

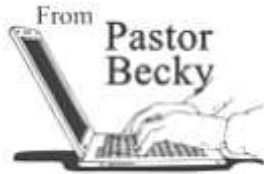
The Shepherd's Messenger



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



Hi Friends!

The following is a story of nature demonstrating the fact that struggles are a necessary part of growth and development for the Christian in this life. God places these struggles (or trials) before us to prepare us for that perfect home in heaven with Him.

The Man and The Cocoon

One day a small opening appeared on a cocoon. A man sat and watched for the butterfly for several hours as it struggled to force its body through that little hole. Then it seemed to stop making any progress. It appeared as if it had gotten as far as it could and could go no further. The man decided to help the butterfly, so he took a pair of scissors and snipped off the remaining bit of the cocoon. The butterfly then emerged easily but it had a swollen body and small, shriveled wings. The man continued to watch the butterfly because he expected that, at any moment, the wings would enlarge and expand to be able to support the body, which would contract in time. Neither happened! In fact, the butterfly spent the rest of its life crawling around with a swollen body and shriveled wings. It was never able to fly.

What the man in his kindness and haste did not understand was that the restraining cocoon and the struggle required for the butterfly to get through the tiny opening was God's way of forcing fluid from the body of the butterfly into its wings so that it would be ready for flight once it achieved its freedom from the cocoon.

As Christians, struggles (or trials) are exactly what we need in our life in order to grow and develop properly. If God allowed us to go through our Christian life without any obstacles, it would cripple us spiritually. We, like the butterfly, would not be as strong as what we could have been. We could never fly!

Friends-Let's thank God for our daily struggles (trials) and display the same attitude toward trials as the Apostle Paul. The great Apostle said in 1 Peter 4:12-13,

¹² Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³ But rejoice inasmuch as you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR:
Our World situation

Others to keep in prayer:

- Norma Andrus
- Todd Baxter
- Bob & Sandy Beard
- Russell Brown
- Virginia Clayson
- Hazel Cornell
- Missy Dabolt
- David Edwards
- Nancy Frazier
- Brian Fries
- Tyler Griffin
- Don Hall
- David Halstead
- Donna Hart
- Bernie Hawks
- Julia Hinkle
- Bob Huddleston
- Katie Kellogg
- Sandy Lathrop
- Bruce Metler
- Mark Middaugh
- Nellie Moses
- Justin Murphy
- Keith Pierce
- Laroy Spateholts
- Mary Lou Sprague
- Donald Thompson
- Jessica Veiders
- JoAnn Viglietta
- Clint Wilder
- James Woodruff
- Ken Wyant
- 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!



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



Daylight Savings Time ends early Sunday morning, Nov. 1. Remember to turn your clocks back one hour Saturday night, Oct. 31.

Statistics Needed: \$1,767

Date	Worship	SS	Offering
10/4	27		\$2,330.00
10/4		Gil's Hills	\$ 30.00
10/11	27		\$1,428.00
10/18	26		\$2,040.00
10/25	28		\$ 950.00
10/25		Gil's Hills	\$ 145.00

November
Helping
Hands



Greeter:
Kevin Kranock

Power Point:
Rob Cornell

Pianist:
Christine Berardi

Altar Guild:
Linda Nelson
Holly Scoville



You can watch videos of Sunday Sermons from Pastor Becky on our website,

www.cubaumc.org.

Go to "Sermons" page for list of archived videos.

The videos are also posted on the Cuba UMC Facebook page.

DVDs are available. Contact Pastor Becky or Jim.



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

Call 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.**

Praying for Our Churches, Pastors and Leadership in Cornerstone District:

November 1 Dunkirk First UMC. Darlene Meeder and her family.

November 8 Falconer & Gerry UMCs. Pastor Heather Allport-Cohon, her husband Robert and their family.

November 15 Frewsburg:Wheeler Hill UMC. Carol Becker and her family.

November 22 The Northern Allegany Churches (Belfast, Caneadea, Friends in Christ & Rushford UMCs). Pastor Craig Buelow, his wife Diane and their family.

November 29 Celoron & Lakewood UMCs. Pastor Mike Childs, his wife LeAnn and their family.



Puzzle!

Write the words below in alphabetical order inside the squares. Then read down the second column to discover the sentence that begins and ends Psalms 146, 147, 148, 149 and 150.

FEAST
KHAKI
MOUTH
ESSAY
LLAMA
ORBIT
CARRY
UDDER
BRUSH
ITEMS
APPLE
LEARN
CIDER

A			

Answer:

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Answer: Praise the LORD!

GINGER CRACKLES

Judy Zayac

Cream:

1 cup shortening, margarine or butter
2 cups sugar

Add:

2 eggs ½ cup molasses
1 tsp. maple flavoring

Mix and Add:

4 cups flour
½ tsp salt
2 tsp cinnamon
1 tsp cloves
1 tsp ginger
4 tsp baking soda



Mix all. Dough will be stiff. Chill. Roll into walnut-sized balls. Roll in granulated sugar. Bake at 350° for 8-10 minutes.



There will be a **UMW Meeting** on Saturday, November 14 in the church sanctuary to discuss gift certificates to give to local families who need help during the holidays.

If you have suggestions for names of families that could use some help, please let Janet Calcagno know.



Bell Ringers Needed for Salvation Army Holiday Campaign. Ringers will be at Giant, in the enclosed entryway...in 2 hour shifts, beginning Wed., Nov 25.



If you want to participate (masked!) please let Cindy Dutton know asap...cindutton@gmail.com, or 585 307 1874.

We need to cover 4 shifts to complete a CUMC Day...or we can ring with other groups. Or we can take up a special collection in Church for them.



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.

Thanksgiving Day

Lydia Maria Child



Over the river, and through the wood
Trot fast, my dapple-gray!
Spring over the ground,
Like a hunting-hound!
For this is Thanksgiving Day.
Over the river, and through the wood,
And straight through the barn-yard gate.
We seem to go
Extremely slow,—
It is so hard to wait!
Over the river and through the wood—
Now grandmother's cap I spy!
Hurrah for the fun!
Is the pudding done?
Hurrah for the pumpkin-pie

TRUSTEE NOTES

- Sensors installed in kitchen for water leaks and temperature control.
- Dan Sortore repaired all chairs.
- Stained glass windows are all fixed and washed. New plexiglass storm windows installed.
- The Lift has been repaired.
- The boilers will be serviced for winter.



At our church sanctuary on Saturday, Nov. 7, 2020 at 10:00 am.

Attendance is restricted to Management Team members due to COVID-19.



DUDLEY TAILS

Submitted by Cheryl Wildrick

He stood at attention. 'Eyes straight ahead. 'Feet planted and immovable on the floor. 'Ears perked and alert. 'legs ready to ready to run when the time was right.

It was Dudley, standing at the open glass door. Across the grass was a neighbor dog, who was intruding on our lawn. Dudley braced himself. 'Short, little front legs were ready to go. Longer back legs were ready to push off and propel him closer to his goal.

“Dudley, DON'T! Brown Dog will head home in a minute. He is not challenging you.”

But no. Brown Dog trotted toward our house. Dudley took off like a shot, barking as loud as he could. It didn't matter that Brown Dog was three times bigger than Dudley. And Dudley had not thought about what would have happened if Brown Dog had gotten angry. The two of them would have had a confrontation.

The situation was similar to a small child running into the street to retrieve a ball, and not being aware of the danger presented by an oncoming car. A parent must spring into action to rescue the child. Dudley's master had prepared.

Dudley was fortunate that he was on the inside of the fence in his yard, and Brown Dog was on the outside. But, what would happen sometime if Dudley was on the outside of the fence? Dudley must learn to listen to his master's voice, and choose to obey.

Another time, Dudley was walking freely in a large old hay field. He and his master would start out together. Then Dudley would follow an interesting scent and his master would get ahead of him. Soon Dudley, running at top speed, would pass his master and be out of reach. Dudley disappeared into the weeds that were taller than he was. His master called his name, but Dudley could not be seen. His master walked faster, again calling Dudley's name. No response. Was Dudley listening? No. There he was up ahead, coming out of the old hay field. Was he so absorbed in following a scent, that he didn't hear his master call? Or did he choose to do only what he wanted to do?

One evening when Dudley and his master were finishing their walk, and heading back to the house, a neighbor (returning home from work) stopped at her mailbox which was on the edge of the road. She got out of her car. Dudley saw her, and began to bark as he sped toward the mailbox. But he didn't stop there. Dudley ran into the road and circled the car.

Dudley would not come when he was called, and would not leave the road. He liked our neighbor, and may have been thinking that it was okay to be in the road, because he was greeting a friend. (Dudley was fortunate that he lived on a country road that didn't have much traffic.) Dudley's master was not pleased with his disobedience.

When Christians make a commitment to Jesus... it is not a decision that they can violate when it is not convenient, or that they can ignore when they want to do something unchristian.

In the Bible, Jesus often refers to his followers as his sheep. And, He is the shepherd. It is implied that sheep often make mistakes, and need the guidance and protection of their shepherd.

Dudley had been taught at an early age, but sometimes it is as if he doesn't care anymore. As if he wants to do only what he choses to do. And, sometimes it is as if he does not even hear his master's voice.

The Bible tells us, in the book of John, (Chapter ten and verse 27) that Jesus says, “my sheep listen to my voice.” How can people listen to what the Master is saying if they don't even hear His voice? The voice of our Lord is more important than the voices of our world.

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I don't know what trials you may be facing right now, but God does, and He loves you and is with you by His Holy Spirit. Cultivate a spirit of thankfulness even in the midst of trials and heartaches.

"God has given us the greatest Gift of all—His Son, who died on the cross and rose again so that we can know Him personally and spend eternity with Him in heaven."

Blessings,

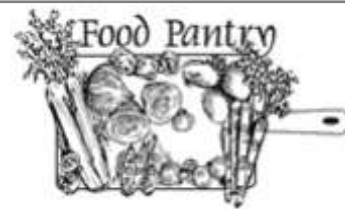
Pastor Becky

The Cuba Crop Walk was held at Chamberlain Park on October 4.

Cuba United Methodist Church raised \$1050 for Crop Walk! The total amount raised in Cuba was \$5693. 1/4 of that stays with the Cuba Food Pantry...the remainder goes to Church World Service. Cash donations to the Food Pantry go towards certificates to Giant for fresh meat, dairy and produce, and also towards gas cards ...so people can get to work...

I was the only walker, but thank you to the 21 CUMC members who challenged me with donations from \$5 to \$100!

Cindy Dutton



The Food Pantry is taken care of by the churches in Cuba, on a rotating basis... CUMC's most recent turn was September...right when many, many, many bags of food donations from the Cottage Owners Food Drive arrived!

Who in our congregation loves organizing? Peggy Pearce! She, helped a little bit by Cindy and Mary...completely reorganized the Pantry (located in 2 rooms in the basement of First Baptist)...weeding out expired foods and rearranging everything so all of the new donations would fit! Thank you Peggy!

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Then, later in the Bible (John 14:23), Jesus says, "if anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching." So, ... obedience is the response of those who love their Master.

It is important that Believers have a quiet time and place where they can listen for the voice of the Master. This is especially true during the disasters occurring in our world... and also true, to find direction for important decisions we must make. We should make a stand for what God wants — not for what we think God wants. LISTEN and OBEY.

No groups and activities are allowed to use the church at this time due to COVID-19.

November 2020

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE
11:00 AM
Mask & Social Distancing Required

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 All Saints Day UMW Food Panty Collection Daylight Savings Time ends	2	3	4	5	6	7 Charge Conference 10 am - Members of Management Team only
8	9	10	11 Trustees Mtg. 6:00 pm Management Team Mtg. 6:45 pm	12	13	14 UMW Meeting 10 am in sanctuary
15	16 December Newsletter Deadline Noon	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26  thanksgiving	27	28
29 Gil's Hills Collection	30					

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