

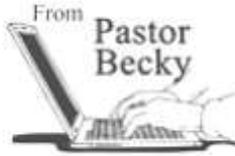
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KNOWING JESUS AS THE GOOD SHEPHERD & SHARING THE RISEN CHRIST WITH ALL.



Greetings Friends!

On November 11, 1620, about 102 settlers aboard the Mayflower arrived in the New World, and there was nothing to greet them except the harsh reality of a New England winter. Within five months, over half their number had died of starvation, cold, and disease. How amazing, then, that these "pilgrims" could still find reasons to be thankful in spite of such hardship!

In more modern times, Thanksgiving brings to mind warm memories of turkey and dressing, pumpkin pie, family togetherness, and football games on television. Thanksgiving is a time when we pause to remember how blessed we are as well as to reflect on how we are using those blessings. Sometimes, family members whose hearts are full of joy at such occasions might say, "I wish it could be Thanksgiving all year long!"

You know, we really **ought** to make every day a day of thanksgiving. The Bible says, "in everything give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you (1 Thess 5:18)." I honestly don't believe that the pilgrims concentrated all their thankfulness into one single day, and neither should we! God's word teaches we would be much more joyful people if we would simply learn the habit of being grateful people. Here are some practical ideas:

- Every night, write down five specific blessings you experienced that day.
- At least once a week, take the time to write a note of gratitude to someone who has blessed you with their life.
- Every time you pray, listen to what you are really saying to God. Are my prayers concerned mostly with saying, "I want, I want, I want," or, "Thank You, Thank You, Thank You"?
- Each day, make it a point to tell just one person in your life something you admire and appreciate about them. Be specific, and **DO NOT BE NEGATIVE.**
- Never forget that everyone has three basic blessings: Life (Acts 17:28), Opportunity (Galatians 6:10), and the Lord (Titus 2:11). With these three blessings, even the poorest of the poor can be grateful.

Looking forward to seeing 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
- Russell Brown
- Gary Carlson
- Hazel Cornell
- David Edwards
- Brian Fries
- Don Hall
- David Halstead
- Donna Hart
- Bernie Hawks
- Jean Higby
- Bob Huddleston
- Andrew James
- Katie Kellogg
- Bruce Metler
- Helen Middaugh
- Mark Middaugh
- Nellie Moses
- Justin Murphy
- Keith Pierce
- Laroy Spateholts
- Donald Thompson
- Jessica Veiders
- JoAnn Viglietta
- Clint Wilder
- James Woodruff
- Ken Wyant



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 2:00 am
Sunday morning, Nov. 7.
Remember to turn your clocks back one hour Saturday night, Nov. 6.

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

November 7 Bemus Point, Sinclairville: Park UMCs. Pastor Joe Pascoe, his wife Leslie and their daughters Ashley, Taylor & Riley.

November 14 Brocton: Tri-Church Parish. Pastor Clara Wilder, her husband Gary and their family.

November 21 Centerville UMC. Bob Schooley, his wife Karen and their family.

November 28 Cherry Creek, Conewango Valley & Ellington UMCs. Pastor John Dedloff.

Statistics Needed: \$1,736

Date	Worship	SS	Offering
10/03	47		\$2,637.00
		Gil's Hills	50.00
10/10	49		\$2,490.00
		Gil's Hills	75.00
10/17	42		\$1,148.00
10/24	35		

November
Helping
Hands



Power Point:
Rob Cornell

Pianist:
Christine Berardi

Altar Guild:
Holly Scoville
Deb Battistoni



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.**





DUDLEY TAILS

Submitted by Cheryl Wildrick

It had been a long and lonely day. Dudley laid in “his spot” on top of the livingroom sofa. His master had been upstairs working, for most of the day. Now, Dudley heard footsteps moving from room to room. Soon he heard the sound of those footsteps coming down the stairs.

“ Oh good,” Dudley thought, “I’m going to spend some time with my master now.” He jumped off of the sofa and ran to meet his provider and friend.

Dudley usually enjoyed a daily walk with his master after dinner, before darkness fell. But tonight would be different. Yes, he would still have his walk — but it would be in the darkness... (with only an occasional light bulb shining.

The walking path led from the back of the house... over a small stream... then, (on a dark route) through the trees... then behind (and around) a small barn... then up a small slope. Next it turned right and up a hill (parallel to the old orchard), then at the top, it took a sharp left... (along the top of an old an old hay field)... then it took a sharp left (down hill, and parallel to the road)... then back through the woods, (and over the small stream)... And to the house.

On a good day, the walk would take about 20-30 minutes... (unless Dudley stopped to roll in the grass, sniff a trail of rabbit tracks, or if he stopped to watch deer bound across the field.)

Dudley’s master attached a retractable leash to to Dudley’s collar, and the walk began.

The two walked beneath the light from the house windows, and then proceeded across the small “bridge” that had a little stream gurgling beneath it. On the other side, the path through the crowded trees was dark.

Dudley ran into the darkness... but then stopped abruptly. Although the path was familiar, he was not used to walking it at night. Then he heard his leash retracting as his master came closer. He was then carried through the darkness, to a clearing. There they saw the back of a small barn. Now, Dudley could walk on the ground.

They could not see far, because the path curved around, to the front of the structure. Here they had to be cautious, because nocturnal predators might be outside, (hunting for an evening meal.)

From there, (seeing by the light of the moon), they walked up a small slope. Now they were on the other side of the dark woods. They still had a long way to go.

Dudley felt safe with his master.

However... a dark shadow began moving in front of the moon, blocking its light. The visibility became worse. Dudley lost his confidence.

Dudley began hurrying. ‘Then running. He missed the 90 degree turn that led up along the open field. Now Dudley was taking a “short cut” that led back to the bridge... but first he had to go through the dark woods.

Dudley was running as fast as he could go. Light illuminated the way that led home. When he arrived... he saw that his master was by his side. His master had been with him all the time.

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What would Dudley have done without his master, in times of insecurity, threat, or darkness? How could he survive without the provision, protection, and light of his master?

Our Master is LIGHT. (Believe It)

Just as Dudley’s master called him into the light (during darkness and inability to see danger)... So Jesus calls us out of darkness, and into light.

Peter, the apostle of Jesus, wrote (in the New Testament book of 1st Peter, chapter 2, verse 9) that Jesus “called you out of darkness, and into his wonderful light.”

Or, as Dudley would say, “My master provides me with light in the darkness.”

Our Master is LIFE. (Claim It)

Just as Dudley’s master kept him safe from possible death... so Jesus keeps us safe from following the path toward our own destruction.

John, the apostle of Jesus, wrote (in the New Testament book of John, chapter 1, verse 4) that “In him (Jesus) was life... and that life was the light of men. (mankind)”

Or, as Dudley would say, “My master provides for my future.”

Our Master is a SERVANT. (Commit to It)

Just as Dudley’s master took care of all his needs, (food, exercise, health, shelter, attention, etc.) so Jesus set an example of service to others... and He wants his followers to do the same. Not only will our service bring help to those in need, but if we do good (in Jesus’ name) people will praise God for what He has given through us.

Matthew, the apostle of Jesus, wrote (in the New Testament book of Matthew, chapter 5, verse 16) that we should let our, “light shine before men, that they may see (our) good deeds, and praise (our) Father in Heaven.”

Or, as Dudley would say, “I will show love to others because my master has shown love to me.”



You can help decorate the church sanctuary for Christmas by purchasing a poinsettia through the church.

The cost for each plant is \$8.00. An order form is inserted in this newsletter. Extra order forms are on the windowsills in the sanctuary.

Please mail the completed form with your money to Thela at the address on the form (or give to an Altar Guild member in church) no later than Sunday, November 21.

On October 10, 2021 following the regular **worship service, the church's** newly restored stained glass windows were dedicated. The project was begun when it became apparent the Good Shepherd Window was starting to bow, indicating that the lead solder holding the colorful pieces in place was deteriorating. TSH Stained Glass of Panama, New York was chosen to do the restoration work, which also included adding new Plexiglas storm windows and repairing all of the smaller windows. The 100 year old Good Shepherd window was removed in May 2019, returned in July 2019. One interesting fact you may not be aware of is that the Good Shepherd Window is actually two identical windows put together so the scene looks the same from inside and outside the church.



Contributions from the congregation, as well as interest from some investment accounts, funded the **project's cost of \$35,723.** Specific contributions allowed for the inscription of names on the Good Shepherd Window: The Family of Fred & Zelda Allis, Arthur & Jean Brown Higby, Joyce J. Enderle, The Hupp Family.

Zelda Allis transferred to the Cuba United Methodist Church in 1942 from Whitesville UMC. Fred joined in 1950, their son Bill in 1951. Fred and Zelda were active in the church until their deaths in 1988 and **2005 respectively.** Fred's duties included Head Usher as well as Church Treasurer. Zelda was active in the United Methodist Women, as Church Historian and Financial Secretary.

Jean Brown Higby is presently the oldest living member of the Cuba UMC, joining in 1942. Arthur transferred in from Henderson, Kentucky in 1956, where they were living at the time. While raising their family of four (Pam, Patrice, Paige, AJ), Art and Jean were also involved in the church, Art as Trustee Chair and Jean as UMW Treasurer. Art died in 2016.



ALLIS, Fred & Zelda



HIGBY, Art & Jean



ENDERLE, Gary & Joyce

Joyce J. Enderle transferred to the Cuba UMC in 1970 from Seneca Falls, NY where she and husband, Gary, were living. Joyce served the church in many ways including Sunday school teacher, positions in the United Methodist Women, and church organist/pianist, while raising their four children (Gordon, Janet, David, Thomas). Joyce was active in the church until her death in 2016.

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Helen Dunahay Hupp joined the church in 1937; her husband Joseph in 1952. Their family includes **Joseph Jr., Linda and John.** After Helen's death in 1967, Joseph married Inez Crawford, a member of the Cuba UMC since 1976. Joseph died in 1989 and Inez in 2002. The Hupp family tradition of service in the Cuba UMC continues today through John (a member since 1991) and Mary (a member since 2005) and their children, Michael (joined 2016), Christopher (joined 2021) and JoAnne (joined 2021). John serves on the Board of Trustees and Mary on SPRC.



HUPP, Joseph & Helen, John



HUPP, Joseph and family, Joe, John, Linda



HUPP, Joseph & Inez, John

All our stained glass windows were donated in 1919. Now, with this restoration project, they should last well into the future for all to enjoy. The church is grateful to everyone who supported the project, and to the Board of Trustees who oversaw the undertaking. Stained glass windows are more than ornamental. They instruct, console and inspire all who view them. They provide opportunities for evangelistic outreach, drawing people into a relationship with Christ. Next time you are in the church building, take a moment to admire and reflect on the images portrayed on the windows: open book, sheaf of grain, dove, lamp, service flag, lamb, anchor, ten commandment tablets and, of course, the Good Shepherd scene – what do these images say to you?

Note from editor: Thank you Peggy Pearce for the great job writing this article!



The Cuba Council of Churches **Thanksgiving-Advent Service** will be held at our church on Sunday, November 28 at 6:00 pm.

Pastor Jon Ward of North Park Wesleyan Church will speak. The service will be in-person as well as live streaming to our Facebook page.

UMW NEWS

Submitted by *Peggy Pearce*



The United Methodist Women officers met in the Green Street foyer on Saturday, October 16.

A very successful July rummage sale brought in \$1185 for the group. Shoppers expressed their pleasure with the way things were organized into all the downstairs areas of the church, making it easy to shop while maintaining some social distancing. Shoppers were asked how they heard about the sale (newspaper, online, etc.). These findings will help the group spend advertising dollars wisely in future sales.

There are no more planned UMW meetings in 2021, so Christmas giving was discussed. Past practices will be continued including a donation to the Council of Churches Holiday Assistance Program and one to the Toys for Kids campaign. Thela will coordinate holiday poinsettias, assuming Giant is able to get the plants.

Sixteen hygiene kits have been assembled. The group thanks all who contributed to this UMCOR outreach.



New Bible Study
beginning Sunday,
October 31 at
9:30 - 10:25 am

“Fundamentals of Faith”
in classroom next to
Pastor’s Study.

Adults and young people
welcome!

Cheryl

Check out the **new signs** located at each of the four **entrances to the village**. The Cuba churches are listed randomly in an attractive, colorful way; a big improvement over the former signs. The new signs are the result of a Cuba Council of Churches project, paid for by the individual churches.

Watch **Live Streaming** of
Sunday Worship Services
on our website,
www.cubaumc.org



Go to “Sermons” page to watch
archived videos.

also watch on our
Cuba UMC
Facebook page.



DVDs of the entire services or
only the sermons are available.



Trustees Meeting Wednesday, November 3, 2021
at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Management Team Meeting November 3, 2021
at 6:45 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

November 2021

**SUNDAY
WORSHIP
SERVICE
11:00 AM**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Prayer Group 10:00 am	3 Trustees Mtg. 6:00 pm Management Team Mtg. 6:45 pm	4	5	6
7 Daylight SAVING time ends UMW Food Pantry Collection All Saints Sunday Bible Study 9:30 am	8	9 Prayer Group 10:00 am	10	11	12	13
14 Bible Study 9:40 am	15 December Newsletter Deadline Noon	16 Prayer Group 10:00 am	17	18	19	20
21 Bible Study 9:40 am Polinsettia Order Deadline	22	23 Prayer Group 10:00 am	24	25	26	27
28 Bible Study 9:40 am Gil's Hills Offering Thanksgiving-Advent Service at our church 6:00 PM	29	30 Prayer Group 10:00 am				

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