

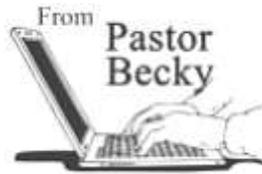
# The Shepherd's Messenger



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



## Encouragement

### Hebrews 10:23-25

**Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep his promise. Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.**

The writer of Hebrews is reflecting on the greatness of our salvation. We are cleansed, empowered and made new by the work of Christ on our behalf. Christ's death and resurrection should change us in several ways listed here.

First, we should be unwavering. God has always been faithful. Our confidence is anchored to the reality that Jesus rose from the dead! He can be trusted, and this should be the anchor that holds us steady in a storm-tossed world.

Second, we should be encouraging each other. As believers, we are all part of God's ONE family. Yes, at times the family seems a bit dysfunctional the way we bicker and pick at each other but, we are still family. Our job is to encourage each other to be all God created us to be. We are mutually dependent. We need each other.

Third, we need to be part of a local church. This is where we find our greatest encouragement. This is where we find a place of service, refreshment, and support. Isolated Christians shrivel up. They struggle because there is no one to cheer them on. If you have been absent from church it is time to return. If you are without a church, I invite you to Cuba United Methodist Church where worship is at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday. Come and bring a friend! The church is a rest station for weary runners.

Blessings,  
Pastor Becky

PLEASE PRAY FOR:  
Our World situation  
Naomi Scoville /Kosovo

For those at other residences...

PINES - OLEAN  
Connie Battistoni



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

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

Statistics                      Needed: \$1,659

Date	Worship	SS	Offering
9/29	51		\$1,053.00
10/6	57		\$9,934.00
10/6		Naomi	\$ 103.00
10/6	World Communion Sunday		100.00
10/13	47		\$1,320.00
10/13	World Communion		\$ 50.00
10/13		Naomi	\$ 10.00
10/20	46		\$1,034.00
10/27	48		\$ 634.00

Others to keep in prayer:



- Norma Andrus
- Bob & Sandy Beard
- Hazel Cornell
- Missy Dabolt
- David Edwards
- Nancy Frazier
- Brian Fries
- Tyler Griffin
- Don Hall
- David Halstead
- Donna Hart
- Katie Kellogg
- Sandy Lathrop
- Lynn Manning
- Mark Middaugh
- Mary Ellen Moriarty
- Nellie Moses
- Justin Murphy
- Keith Pierce
- Laroy Spateholts
- Alice Sweet
- JoAnn Viglietta
- James Woodruff
- Ken Wyant
- David Yonaka
- Judy Zayac

November Helping Hands

Usher:

Jim Travis

Acolyte:

Chris Hupp



Pianist:

Christine Berardi

Altar Guild:

Linda Nelson

Thela Snow



- 8 - Tom Krott
- 9 - Sue Simmons
- 14 - Judy Krott
- 17 - Joyce Amundson
- 22 - Ryan Morris
- 23 - Kelly Brickey  
David Battistoni
- 30 - Linda Murphy

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!*



No Anniversaries



**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**.



**Mary Martha Scoville**, Pastor Stan's Mother, passed away on October 11, 2019. A funeral was held on October 26, 2019, at Moore Funeral Home in Arlington, Texas

### EASY HOT PIZZA DIP

Judy Zayac

- 1 Roma Tomato (chopped)
  - 10 Hot Pepper Rings (chopped)
  - 6 oz. Pepperoni (chopped)
  - 3/4 c. Mayonnaise
  - 1 Lb. Shredded Mozzarella Cheese
- Add olives, sausage or anything else you like on pizza.



Bake at 350° for 30 minutes  
 Serve with cubed Italian bread

**Houghton College's musical CHRISTMAS PRISM** will be on Saturday, Dec 7 at 8pm. It is called "Let There be Light." While we have missed several years, in the past we have gone together as a group. I am happy to coordinate this if you let me know by Sunday, Nov 3, or sooner. The meal...always wonderful! Is at 6pm, the concert is at 8, on Houghton's campus. The meal and concert are \$30; tickets to just the concert are \$16...and maybe just \$5 for Seniors. (not sure on that). You can phone me 585 307 1874, or email me [cindutton@gmail.com](mailto:cindutton@gmail.com) if you would like me to order your tickets. Cindy Dutton

### UMW NEWS

Submitted by Peggy Pearce



The United Methodist Women's meeting was held in Wesley Hall on October 19. After prayer, refreshments were provided by Sue Simmons and Thela Snow. The apple bread, apple crisp and cinnamon rolls were enjoyed by all.

The treasurer's report indicated a balance of \$7,151.60 with one outstanding bill for coffee.

Christmas plans were discussed. The UMW will continue to order poinsettias for the church; order forms will be available closer to the holiday. We voted to send a donation to the Cuba Chamber of Commerce to support the Cuba-Rushford Toy Drive. Additional Christmas support/outreach will be decided at the next meeting.

After reviewing several different options including UMCOR kits, we decided to focus our winter project closer to home, Gil's Hills in Wellsville.

The next UMW meeting is Saturday, November 16 at 10 a.m. All ladies of the church are invited and encouraged to come.

# Puzzle!

Use the food key to complete Acts 14:17, NIV.

KEY

## THANK YOU, LORD

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**ACTS 14:17, NIV**

Answer: "He has shown kindness by giving you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons; he provides you with plenty of food and fills your hearts with joy." Acts 14:17, NIV



## SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY 9:45 am



From September 2018 through May 2019 our class studied Spiritual Warfare. (The fight between good and evil or between God and Satan. It also included battles between Jesus and the Devil... and now includes the battle between Christians and Satan.)

Presently, God and Jesus want us to believe in a spiritual world in which we can communicate with our creator. We can call upon Him for help, and we can praise Him for who he is, and for his blessings.

Our faith in our Lord Jesus as Savior assures us of God's gift of The Holy Spirit. This third person of the holy Trinity will soften our hearts and help us to hear God's voice. We can be warned about our ungodly choices in life, and we can be warmed by the Lord's approval when our actions reflect His character.

So, here is Spiritual Warfare. When confronted by a dilemma or decision... do we choose what we want, or do we choose what is best for someone else? Satan will appeal to our human nature and argue that "we deserve" all that we desire. While our Lord will appeal to our spiritual nature and suggest that Believers are already blessed (with physical needs met and with future blessings to come).

Some of the things that our class discussed this year are:

1. Satan opposed Jesus on earth, and wanted Jesus to worship him.
2. Where did Satan come from and where is he going?
3. What humans first "gave in" to Satan's temptations?
4. Who is called, "the prince of this world?"
5. Who is called, "an angel of light?"
6. Name personality traits of Satan.
7. Mankind's struggle is against "spiritual forces of evil in heavenly realms."
8. What is at stake in spiritual warfare?
9. Is justice served if people don't pay for their sin?
10. Name godly characteristics. Name ungodly characteristics.

Our Sunday Adult Bible Study meets on Sundays before church, beginning at 9:45 am. Our room is upstairs, down the hall, on the right, before the pastor's office. All are welcome! Please come.



For almost fifty years, CROP Hunger Walks have ensured that more people worldwide have access to nutritious, sustainable food sources. From combating droughts in Nicaragua to providing agricultural training in Indonesia to stocking shelves in hundreds of food pantries across the United States, CROP Hunger Walks help end hunger by raising funds to support local food programs and the international anti-hunger work of Church World Service.

Linda Murphy, Cindy Dutton, and Cindy's granddaughter Courtney "walked the walk" for Cuba Crop Walk on October 6. Through generous pledges from members of CUMC, they were able to turn over \$537 to the Council of Churches for the crop walk effort. This tops last year's \$528! Last year, the churches in Cuba raised over \$4000. One quarter of all raised goes to our local Food Pantry. While our generous donations of food each week are greatly needed, cash is also necessary to give Fresh Food Certificates and sometimes gas cards to those families needing assistance.

Thank you to those who gave monetary support to our walkers: Don Hall, Mike LaFever, Tom Krott, Gary Enderle, Rob Cornell, Mary Hupp, Julie Hawks, Dale Dutton, Janet Calcagno, Shirley Poore, Jean Higby, Deb and David Battistoni, Linda Murphy, Thela Snow, Fred Pearce, and "anonymous."



## DUDLEY TAILS

*Submitted by Cheryl Wildrick*

Dudley came running toward me as fast as his little legs could carry him. He sought his master in a time of fear. He sought security, protection and safety.

We had been visiting the residents at our local hospital every week for the last four years. Dudley was familiar with the steps, the elevator, and the alarm at the residence. Dudley knew the route, the rooms, and many of the residents. Often nurses, staff members or visitors would come over and talk to Dudley or ask if they could pet him.

When we are walking in the hallway, Dudley is sometimes nervous about noisy carts that roll quickly past him. Or, he may be nervous about new residents who enthusiastically reach out to take him.

Today was different. We had just greeted a happy, friendly woman in her room. Dudley had made himself comfortable on the floor. Then, a large man came in and stood in the doorway and looked at us. Dudley, who was curious, slowly and cautiously approached the man. Then, when Dudley was about to sniff the man's hand, the man quickly bent over and reached toward Dudley.

The size and quickness of the man frightened Dudley who turned and ran toward his master. Dudley knew where to find security, protection and safety. He was comforted in love and reassurance.

Sometimes, we too are startled by our circumstances. 'Startled by the unexpected... the enormity of the situation... or by our own inability to cope. Do we know where to go for help? Our Master desires an intimate conversation with us. He wants us to find our security in Him. He wants to protect us in times of trouble He wants to make us feel safe from the unknown.

Our Master speaks to us through the Bible. We can look up the subjects that trouble us, and see what God and Jesus say about those subjects. Our Master also speaks to us through prayer. If we can't hear Him, we can call upon the Holy Spirit to make things clear to us.

Our Master offers security, protection, and safety. Dudley's experience caused him anxiety. Many of us, too, have times of anxiety. God's word tells us to, "cast all our anxiety on him because he cares for us." (1Peter 5:7) God gives us security.

Dudley felt that he needed protection from a threatening situation. Many of us may also feel that we need help from the troubling times of life. God's word tells us that "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble." (Psalms 46:1) God gives us protection.

Dudley learned that his master would be there for him... and that Dudley could rely on his master's commitment. Many of us need to realize that sometimes our friends will fail us... but our Master's commitment is eternal. God's word tells us that God says, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." (Hebrews 13:56) God gives us safety.

May we never be too proud to say, "Master, I need help."





Daylight Savings Time ends at 2 am Sunday morning, Nov. 3. Remember to turn your clocks back one hour Saturday night, Nov. 2.



*Submitted by Peggy Pearce*

Thirty-six walkers, representing the community churches, participated in the **Don White Memorial CROP Walk** held in Chamberlain Park on October 6. A total of \$5,252 was raised through their efforts. Thank you to all who supported this annual event.

Some special items are needed in the **Cuba Food Pantry** as we approach the holiday season: sweet potatoes, stuffing mix, canned gravy, chicken broth, pie crust mixes, corn bread mix, canned corn and canned pumpkin. Thank you for checking the dates on the cans/boxes to insure things have not gone past the sell by date.

The **Thanksgiving/Advent Service** will be held on Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at the United Methodist Church. Join with others from area congregations as we give thanks to God for the blessings he bestows on us daily and as we prepare our hearts for the coming of the Christ Child. A time of refreshment and fellowship will follow the service.

## CROP Walk Results



Thank you so much for your help with the CROP Walk. We had a record for our fund-raising this year - \$5,252 !!

Since we walked in memory of Don White, Nettie and John walked for the first time and raised nearly \$1,000 on their own.

Ann Gross

## MANAGEMENT TEAM NOTES



- The remaining Stain Glass windows will cost \$17,500 with plexiglass included for all windows. Work will begin around May.
- We will be giving to Gil's Hills Ministry in place of Rothfus.

## Thanksgiving trivia



- Benjamin Franklin wanted the turkey to be the national bird, not the eagle.
- Americans eat 46 million turkeys each Thanksgiving.
- Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin's first meal in space after walking on the moon was foil packets with roasted turkey.
- The heaviest turkey on record, according to the Guinness Book of Records, weighs 86 pounds.
- Californians consume the most turkey in the U.S. on Thanksgiving Day!
- Female turkeys (called hens) do not gobble. Only male turkeys gobble.
- Campbell's soup created green bean casserole for an annual cookbook 50 years ago. It now sells \$20 million worth of cream of mushroom soup.
- Wild turkeys can run 20 miles per hour when they are scared, but domesticated turkeys that are bred are heavier and can't run quite that fast.
- The first Thanksgiving was held in the autumn of 1621 and included 50 Pilgrims and 90 Wampanoag Indians and lasted three days. Many historians believe that only five women were present at that first Thanksgiving, as many women settlers didn't survive that difficult first year in the U.S.
- No forks at the first Thanksgiving! The first Thanksgiving was eaten with spoons and knives — but no forks! That's right, forks weren't even introduced to the Pilgrims until 10 years later and weren't a popular utensil until the 18th century.

**WORSHIP  
SERVICE  
SUNDAY  
11:00 AM**

*November* 

**2019**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL  
for all Ages  
10:45 AM**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Kung Fu 6-8 am
3 All Saints Day Communion Naomi Mission Offering UMW Food Pantry Collection Daylight Saving Time Ends	4 Tai Chi Class 7 pm	5 Prayer Group 10 am-11 am Violin Lessons 3-6 pm	6	7 Tai Chi Class 9 am Cub Scouts 6:00-7:30 pm	8	9 Kung Fu 6-8 am
10 Council of Churches at Christ Episcopal Church 5 pm	11 Tai Chi Class 7 pm	12 Prayer Group 10 am- 11 am Violin Lessons 3-6 pm	13	14 Tai Chi Class 9 am Cub Scouts 6:00-7:30 pm	15	16 Kung Fu 6-8 am UMW Meeting 10 am
17 Coffee Hour	18 November Newsletter Deadline - Noon Tai Chi Class 7 pm	19 Prayer Group 10 am- 11 am Violin Lessons 3-6 pm	20	21 Tai Chi Class 9 am Cub Scouts 6:00-7:30 pm	22	23 Kung Fu 6-8 am
24	25 Tai Chi Class 7 pm	26 Prayer Group 10 am- 11 am Violin Lessons 3-6 pm	27	 thanksgiving	29	30 Kung Fu 6-8 am Decorate church

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For everything God created is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving...  
1 Timothy 4:4



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