

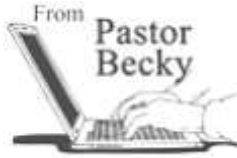
The Shepherd's Messenger



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



Greetings in Christ!

Life can be challenging, but God is always good!

We often hear people say they would like a little "peace and quiet." I think we can all say a hearty "amen" to that, especially with all that is taking place in our world right now. Yet, I wanted to take a few moments to encourage you today on this thought of "peace."

At times, we have wrongly concluded that peace is simply the absence of conflict of any kind, yet we forget that Jesus came into a world that was filled with political and moral turmoil. Yet, He was, and IS the Prince of Peace!

As Jesus walked the dusty roads, followed by his disciples, everywhere he went benefitted from the peace he brought into the situation.

Political and religious leaders may have struggled with having a sense of peace because He came to restore hope and dignity to society's downtrodden and forgotten. As He did this, the religious leaders felt their control of the people slipping away.

Yet, all this time, Jesus knew a day would come when He would be taken out of this world, and His mission would be left in the hands of the disciples.

He gave some comforting words to them at the time, and I believe these words still apply to us today. John 14:27 says, **Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.**

The peace that the world gives is temporary and governed by the events surrounding us, yet the peace the Lord gives is one that comes from our innermost being because of His presence.

Here is a beautiful story that illustrates the kind of peace Christ gives:

Two painters were asked to paint a picture illustrating peace. The first painted a beautiful evening scene in the foreground of a lake, it's surface calm and unruffled. Trees surrounded it; meadows stretched away to the distant cattle gently browsing; a little cottage, the setting sun—all spoke of perfect rest. The second painter drew a wild, stormy scene. Heavy black clouds hung overhead; in the center of the picture, an immense waterfall poured forth vast volumes of water covered with foam. One could almost hear its unceasing roar, yet perhaps the first thing to strike the eye was a small bird, perched in a cleft of a huge rock, absolutely sheltered from all danger, pouring forth its sweet notes of joy. It is the second painter who

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PLEASE PRAY FOR:
Our World situation

Others to keep in prayer:

- Norma Andrus
- Todd Baxter
- Russell Brown
- Gary Carlson
- Hazel Cornell
- David Edwards
- Brian Fries
- Don Hall
- David Halstead
- Donna Hart
- Bernie Hawks
- Jean Higby
- Bob Huddleston
- Andrew James
- Katie Kellogg
- Bruce Metler
- Helen Middaugh
- Mark Middaugh
- Nellie Moses
- Justin Murphy
- Keith Pierce
- Laroy Spateholts
- Donald Thompson
- Jessica Veiders
- JoAnn Viglietta
- Clint Wilder
- James Woodruff
- Ken Wyant



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!



- 2- Deb Battistoni
Naomi Scoville
- 4- Marilyn Luckey
Dwane Wildrick
- 10- Hannah Scoville
- 11- Doug Clayson
- 12- Ruth Holden
- 17- Lynnette Clayson
- 18- Fred Pearce
- 23- Leah Scoville
- 28- Cheryl Holden
- 31- Elroy Brickey Jr.



- 10- Fred & Peggy Pearce
- 16- Tom & Judy Krott
- 21- Derwood & Rita Say
- 27- Andy & Emily Nelson

Statistics		Needed: \$1,736	
Date	Worship	SS	Offering
8/29	31		\$1,033.00
		Gil's Hills	\$ 215.00
9/5	33		\$2,923.00
		Gil's Hills	\$ 50.00
9/12	34		804.00
9/19	47		\$2,153.00
		Gil's Hills	\$ 50.00
9/26	36		\$1,030.00
		Gil's Hills	\$ 188.00



Our church is taking an **offering** to help with the medical expenses and equipment needed for **Andrew James, Ruth Holden's** grandson, who was injured in a bull attack on July 26. Our goal is \$1000. Offerings may be given by the congregation, and if needed, the church will make up the difference. Mark your donation that it is for Andrew James.

October
Helping
Hands

**HELPING
HAND
MINISTRY**

Power Point:
Rob Cornell

Pianist:
Christine Berardi

Altar Guild:
Thela Snow
Holly Scoville



Elizabeth Hanlon, Marge Butler's twin sister, passed away on August 28, 2021 at the Cuba Memorial Hospital Nursing Home Facility. Her Funeral Service was held at the Casey, Halwig & Hartle Funeral Home on September 1. Pastor Becky officiated.



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**.

TRUSTEE NOTES

- ◆ New 10 year smoke detectors and sensors have been installed to replace the old ones.
- ◆ A new copy/printer machine from Acme Business has been installed in secretary's office. The lease was up on the old one.
- ◆ "Stop the Bleed" Training (with CPR and Automated External Defibrillator) for church attendees was held at the church on August 16th and August 24th. Linda Botens was the instructor.
- ◆ A table has been purchased and placed in the upstairs restroom.



Puzzle!

Complete this Bible passage by adding the missing vowels.



F_r by gr_c_y_ _ h_v_
 b_ _n s_v_d thr_ _gh
 f_ _th, _nd th_s _s n_t
 y_ _r _wn d_ _ng; _t_s
 th_ g_ft_f G_d — n_t th_
 r_s_lt_f w_rks, s_ th_t
 n_ _n_ m_y b_ _st.

_ph_s_ _ns 2:8-9, NRSV



Answer: For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God — not the result of works, so that no one may boast. Ephesians 2:8-9, NRSV

New Address for Jean Higby:

Manor Hills
 4192-B Bolivar Rd.
 Wellsville, NY 14895



BREAD POT FONDUE

Peggy Pearce



- 1 round loaf of bread (1 1/2#, 8-10 inches)
- 2 cups (8 oz.) shredded cheddar cheese
- 2 pkg. (3 oz. each) cream cheese
- 1 1/2 cup sour cream
- 1 cup diced cooked ham
- 1/4 tsp. chili powder (optional)
- 1/2 cup chopped green onion
- 1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
- 2 TBSP. vegetable oil
- 1 TBSP. melted butter

Preheat oven to 350°. Slice top off bread and hollow out loaf, leaving 1/2 inch shell. Combine cheddar cheese, cream cheese, sour cream. Stir in ham, onion, Worcestershire sauce, (and chili power, if desired). Spoon into bread shell. Wrap loaf in aluminum foil and bake for 1 hour, 10 minutes.

Dip assorted vegetables into baked fondue, also the bread you removed from the loaf.



DUDLEY TAILS

Submitted by Cheryl Wildrick

Dudley looked forlorn. There was no bounce in his step. He found his favorite place (on top of the sofa's back) and sunk into its soft, comforting hug. He was alone. He missed his friend Tucker who had been gone for three months. And he missed his master who had gone outside, but had not come back yet.

"How long will I be here by myself?" he wondered. The TV was not on (to lull him to sleep.) There wasn't a truck or dog outside, to bark at.

"When is my master coming back?" he questioned. "What if my master doesn't come back?" he worried.

What should Dudley have done?

1.) Dudley should have relaxed in the quiet ... and in the confidence that his master would return. He should have felt secure in his master's professed love.

2.) Dudley should not have given up hope. He should have counted his blessings. He should have remembered the character of his master who had promised to provide Dudley's every need: food, exercise, any needed vet care, and a warm bed for sleeping.

3.) Dudley should have, "fixed" his eyes on the unseen. He should have thought about all the unseen things that his master does for him.. He could have pictured his master buying dog treats, or buying flea meds, or even buying a new toy. Dudley must realize that his master wants what is best for him... and his master will return.

Dudley is not the only one who sometimes feels that he might be abandoned. There are times when we humans, also, feel insecure. We wonder if we are good enough to be loved by our Master. We wonder if our Master will loose patience with us, turn His back, and leave us abandoned. Hebrews 13:5 quotes our Master as saying, "never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." This is your answer.

There are times when we humans, also, forget how good our Master is to us. Would He do so many good things for us if He didn't intend to continue the relationship? Psalms 10:3 tells us not to forget all the things our Master does for us. He, "forgives your sins... heals your diseases... redeems your life... and crowns you with love and compassion..." Our Master loves us and will return for us... and Dudley's master would return also.

There are times when we humans, also, look at only tangible things (things that can be touched or seen). Dudley looked around himself, and saw only tangible things: the empty chairs, the empty table, the empty dog dishes and various vacant rooms. He saw only what wasn't there. How much more important it is to sense the presence of the master. Dudley would sense the sound of footsteps, the fresh air coming through the doorway, and the anticipation of joy at the sight of his master.

It is important for Christians to sense the intangible... to feel the warmth and/or moving of the Spirit in our hearts. 'To feel that our Master, our Savior, is real and He is alive.

Since we, Believers are promised eternal life with Jesus Christ... shouldn't we learn to sense His presence, and learn to communicate without only words? Let's spend quiet time with our Master.

COUNCIL OF CHURCHES NEWS

Submitted by Peggy Pearce



The Cuba Council of Churches met on September 12th at the Cuba First Baptist Church.

There was one request for food assistance from the Food Pantry in May, and three each in June, July and August. Gas assistance was requested once in both June and July. The Pantry recently received a large food donation from residents at Cuba Lake.

A handout showing a proposal for church signs at each village entrance to replace the existing wooden ones was presented. No action was taken at this meeting as approval from each church is needed to go forward.

Jail Bail, held during Dairy Days, was deemed a success with \$468.94 raised for the Scholarship Fund. Elementary Principal Erickson brought in the most money to the enjoyment of his young students.

Ann Gross is chairing the CROP Walk scheduled for October 3 in Chamberlain Park starting at 1:30 p.m.

The Thanksgiving-Advent Service will be held November 28 with Cuba UMC as host church. Pastor Jon Ward of North Park Wesleyan Church will speak. The service will a hybrid model with in-person worship as well as live streaming.

The Holiday Assistance Program is already being planned under the leadership of Amy Mattison and Pastor Jon Ward. Registration for this program that helps many families at Christmas, runs October 4 through November 22.

The full Council will meet again on Sunday, November 14 at the Cuba United Methodist Church starting at 5 p.m.



There will be a **re-dedication for the stain glass windows** toward the end of the Worship Service on October 10th. It will be for families who gave \$1000 to have names put on the Good Shepherd Window and for **everyone who donated toward the restoration of the windows.**



The LORD hath done
great things
for us; whereof
we are glad.

-PSALM 126:3, KJV-

Food Pantry Update



Thanks to your generosity and that of other Cuba residents, the Food Pantry is presently well stocked with the following: canned vegetables, canned tuna, canned beans of all kinds, macaroni and cheese, dry pasta (elbows, spaghetti, etc.).

Areas that could use some additional donations include "Helper" style meals (i.e. Hamburger Helper), packaged seasoned pasta mixes, and boxed rice mixes, baking mixes.

Financial donations are always welcome. Checks should be made payable to "Cuba Food Pantry" and mailed to North Park Wesleyan Church, ATTN: Pastor Jon, 32 Spring Street, Cuba, NY 14727.

The Cuba Council of Churches thanks you for your support of this vital ministry.

(Pastor Becky's letter from Front Page)

could describe the peace that passes all understanding, which is the Lord Jesus Christ, the wisdom of God in the heart of the redeemed. One can only have peace with himself if he has peace with God.

Remember that the circumstances around you should not dictate your peace. HE is our peace!

Friends, I hope to see you Sunday at Cuba United Methodist Church!

Blessings in Christ,

Pastor Becky Worth



The annual **CROP Walk** will be held on **Sunday, October 3rd.**

All ages are invited to support this worthwhile cause by walking or donating. Cindy Dutton is once again the contact for CUMC.

The Crop walk will be held at 1:30 PM at Chamberlain Park.



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



Charge Conference

CHARGE CONFERENCE

Wed. October 27 at 6 pm
Christ United Methodist Church, Olean



Trustees Meeting Wednesday, October 6 at 6:00 pm

Management Team Meeting Wednesday, October 6 at 6:45 pm

Watch Live Streaming of **Sunday Worship Services** on our website, www.cubaumc.org



You attended the service, but would like to see it again?.. Go to "Sermons" page to watch archived videos.

also watch on our **Cuba UMC Facebook page.**





SUNDAY
WORSHIP
SERVICE
11:00 AM

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	
3 UMW Food Pantry Collection World Communion Sunday Offering Crop Walk - Chamberlain Park 1:30p	4	5 Prayer Group 10:00 am	6 Trustees Mtg. 6:00 pm Management Team Mtg. 6:45 pm	7	8	9
10 Stained Glass Window Dedication	11	12 Prayer Group 10:00 am	13	14	15	16 UMW Meeting 10:00 am
17	18 November Newsletter Deadline Noon	19 Prayer Group 10:00 am	20	21	22	23
24	25	26 Prayer Group 10:00 am	27 Charge Conference 6:00 pm Christ UMC - Olean	28	29	30
31 Gil's Hills Offering						

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*So let us not grow weary in
doing what is right,
for we will reap at
harvest time, if
we do not
give up.*

Galatians 6:9, NRSV



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