

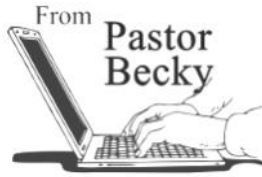
# The Shepherd's Messenger



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



*Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God.*  
2 Corinthians 5:20

## Ambassadors for Christ

Did you know that there are hundreds of United States ambassadors around the world right now? All of them have been appointed to represent our country wherever they go. And no matter where they are, because of diplomatic immunity, they are subject only to the laws of the United States. It truly is an honor to be an ambassador, and each one is a loyal public servant who must be secure enough in their position to speak truth to power. You and I are a different kind of ambassador—and though we reside on the earth, we are representatives of Jesus Himself.

The apostle Paul calls himself an ambassador for Christ, and in Ephesians 6:18-20, Paul tells us it's our job as Christians to speak the truth, so others can know God. Paul did this everywhere he went. In fact, he was sent to prison for it, and even there he says: "praying always ... that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak."

Being a representative for Christ may not land you in jail as it did for Paul, but it does carry a significant weight. When we speak, we speak on behalf of our King. We step into every situation with the full authority to represent the heart of Jesus, and **we've been commissioned to share the message of the gospel.** That is the role that we fill every day of our lives.

Right now, wherever you are, I encourage you to proclaim, "I am an ambassador of Christ." Your home is an embassy of heaven. Know that you have been sent to your workplace to reveal the reality of the kingdom of God, and you serve as an ambassador to your generation. In Jesus' name, you have great authority and a mandate to speak the truth in love to everyone you meet. So, go out today and bring the kingdom of God with you wherever you walk.

Blessings,  
*Pastor Becky*

### Prayer

Father, thank You for giving me authority as Your ambassador. Help me to speak Your truth everywhere I go. In Jesus' name, Amen.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

Our World situation  
The Rothfus Family  
Naomi Scoville/Kosovo

For those at other residences...

PINES - OLEAN  
Connie Battistoni



- 2- Deb Battistoni  
Naomi Scoville  
4- Marilyn Luckey  
Dwane Wildrick  
10- Hannah Scoville  
12- Ruth Holden  
18- Fred Pearce  
23- Leah Scoville  
28- Cheryl Holden

**Statistics****Needed: \$1,548**

Date	Worship	SS	Offering
8/26	41		\$1,208.00
8/26		Rothfus	\$ 35.00
9/2	65	-	\$2,777.00
9/2	Naomi/Rothfus		\$145/\$20
9/9	44		\$2,216.00
9/16	46		\$1,035.00
9/23	41		\$1,143.00

**Others to keep in prayer:**

Norma Andrus  
Dana Boss  
Hazel Cornell  
Ruth Davis  
David Edwards  
Luke Fries  
David Halstead  
Donna Hart  
Bernie Hawks  
Sandy Lathrop  
Mary McCarthy  
Mark Middaugh  
Mary Ellen Moriarty  
Justin Murphy  
Keith Pearce  
Laroy Spateholts  
Lon Sweet  
Donald Thompson  
JoAnn Viglietta  
Ken Wyant



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



We had two baptisms on  
September 2, 2018:

**Lincoln Louise Nelson**,  
daughter of Andrew &  
Emily Nelson and  
grand daughter of  
Arnie & Linda Nelson.

**Declan James Gross**,  
son of Casey Gross &  
Melissa Zeh-Gross and  
grandson of Thela Snow.

**October Helping Hands**Usher:

Jim Travis

Pianist:

Christine  
Berardi

Organist:

Jonathan Denham

Acolyte:

Chris Hupp

Altar Guild:

Sharry Semans  
Linda Nelson

Coffee Hour:

10/21 Joanne & Mary Hupp  
The Krotts

**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.

You can write prayer requests in the attendance pads on Sundays, or drop your request off at the office, or email. *Thank you!*



If you have a prayer request, call the prayer chain.

*Call Sandra Allen  
at 968-2137  
or Ruth Holden  
at 968-1933*



**Bessie Dillon**, a member of CUMC, passed away on September 14. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

**Roger Middaugh**, Helen Middaugh's brother-in-law and Mark Middaugh's uncle, passed away on September 21. A family memorial service will take place at a later date.



**Sarah Krott** married Wes Sytsma on August 25, 2018.

**Katelyn Cornell** married Levi Torrey on August 25, 2018. They live in Shinglehouse, PA.

**SWEET POTATO FRIES**

Sue Simmons

- 3 Sweet potatoes, peeled
- 2 TBS. olive oil
- 1 TBS. Cajun seasoning

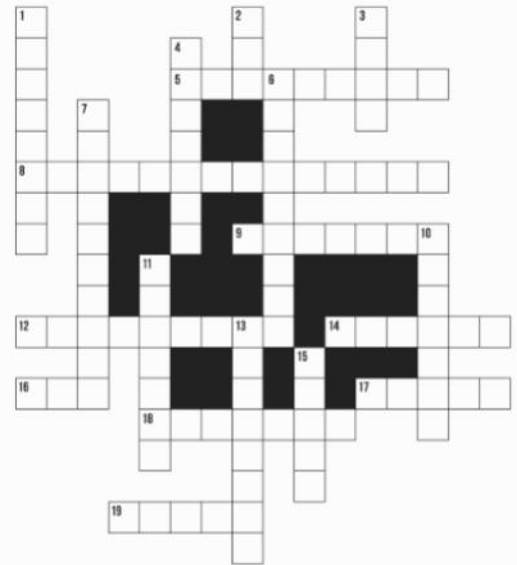


Heat oven to 375°. Cut potatoes in half. Each half cut in 5 strips. Toss with olive oil and Cajun seasoning. Put on baking sheet. Bake 30 minutes. Dip into ranch dressing or poppy seed dressing.



**Puzzle!**

Psalm 19:1 says, "The heavens declare the glory of God." Complete this crossword that emphasizes the natural phenomena of God's created world.



- |                                                |                                                          |
|------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. windy snowstorm                             | 12. mass of snow, earth or rocks sliding down a mountain |
| 2. thick, obscuring mist                       | 13. the degree of moisture in the air                    |
| 3. frozen rain pellets                         | 14. a spring that spews boiling water and steam          |
| 4. an area's normal weather conditions         | 15. condensed water vapor in the atmosphere              |
| 5. sudden electrostatic discharge in the sky   | 16. frozen water                                         |
| 6. violent tropical storm                      | 17. deluge                                               |
| 7. shaking of the earth's crust                | 18. when day and night are of equal length               |
| 8. northern lights                             | 19. frozen dew or vapor                                  |
| 9. partial or full blockage of the sun or moon |                                                          |
| 10. wearing away of the soil                   |                                                          |
| 11. large mass of snow and ice                 |                                                          |

Answers: 1. blizzard, 2. fog, 3. hail, 4. climate, 5. lightning, 6. hurricane, 7. earthquake, 8. Aurora Borealis, 9. eclipse, 10. erosion, 11. glacier, 12. avalanche, 13. humidity, 14. geyser, 15. cloud, 16. ice, 17. flood, 18. equinox, 19. frost



**I would like to thank everyone**

for their thoughts, prayers and cards after my back surgery. It has been a struggle but I am feeling better. A special thanks to Pastor Becky for visiting me in Wellsville while I was going through rehab. Thanks again, **Bernie Hawks**



**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**.



**Notes From the July 11, 2018 Trustees Meeting**

- The condition of the stained glass windows in the sanctuary needs immediate attention. Marshall will arrange to get a quote from Stained Glass Windows of Buffalo.
- Marshall will contact Kelkur Electric to see if they will give us a quote on hooking up our new security system.
- This fall, the peony bush will be moved to where the dead rhododendron bush is.

**ADULT SUNDAY BIBLE STUDIES with Cheryl****37 Major Bible Prophecies****PROPHECY #35: The Great White Throne Judgement**

When people suffer unfairly, they sometimes say, “Where is God now? Isn’t he supposed to be a God of Justice? Shouldn’t the Guilty pay?” Yes, our God is a God of justice... and guilty, unrepentant people will pay. The problem is, that we may not live long enough to see God’s justice. God’s sense of time is different than mankind’s 24 hour day. (2 Peter 3:8) But, prophecies in the Bible will come true in the future. Wicked Sinners of all generations will stand before Him in judgement.

It’s called the Great White Throne Judgement. After Jesus reigns on earth for 1,000 years of peace (Millennium) ... He will sit on the Throne of Judgement. It will be a great throne. It will be an awe-inspiring throne of (almost blinding) white. (Revelation 20:11)

First there will be a resurrection of wicked people (presently in hell.) They will come from their temporary home and will be judged according to their evil works (done in the past.) (Revelation 20:12-13).


At this point, we need to remember that death, on earth, does not end human existence. At physical death, Believers go on to exist in heaven. At physical death, the Wicked go on to exist in hell. The Bible refers to this physical death as the first death.

After the wicked are judged guilty, they go on to exist in eternal torment. The place is called the “Lake of Fire.” The term, “Lake of Fire” came from the word, “Gehenna”, which was a location outside of Jerusalem (in Jesus’ lifetime) where garbage was burned... and the flame never went out. Jesus used the term, “Lake of Fire” to refer to eternal punishment. The Bible refers to the Lake of Fire as, “the second death.” (Revelation 20:14) It is a spiritual death. The Lake of Fire is eternal separation from God that is reserved for the Wicked. (Revelation 21:8)

It has been said that “Heaven shows the Grace of God.” Grace is a gift that sinners do not deserve. It is also been said that, the Lake of Fire shows the righteousness of God.” Hell is a punishment that some sinners do deserve.

God’s prophecies came true in the past.

God’s prophecies will come true in the future also.



**UMW Fall Rummage Sale**

Thursday Oct. 11, 6 - 8 pm  
 Friday Oct. 12, 10 am - 2 pm  
 Saturday Oct. 13, 9 am - Noon

**MANAGEMENT TEAM****NOTES (from July 11 meeting):**

- ◆ We will be increasing quantity of “Upper Room” devotionals from 10 to 20 copies.
- ◆ The bookcase in back of sanctuary that is full of obsolete VHS Video tapes that no one uses any more. It was the consensus that they should be thrown out.
- ◆ We will be using “Whole People of God” Sunday School Program. Pricing is based on average church attendance. All age groups learn the same thing each Sunday geared to their age group.



**Please let the office know when you are flying South so you don't miss a newsletter. Same applies when you fly back North.**



## DUDLEY TAILS

*Submitted by Cheryl Wildrick*

Every evening (weather permitting) Dudley gets his evening walk. It is basically the same route around our property: front lawn, past the chicken coop, over the “bridge”, around the old hayfield. And along the small lilacs that are parallel to the road. The walk doesn’t take more than 20 minutes... unless there are frequent stops for relief, for barking at a passing car, or for rolling in the grass.

One evening after dinner, I heard voices outside, and looked out to see four teenagers in the road, walking down the hill. When they were out of sight, I took Dudley out for his walk. We were walking parallel to (and eight feet from) the road, when I saw that the teens had turned around and would be passing by us. Sure enough, as they got closer, Dudley began to bark. And the closer they came, the louder he barked.

Dudley was now pulling on his leash and jumping excitedly. I tried to calm him down, but it was as if he didn’t hear me. The teens turned their heads to keep a cautious eye on Dudley as they passed. I attempted to reach Dudley to pick him up, but he backed away. The leash was still taut, and as Dudley pulled backwards, he slipped out of his collar and was free. He dashed into the road and began to run after the teens while barking loudly. One girl, looking over her shoulder, shouted, “Does he bite??!!” “No...” Dudley continued to bark and run after the teens.

By this time I was frantically calling for Dudley and hoping that a car would not appear on the road. Again Dudley acted like he didn’t hear me.

Why didn’t Dudley obey? Why was he so distracted by the others? I am his master. Why was he running away when I was calling him?

We belong to our Master. (Romans 14:8, Romans 1:6) And when we experience His love, it brings us joy. We want to please Him. But, sometimes that desire to please Him ranks second to:

- 1) our desire for complete freedom
- 2) our desire to experiment with something new, or
- 3) our desire to be rebellious.

When Dudley slipped out of his collar, he experienced complete freedom. He could go where he wanted and do what he wanted. But freedom often has consequences. What if Dudley had kept running and gotten lost? What if a person blindly followed an unscrupulous leader?

When Dudley slipped out of his collar, he experienced a desire to experiment with something new. This freedom might have lead him to ingest something harmful like roadkill. And, something new often has consequences. What if Dudley became deathly ill? What if an experimenting person overdosed?

When Dudley slipped out of his collar, he became rebellious. He did not listen. He may have thought, “you can’t make me do what I don’t want to do.” But rebellion often has consequences. What if Dudley had been hit by a car? What if a young person did not listen to advice, and left home to be on his own?

Our Master calls to us (Mark 10:49, Galatians 1:6) Why don’t we hear? Do we not want to hear? Are we out of practice hearing?

Our Master calls to us. Why don’t we obey? (Colossians 3:22, Ephesians 6:5) Do we want complete freedom from what he asks of us?

Our Master calls to us. Why don’t we respond? Do we find it more exciting to experiment with something new?

Our Master calls to us. Why don’t we humble ourselves? (Psalms 25:9, Isaiah 66:2) Do we prefer to be rebellious?

Yes... Dudley eventually returned to his master’s care, protection and love. Do we return to our Master?

## ADULT SUNDAY BIBLE STUDIES with Cheryl



### 37 Major Bible Prophecies

#### PROPHECY #36: The New Heaven and New Earth

Things are different the second time around. When this earth was created and mankind was made, God gave man and woman free choice. He wanted to know if His creations would love and obey Him. Today we know the answer: some will do it, but many will not. As time goes on, and things get worse, God will know the total number of persons who believe in Him and in Jesus. God knows what He must do. He must take Believers out of a fallen and corrupt earth... destroy the Old; create the New... and please Believers in a new creation of perfection where God's will is done... and He is worshipped in the New Jerusalem.

Here is the picture of the future that the Bible paints for Believers:

#### 1. New Heaven and New Earth

- former heaven and earth will be gone. (2 Peter 3:10, 12b, 13)
- not like the former heaven and earth (Revelation 21:1)

#### 2. Spiritual Characteristics of New Jerusalem

- includes: God, Jesus, angels, saints, believers (Hebrews 12:22-24)
- the dwelling of God is with men (Revelation 21:3)
- no more death, mourning, crying or pain (Revelation 21:4)

#### 3. Physical Characteristics of New Jerusalem

- God is its light, Jesus is the lamp (Revelation 21:23)
- city is like a beautiful bride (aglow, breathtaking) (Revelation 21:9-11)
- city: brilliant colors, precious stones, gold street (Revelation 21:18,21)
- size: 1400 miles long, 1400 miles wide, 1400 miles high (Revelation 21:16)
- wall: 12 foundations (Revelation 21:14)
- gates: 12. Each with an angel above (Revelation 21:12)
- river: (water of life) flowing from the throne (Revelation 22:1)
- temple: God and Jesus are the temple of the city (Revelation 21:22)
- tree of life: one crop each month to feed city inhabitants (Revelation 22:2)

#### 4. Inhabitants of the city

- Israel (Jews) and the church (Believers)
- Saints of all times and all races

#### 5. Blessedness of the Eternal State (Revelation 22:3-5)

- The Saved people will see God face to face
- No "curse" (no pain in labor (work) or in child birth)
- God will dwell with mankind on New Earth
- There will be no more night
- God will reign forever

#### 6. The Certainty of our Hope (Why we know it is all true)

- The apostle John is the writer of Revelation
- An angel told John all these things  
And showed John all these things
- The angel proclaimed, "These words are trustworthy and true. The Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, sent his angel to show his servants the things that soon must take place." (Revelation 22:6)

God's prophecies of the past came true.

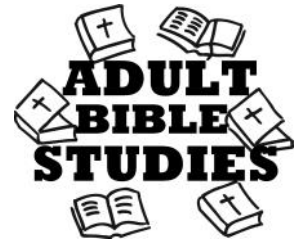
God's prophecies of the future will come true also.

## ADULT SUNDAY BIBLE STUDIES with Cheryl

### 37 Major Bible Prophecies: Summary

#### PROPHECY #37: Prophecy and the Destiny of Mankind

From Old Test. To End Times, the search for answers and truth changed to the quest for materialism and sin.



#### I. Old Testament Prophecy and God's Revelations to Mankind

##### A. Revelations of God to Adam and Eve

- God was gracious and loving but also a God of righteousness and judgement.
- God revealed the purpose of salvation and a way to atone for sin.

##### B. Revelations of God to Noah

- The flood was a demonstration of the power of God.
- God works in the world and is involved in history.

##### C. Revelations of God to Abraham

- God would use the Jews to show what He wanted to convey.
- From the Jews would come a great nation and a savior.

##### D. Revelations of God to Moses

- God gave the truths of the first five books of the Old Testament.
- God gave the Law, and the promises of mercy and also threats of judgement.

##### E. Revelations of God to David

- David's kingdom, throne, and political power would go on forever.
- This information concerned Jesus' Second Coming, and Kingdom of God.

##### F. Revelations of God to Daniel

- The future of Israel and the future of the Gentile world.
- Israel's future restoration; and the Gentiles would display God's power.

#### II. New Testament Prophecy and Jesus' Revelations to Mankind.

##### A. Jesus revealed grace, truth, and power

- Salvation provides grace (undeserving blessings from God.)
  - Jesus revealed the necessity of forgiveness.
  - Jesus' mercy (revealed in miracles) demonstrated the grace of God.
- The coming of Christ revealed divine truth
  - Jesus taught about: scripture inspired by God, attributes of God, the Trinity, angels, sin, Man's need for God, salvation by faith in Christ, the Kingdom at the Second Coming, the church, prophesy fulfillment, events leading to the Second Coming, judgements, the Millennium (Revelation 20), the view of the future.
- The coming of the Holy Spirit reveals God's power.

##### B. Theology of the New Testament

- Paul's epistles taught how to live the Christian life; the Second Coming.

##### C. Climactic Disclosures of Revelation

- Tells of: Jesus in glory, Second Coming, Jesus' reign on earth, the New Heaven, New Earth, New Jerusalem, letters to seven churches, prophesy leading to the second coming, the Great Tribulation.

##### D. The Bible charts the spiritual growth of the human race

- Jesus Came (1st time) to save us from our sins by dying on the cross.
- Jesus came (2nd time) to bring justice and deliverance, to fulfill the truth of our eternal home.

## News from the Cuba Council of Churches:



CROP Walk  
October 7, 2018

Ann Gross has announced that the annual Cuba Crop Walk has a new location this year: it will be held at Chamberlain Park, with walkers gathering at 1:15 at the Shelter for a walk start time of 1:30. According to Ann, 25% of proceeds will go to our local food pantry. This provided over \$1,000 to the Council of Churches food pantry last year alone !! Some funds are designated to assist victims of natural disasters across our country. Around the globe, supplies and education are provided to improve nutrition and sanitation for some of the impoverished. Rob Cornell has Crop Walk Pledge forms – let's see a big turnout of Methodists this year!

### Food Pantry

The Food Pantry, located in the basement of the First Baptist Church, is currently well stocked with food, plus paper and personal hygiene products. Churches take turns keeping it neat; Mary Hupp is our "neatener!" CUMC collects food the first Sunday of each month. Churches were asked to remind members not to donate expired canned goods...they cannot be used. In November and December, the Pantry will especially need "holiday foods" because each family (nearly 100) getting Holiday Assistance at Christmas receives a bag or two of groceries. Needed are: boxed potatoes, boxed stuffing, canned gravy, pie crust mix, and canned pie fillings. Since May, the Food Pantry has met the need for groceries 19 times and for gasoline 5 times.

### Meals on Wheels

The Council of Churches coordinates the Meals on Wheels program in Cuba, with each of the five churches responsible for one day a week. Our delivery day is Friday.... thank you to our volunteers Mary Hupp, Fred and Peggy Pearce, Sharry Semans, Marshall Allen and Duttons. The number of individuals getting Meals on Wheels has dropped this summer but is expected to pick up again in the fall.

### Scholarship Committee

The Scholarship Committee awarded one \$500 scholarship to a High School Senior student living their faith. Kelsey Pierce, a member of the First Baptist Church, received this year's scholarship. She is attending JCC.

### Progressive Dinner

The group unanimously agreed that the Progressive Dinner held in May that Mary Hupp was instrumental in planning was a success with over 50 in attendance. The entree was donated by Bob and Harriet Emmons of North Park Wesleyan, resulting in extra money, which will support Council projects.

### Venezuelan Family Benefit

Five native Venezuelan musicians currently living in Houghton. Daniel Escriban, his wife, Raquel Acevedo, their children, Josue and Shalomi, and their friend, music professor David Peralta will perform a benefit concert at North Park Wesleyan on Sunday October 21 at 2pm, for a "Love Offering" so that they can continue to stay in this country. They fled horrific conditions in Venezuela two years ago and have been struggling financially to go to college so they can support themselves and remain here. The Council of Churches is sponsoring this concert.



**WORSHIP SERVICE SUNDAY 11:00 AM**

*October*

**2018**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL For All Ages 9:45 AM**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Prayer Group 10 am - 11 am	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> Communion Naomi Offering UMW Food Pantry Collection CROP Walk at Park 1:15 pm	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Prayer Group 10 am - 11 am	<b>10</b> Trustees meeting 6:00 pm Management Team Meeting 6:45 pm	<b>11</b> UMW Rummage Sale 6-8 pm	<b>12</b> UMW Rummage Sale 10 am - 2 pm	<b>13</b> UMW Rummage Sale 9 am - Noon
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Prayer Group 10 am- 11 am	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> UMW Meeting 10 am
<b>21</b> Coffee Hour	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Prayer Group 10 am- 11 am	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Prayer Group 10 am- 11 am	<b>31</b>			
<b>30</b> Rothfus Offering						

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Deuteronomy 26:11, ESV

You shall rejoice in all the good  
that the Lord your God  
has given to you.