

The Shepherd's Messenger

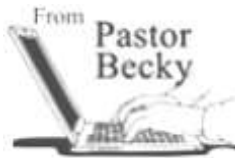


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KNOWING JESUS AS THE
GOOD SHEPHERD & SHARING
THE RISEN CHRIST WITH ALL.

Return to the Lord



Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love. (Joel 2:13)

Summer is soon coming to an end. Time to close the pools, stop the vacations, and say goodbye to the sunshine. The month of September often means a "return" to many things. Children return to school. Parents return to a regular routine. The church is no different. With the start of September, the church returns for Sunday School. For some, the month of September is also a return to church.

During the Summer, our schedules are often more flexible. We take time off to enjoy vacations and other activities. Nothing wrong with this, it's fun to do. Often, a casualty of Summer, though, is church attendance. Unfortunately, we may think, and even speak, of taking a "break" from Church during the Summer months. It is sad, but this is often the case. Good for us, though, is this fact – God does not take a break from you!

The prophet Joel once spoke to the people and reminded them who God is. God is "merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love." These are truly some of the most wonderful qualities of our God. We especially see these qualities fully displayed in the life of Christ, who suffered, died, and rose again from the dead all for us. Because our God is merciful, the prophet Joel encourages us to return to Him. Because our God is slow to anger, we should return to Him knowing He will never turn His back on us. Because our God is abounding in steadfast love, even when we return to Him at our very lowest, He will still receive us; that is just who our God is!

September is a time of year to return. We return to more regular schedules. We return to school. And because of the nature of our God (merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love) we can also return to Him, not just in September, but in every moment of every day to receive forgiveness, life and salvation.

I hope you all had a wonderful Summer my friends and I hope to see you in church on Sunday at 11:00 am. And bring a friend!

Blessings,
Pastor Becky

PLEASE PRAY FOR:
Our World situation

Others to keep in prayer:

Norma Andrus
Todd Baxter
Wayne Botens
Russell Brown
Frank Calcagno
Gary Carlson
Hazel Cornell
David Edwards
Don Hall
David Halstead
Donna Hart
Bernie Hawks
Jean Higby
Bob Huddleston
Andrew James
Katie Kellogg
Kevin Kranock
Bruce Metler
Helen Middaugh
Mark Middaugh
Nellie Moses
Justin Murphy
Keith Pierce
Shirley Poore
Laroy Spateholts
Family and friends of
Matthew Talbott
Donald Thompson
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!



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



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



Jean Higby: Highland Park
160 Seneca St.
Wellsville, NY 14895

Mark Middaugh: Pines Health Care
9822 Route 16
Machias, NY 14101

Judy Zayac: 2513 Pine St.
New Virginia, IA 50210

Statistics Needed: \$1,798

Date	Worship	SS	Offering
7/3	32		\$3,262.00
		Gil's Hills	\$ 150.00
7/10	44		\$1,660.00
7/17	39		\$1,476.00
7/24	35		\$1,030.00
7/31	29		\$2,642.00
		Gil's Hills	\$ 305.00
8/7	33		\$1,319.00
8/14	31		\$ 955.00
		Gil's Hills	50.00
8/21	37		\$1,900.00



**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.**

September
Helping
Hands



Power Point:
Rob Cornell

Pianist/Organist:
Christine Berardi

Altar Guild:
Thela Snow
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>



Past Services are Archived
DVDs are available

Puzzle!

Search for and circle all the bold words from Psalm 18:2, which reminds us where we find our strength

The **LORD** is **MY ROCK**, my **FORTRESS** and my **DELIVERER**; my **GOD** is my rock, in whom I **TAKE REFUGE**. **HE** is my **SHIELD** and the **HORN** of my **SALVATION**, my **STRONGHOLD**.

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G	O	D	T	D	K	A	D	K	U	D	X

GOD ROCKS!



CORN FRITTERS

Sue Simmons



- 1 egg, beaten
- 1 cup pancake mix
- ¼ cup milk
- 1 - ½ cup leftover cooked corn

Combine ingredients. Drop by teaspoonfuls into ½ inch hot fat. Cook until browned. Serve with maple syrup. Makes 12 fritters.



Thank you for the graduation gifts and honoring me at Church.

Austin Clement



Combined Trustees & Management Team Meeting Wednesday, September 7, 2022
6:00 pm in Wesley Hall



From the desk of Bishop Mark J. Webb

August 15, 2022

Dear Friends,

Grace and peace to you in the name of Jesus Christ.

After a season of prayer and discernment, I have made the decision to retire from the active episcopacy on Dec. 31, 2022. Yesterday, I submitted my request for retirement to the Northeastern Jurisdiction and the Council of Bishops.

I have not made this decision lightly and it is the right one for personal and spiritual reasons. The divide within the United Methodist Church has lessened my joy for this role and changed my sense of whether my gifts, convictions, and leadership as a residential Bishop are best for the United Methodist Church in the future. The writer of Ecclesiastes says: "There is an appointed time for everything. And there is a time for every event under heaven."

Jodi and I will be forever grateful for the opportunity to serve with and among the people of Upper New York over these last 10 years. We look forward to returning to Pennsylvania to be closer to our children and other family.

Over the next few months, I will continue to offer all I can to assist leaders and congregations of Upper New York in preparing for days of ministry ahead that will honor God, boldly share the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and increase God's kingdom. The mission of "making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world" continues.

Thank you for praying for us and be assured of our ongoing prayers for each of you.

With gratitude and love,



TRUSTEES NOTES



- ◇ The elevator is working at present.
- ◇ A \$10,000 deposit has been given to Wayne Companies for replacement of the front steps.
- ◇ John Brown has returned the stained glass window with the proper name inscribed.

The Meanest Mother in the World



We had the meanest mother in the whole world! While other kids ate candy for breakfast, we had to have cereal, eggs, and toast. When others had a Pepsi and a Twinkie for lunch, we had to eat sandwiches. And you can guess our mother fixed us a dinner that was different from what other kids had, too.

Mother insisted on knowing where we were at all times. You'd think we were convicts in a prison. She had to know who our friends were, and what we were doing with them. She insisted that if we said we would be gone for an hour, we would be gone for an hour or less.

We were ashamed to admit it, but she had the nerve to break the Child Labor Laws by making us work. We had to wash the dishes, make the beds, learn to cook, vacuum the floor, do laundry, and all sorts of cruel jobs. I think she would lie awake at night thinking of more things for us to do. She always insisted on us telling the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth.

By the time we were teenagers, she could read our minds. Then, life was really tough! Mother wouldn't let our friends just honk the horn when they drove up. They had to come up to the door so she could meet them. While everyone else could date when they were 12 or 13, we had to wait until we were 16.

Because of our mother, we missed out on lots of things other kids experienced. None of us have ever been caught shoplifting, vandalizing other's property, or ever arrested for any crime. It was all her fault. We never got drunk, took up smoking, stayed out all night, or a million other things, other kids did. Sundays were reserved for church, and we never missed once. We knew better than to ask to spend the night with a friend on Saturdays.

Now that we have left home, we are all God-fearing, educated, honest adults. We are doing our best to be mean parents just like Mom was. I think that's what is wrong with the world today. It just doesn't have enough mean moms anymore.

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The food pantry has seen more use in recent months and the shelves need replenishing.

With the exception of canned vegetables, most everything else is needed. Especially popular are things needing little preparation: boxed or packaged meal aids (like Hamburger Helper, scalloped or mashed potatoes, rice dishes, etc.), canned meals (like Chef Boyardee, etc.), ready to serve soup (like Progresso, etc.), baked beans, stew, hash, cereal, peanut butter, jam/jelly, juice and pasta sauce. Also useful are personal care items (toothpaste, deodorant, etc.), cleaning supplies (dish soap, laundry soap, etc.), paper products (toilet paper, paper towels, etc.).



Thank you for faithfully supporting this community ministry with your donations.



The **church history** has been updated for the years 2000 through 2021. If you would like a copy, please let either Peggy Pearce or Jim Travis know of your interest. Past histories cover years 1820-1959, 1960-1989, 1990s. There are a few copies of these still available on a first come, first served basis.

Another Rummage Sale, Another Success

Submitted by Deb Battistoni



Over the years, our workforce at the church has decreased – but we find a way to simplify and make it work. From going to an annual summer sale from 2 seasonal sales, from using more Sunday School rooms to better merchandise our goods, and from totaling up the customers purchases item by item to if it fits in the brown grocery bag, it's either \$5, \$3, or \$2 depending on the day.

Every sale we open the doors to greet the many people waiting in line to find the best stuff, and recognize customers who have been coming for years. During the sale we greeted 2 young women getting ready to go off to college, and we remember them when they were being pushed in a stroller. We reconnect with Fred the Puppy Guy who takes things for the animal rescue he works for, to Suzanne who finds things for the Cuba Cultural Center that her clients can use (compliments of the UMW), meeting a former member of our church and Sunday School teacher that relocated over 25 years ago and enjoyed walking through memory lane of her days in Cuba.

I also got to meet a childhood friend that just happened to be in Cuba camping, was out riding her bicycle and decided to stop in to see what our sale was about. We hadn't seen each other in 60 years.

Often when customers are checking out, they ask what we do with the money we earn. In simple terms, I tell them that we give it away by donating to charities such as Red Bird Mission, Henderson Settlement, Cuba Toys for Tots, and adopting families at Christmas, to make their lives brighter. We have customers that round up their sale, making a donation because of what we do.

I have always loved doing the rummage sale, spending time working with other church members that share the vision. We repurpose our castoffs that others have a use for.

I want to thank EVERYONE that donated, helped set up, tear down, worked the sale, and took our donations to other groups. We took in over \$730 !

We have a great and caring team!

**SUNDAY
WORSHIP
SERVICE
11:00 AM**



2022

**Watch Sunday
Worship Service Live
at 11:00 am on
cubaumc.org or
Facebook page**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Kung Fu 6:00-8:00 am
4 UMW Food Pantry Collection	5 Tai Chi 7:00 pm	6 Prayer Group 10:00 am	7 Combined Trustees & Management Team Meeting 6:00 pm	8	9	10 Kung Fu 6:00-8:00 am
11 Peace with Justice Sunday Offering	12 Tai Chi 7:00 pm	13 Prayer Group 10:00 am	14	15	16	17 Kung Fu 6:00-8:00 am
18	19 October Newsletter Deadline Noon Tai Chi 7:00 pm	20 Prayer Group 10:00 am	21	22	23	24 Kung Fu 6:00-8:00 am
25 Gil's Hills Offering	26 Tai Chi 7:00 pm	27 Prayer Group 10:00 am	28	29	30	



**Taste
and see
that the Lord
is good.**

Psalm 34:8

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