

The Shepherd's Messenger



PASTORAL LETTER

What are they? What are nine questions church visitors aren't asking (but churches are still trying to answer!) These questions were asked by Matt Rosnie in his blog posted Aug. 13, 2012. The italics are my comments.

1. So how soon can I get involved with your committees? *I have yet to meet a visitor/guest/new attender with a passion to be on a COMMITTEE. I have met many with gifts and talents who want to use them to be in MINISTRY. Big difference.*

2. Can I get a longer bulletin – maybe something with more detail or with half-a-dozen inserts that fall all over the floor during the service? *Many churches have done away with bulletins other than one sheet listing upcoming activities and ministries. The entire worship service is up on the screen.*

3. Will you please single me out in front of all the people in worship this morning? *Most people my age and younger are mortified by this. We prefer to be personally greeted by a few members of the congregation.*

4. Would you please send some “callers” by my house later and interrupt me while I fix dinner? *I have to rethink this one. I have often encouraged members of my congregations to do this.*

5. Can you sit us in those uncomfortable pews with our fidgety kids and aging parents?
Some members of our congregation aren't coming to church because they have physical issues that prevent them from sitting through the service. Is the furniture in your home as uncomfortable as in your church home?

6. How quickly can I fill out a pledge card?

7. Does this church have weekly meetings, rehearsals and other activities that will consume most of my family's free time? *And you thought only pastors asked this kind of question.*

8. I need more paperwork! Can you give me a folder filled with glossy pamphlets, old newsletters, and denominational statements of belief? *The pastor's version: Bring on that charge conference paperwork!*

9. During the worship service, can someone with a monotonous voice speak (at length) about all the insider church happenings and people's private health matters? I find this so inspiring.



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KNOWING JESUS 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

Pearl Franklin
Henny van der Horst
Lucille Wildrick

WATERS OF WESTFIELD

Dawn Durkee

EDEN HEIGHTS - OLEAN

Evelyn Steen

Military personnel and their families...

Dylan Matijas
Juan Rivera
Christopher Sirianni



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 welcomed to attend. For more information, call Sandy Lathrop at 585-968-1531.

Others to keep in prayer:

Tim Bushnell
Chuck Brooks
Terry Bush
John Culbert
Family & Friends of
Jo Ann Farrell
Mike Gibbons
Kathy Glover
Tyler Griffon
Norma Guinnip
Bernie Hawks
Karen Hessney
Diane Karle
James Kellogg
Rolly Miles
Mina (Doris Wyant's sister)
Elizabeth Morris
Harley Poore
Kelly Roberts
George Schneider
Michael Small
Lola Wilson



- 2- Deb Battistoni
Naomi Scoville
4- Marilyn Luckey
Dwane Wildrick
10- Hannah Scoville
Sandy Tsujimoto
12- Ruth Holden
16- Bob Campbell
Mike Kunz
18- Fred Pearce
23- Leah Scoville
28- Cheryl Holden
31- Elroy Brickey Jr.

Statistics Needed: \$1,657.75

Date	Worship	Offering
8/25	33	\$2,259.50
8/25	Rothfus Offering	\$90.00
9/1	47	\$1,444.00
9/8	42	\$1,685.00
9/15	47	\$1,481.00
9/22	35	\$1,294.00

October Helping HandsUshers

Alan & Judy Zayac

Greeters

10/6 Open for You
10/13 Open for You
10/20 Open for You
10/27 Open for You

Acolyte

10/6 Josh Tsujimoto
10/13 Josh Tsujimoto
10/20 Josh Tsujimoto
10/27 Josh Tsujimoto

Altar Guild

Judy Zayac



**Call Sandra Allen
for Prayer Chain
968-2137**

October Anniversaries

- 10- Fred & Peggy Pearce
16- Tom & Judy Krott
21- Derwood & Rita Say

*Anniversaries
to
Celebrate*



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

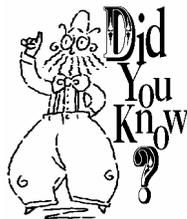
A Matter of Rank

Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., is known as the son of the famous President, but he had an impressive career in his own right. He graduated from Harvard and served in the military in W.W. I. He was one of the founders of the American Legion and was Assistant Secretary of the Navy like his father was before him. He was Governor General of the Philippines and Governor of Puerto Rico. He ended his public career and entered business in 1933. During his military career he was awarded every military combat decoration including the Congressional Medal of Honor. With the start of W.W. II he returned to active duty and was promoted to Brigadier General.

A story is told of Roosevelt from the early days of W.W. II. He was waiting to board a plane on which he had a reservation. He overheard a private at the ticket window begging for a ticket: "I'm going overseas in three days. I want to see my Ma before I go. I can go home and back only if I travel by plane!" He was told, however, that there were no seats available on the plane. At that moment Roosevelt stepped up and said that he would surrender his ticket and his seat on the plane for the private. A fellow officer protested: "But General, this is a matter of rank!" Roosevelt gave a masterful reply: "That's right. He's a son. I'm only a general."

The highest rank which God could bestow upon us is to call us his children. "See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are" (1 Jn. 3:1). As children we are given the closest possible fellowship in a relationship with God. We are given all the privileges of heirs. We are granted the status of family name and recognition. We are also given the awesome responsibility to live up to the expectations that go with being a child of God. If it is a matter of rank, deference goes to the child of the King, and "that is what we are."
-Joel Stephen Williams

DYK: Submitted by Dean Wildrick



NASHVILLE, Tenn.—The number of Scout troops and other youth-serving agencies sponsored by United Methodist congregations is likely to increase over the next 12 months. The General Commission on United Methodist Men, meeting Sept. 6-7 in Nashville, learned that there are 363,876 youth meeting in 10,868 BSA units sponsored by 6,700 United Methodist congregations, the second highest among all denominations. That number is likely to increase because of the presence of 234 scouting ministry specialists in 47 annual conferences and because Mississippi Area Bishop James Swanson, chair of the commission, has written a letter to other active bishops encouraging them to hold Bishop's Dinners for Scouting. These dinners help local congregations understand how youth-serving programs can expand their ministries to their communities and provide an opportunity to invite unchurched families to participate in their congregations.

Efforts within the United Methodist Church are part of a New Unit Campaign by the BSA.

Ad Council Notes:

Submitted by Paul Tsujimoto

- ◆ The council approved Sandy Allen to purchase a Sunday School program for the younger children.
- ◆ The Council approved the Pastor's compensation package for the following year
- ◆ The Charge Council for the Cuba Church will be held at Belfast UMC under a new format. This is to make the system more streamlined.
- ◆ Carpets will be cleaned Sept 25th
- ◆ Furnaces are turned on
- ◆ Water leaked into Wesley Fellowship Hall on Weds. Sept. 11th during the sudden rain storm. It has been cleaned up.

United Methodist Women's News

Submitted by Judy Zayac



UMW – Nine women and Pastor Tim convened for the September UMW meeting on Tuesday, September 20th at 5:30 at Moonwinks Restaurant where we had an excellent meal, good fellowship and a very brief meeting.

The lone agenda item was to be sure everything is in order for the Fall Trash & Treasures sale. Cindy Dutton offered to do the advertising. The dates for the sale are Thursday, October 3rd from 6:00-8:00 pm, Friday, October 4th 9-3:00 and Saturday, October 5th 9-noon. On Saturday you can purchase all you can fit into a shopping bag for only \$2. What a deal.

We will gladly accept any help you can give on Sunday, September 29th after worship service when we haul all the treasures from the Glory Hole and Sunday school room and set up tables. So please put those dates on your calendar and be sure to bring you "treasures" to the church prior to the sale.

Our next meeting will be on Saturday, January 4th at noon when we will have a soup and bread luncheon meeting. All women of the church are welcomed, so please join us.

A CAT GOES TO HEAVEN

A cat dies and goes to Heaven. God meets him at the gate and says, 'you have been a good cat all of these years. Anything you desire is yours, all you have to do is ask.' The cat says, 'Well, I lived all my life with a poor family on a farm and had to sleep on hardwood floors.' God says, 'Say no more.' And instantly, a fluffy pillow appears.

A few days later, 6 mice are killed in a tragic accident and they go to Heaven. God meets them at the gate with the same offer that He made the cat. The mice said, 'All our lives we've had to run. Cats, dogs and even women with brooms have chased us. If we could only have a pair of roller skates, we wouldn't have to run anymore.' God says, 'Say no more.' And instantly, each mouse is fitted with a beautiful pair of tiny roller skates.

About a week later, God decides to check and see how the cat is doing. The cat is sound asleep on his new pillow. God gently wakes him and asks, 'How are you doing? Are you happy here?' The cat yawns and stretches and says, 'Oh, I've never been happier in my life. And those Meals on Wheels you've been sending over are the best!'

Sunday School News

*Submitted by
Sandy Allen*



Sunday School will be starting for kindergarten through 5th grade on Sunday October 6, 2013 at 10:15 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. Mr.

Kunz will be starting a class for older students later in October. We will be looking forward to seeing the children in Sunday School to study the Bible and learn the plan Jesus has for our lives.



What should I wear?

Sometimes we change our clothes several times before we're happy! There are two things that are important for you to wear everyday.



Write the answers to the clues on the blanks. Then write the letters in the appropriate boxes.

1. not silver

1	2	18	4	
21	10	11	17	20
5	23	6	9	9
2. trousers, slacks

21	10	11	17	20
5	23	6	9	9
3. women's garment; one-piece top and skirt

5	23	6	9	9		
7	13	23	23	22	16	14
20	13	11	8	13	18	20
4. jewelry worn on the ear

7	13	23	23	22	16	14
20	13	11	8	13	18	20
5. open shoes with straps

20	13	11	8	13	18	20
13	21	23	3	16		
6. clothing worn especially while cooking to protect front of clothes

13	21	23	3	16
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7. a bright, festive color

23	15	12
25	24	19
8. men's accessory worn from the neck

25	24	19
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What should I wear everyday?

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25

(1 Timothy 2:10 and 1 Peter 3:4)

APPLE BREAD

Sue Simmons
(In memory of mother Ruth Galente)



Recipe FROM THE Cuba UMC Cook Book

- | | |
|----------------------|----------------------|
| ½ cup shortening | 1 cup sugar |
| ½ tsp. salt | 1 tsp. vanilla |
| 2 eggs | 4 TBS. milk |
| 1 cup chopped apples | ¼ cup chopped nuts |
| 2 cups flour | 2 tsp. baking powder |



Cream shortening, sugar, salt, and vanilla until light. Add eggs and beat well. Add milk, apples and nuts. Stir. Mix in flour and baking powder. Put in greased loaf pan, bake at 350° for one hour. When cool, pour glaze over bread and let drip down sides.

GLAZE

Combine ½ cup confectioners sugar, 2 TSB. Melted butter, 1 TSB. Water.

PASTOR'S TEACHING

“How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity!” (Psalm 133:1)

Fellowship has lost most of its Biblical meaning today. “Fellowship” now usually refers to casual conversation, socializing, food, and fun. “Where do you fellowship?” has come to mean “Where do you attend?” “Stay after for fellowship” usually means “Wait for refreshments.” **Real** fellowship is experiencing Christian life together, and **smaller is better**.

You can worship with a crowd, but you can't fellowship with one. Once a group becomes larger than about 10 people, someone stops participating – usually the quietest person – and a few people will dominate the group. Twelve is about the maximum. Jesus taught us this. As a healthy body of Christ grows, it becomes a collection of many small cells, linked to each other and cementing the members of the body together.

In real fellowship:

People experience **authenticity**. There is genuine sharing of hurts, feelings, and doubts. We face our fear of exposure, rejection, and pain.

People experience **mutuality**. They give and receive, depending on each other. People in fellowship develop reciprocal relationships and share responsibilities.

People experience **empathy**. “I understand what you're going through, and what you feel is neither strange nor crazy.”

People experience **mercy**. Mistakes aren't rubbed in. Instead, there is forgiveness of one another. Sadly, bitterness and resentment often destroy fellowship.

The true body of Christ is a fellowship of sharing and studying God's Word together. Simple. Not too challenging. As we grow deeper as the body of Christ, we become a fellowship of serving. People at this level participate in mission trips, or at least serve in community ministries. Challenging, but certainly doable. The deepest we can grow as the body of Christ is to become the fellowship of suffering. We carry each other's burdens. This is very challenging because some of us are overwhelmed by our own burdens. Remember mutuality?

Paul advised, “Live in harmony with each other.” “Romans 12:16”



SPECIAL SERVICES COMING UP

Oct. 6 World Communion Sunday

Nov. 3 All Saints Sunday with Communion



UMW Fall Trash & Treasures Sale

Thursday October 3rd, 6 - 8 pm,

Friday October 4th, 9 am - 3 pm

Saturday October 5th, 9 am - Noon

Help is needed for set-up, sale, and clean-up.

Please see Judy Zayac.



Hallelujah! Our Choir is back! Thank you Christine and thank you choir members. We are once again blessed with HEAVENLY MUSIC!!



Marjanne for doing the Children's Moment!



CROP Hunger Walks are community-wide events sponsored by Church World Service and organized by local congregations or groups to raise funds to end hunger at home and around the world. With its inception in 1969, CROP Hunger Walks are "viewed by many as the granddaddy of charity walks," notes the Los Angeles Times (Oct. 26, 2009).

On October 17, 1969, a thousand people in Bismarck, ND, walked in what may have been the first-ever CROP Hunger Walk – and raised \$25,000 to help stop hunger. Several other CROP Hunger Walks occurred soon thereafter, and before long there were hundreds of Walks each year in communities nationwide.

Currently, well over 2,000 communities across the U.S. join in more than 1,600 CROP Hunger Walks each year. More than five million CROP Hunger Walkers have participated in more than 36,000 CROP Hunger Walks in the last two decades alone.

The **Cuba Council of Churches Crop Walk** will be held on **Sunday October 6 at 1:30 PM at the Cuba-Rushford Central High School Track**. Rob Cornell is our contact.

Trustees Notes:

Submitted by Paul Tsujimoto

- ◆ Organ has a sticking stop. To be repaired
- ◆ Carpet Cleaning rescheduled for Oct 2nd
- ◆ Contractor to be contacted about closing hole in Church eaves (lets in Bats)
- ◆ Contractor to be contacted on painting handicap ramp
- ◆ Elevator lift to be serviced (Does not always stop exactly at floor)
- ◆ Accessibility audit completed
- ◆ Election Day Spaghetti dinner planning started
- ◆ On demand hot water tank is being investigated to replace old tank in kitchen
- ◆ Pew Cushions being investigated

Next meeting: Oct 7th, 2013



The date of our Cuba UMC **Charge Conference** is Mon. Nov. 25, 7:00 - 8:30 at Belfast UMC. Rev. Jeffrey Nowack, Pastor at Belfast, will preside at our business session.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5 Kung Fu 6-8:00 am
6 Worship 9:00 a.m World Communion Sunday Sunday School 10:15 am Crop Walk 1:30 pm @ Cuba High School Track	7 Trustees 7 pm	8	9 Choir Practice 7:00 pm	10	11	12 Kung Fu 6-8:00 am
13 Worship 9:00 a.m Sunday School 10:15 am	14  Columbus Day	15	16	17	18	19 Kung Fu 6-8:00 am
20 Worship 9:00 a.m Sunday School 10:15 am	21 Finance 6 pm Ad Council 7 pm Nov. Newsletter Deadline	22	23 Choir Practice 7:00 pm	24	25	26 Kung Fu 6-8:00 am
27 Worship 9:00 a.m Sunday School 10:15 am Rothfus Offering	28	29	30	31	Nov. 5 Trustee Spaghetti Dinner	Nov. 25 Charge Conference

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Autumn Harvest

(by Elizabeth Mason)

Praise God for cherished autumn days,
with fields of glowing amber, and of burnished browns.
For harvest-time, when leaves fall
whispering gently to the frosty ground.

Give thanks for nature's generosity.

Gifts of honey and of bread, for wheat and corn,
and orchards filled with purple plums and
apples turning bronze and scarlet red.

Each sunflower now in autumn dress
no longer wears the fills of cheery summer gold,
but scarves of wrinkled taffeta
around their precious heavy laden loads.

The beauty of this palette of delight
dispels the gloom of summer's slow and timely death.

And so, with ever grateful hearts,
we wake up to October's chilly breath.