

The Shepherd's Messenger



October 2010

Pastor Sunny's Rays



Well summer is now officially over. We see the leaves changing colors and falling to the ground. The earth is preparing to take a nap to rejuvenate. I always marvel at the fact that when things are bursting with color and growing and warm that is when the church seemingly slows down. (This summer seems to be the exception to that rule, however.) And then as the earth prepares to take that nap the church is supposed to be kicking back into gear and going full steam ahead with making disciples for Jesus Christ.

I have hope for the programs for the fall and look forward to starting a couple of new ministries. The “Brown Bag Bible Study” is one of those ministries. It will begin on October the 12th at 11:45. Everyone in the community is invited to bring their lunch and their bibles to join into this time of discussion and learning and fellowship. Sharing with the community is always a faith growing project for me and I certainly hope it will be for those who come into this time.

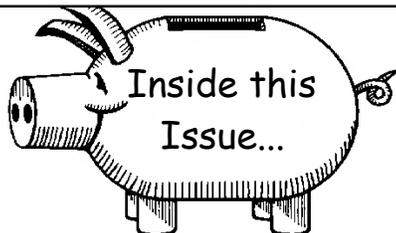
Another ministry is one of sacred dance that we will begin towards the last of October with someone coming to teach our girls how to do the dance and the leader about choreography. We will also need someone willing to make the dresses that the girls will need for this particular ministry. So all you seamstresses start thinking about getting those sewing machines out come late fall.

Come January, we will begin a Confirmation class for some of our younger people to help them discern their place in God's family and teach them what God requires from us.

Our other ministries will be on going but will most likely be seeing some level of change in order to carry on with them. Sunday School will be one area that change is coming. We will be doing more of a one room school house theme. That will begin on October 17th which will be Children's Sabbath. Our Christmas program is something that will also change as we will need more adult participation in order to present it. As everyone knows the choir has no director nor do we have an accompanist but something we do have are people who are willing to try doing it somewhat differently. We have several congregation members who play the piano and they have volunteered to help with the accompanying of the music and we have some music on CD that we can use. The choir will carry on! Angel Food will also continue but again we need more volunteers so that people don't get burnt out too quickly.

There are many ministries going on at Cuba United Methodist church; ministries of love, of sharing and caring, ministries that make differences in people's lives. We

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- 1- Debbie Carlson
- 2 - Deb Battistoni
Natasha Dixon
- 4 - Marilyn Luckey
Jason Stadler
Dwane Wildrick
- 6 - Jeanne Bussiere
- 9- Judi Hughes
- 10 - Bryce Cilvick
Sandy Tsujimoto
- 11 - Doug Clayton
Debbie Holcomb
Doug Lopes
Linda Sweet
- 12 - Christine Hewitt
Ruth Holden
- 14 - Scott Edwards
Jim Juiliano
- 15 - Jacob James
- 16 - Bob Campbell
Mike Kunz
- 17 - Lynnette Clayson
Shana Hindman
Rick Sutphin
Parker VanNess
- 18 - Fred Pearce
Karrie White
- 20 - Reiken Reynolds
Taylor Rose
- 21 - Travis Clayson
Neil Edwards
- 23 - Leah Scoville
Alan Sweet
- 24 - Doris Halstead
- 26 - Sierra Rose
Scott Soule
- 28 - Cheryl Holden
- 29 - Bea Mason
- 30 - Robin Torpey
- 31 - Elroy Brickey



ANNIVERSARIES

- 1- Ed & Debbie Rothfus
- 5- Duane & Deborah Hopkins
- 10- Fred & Peggy Pearce
- 11- Jim & Debby Holcomb
- 15- Bruce & Edwin Stubbs
- 16- Tom & Judy Krott
Derek & Vanessa Clement
- 18- Merle & Paula Burlingame
- 21- John & Joycelyn Riley
Derwood & Rita Say
- 23- James & Cheryl Steen

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have been described as a place where great love is felt to people who are hurting. That isn't to be sneezed at, by no means. However, there is something that we do need here at Cuba UMC. In a word that need is "commitment". Everyone wants something done but getting someone to step up to the plate and take command is difficult at best. Everyone sitting in the pews on Sunday mornings need to be involved in the work of God's church. No one person, no one pastor can do it alone. If we want young families to take part then we are going to have to work at giving them something to take part in and we are going to have to help them grow in their faith and in their commitment. I get VERY frustrated when I hear so many of you say well I'm not going to be here for 3 to 4 months, or I am only going to come when it's convenient. Folks what would you do if God said he wasn't going to be here for 3 to 4 months or I'll answer that prayer if and when it's convenient? We are all called and if we truly have a solid and meaningful relationship with the one who saved our souls, if we truly believe the things we say in the liturgy of the worship services, if we truly understand the sacrifice that was made for us in our partaking of the sacrament of Holy Communion, if we meant the vows we took when we became a member of the family here at Cuba UMC then we will re-commit our lives to doing the work of the Lord who gave us life.

Now, I hope this doesn't sound like doom and gloom because I absolutely don't feel doom and gloom. I have seen so many good things happening at Cuba UMC. And I believe within the very depths of my soul that the Holy Spirit is about to move in a huge way here. We just have to step out on faith and allow that Holy Spirit to call us and we have to answer that call, we need to be open to change and more importantly we need to be open to growing in, not only numbers, but also faith. Telling the story of Jesus Christ and sharing that grace that has been a blessing in our lives. Hang on to your hat folks, we are about to go on the ride of our lives together.

Remember as we are rounding those curves, that God loves you and so do we.

Pastor Sunny



Please Pray For...



Our World situation
The Rothfus Family



THOSE AT HOME

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Alice Sweet
Samuel Bradley
Alicia Bradley

To those at other residences

CUBA CMH

Lucille Wildrick
Laura Clayson
Pearl Franklin

ABSOLUT HOUGHTON

John Lawton

WATERS OF WEST

FIELD

Dawn Durkee

BATH VA CENER

John Visser

EDEN HEIGHTS-

BUFFALO

Jane Wright

OLEAN PINES

Adaline Wakefield

EDEN HEIGHTS-

OLEAN

Evelyn Steen

Military personnel and
their
families...

Bob Aaronson
Daniel Bunk
Kevin Desaults
Brad Frank
Mark Keenan
Justin Linza
Carl Randall
Alfred Reynolds
Greg Reynolds
Justin Sweet
Dan Thompson
Ron Truax
Miles Ward
Eric Young
Justin Sweet

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 welcome to attend. For more information, contact Ray Perkins at 585-968-1467

USHERS: Boy Scouts

GREETERS

10/3 Butch & Mary Ann Pfouts
10/10: Sandra Allen
10/17: Mike & Sandy LaFever
10/24 Mary VanValkenburgh
10/31: Alan & Judy Zayac

LITURGIST:

3: Mary Ann Pfouts
10: Louis Petroni
17: Cindy Dutton
24: **Reserved For You! ***
31: Judy Zayac

CHILDREN'S MOMENT:

3: **Reserved For You! ***
10: **Reserved For You! ***
17: **Reserved For You! ***
24: **Reserved For You! ***
31: **Reserved For You! ***

NURSERY:

3: **Reserved For You! ***
10: Judy Zayac
17: **Reserved For You! ***
24: **Reserved For You! ***
31:

ACOLYTES:

3: Michael Hupp
10: Jasmyn Dorsey
17: Josh Enderle
24: Josh Tsujimoto
31: Katelyn Cornell

Coffee Hour Hosts

Paul & Sandy Tsujimoto
Keith & Delain Pierce

Communion Steward:

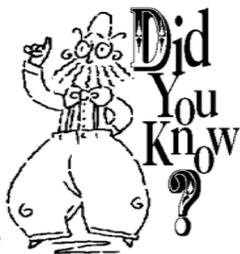
Judy Zayac & Liz Abraham

Prayer LIST Update

Please keep our prayer list up to date.

Requests made in assure proper spelling. You can do this in the attendance pads on Sundays, or drop your request off at the office, or email. If you call your request in, please spell out the name.





*Submitted by
Dean Wildrick*

"Since Hurricane Katrina struck five years ago, more than 200,000 volunteers organized through The United Methodist Church have flooded Louisiana and Mississippi and helped thousands of people put their homes and lives back together again. Homeowners such as Leona Cousins, 99, say the volunteers are God-sent. "I never thought I would meet so many nice people this late in my life," she said."

Proud to be a United Methodist.



Meals on Wheels

by Deb Battistoni

One of my favorite ministries is the Meals on Wheels program. For nearly 20 years I have delivered meals to people who have difficulties preparing or getting out to shop for nutritious hot meals. Along the way, I've met some wonderful people.

For many years now, I have also been our church's coordinator to see that our church's day to deliver (Friday) has a driver scheduled to cover every Friday. I've done it with a sign-up on the church's calendar, or made calls to our drivers asking them which dates will work for them.

As I am now traveling for longer periods of time, I need to have another person step up to coordinate filling the Friday deliveries. I still will be happily delivering, but it will be too hard to cover when I'm away for several months.

It's an easy job, with no meetings involved! I hope that more people would like to help deliver, too. All of the deliveries are in the village, and it takes about 1 hour. Contact Pastor Sunny or Deb if you are willing to take over as coordinator, and Deb if you'd like to deliver meals.

Thanks!

Deb



Altar Flowers

By Mary Ann Pfouts and Sunny Mauser

It has come to our attention that there are Sundays that have no flowers for our altar table and that is sad. It has also become apparent that some of you have no idea how this works. Let us explain. Flowers are provided by -"you"- the congregation. You can provide flowers from your garden, from Giant, from Kesters, a potted plant, or you could make up a nice artificial arrangement for the altar table. There is a sign-up sheet ALWAYS in the back for you to pick your date and sign up. People provide the flowers for multiple reasons. (ie. To honor someone's birthday, anniversary or graduation, or in memory of a loved one who has gone home to be with God.) There is no dollar amount required. There is a box at the back of the sanctuary for donations for flowers on the Sundays that no one has signed up. Also just as a reminder, on Communion Sundays the flowers are put on a small stand next to the altar due to needing the room on the table for the elements of Communion and during Lent there are no flowers in the sanctuary. If there is something here that you don't understand, or have questions about please see Mary Ann or Pastor Sunny for those answers.

UMW HAPPENINGS

Submitted by Maggie Watson



We MISSED you!!

Yes, if you weren't at the potluck dinner and room sale, you WERE missed. Twelve ladies enjoyed great food, laughs and fun as we began a new year for fellowship and mission planning.

We talked about our next gathering, Saturday, October 2 at 10:00 am with a brunch. Also the up and coming fall rummage sale, October 7, 8, 9...see Deb Battistoni for info. We are already reaching out to a young lady who needs us. And several programs are being planned.

We have our officers in place and don't need to ask you to do a thing unless you want to. Come check us out...you don't know what you're missing. God loves you...regardless.

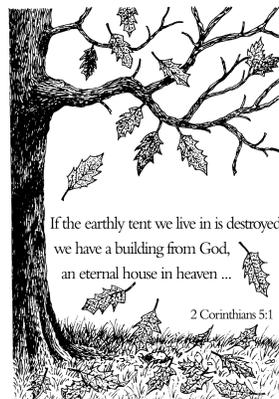
See you October 2 at 10:00 am.



News From Nome

Submitted by Patti Petroni

The Cuba UMW has supported the United Methodist Church of Nome for years by contributing to Vacation Bible School, Tuesday After School, and sending baby layettes to the hospital. On October 7th at the Friendship UMC, Pastor Julie Yoder Elmore, Community UMC, Nome, Alaska will be visiting and presenting a program. This program will begin at 7 PM and refreshments will be provided. Please come and bring a friend or two. For more information see the information on the UMW bulletin board in the hallway.



INTERNATIONAL DAY AT CHAUTAUQUA INSTITUTE

Submitted by Patti Petroni



On a very warm and sunny September first afternoon, we headed west on I-86 with Shirley Mosher at the wheel. Riding shotgun was Barb Spateholtz and keeping Jean Higby company in the back seat were Maggie Watson and Patti Petroni. We were attending the Women's International Day being held at Hurlbut UMC on the grounds of beautiful Chautauqua Institute. There was good conversation all the way and once we arrived on the grounds we were allowed to drive right on thru to the church since the season has ended and the grounds are open. Four of us decided to take the tour of the grounds by walking around in almost 90 degree temperatures and then somewhat regretting it once we were out sweating profusely and wishing we had the "brains" of Barb who stayed behind sipping lemonade and being treated to snacks. We had a lovely lady as a tour guide, whom I might add never broke a sweat, with much knowledge of the grounds as she grew up on the lake and her mother ran an inn on the grounds. As we arrived back at the church after touring, the four of us made a bee line to the beverage table and the delicious snacks served by the members of Hurlbut UMC. We then went inside for an orientation given by Gordon Post. There were two sessions of workshop choices. Some of those choices consisted of "For the Love of God", "Letters of John", and "Joy to the World", "Mission & Evangelism", "Mission Trip Haiti", "Mop" India, and "Sudan" I personally attended the session on mission trip to Haiti and Sudan. These sessions each lasted an hour and were put on by people like you and me. In the Haiti session a group of young, middle and older people who have been to Haiti on mission gave an in depth discussion on what they are accomplishing there. The Sudan workshop was about a group of Buffalo women who chose to learn more about this troubled country through a Bible study. You can learn more about these by speaking with each of us individually as we all attended different sessions. Afterwards, we were treated to a complete delicious turkey dinner in the hall and then came together for a communion worship service in the sanctuary with the message "For the Love of God" by Rev. James Bailey. The offering was given to mission. The whole afternoon and evening were well run and packed full of mission information. The ladies of our church will be learning more about our day as we brought back some information about missions where we feel we can be of service with such organizations such as ARM... Allegany Region Missions located in Randolph and CSI..Christian Service International located in Muncie, IN. It was a wonderful day and all there know where Cuba, NY is and were thrilled that five ladies rode on down and joined them for the day. We were glad we did, too.





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Kung Fu Classes Saturdays 6-8am UMW 10:00am
3 Worship 10am	4 Ad Council 6:00pm	5	6 Choir Practice 7:00pm	7 Rummage Sale 6-8pm	8 Rummage Sale 9am to 3pm	9 Rummage Sale 9am-12pm
PASTOR SUNNY ON VACATION OCTOBER 4th THROUGH OCTOBER 10th						
10 Worship 10am Coffee Hour	11	12 "Brown Bag" Bible Study 11:45am	13 Choir Practice 7:00pm	14	15	16
17 Worship 10am One Room Sunday School 11:15am	18 Angel Food/Newsletter Deadline Finance 7:00pm	19 "Brown Bag" Bible Study 11:45am	20 Choir Practice 7:00pm	21	22	23 Angel food Distribution 9:00am
24 Worship 10am One Room Sunday School 11:15am	25 Trustees 7:00pm	26 "Brown Bag" Bible Study 11:45am	27 Choir Practice 7:00pm	28	29	30 Harvest Dinner 6:00pm
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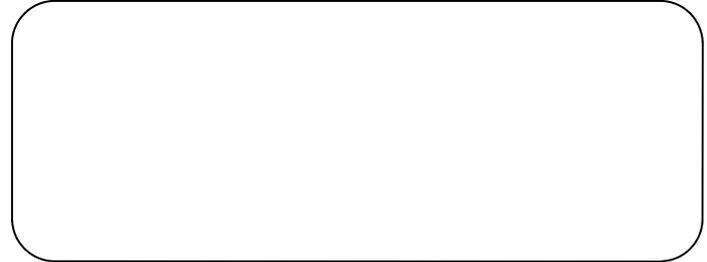
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Pumpkin poem

One day I found two pumpkin seeds.
I planted one and pulled the weeds.
It sprouted roots and a big, long vine.
A pumpkin grew; I called it mine.
The pumpkin was quite round and fat.
(I really am quite proud of that.)
But there is something I'll admit
That has me worried just a bit.
I ate the other seed, you see.
Now will it grow inside of me?

(I'm so relieved since I have found
That pumpkins only grow in the ground!)



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