

The Shepherd's Messenger

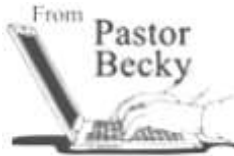


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KNOWING JESUS AS THE GOOD SHEPHERD & SHARING THE RISEN CHRIST WITH ALL.

The Former Things Have Passed Away



Usually when we think of someone "passing away" that is a sad occasion. We may have a friend pass away, or a spouse. Even when a beloved pet passes away, a child can be devastated. There is probably nothing greater at striking our hearts than when someone we love passes away. But the resurrection of Jesus has changed all of this. And I don't just mean that now we have a hope of the resurrection of the dead (which is true and is a precious hope). But Jesus' resurrection has changed everything because now Jesus has turned the tables on our great enemies in this world. In the end, Jesus will be the victor, because our great enemies are the ones that will now pass away.

Consider this passage from Revelation:

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." -Revelation 21:3-4

On the day Jesus returns, everything will be changed. Of course, there will be a new heaven and a new earth, but even more so, the old rules of this world will be changed. Tears, which rule our hearts sometimes, will be wiped away forever. Death will be "no more." This means that literally death will die. In fact, there will be no more mourning, or crying or pain; they will be gone, and Revelation says why: "the former things have passed away."

Everything that seems to "rule" this world right now like death, and disease, and sadness, and crying, and pain will all one day die. They will be buried in the ground six feet under, and, unlike us, they will not have a resurrection! These enemies will stay dead while you and all the saints in Christ will live again. But this time you will live a life free from all of these things and for one very good reason; the former things have passed away.

Come quickly, Lord Jesus! Until then, see you in church on Sunday and bring a friend!

Blessings,

Pastor Becky

PLEASE PRAY FOR:
Our World situation

Others to keep in prayer:

Norma Andrus
Todd Baxter
Wayne Botens
Family & friends of
Russell Brown
Frank Calcagno
Gary Carlson
Hazel Cornell
David Edwards
Don Hall
David Halstead
Donna Hart
Bernie Hawks
Jean Higby
Bob Huddleston
Andrew James
Katie Kellogg
Kevin Kranock
Bruce Metler
Helen Middaugh
Mark Middaugh
Nellie Moses
Justin Murphy
Keith Pierce
Shirley Poore
Laroy Spateholts
Donald Thompson
Jessica Veiders
JoAnn Viglietta
Clint Wilder
Judy Zayac



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: \$1,798

Date	Worship	SS	Offering
8/28	40		\$1,586.00
		Gil's Hills	\$ 152.00
9/4	30		\$1,790.00
		Gil's Hills	\$ 150.00
9/11	38		\$1,770.00
9/18	32		\$1,045.00
9/25	35	2	\$3,295.00
		Gil's Hills	\$ 245.00



Wed. Oct. 5, 2022
in Wesley Hall

Trustees Meeting 6:00 pm
Management Team 6:45 pm

UMW Sat. Oct. 15, 2022
10:00 am



Vicky M. Adams, mother of Vanessa Clement and grandmother of Andrew and Austin Clement, passed away on September 1, 2022. The family received friends at Mark Rinker Funeral home on September 6, 2022.

October
Helping
Hands



Power Point:
Rob Cornell

Pianist/Organist:
Christine Berardi

Altar Guild:
Thela Snow
Holly Scoville



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**.



Sunday Worship Services
 are streamed live
 on our website,
www.cubaumc.org



and also on our Facebook Page
<https://www.facebook.com/Cuba-United-Methodist-Church-533879670015081>



Past Services are Archived
 DVDs are available



Puzzle!

Solve this cryptogram to complete Isaiah 40:8,
 a Bible verse that speaks to the autumn season.

22	13	16	24	18		
26	1	20	18			
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6	20	16	22	22		
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Answer: The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever. Isaiah 40:8, ESV

YANKEE JAMBALAYA

Cindy Dutton



- 1 cup cubed cooked chicken
- 1 cup sliced smoked sausage
- 1 cup diced ham
- ½ cup rice
- ½ cup chopped onion
- ½ cup red or green pepper, chopped
- 1 lg. clove garlic
- 1 can diced tomatoes
- ½ cup chicken broth or bouillon
- ½ tsp. salt ½ tsp. thyme
- dash hot pepper sauce

Use grilled meats, or sauté in olive oil. Sauté onion, pepper & garlic 5 minutes. Add remaining ingredients, bring to boil, cover and simmer 30 minutes.

Addicted To Chap-stick **by Gene Taylor**

I smile when I think about it. As a matter of fact, I am grinning while I am writing this. I had overheard some of the young people at church talking. No, I was not eavesdropping on their conversation. They were talking loud enough for all around them to hear. One thing they said, though, did make me listen a little closer to what they were saying.

I heard one of them say something about me. They said that I must be addicted to Chap-stick. At first I thought what an odd thing to say. I wondered what made them come to such a conclusion. Then I realized, about the only time they see me is when we are at services together. So nearly every time they see me I am putting Chap-stick on my mouth. You see, I apply it to my lips before I get up to preach so that it will moisten them and keep those pesky "dry spit" globules, which are disgusting to look at and distracting to say the least, from forming in the corners of my mouth. But addicted to Chap-stick? Not hardly.

Such a charge is unfair because the only time I use the stuff is before or after I preach or teach a class. The rest of the week I never apply it. But what those young people were saying made me think about some timely lessons for all of us.

First, all of us must realize that people are watching us—even in the little things. We must be careful to conduct ourselves properly. Though I do not think I would cause someone else to become a "Chap-stick addict," my influence and the power of my example, if erroneously exerted in other areas, might cause one to stumble. The apostle Paul said he would even abstain from lawful things if engaging in them would cause another to stumble so as to fall (1 Cor. 8:13).

Secondly, we must all be careful not to jump to conclusions when we do not know all the facts. Some people who only see me at worship services, for example, might conclude that I always wear a coat and tie. But those who see me on a day-to-day basis know that is not the case.

We must never make any judgments about others until we know the facts. The Jews during the time of Jesus had done just that in regards to Him. They were ready to arrest and condemn Him early in His ministry. Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews who had come to Him by night, was a voice of reason in the council. He asked this august group of scholars, "Does our law judge a man before it hears him and knows what he is doing?" (John 7:51).

Sadly, there are many, even some who claim to be Christians, who are quick to judge and condemn others without knowing the facts.

Let us all use our influence for good and let us not judge others too quickly.

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TRUSTEES NOTES

- The front steps and sidewalk project is completed.



Sunday School with Pastor Bob is at 9:30 am in the Adult Sunday School room. It is a study on the Apostle Paul.



The United Methodist Women collect for the Cuba **Food Pantry** on the first Sunday of each month. Please place your Food Pantry donations in the bin in the Green Street Foyer.



COUNCIL OF CHURCHES NEWS

Submitted by Peggy Pearce

Members of the Cuba Council of Churches met in Christ Episcopal Church on Sunday, September 11. Previous events were discussed. The **church walking tour** seemed to be received well in each church; no one heard any negative comments.

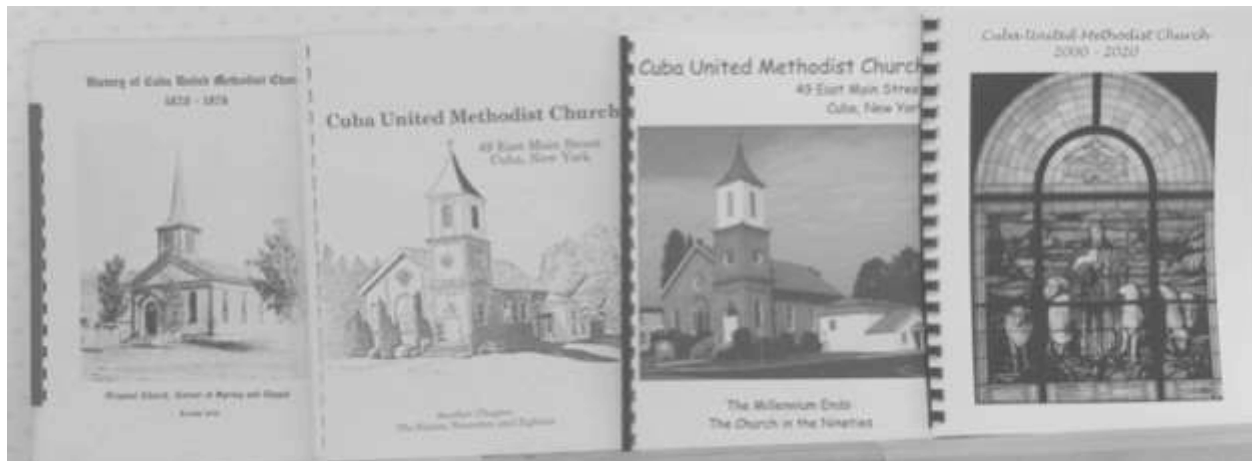
Dairy Days **Jail Bail** brought in \$310 for the food pantry. The Council has decided not to sponsor this event any longer and are looking for something different to do during the annual June festival. Holding a sacred music concert is one possibility. Another is to host a family friendly old-fashioned carnival style game (for example, ring toss). If you are in favor of either (or both) of these ideas, or have a different idea, please share your thoughts with Mary Hupp or Peggy Pearce so they can report at the next Council meeting.

Coming events include the annual **CROP Walk** planned for Sunday, October 2 starting at 1:30 p.m. in Chamberlain Park. You can walk with others at the Park, walk on your own at a place of your choosing, or if you can't walk, you can sponsor someone who is walking. Cindy Dutton has envelopes and will happily accept your donations.

Thanks to a large donation from the Cuba Lake crowd, many shelves in the **food pantry** have been restocked. The few areas still in need of provisions include 'ready to serve' soup (like Progresso), canned pasta meals (like Chef Boyardee), Hamburger Helper, boxed potatoes, boxed/bagged rice and pasta sides, stew and hash. The pantry has seen an increase in use lately, possibly due to the economy, and your donations are helping those in our community who need a little extra assistance. Thank you.

The next meeting of the Council will be on November 13 at First Baptist Church.





There have been four histories written about the Cuba United Methodist Church covering its beginnings through 2022. There is a [sign-up sheet at the church](#) for you to use if you are interested in having a copy of any of the histories. Or you can contact the church by telephone (585) 968-1041 or email (cubasec@roadrunner.com) with your request. Peggy Pearce

MISSIONS

We take an offering for **Gil's Hills Ministry** on the **last Sunday of each month.**

Located in Wellsville, **Gil's Hills** specializes in serving children and youth who are in need of special attention in some way. The staff & volunteers at Gil's Hills are serious about helping kids by communicating the love of God while providing friendship, counseling, and service.

Their website is: www.gilshills.org or scan this code with your smart phone or tablet.



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



The annual **CROP Walk** will be held on **Sunday, October 2.** 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.

**SUNDAY
WORSHIP
SERVICE
11:00 AM**



2022

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9:30 am in the Adult
Sunday School room.**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 CROPWalk 1:30 Chamberlain Park World Communion Su UMW Food Pantry Collection	3 Tai Chi 7:00 pm	4 Prayer Group 10:00 am	5 Trustees Meeting 6:00 pm Management Team Mtg. 6:45 pm	6	7	1 Kung Fu 6:00-8:00 am
9 Sunday School 9:30 am	10 Tai Chi 7:00 pm	11 Prayer Group 10:00 am	12	13	14	8 Kung Fu 6:00-8:00 am
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