

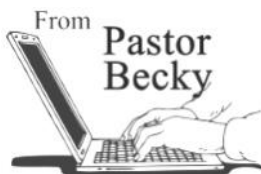
# The Shepherd's Messenger



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



Late in the afternoon the twelve disciples came to him and said, "Send the crowds away to the nearby villages and farms, so they can find food and lodging for the night. There is nothing to eat here in this remote place." But Jesus said, "You feed them." Luke 9:12-13

## You Feed Them

I love the story in Luke 9 about Jesus feeding the 5,000. As it gets late and the multitude gets hungry, we see the disciples show extreme concern for the people who were following Jesus. They wanted to see the people fed, sheltered, and cared for. They knew Jesus had the answer for what the people needed. He had the influence and the authority to send them away to go home, eat, and rest. But Jesus did not send the people away. He looked at His disciples and responded the same way that He does today, "You feed them."

There is no doubt this world is in great need of a Savior. There is hunger, pain, hate, and all kinds of evil. There are people hurting and being hurt and people who have no hope. You can find them in faraway countries on the other side of the world and down the street from where we live.

At one point or another, we have all witnessed this pain and hopelessness around us and have responded with prayer to our mighty, loving God to act. And Jesus' response is, and has been from the days He walked this earth, "You feed them."

God has chosen us, His children, to be His hands and feet. He has chosen to work in and through us to reach those around us who need Him. Not only has He chosen us, but He has equipped us for this work. Each and every one of us has been beautifully and wonderfully created. We have been given unique gifts, talents, and personalities that He can use to speak into the lives of those around us who are hurting. All we have to do is obey.

Jesus instructed the disciples to gather together what they could find and to bring it to Him. Taking what they had, He blessed it and fed the multitude.

What do you have? What gifts or talents do you have to bring to Jesus? Be bold, present them to Him, and allow Him to use them to feed those around you who are hurting. Maybe you feel called to the nations or to the single mom down the street. Let's not be a people who witness the hurting around us hoping someone will act. Let us go boldly before the Father and ask Him to send us. We "freely received," now it is time for us to "freely give" (Matthew 10:5-8). Who is God calling you to feed today?

## Prayer

**Lord, open my eyes to the people around the world and down the street who need You. Use me to reach them. I willingly give You all I have. Take it all. Take all of me. Use me to be Your hands and feet. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

Blessings,  
*Pastor Becky*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

Our World situation  
The Rothfus Family  
Naomi Scoville/Kosovo

For those at other residences...

PINES - OLEAN  
Connie Battistoni



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

Statistics		Needed: \$1,548	
Date	Worship	SS	Offering
9/30	46		\$1,543.00
9/30		Rothfus	\$ 125.00
10/7	41	11	\$2,680.00
10/7	Naomi/Rothfus		\$175/\$20
10/14	55	18	\$1,783.00
10/14	Naomi/Rothfus		\$60/\$20
10/21	54	15	\$1,587.00

**Others to keep in prayer:**

- Norma Andrus
- Hazel Cornell
- David Edwards
- Lina Enderle
- Nancy Frazier
- Luke Fries
- Gabriella
- David Halstead
- Donna Hart
- Bernie Hawks
- Sandy Lathrop
- Mary McCarthy
- Mark Middaugh
- Mary Ellen Moriarty
- Justin Murphy
- Keith Pearce
- Laroy Spateholts
- Lon Sweet
- JoAnn Viglietta
- Family & friends of Charlie  
Wildrick-Cole
- Ken Wyant



**Van Werner Zeh**, grandson of Thela Snow, was born on 10/3/18 weighing 7# 8 oz. Parents are Jeremy and Wendy Zeh. They live in Austin, TX.

**November Helping Hands**

Usher:  
Jim Travis



Pianist:  
Christine Berardi

Organist:  
Jonathan Denham

Acolyte:  
Chris Hupp

Altar Guild:  
Holly Scoville  
Thela Snow

Coffee Hour:  
11/11 Duttons & Zayacs

**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!*



**Charlie Wildrick-Cole**, grandson of Dean and Cheryl Wildrick, passed away suddenly on October 20, 2018. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Jude Chapel in Alfred, NY on October 27.



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

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



**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**.

**CHEESE WAFERS**

Cindy Dutton

- 1 cup butter, softened (no substitutes)
- 3/4 # Sharp or XS cheddar, grated
- 2 cups flour
- 2 tsp sugar
- 1 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp cayenne or red pepper
- 2 cups Rice Krispies
- Pecan halves



Cream butter & cheese. Add flour, sugar, salt and pepper. Mix with hands and add cereal. Form into 1" ball, flatten with fork to 1/4". Put pecan half on each. Bake 400° for 15 minutes.

**Notes from September 5, 2018  
Trustee Meeting**



- Kelkur Electric is not interested in installing our new security system. Gary will contact another company to get a quote on this project.
- We discussed the sanctuary lighting and the use of dimmer switches versus regular switches. It was decided to purchase new dimmer switches.
- It was decided that we need a new good-quality ladder for the church, preferably a 14' step ladder.
- The eaves trough next to the ramp is full of holes. Marshall will get pricing to have this replaced.
- We discussed the remote microphone issues. We continue to have intermittent issues with this system. We are researching other options.



**Daylight Savings Time ends** early Sunday morning, Nov. 4. Remember to turn your clocks back one hour Saturday night, Nov. 3.

# Puzzle!

Use the music code to find the words for this familiar song of thanks.

**CODE:**

A ≡	E ♪	I ♪	O ♪	U ♪
B ♪	F ♪	L >	P ♪	V ♪
C ♪	G ♪	M ♪	R ♪	W ♪
D ♪	H ♪	N ♪	S ♪	X ♪
			T ♪	Y ♪

**Challenge:** What do we commonly call this song?

The

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him  
all creatures here below; praise him above ye heavenly  
host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen; The  
Doxology



**Our Annual Church/Charge Conference is**  
Monday, November 5, 2018  
from 7 pm to 9 pm at our church

## ADULT SUNDAY BIBLE STUDIES with Cheryl



During the month of September, the adult class has addressed the question, “do animals go to heaven?” We have used a book by Steven Woodward as food for thought.

The main debate centers around the question of whether or not animals have a soul like humans do. The idea is, that if animals do not have a soul... then they cannot go to heaven. Mr. Woodward bases his strong belief (that animals will be in heaven) upon the visions he has seen of his dogs that have died.

Our class read the dictionary definitions of “soul” and “spirit”... and then went right to the Bible. The creation account in the book of Genesis says that after God made man, He breathed into him the “breath of life.” (Genesis 2:7) Breath and animation are equated with the word “spirit”. Genesis 1:30 says that God gave green plants for food to “everything that has the breath of life in it.” Since animals ate plants after creation... it follows that animals had the “breath of life” in them.

The book of Genesis also tells us that God talked to the animals (and Adam and Eve) and told them to, be fruitful and multiply” (Genesis 1:22) Obviously, if God talked to the animals, then He knew the animals could hear Him, and obey Him.

The word “soul” seems to have more relevance to life after death. The dictionary says that the “soul” is considered to be, “a distinct entity separate from the body”. Hence, it can separate from the body at death. So, do animals have a soul?

1. In the book of Genesis (1:22) it says that God blessed the animals. “Bless” means, “to bestow some benefit upon.” What was that benefit?
2. In the book of Job (12:10) it says, “The soul of EVERY living thing is in the Lord’s hand.” This seems to say that EVERY living thing has a soul.
3. In the book of Psalm (36:6) it says, “Lord, thou preserveth man and beast.” This seems to say that God keeps animals in existence.
4. Animals were created to praise God. (Psalm 150:6) (Revelation 5:13) If all creation (animals too) was pronounced to be “good” by God (Genesis 1:31), and if animals (and other creatures) praise God... Why wouldn’t God want them in heaven?

Let’s make sure we get to heaven, to find out.



**Poinsettia Order Forms** will be inserted in the November 4 Sunday bulletins and extra forms will be placed on sanctuary windowsills during November. Deadline for orders is December 2. Cost is \$5 each. Give completed forms and money to Thela.



## DUDLEY TAILS

*Submitted by Cheryl Wildrick*

Recently I noticed that Dudley and Tucker were not getting along. Dudley had raised his voice at Tucker... and Tucker had turned and walked away. This occurred at their supper time. Another time (when beginning an evening walk), they had darted out of the house at full speed, and gotten their leashes entwined up to the neck. Dudley (thinking that Tucker was making his life difficult) jumped at Tucker's face. Tucker, who was not pleased, snapped at Dudley. It all happened within a few seconds. Fortunately, their master intervened... separating the two, calming them, and giving them a chance to start over. As they walked with their master, Dudley and Tucker's relationship was restored and the positive, loving parts of their personalities could be seen again.

We are God's creatures created in His image. We have intelligence, and can usually find solutions to problems, except in personal situations when we feel unloved or disrespected. These situations bring out the worst in us. Some of us (like Dudley) may raise our voice, or confront the offender. Some of us (like Tucker) may walk away from conflict, or get angry when someone is in our face. Has our Master stopped walking with us? Or, have WE stopped walking with Him?

Jesus is our Master He modeled love that met people's needs. He comforted those who were hurting -- both physically and emotionally. He showed us how we should treat others... even when they have hurt us. Jesus did not say to wait until that person apologizes first. He said, "forgive them, for they don't know what they are doing."

When we truly forgive, love is restored. Forgiveness changes how we feel and act toward those who have hurt us. Dudley and Tucker enjoyed their walk after their master helped them. We should ask our Master to help us. (Colossians 3:13) (Ephesians 4:32) (Matthew 6:14) (Mark 11:25)

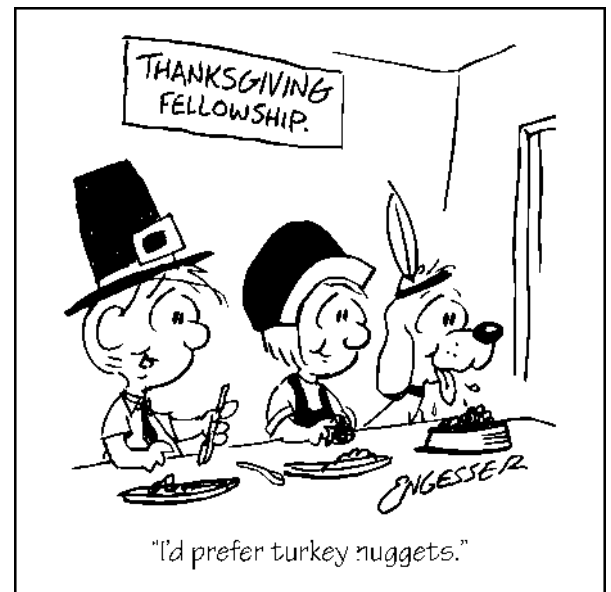
## PRISM

**Houghton College's Christmas program** will be Saturday Dec 1 ...dinner (optional but its always excellent) is at 6pm, the concert called "O Night Devine." Is at 8. Adults \$10, Srs and children, \$5. You can get tickets at [www.houghton.edu/prism](http://www.houghton.edu/prism) or by calling 567-9210. Our organist Jonathon Denham Will be singing and playing the Wesley Hall organ.

## MANAGEMENT TEAM NOTES (from Sept. 5, 2018 meeting)



- ◆ Pastor Becky reported that we were bequeathed \$2,000 in cash from Hendrika van der Horst.
- ◆ The Charge Conference will be held in this church on November 5<sup>th</sup>. Our church, Friendship and Portville Rivers Edge will meet here at 7 pm. The DS, Sherri will preside. The meeting will last 2 hours.
- ◆ Pastor Becky received "Statement of Agreement Concerning the Use of School Facilities by the Cuba-Rushford Central School District for Sheltering of Students and Staff". It was approved.



## News from the Cuba Council of Churches:

Submitted by: Cindy Dutton



### ThankVent Service

The Cuba Community Thanksgiving/Advent Service will be held the evening of November 25. A host Church is needed, and a volunteer Pastor to give the message.

### Holiday Assistance

The Cuba Council of Churches works closely with the Cuba Rushford School District to be sure all children have a gift under the tree at Christmas. It is supported financially by businesses and individuals. Last year the program served 219 children from 93 families. The program needs \$14,000 to be successful. Donations can be dropped off at the Baptist Church on Monday December 10. All food and gift items will be sorted Tuesday, December 11 from 8am to 10:30am at the Baptist Church. All churches are asked to send people to help sort. Assistance is also needed on Distribution Day, Thursday December 13 from 8:30-11:30 am, and from 4-6pm.

#### UMW News

##### Notes from September 15, 2018 Meeting



- Day for Girls: Thela told us that she bought some small underwear and is working on more items. She will be shipping soon, along with dresses for Africa. She received a note from Haiti thanking us for donations and advising that \$349 went for a sewing machine and the balance to rent.
- There is a fundraiser for the Fries boy, to send him and his family to San Diego Lego Land. The UMW will donate \$200.
- The UMW will donate \$150 to Henderson Settlement and \$100 to Red Bird.
- We discussed Toy for Tots and possible gift certificate or donation for any church member who may need help.
- Thela will talk to us in November regarding her trip.
- Officer election will be in January.



George Washington was the first to declare Thanksgiving a holiday, but it was on a year-to-year basis, so presidents had to re-declare it every year, according to The Washington Post. Jefferson was so adamantly against Thanksgiving that he refused to declare it a holiday during his presidency, and many say that he called the holiday "the most ridiculous idea ever conceived."

Most historians agree that Jefferson really refused to declare the holiday because he fervently believed in the separation of church and state and thought that the day of "prayer" violated the First Amendment.


It wasn't until 1863, when Abraham Lincoln proclaimed Thanksgiving a federal holiday, that it was officially scheduled to fall on the fourth Thursday of every November.

**WORSHIP SERVICE SUNDAY 11:00 AM**

**November**

**2018**

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> Communion Naomi Offering UMW Food Pantry Collection All Saints Sunday	<b>5</b> Charge Conference 7 pm at our church	<b>6</b> Prayer Group 10 am- 11 am	<b>7</b> Trustees meeting 6:00 pm Management Team Meeting 6:45 pm	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Prayer Group 10 am- 11 am	<b>14</b> Bible Study 6 pm	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> UMW Meeting 10 am
<b>18</b> Coffee Hour	<b>19</b> December Newsletter Deadline - Noon	<b>20</b> Prayer Group 10 am- 11 am	<b>21</b> Bible Study 6 pm		<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> Rothfus Offering ThankVent Service	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Prayer Group 10 am- 11 am	<b>28</b> Bible Study 6 pm	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	

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"Blessing and glory and  
wisdom and thanksgiving and  
honor and power and might  
be to our God  
forever and ever! Amen."  
Revelation 7:12, NRSV