

The Shepherd's Messenger



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

Dear Cuba United Methodist Church Family,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! How excited I am to be writing this letter to all of you! I feel blessed that God has called me to become a licensed local pastor and to minister to and alongside so many wonderful people!



I grew up in Portville, New York and have two sisters, one older and one younger. I grew up in the middle of them. I graduated from Portville Central School in 1981 and graduated from St. Bonaventure University in 1985 with a Bachelor's Degree in broadcast journalism. While attending college, I began working at Tops Market in Olean to help pay for some of my college expenses and have continued to work there ever since. I will be retiring from Tops in November after 35 years.

I have been married to my husband Bill for 30 years and we have two sons, Brent and Christian. We live in Allegany, New York. Our sons work in the area and also reside in Allegany.

I was raised Catholic and as a child, I always had a heart for God. My best friend in high school was Baptist and I would attend church with her often. It was in her church that I gave my life to Christ. I was married in the Catholic church and had my boys baptized in the Catholic church but I stopped attending because I felt God leading me elsewhere. In 2002, I went to Christ United Methodist Church in Olean with a friend and knew that this was where God was leading me. I became a member in 2003. I became very involved in the church and after taking a lay speaking class, I realized that I might have a calling to become a pastor. I have been a pulpit supply pastor for Caneadea, Bolivar, and Allentown churches and was appointed as a licensed local pastor for Hinsdale and Ischua churches. Looking back, I believe God has been calling me to ministry throughout my entire life. I really love serving people and my job at Tops has allowed me to do just that and now, as a local pastor, I have the opportunity to serve the wonderful people of Cuba United Methodist Church.

I am looking forward to meeting all of you so we can begin to get to know one another. I know that God has already been at work in powerful ways among you and I am looking forward to being a part of that. I have already begun to pray for each of you and ask that you would pray for me and my family and for the ministry of this church as I join in serving God with you.

In Christ,

Pastor Becky Worth

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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

CUBA CMH

Henny van der Horst

PINES - OLEAN

Connie Battistoni

Military personnel and their families...



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.

Others to keep in prayer:

- Jim Benz
- Luke Fries
- Mark Middaugh
- Keith Pearce
- Bob Rasmusson
- Laroy Spateholts
- Heidi Sturdevant
- Lon Sweet
- Ken Wyant



Prayer LIST Update

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!*



- 8 - Tom Krott
- 9 - Sue Simmons
- 14 - Judy Krott
- 17 - Joyce Amundson
- 22 - Ryan Morris
- 23 - Dave Battistoni

Statistics

Needed: \$1,739

Date	Worship	SS	Offering
10/1	42	14	\$2,920.00
10/1		Naomi	\$ 195.00
10/8	42	12	\$1,199.00
10/15	40	12	\$1,378.00
10/22	49	17	\$4,145.00



8 - Tom & Darcy Eastham

November Helping Hands

Usher:

Jim Travis



Pianist:

Christine Berardi

Organist:

Jonathan Denham

Altar Guild:

Holly Scoville
Thela Snow

Coffee Hour:

11/19
Sunday School



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

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



Sue Sim- **mons** is
the UMW's
Cheer Person. If you know of
someone who needs a note of
cheer, please call her at
585-968-1135.



Adult Sunday School Studies with Cheryl

PROPHECY #23: "The Judgement Seat of Christ"

Judgement is not always negative. In our own court system, a judge gives a ruling for either the plaintiff or the defendant. One will usually leave the courtroom unhappy and the other leaves satisfied.

The "Judgement seat of Christ" is not the same as the "Great White Throne Judgement" mentioned in the book of Revelation. The latter is a punishment of evil. The "Great White Throne Judgement" is a punishment for mankind's rejection of Jesus, enjoyment of cruelty (and vile activity), and elevation of self to the point of challenging God's authority. This final judgement will come in the future... after the second coming of Christ.

The Judgement Seat of Christ, however, is believed to occur before Jesus' Second Coming. Jesus will sit on the judgement seat in heaven, and each raptured Christian will be called individually to stand before Him. Then the person's life will pass in review. (Romans 14:10) Christians will see how often they served Jesus, sacrificed for others, and helped their fellow man during their lives on earth. Christian works will be rewarded. (2 Chronicles 15:7) (Psalms 18:24) (1 Corinthians 3:8)

Bible verses declare that Christians will receive a crown in heaven. (1 Corinthians 9:25) (1 Thessalonians 2:19) (2 Timothy 4:7-8) (James 1:12) (1 Peter 5:4) But, our crowns are not to elevate us above Jesus (who is on the throne in heaven.) We are told that even the elders in heaven will lay their crowns before Jesus' throne. (Revelation 4:10) Jesus is the only one worthy to receive, "glory and honor and power." (Revelation 4:11)

In summary, the Judgement Seat of Christ will be:

- 1) in heaven... and will reveal all things (good or bad) that the Believer has done. (2 Corinthians 5:10)
- 2) a judgement of reward. It will consider if what Christians have done on earth has been worthwhile (from God's point of view), and...
- 3) a judgement of how faithful Believers have been in the use of their talents. (1 Corinthians 4:5)

The Biblical prophecies of the past have come true. The Biblical prophecies of the future will come true also. God has said so.

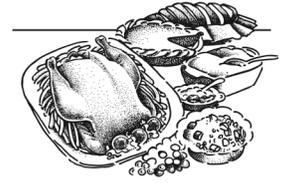


Our Annual Church/Charge Conference is Saturday, November 11 from 10:15 am to 11:00 am at Christ United Methodist Church in Olean. Worship & Conversation follow, 11:00 am to Noon .

Cranberry Sauce and Pumpkin Pie

By Dr. Ralph F. Wilson

Turkeys and cornucopias and pilgrim hats. Seasoned stuffing hot from the oven. Creamed onions, cranberry sauce and pumpkin pie. Uncles and aunts and cousins to play with. Grandmothers and grandfathers with family gathered round. Children waiting for the Great Pumpkin rise over Charlie Brown's pumpkin patch and dads watching college football. A day to relax and maybe rake leaves in the afternoon.



But Thanksgiving? How much will our celebrations have to do with giving thanks?

A glance at the first Thanksgiving brings it all back. On December 21, 1620 the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth rock. Through the dead of winter the colony struggled with poor and meager food, strenuous labor, a biting wind that chilled to the bone, and the ravages of disease. Nearly half the 102 Mayflower passengers did not live to see Spring refresh Cape Cod Bay.

But God sent Indians--Samoset, Squanto, and Massasoit--to help the English settlers plant and hunt and fish. The bountiful harvest that autumn led Governor Bradford to invite the Indians to celebrate God's goodness. Ninety tall braves accepted the invitation to join the Pilgrims in a feast of Thanksgiving to God for His blessings.

The Pilgrims lived close enough to the soil to know how dependent they were on God's Providence. They had learned to thank God in the midst of the bitterness of winter past. And they were quick to thank Him during abundant blessing, too.



We teach our children to say "please" and "thank you" as the rudiments of courtesy, yet it is so easy to be rude and unthinking toward God. How often we forget to gratefully acknowledge His goodness towards us.

"We give thanks to you, O God; we give thanks; your name is near. People tell of your wondrous deeds." Psalm 75:1, NRSV

This Thanksgiving let your prayers and expressions of love rise toward your Heavenly Father.

"What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits toward me? I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord." (Psalm 116:12-13)



We welcome Pastor Becky Worth as our new pastor beginning Wednesday, November 1, 2017, and we look forward to her ministry with us.

Her Cell: (716) 307-1768, Home: (716) 373-4332

DUDLEY TAILS

I try to keep the Golden Rod that grows along our walking path, trimmed back, especially when it bends over and blocks our way. I do the same with burdocks and thorny branches. Yet, for some reason, both Tucker and Dudley are always sticking their heads into the offensive growth. Tucker develops an allergy that causes large welts on his skin. Even when his allergy pill is hidden in a "pill pocket", Tucker refuses to swallow it. I must resort to putting dog ointment and dog lotion on his skin to give him relief.



Dudley is not as affected by allergies, but he has a magnetic attraction to burrs and sticktights. After a walk, these 'stickers' can be found on his legs, back, neck, ears and/or his face. He does not like the process of their removal, especially when they are on his face.

A few days back, after the dogs' midnight relief ritual, I discovered sticktights on Dudley (from our earlier walk.) I removed what I could, but was too tired to tackle the three on each side of his nose.

The next day was a struggle. I placed Dudley on the narrow card table which is his grooming table. I began by brushing him all over, which he enjoys. But, when I got near his face, the Attempted Escape was on. I brushed... he pulled away. I used my fingers... he turned his head. I tried a fine comb... he moved his face up, down, anywhere away from the approaching instrument. (And just as I almost had the stickers removed!) Why did I want a long haired dog!?! After repeated attempts using water, dog hair detangler, and a blunt ended scissors... the miserable job was done. After putting Dudley down on the floor, he smiled and danced. I knew that this would not happen again.

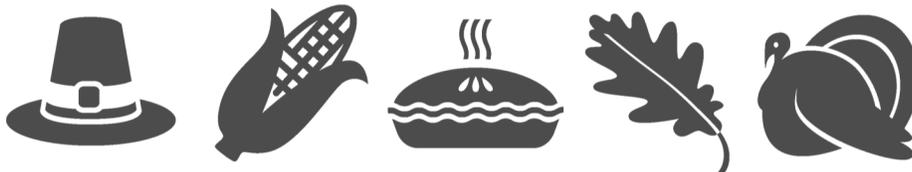
Today, here I am again, in front of the grooming table... facing the battle to remove at least six 'stickers'. (Four of them are on Dudley's face).

Dudley is cautioned every evening during our walk: "Don't go off the path." "Don't put your head THERE." But, he follows his nature (his nose) instead of his master's direction. And, so... he suffers the consequences.

Humans are God's creations. Often they follow their nature and do things that get them into trouble and pain. Perhaps they do not hear their Master's words of warning. Or, perhaps they follow the actions of their companions.

Christians are God's creations who have heard Him speaking through the Bible, and/or they have heard Him speaking during prayer, and/or through the working of the Holy Spirit. Christians still can be led into trouble (and off the right path) by other peoples influences, by selfish desires or by the subtle temptations of Satan.

Like Dudley, Christians need to, "keep their heads out of places of trouble." They need to seek the voice and direction of their Master. Jesus has our best interests in mind and at heart.



November



2017

SUNDAY SCHOOL
For All Ages
9:45 AM

WORSHIP
SERVICE
SUNDAY
11:00 AM

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Pastor Becky begins as our new pastor	2	3	4
5 Communion Naomi Mission Collection UMW Food Pantry Collection	6	7 Prayer Group 10 am - 11 am	8 Trustees Mtg. 6:00 Management Team 6:45 pm	9	10	11  VETERANS DAY Charge Conference 10:15 AM Christ UMC Olean
12	13 November Newsletter Deadline - Noon	14 Prayer Group 10 am- 11 am	15	16	17	18 UMW Meeting 10 am
19 Coffee Hour After worship	20	21 Prayer Group 10 am- 11 am	22	23  thanksgiving	24	25
26 Rothfus Collection	27	28 Prayer Group 10 am- 11 am	29	30		

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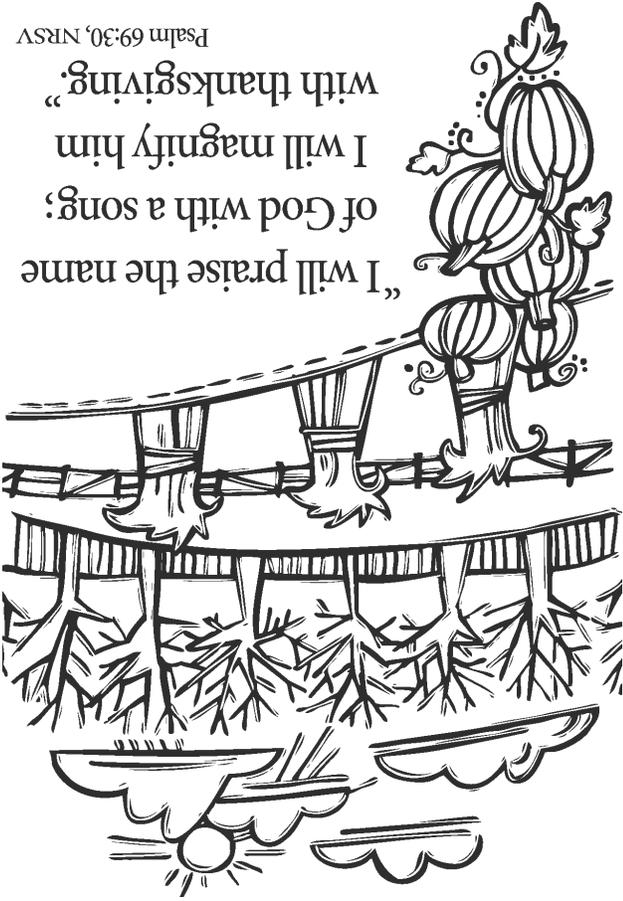
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"I will praise the name
of God with a song;
I will magnify him
with thanksgiving."

Psalms 69:30, NRSV

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED