

The Shepherd's Messenger



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TIME CHANGE!!

Daylight Savings Time
Ends November 4th!

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Everyone must be quick to hear, slow to speak and slow to anger.

James 1:19

If someone offends you, do you quickly retaliate, or do you stay under control. Do you find that anger is your emotional default when treated unfairly?

Anger is usually caused when the strong desire for something is mixed with disappointment or grief. We don't get what we want and we start heating up inside. It is often an emotional reaction that flows out of our own selfishness, foolishness, or wrong motives.

Patience, however, makes us wise. It doesn't rush to judgment but listens to what the other person is saying. Patience waits to see the whole picture before passing judgment. The Bible says, "He who is slow to anger has great understanding, but he who is quick-tempered exalts folly." (Proverbs 14:29)

The practice of patience will foster peace and quiet. "A hot-tempered man stirs up strife, but the slow to anger calms a dispute." (Proverbs 15:18) Patience is where love meets wisdom. And every church needs that combination to be healthy.

Patience helps us give others permission to be human. It understands that everyone fails. When a mistake is made, it chooses to give them more time than they deserve to correct it. It gives us the ability to stay connected during the tough times in relationships rather than bailing out under pressure.

Few of us do patience very well, and none of us do it naturally. Let us resolve to possess patience. Think of our journey together as a marathon, not a sprint. But a race worth running



Your Opinion Counts!

In this newsletter we are including a survey developed over many months by your Administrative Council as one tool to evaluate how membership feels about Cuba United Methodist Church. We would like your opinion on many topics regarding our service, personnel, publications, activities. We would like to hear from everyone in your household, so please either make additional copies or in some way indicate the opinion of everyone. Thanks for your participation.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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

CUBA CMH

Lucille Wildrick
Pearl Franklin
Carmelita Butts

WATERS OF WESTFIELD

Dawn Durkee

OLEAN PINES

Adaline Wakefield

EDEN HEIGHTS-OLEAN

Evelyn Steen

**Others to keep in prayer:**

Tim Bushnell
Chuck Brooks
Eva Carlson
John Culbert
Sonja Fernsted
Harris Fitch
Mike Gibbons
Tyler Griffon
Casey Hall
Karen Hessney
Lew Holden (In Afghanistan)
Dick Karle
Rolly Miles
Elizabeth Morris
Keith Pierce
Thomas Reitz
Odean Searle
Jack Small (Jennie Gleason's Dad)
John L. Sullivan
Jean Switalski

Military personnel and their families...

Pauline Baker
Benny Cartin
Lew Holden
Casey Krug
Colby Krug
Ross McPhee
John Curtis Quattrini



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 Bi-Weekly Prayer Group for our Military men and women and our world situation. Gatherings are held on the first and third Monday' 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 Sandy Lathrop at 585-968-1531.

October Helping Hands**Acolyte**

Josh Enderle or
Josh Tsujimoto

Altar Guild

Judy Zayac

Coffee Hour

10/21 Open

Greeters

10/07 Dean and Cheryl Wildrick
10/14 Barb Spateholts
10/21 Harley and Shirley Poore
10/28 Mike and Sandy LaFever

Liturgist

open
open
open
open

Ushers

Tom Bean

Another Successful Trash & Treasures Sale!

Thanks to all who helped make the UMW Trash and Treasures sale a success. We made a profit of about \$850.00 to be used for Holiday Assistance and missions. A special thanks to Patti Petroni and Cindy Dutton who organized and to those who helped (Thela, Judy Z, Sandy T, Ruth, Claire, Rita, Joyce, Cheryl, Donna, Louis, & Dean) and all who donated their treasures.

Leftover treasures went to the Baptist Rummage Room and Wellspring Ministries in Angelica.



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

Every great church suffers growing pains! This survey, sent by the Cuba United Methodist Church Administrative Council, will hopefully identify our strengths (which are many), our weaknesses, our hopes, and our concerns in an effort to better serve YOU, the parishioner. **Every** person in your household should complete a survey. Please prayerfully think about each question and return the survey by November 1 addressed to the Administrative Council, CUMC, 49 East Main St., Cuba, NY 14727. Thank you.

Thinking about the Sunday Morning Worship Service:

Worship Time: I am satisfied ___ I am not satisfied ___

Greetings and Announcements, Joys and Concerns: I am satisfied ___ I am not satisfied ___

Comments: _____

Call to Prayer, Pastoral Prayer, Benediction: I am satisfied ___ I am not satisfied ___

Comments: _____

Children's Moment: I am satisfied ___ I am not satisfied ___

Comments: _____

Scripture Readings: I am satisfied ___ I am not satisfied ___

Comments: _____

Sermons: I am satisfied ___ I am not satisfied ___

Comments: _____

Hymn selection & Music -Anthem & Choral Response: I am satisfied ___ I am not satisfied ___

Comments: _____

Thinking about Support Services

Church "Office" – staff, hours, responsiveness: I am satisfied ___ I am not satisfied ___

Comments: _____

Printed Services (Bulletin, Annual Directory, Newsletter): I am satisfied ___ I am not satisfied ___

Comments: _____

Communication with Pastor – phone, in person, home visits: I am satisfied ___ I am not satisfied ___

Comments: _____

Thinking about Church Sponsored Activities

United Methodist Women – meet monthly: I am satisfied____ I am not satisfied____
Comments:_____

Sunday School – (none currently) – How can we re-institute: I am satisfied____ I am not satisfied____
Comments:_____

Summer Youth Program: I am satisfied____ I am not satisfied____
Comments:_____

Community Involvement (Lenten lunches, Thanksgiving Dinner, Elizabeth Program):
I am satisfied____ I am not satisfied____
Comments:_____

About you:

Your age please: Under 18____ 19-40 ____ 41-65 ____ over 65 ____

How long have you been a member of this church? 5 years or less____ 6-20 years____ over 20 years____

I am not a member of this church_____

How often do you attend? 48 or more times a year____ 20 or so times a year____ 1-4 times per month____

I no longer attend because:

Moved_____

Homebound_____

Unhappy with CUMC_____ *Please give as much information as you feel comfortable giving. Thank you.

Comments:_____

That are your general expectations of our new pastor, remembering that he is only part time with our church?

What should our church's priorities and/or goals be in the coming year or so?

Is there anything you feel you can do to help toward achieving these priorities and/or goals? Keep in mind that you probably have special talents, big or small, that you can use to help. What are you willing to do?

October Birthdays

- 1 - Debby Carlson
- 2 - Deb Battistoni
Naomi Scoville
- 4 - Marilyn Luckey
Dwane Wildrick
- 10- Bryce Cilvick
Hannah Scoville
Sandy Tsujimoto
- 11- Doug Clayson Jr.
Linda Sweet
- 12- Chris Hewitt
Ruth Holden
- 16- Bob Campbell
Mike Kunz
- 17- Lynette Clayson
Shana Hindman
- 18- Fred Pearce
Karrie White
- 21- Travis Clayson
Neil Edwards
- 23- Leah Scoville
Alan Sweet
- 24- Doris Halstead
- 28- Cheryl Holden



<u>Weekly Statistics</u>		
Date	Worship	Offering
09/09	38	\$1,841.25
09/16	33	\$1,509.50
09/23	38	\$1,695.00
09/30	38	\$2,240.00

WAS JESUS MARRIED?

I think it is possible but **unlikely** that Jesus was married. We do hear about wives of key figure in the New Testament, including those of Peter and Jesus' brothers, but we never hear about Mrs. Jesus. Moreover, there were several Christian apostle couples who traveled together, like Andronicus and Junia, and Prisca and Aquila. So it isn't that the early Christian writings are silent about husbands and wives overall.

Jesus as itinerant preacher likely didn't have time for conventional family life. He was too busy bringing in God's kingdom, healing the sick, etc. Even when he goes home (see Mark 6), there is no evidence that he has his own house or family there. It's only his brothers, sisters and mother who are referred to as his family.

I think that if Jesus had been married the Gospels would have mentioned it.

Would it matter if Jesus were married? I believe that Jesus shared completely in our humanity, except for sinning, and this belief wouldn't be changed at all if we had proof he was married.

Pastor Tim



31- Elroy Brick-ey

THANK YOU Jim Travis for all you do to help keep our church building and grounds in good order. You are appreciated! XXOO

October Anniversaries

- 10 - Fred & Peggy Pearce
- 16 - Tom & Judy Krott
- 21 - Derwood & Rita Say
Keith & Lisa VaNess
- 23 - James & Cheryl Steen

UMW -

The next UMW Meeting will be on Saturday, October 20th at 10:00 a.m. We will have brunch and plan a trip to Eden Heights in the near future.

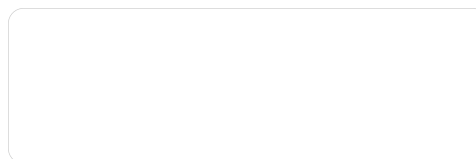


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