She replied, "How is it that You, being a Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans." In verse 10, Jesus replied, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him and He would have given you living water." She said, "Sir, you have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep. Where then do you get that living water?"

Notice there are two conversations going on here: a natural one and a spiritual one. "Are you greater than our father Jacob," she asked, "who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as well as his sons and his livestock?" Jesus said, "Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water I shall give him will never thirst. But the water I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life." The New Living Translation replaces the word "fountain" with "fresh, bubbly spring." What do you think of when you hear those words? I think of clear, cool water. A flood, however, brings to mind a dirty, murky swamp.

The Word of God is a spring of the water of life. So, when Jesus talks about "a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life," He's talking about the Word of God. Revelation 22:1 says a pure river of the Word of God proceeds from the throne of God. Verse 17 says, "And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely."

Are you thirsty for the water of life? Wouldn't you like to have a fresh, bubbly spring of everlasting life inside of you every day? Maybe you're dehydrated right now. Maybe the Devil has been flooding you with toxic lies and famishing your spirit by stealing God's Word. Here's the good news: God wants to quench your thirst right now; He wants to fill you up and speak to you. All you have to do is meditate on His Word. You can hear God's word at Cuba United Methodist Church! Come join us on Sunday mornings at 9:45 for Bible study and worship service at 11:00 and bring a friend!

Blessings,

Pastor Becky

Prayer

God, I'm so thirsty for Your Word. As I read Your Word, give me a fresh, bubbly spring of the water of life. Satan has been flooding me with lies and temptation, and I need Your Word to fill me up. In Jesus' name, Amen.



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

PLEASE PRAY FOR:
Our World situation
Naomi Scoville /Kosovo

For those at other residences...

PINES - OLEAN
Connie Battistoni

Others to keep in prayer:



- Norma Andrus
- Bob & Sandy Beard
- Joanne Carlin
- Mike Clark
- Hazel Cornell
- Family & friends of Bob Dabolt
- Missy Dabolt
- David Edwards
- Nancy Frazier
- Brian Fries
- Luke Fries
- Tyler Griffin
- Don Hall
- David Halstead
- Donna Hart
- Sandy Lathrop
- Mark Middaugh
- Mary Ellen Moriarty
- Justin Murphy
- Keith Pierce
- Laroy Spateholts
- Alice Sweet
- JoAnn Viglietta
- James Woodruff
- Ken Wyant
- David Yonaka
- 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.



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:

September 1 Westfield 1st UMC. Rev. Nick Perry, his wife Carmen and their children Nathan & Nadia.

September 8 Brocton Tri-Church Parish. Pastor Clara Wilder, her husband Gary and their family.

September 15 The East Otto Church. Mrs. Missy Ulinger, her husband Timothy and their family



- 4 Sarah Krott Sytsma
- 8 Marilyn Goodliff
- 12 Alan Zayac
- 14 Ashton Hawks
- 17 Veronica Clayson
- 18 JoAnne Hupp
Derek Morris
Alice Sweet
- 19 Delain Pierce
- 20 Betty Edwards
- 21 Mary Ellen James
Eve Kuhn
Mary Lou Sprague
Loren Sweet II
- 25 James Burdick
- 27 Fran Young
- 28 Jessica Holden
Laroy Spateholts
- 29 Marie Willer
- 30 Judy Zayac

Statistics Needed: \$1,659

Date	Worship	SS	Offering
6/30	51	-	\$1,758.00
6/30		Rothfus	\$45.00
7/7	50		\$2,521.00
7/7		Naomi	\$100.00
7/14	54		\$1,088.00
7/21	43		\$2,193.00
7/28	54		\$1,132.00
7/28		Rothfus	\$110.00
7/28		Naomi	\$ 50.00
8/4	48		\$1,292.00
8/4		Rothfus	\$ 25.00
8/4		Naomi	\$ 60.00
8/11	54		\$1,320.00
8/11		Rothfus	\$ 20.00
8/18	47		\$1,200.00
8/25	47		\$1,024.00
8/25		Rothfus	\$174.00

September
Helping
Hands



Usher:
Jim Travis

Acolyte:
Chris Hupp

Pianist:
Christine Berardi

Altar Guild:
Thela Snow



- 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

BROCCOLI BAKE

Fran Young

1-½ bunches of broccoli (I use 2 bags of frozen chopped broccoli)



Mix together:

- 2 cups sour cream
- 1 cup cream cheese
- 1 cup regular Miracle Whip
- 1 bag fine shredded sharp cheese

Stir cheese mixture with broccoli.

Topping:

- 1-½ sleeves Ritz crackers
- 1-½ stick butter

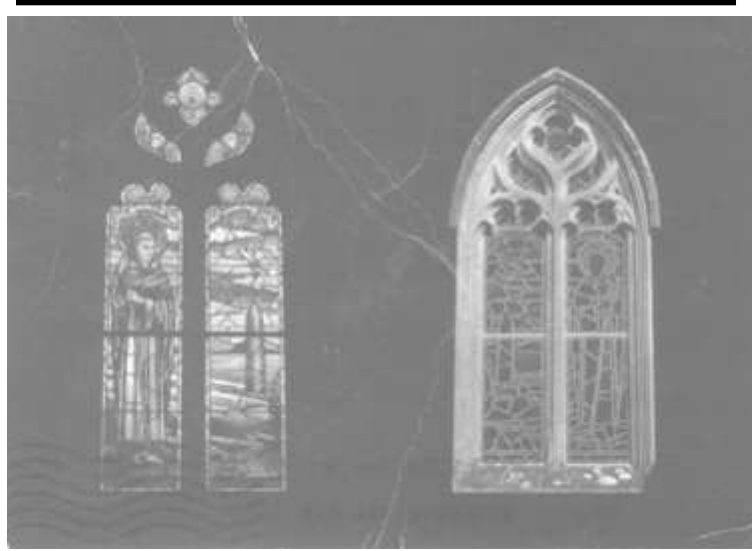
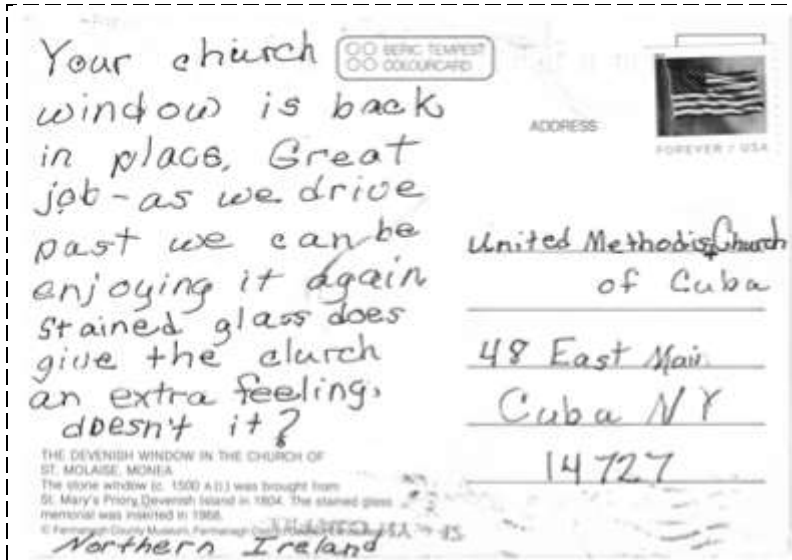
Crumble crackers, mix into melted butter. Brown together until the crackers have absorbed butter. Sprinkle on top of broccoli mixture. Bake 375° for 30 to 40 minutes.

Puzzle!

Draw lines to connect the biblical figures with the locations associated with them.

Abraham		Moab
Amos		Canaan
Ananias		Babylon
Cornelius		Caesarea
Daniel		Nineveh
Dorcas		Jericho
Esther		Ur
Jesus		Tarsus
Jonah		Joppa
Joshua		Aram
Lydia		Tekoa
Martha		Bethany
Moses		Egypt
Naaman		Philippi
Ruth		Nazareth
Saul	Persia	
Zacchaeus	Damascus	

Answers: Abraham - Ur, Amos - Tekoa, Ananias - Damascus, Cornelius - Caesarea, Daniel - Babylon, Dorcas - Joppa, Esther - Persia, Jesus - Nazareth, Jonah - Nineveh, Joshua - Canaan, Lydia - Philippi, Martha - Bethany, Moses - Egypt, Naaman - Aram, Ruth - Moab, Saul - Tarsus, Zacchaeus - Jericho



We received this postcard in the mail indicating that people in our community appreciate our Good Shepherd Window as much as we do.



This Letter written by Cornerstone District Superintendent, Reverend Suzanne Block, is from the August 15, 2019 and August 22, 2019 issues of the "Around the Corner" Newsletter:



Take Delight in the Lord - Psalm 37:4a

August marks our second month in ministry together. Our ministry of building God's kingdom one heart and life at a time. Our ministry of sharing God's love found in Jesus Christ. Our ministry directed by the power of the Holy Spirit. This is the second month of five where I will be continuing to share my call story through Psalm 37.

Take delight in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart.

What does delight mean? Delight, a word that is infrequently used in our lives today. Webster's Dictionary defines delight as "a high degree of gratification or pleasure: such as the of joy children squealing in delight." Synonyms include: pleasure, happiness, joy, joyfulness, glee, gladness, gratification, relish, excitement and amusement (not a complete list).

Take delight in the Lord. What does this phrase mean for us in our world today? To delight in the Lord is finding joy as faithful followers of Jesus. For me this means to love the Lord our God with all of my heart, mind, soul and strength. And to love my neighbor. Being a faithful follower of Jesus includes each one of us as individuals and as churches delighting in the Lord by loving God and loving our neighbors.

In the beginning of my faith journey, I thought that following Jesus required one to be serious, quiet, prayerful, to attend church regularly and to be a part of a Bible study. As a nurse, this was difficult for me to do since I worked a rotating schedule - day, evening and night shifts at the hospital as well as weekends. I was disappointed that I could not become a member of the church (not United Methodist) I was attending because I could not attend 10 consecutive weeks of classes. The delight I first felt as a new follower of Jesus quickly ebbed, as did my church attendance and participation.

Several years later Billy Graham came to Buffalo's Pilot Field for three nights. It was there that I learned that Jesus died for me and loved me. Those attending each night were encouraged to attend a church close to where we lived that preached the Bible. And so, my United Methodist journey began. Once again there was delight in following Jesus. I was personally invited to a Bible Study (the group was in the middle of Revelation - yikes!) and I became an active member of the church.

I share all of this to say that together as faithful followers of Jesus, as disciples, as churches and as a district we will all experience ups and downs in this journey called faith. We will delight in the Lord. We will weep together. We will have "dark nights of the soul." We will grow deeper in our faith. We will pray together. We will celebrate the sacraments. We will learn together. We will encourage and love one another. We will offer grace and we will offer forgiveness.

I can sincerely say that I take delight in the Lord. My life is focused. My life is not perfect. I make mistakes. I ask for and offer grace and forgiveness. I pray. I weep. I celebrate. I grieve. This reminds me of 2 Corinthians 12:10: That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

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DUDLEY TAILS

Submitted by Cheryl Wildrick

I had been watching Dudley's behavior for over a week. No, he wasn't hurt or sick. He was growling at another dog in the house. The other dog had been seen in the bedroom, where he tried to confront Dudley (who growled and backed away.) Then the dog retreated.

Next, the dog confronted Dudley downstairs, near the kitchen. (Upstairs the dog wanted to take over Dudley's sleeping area.) Now the dog was closing in on Dudley's eating area.) Dudley growled at the dog who stood his ground, until Dudley backed away.

Most recently the dog had been spotted by our sliding glass door, blocking Dudley's access to the yard. Dudley growled again, but the dog did not move, until Dudley backed away.

Dudley was frustrated. But each time his master had tried to reassure him:

"It's okay Dudley, the dog won't hurt you."

"It's okay Dudley, I am here with you."

"It's okay Dudley, lets go somewhere else."

Dudley had to admit that the "dog" had never hurt him. Dudley should have realized that he was safe with his master. And, Dudley would learn that if he went elsewhere, and put his mind on something else, the "dog" wouldn't follow, or threaten him.

But, Dudley is a dog. And, Dudley thinks like a dog.

People would easily see that the "dog" in the bedroom was Dudley's reflection in the glass (on the front of a bookcase). People would see that the "dog" by the kitchen was Dudley's reflection in the glass (on the front of a china cabinet). People would see that the "dog" in the sliding-glass door, was Dudley's reflection, also.

Dudley's master tried to tell Dudley that he was safe. Dudley's master affirmed that Dudley was not alone... and Dudley's master asked Dudley to walk away from the problem.

Sometimes we, like Dudley, just can't see the truth. We don't sense our Master's presence (that protects us.) We don't know the solution to our problems and don't ask our Master.

If a person does not understand something of faith, he should ask the Master. In the book of Proverbs, David says, "Trust the Lord and lean not on your own understanding." (Proverbs 3:5) We are fortunate today that we have the words of the Old and New Testaments in print.

Dudley did not understand his master's words. He only knew what he saw. (an angry dog not backing down when Dudley approached.) Dudley did not trust that his master would keep him safe. (He thought that it was up to him.) And, Dudley learned that by walking with his master, the problem disappeared.

Jesus said that people without faith would not understand parables. They would be, "ever seeing" (the natural world), but, "never perceiving" (the spiritual world.) Jesus said that people without faith would be, ever hearing" (His words of Truth), but, "never understanding" (how the words applied to them.) (Mark 4:11-12)

Dudley tried to solve his own problems. We should learn to take our problems to our Master. He can help.



The last offering for the Rothfus African Inland Mission was held in August. The Rothfus' are no longer teaching at Rift Valley Academy. The last we heard, they were not sure of their future plans in the States. They thank everyone for their faithful support.



A welcome is extended to all adults to join us for **Adult Bible Study** on Sunday mornings at 9:45 am (in the classroom at the end of the upstairs hall.)

We will begin our study on **Sunday September 8th.**
Let's learn about the armor of God.

Cheryl



The **Cuba Council of Churches** meets at our church on Sunday, September 8, 2019 starting at 5 pm.



- Two more handicap parking spaces will be added on Green Street.
- The roof that spans Wesley Hall, the Sunday School Rooms and Pastor's Office has been replaced.
- The ramp is being worked on by Keith Pierce and John Hupp. Nails have been replaced, it has been pressure washed, and it will be stained.
- The Good Shepherd Window has been put back in place. New plexiglass has been installed on the outside.

The monthly **church Movie Night** will resume in September. 'More details to come. Please plan to attend. It is a wonderful time of fellowship and meeting new people!



(Rev. Suzanne Block's letter "Take Delight in the Lord" Continued from page 4)

I know with Christ at the center, when I am weak, then I am strong. I know that as a District with Christ at the center, when we are weak, then we are strong.

As I delight in the Lord, I also delight in God's creation. I still dance in the rain! I still make snow angels! I laugh out loud! I smile when a child says Jesus loves me! I rejoice when an adult comes to me and says God loves me! I am thankful the Holy Spirit transformed my life and continues to transform my life!

So, Delight in who God has made you to be - a beloved child of God. Delight as you follow Jesus. Delight in becoming the best disciple you can be - sharing the love of God found in Jesus.

With Joy,

Suzanne

Reverend Suzanne Block

**WORSHIP
SERVICE
SUNDAY
11:00 AM**



2019

**SUNDAY SCHOOL
for all Ages
10:45 AM**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Communion Naomi Mission Offering UMW Food Pantry Collection	2 	3 Prayer Group 10 am- 11 am	4 Trustees meeting 6:00 pm Management Team Meeting 6:45 pm	5	6	7 Kung Fu 6-8 am
8 Cuba Council of Churches Meeting at our church 5 pm	9	10 Prayer Group 10 am-11 am Violin Lessons 3-6 pm	11	12 Cub Scouts Evening	13	14 Kung Fu 6-8 am
15 Coffee Hour	16 October Newsletter Deadline - Noon	17 Prayer Group 10 am- 11 am Violin Lessons 3-6 pm	18	19 Cub Scouts Evening	20	21 Kung Fu 6-8 am UMW Meeting 10 am
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