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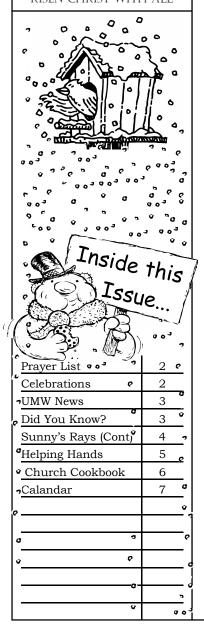
# The Shepherd's Messenger



January 2011



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





#### Pastor Sunny's Rays

Who can believe that 2010 is over? I'm still struggling with the fact that we are in the 21st Century. Time does fly when you are having fun, doesn't it? Mother used to tell me that the older she got the faster time seemed to go but I just thought she was crazy and it wouldn't really be that way, after all there are 24 hours in a day, 7 days in a week and 52 weeks in a year, it could only go so fast. She got a lot more sane and smarter as I grew up and older. So what are we going to do in the year 2011, both as individuals and a church family? Are you going to make any resolutions? If so why?

Let's get a real meaning of a New Year's Resolution. When I Googled it, this is the result of that search: "A **New Year's resolution** is a <u>commitment</u> that an individual makes to a project or the reforming of a <u>habit</u>, often a <u>lifestyle</u> change that is generally interpreted as advantageous. The name comes from the fact that these commitments normally go into effect on <u>New Year's Day</u>. Some examples include resolutions to donate to the <u>poor</u> more often, to become more <u>assertive</u>, or to become more <u>environmentally responsible</u>." Now we have all probably made resolutions such as: lose weight, read more, reduce stress, stop smoking, and spend more time with family. The question then becomes; "How has that worked out for you?" to quote Dr. Phil. I have made many of those so called resolutions/commitments and to be perfectly honest, I haven't done well in keeping them. I wanted to keep them, I truly did. Considering the results I obviously wasn't really committed to the resolutions in the first place, however.

Does the church family make resolutions? Do we keep them? Do we think about the commitments we make to God and His kingdom? Yes, my friends, there are religious parallels to those resolutions, Christians however are more apt to make those resolutions if they are made with a stopping point in place, for example, fasting during lent, which is really more about sacrifice that change. During Judaism's New Year, Rosh Hashanah, through the High Holidays and culminating in Yom Kippur (the Day of Atonement), one is to reflect upon one's wrongdoings over the year and both seek and offer forgiveness. The concept, regardless of creed, is to reflect upon self-improvement annually.

Isn't self-improvement what becoming a Christian is suppose to be about? As I was thinking about this I went looking for biblical guidance in this. I found the following:

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#### **Prayer Requests**

Our World situation The Rothfus Family

to those at other residences...

#### Cuba CMH:

Lucille Wildrick Laura Clayson Pearl Franklin

#### Eden Heights-Buffalo

Jane Wright

#### **Waters jof West Field**

Dawn Durkee

#### Bath VA

John Visser

#### **Absolut Houghton**

John Lawton

#### **Eden Heights of Olean**

Evelyn Steen

#### Olean Pines

Adaline Wakefield

Military personnel and their families...

Bob Aaronson Daniel Bunk

Kevin Desaultels

Brad Frank

Mark Keenan

Karl Linderman

Justin Linza

Car Randall

Alfred Reynolds

Greg Rogers

Nolan Searl

Brandon Snyder

Justin Sweet

Dan Thompson

Ron Truax

Miles Ward

Eric Young



Our continued prayers go out to <u>ALL</u> military personnel who are serving our country by active duty & reserve status, both in the States, and abroad. Our List of Military Names is provided by the Weekly Prayer Group for our Military men and women and our world situation. Gatherings are held on Monday's at 7 p.m. at Our Lady of Angels Roman Catholic Church at 50 South Street in Cuba. All are welcomed to attend. For more information, contact Ray Perkins at 585-968-1467



#### January Celebrations

#### Birthdays:

- 2 Jeff Hewitt
- 3- Ericka McKelvev
- 4 Eliana Whitford
- 8 Mayme Giles Chris Hulburt
- 10 Justin Freeman
- 11 Karl Hodge
- 14 Marcia Loftis Ray McKelvey Todd Mosher
- 15- Lisa Ricci Vanessa Clement
- 16 -Derek Edwards Kristin Whittaker
- 17 Amanda Clayson
- 18 Janet Enderle Meghann Warren
- 19 Butch Holden
- 20 Erin LaFave Brittany VanNess
- 21 Edward Dalton Will Landon Mary Naud Brock Stadler Thomas Steen
- 23 Jessica Clayson Art Higby
- 25 Pete Simmons Maggie Watson
- 26 Carol Fisk

#### **Pastor Sunny**

- 27 Stacy James
- 28 Kayla Noll Andrew Thornton
- 30 Diane Karle Elizabeth Ray
- 31 Pearl Hamilton Bernie Hawks Kimberley Sweet

#### Anniversaries:

- 8 Butch & Mary Ann Pfouts
- 16 Leo & Christie Reynolds
- 18 Bruce & Patti Metler





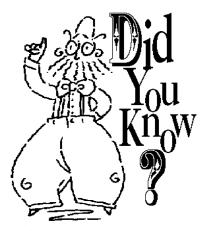
#### **UMW NEWS**

Submitted by Maggie Watson

The UMW would like to thank the congregation for their contribution to the Holiday Assistance program. This program donates gift cards to two families in need. For those of you who don't know and for some of you who might have forgotten, the two rummage sales that we have donates the difference. Thank you very much for your help.

The next UMW meeting will be Jan 8, 2011 at 10 am. New faces and new ideas are always welcomed and the food is always great.





Submitted by Dean Wildrick

Terence Juan Cochran's pride was apparent as he looked at the 12 African-American teens making history for Troop 914, the Boy Scouts of America and St. Luke "Community" United Methodist Church in Dallas. "I never imagined we would get to this point," said Cochran, a Troop 914 Eagle Scout since 2005, as he viewed the boys. The ceremony marked the second time ever this many African-American Boy Scouts were bestowed the Eagle Scout rank at one time, according to the Boy Scouts of America National Council. Just 2 percent of Scouts worldwide achieve the rank.

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Commit everything you do to the Lord. Trust him to help you do it and he will. – Psalm 37:5

Commit your work to the Lord, then it will succeed. – Proverbs 16:3

Real commitment to God and His Son, Jesus Christ is truly giving our lives over to God, living the life he sent us here to live, reaching out to the marginalized, the oppressed and depressed, doing the things Christ left for us to do. We make promises/resolutions to God almost daily and we never really keep them, never really commit to them. What happens when we stand before God on our judgment day and God asks us where those promises went, why didn't we fulfill them? God has **NEVER broken a promise to his creation,** unfortunately his creation has broken their promises on an almost hourly basis. And yet he loves us and will give us another change to come to that total commitment to him. John Wesley says we should always be striving for perfection in all aspects of living the life God has given us.

So for 2011, I would like to recommend we, here at Cuba United Methodist Church make the following resolutions in that striving for perfection:

- 1. Spend a full hour each day in prayer.
- 2. Read at least one chapter of scripture each day.
- 3. Ask for forgiveness each day, (we are all sinners)
- 4. Ask someone if they would like to come to church
- 5. Share the story of Christ with someone.
- 6. Help someone less fortunate than us
- 7. When there is a function at church we will participate
- 8. Commit a random act of kindness each day.
- 9. Tell your family how much you love them
- 10. Allow God to take up all the space in your heart.

If we could honestly make and KEEP these resolutions for this year, I completely believe that we would experience a change in ourselves, each other and most importantly a change in the world. But don't just give them lip service. If we can't keep or decide we don't want to keep them then, please, let's not make them. I matters more what we do than it does what we say.

Larry, Heather, Jasmyn and I wish each of you a very blessed year in 2011. May God watch over you and bless you, may you walk always in the light and may you always remember that you are a child of God. Also, remember that God loves you and so do we.

## Pastor Sunny





#### Liturgist

2: Rob Cornell

9: Reserved for you!!

16: Patti Petroni

23: Cindy Dutton

30: Reserved for you!!

#### Ushers

Sandy Tsujimoto Rob Cornell

#### Acolytes

2: Katelyn Cornell

9: Andrew Clement

16: Michael Hupp

23: Jasmyn Dorsey

30: Josh Enderle

#### Coffee Hour

Louis & Patti Petroni Nick & Liz Abraham

Sign-up sheets are always located in the back of the Sanctuary. We have a lot of blank spaces, **So hurry up and sign up today!!!** 

#### Children's Moments

2: Reserved for you!!

9: Reserved for you!!

16: Reserved for you!!

23: Reserved for you!!

30: Reserved for you!!

#### **Nursery**

2: Reserved for you!!

9: Reserved for you!!

16: Reserved for you!!

23: Reserved for you!!

30: Reserved for you!

#### Greeters

2: Barb Spateholts

9: Dean & Cheryl Wildrick

16: Pattie Petroni

23: Dale & Cindy Dutton

30: Reserved for you!!

#### Altar Flowers

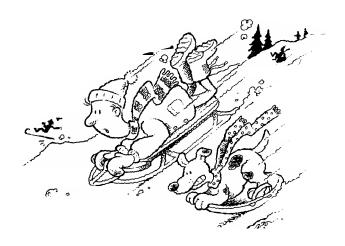
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9: Gary & Joyce Enderle

16: Alan & Judy Zayac

23: Sunny & Larry Mauser

30:





#### JAMAICAN JERK CHICKEN ON A STICK

Judy Zayac

1 TBS allspice 1TBS dried thyme 1 1/2 tsp cayenne pepper 1/1/2 tsp black pepper 1 1/2 tsp sage 3/4 tsp nutmeg 3/4 tsp cinnamon 1 TBS salt

2TBS garlic powder

1/4 cup olive oil
1/4 cup soy sauce
3/4 cup white vinegar
1/2 cup orange juice
juice of one lime
1 sweet red pepper, finely chopped
1 white onion, finely chopped
3 green onions, finely chopped
4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts

Mix together dry ingredients, then whisk in liquids and vegetables, Cut strips of chicken and twist onto a wooden skewers that have been soaked in water. Pour enough marinade to cover chicken, and set aside for one hour. Grill over medium heat for 5 minutes, flip skewers and grill another 5-8 minutes. Serve with marinade or hot sauce for dipping.



# BRUSH YOUR MIND WITH THE WORD OF GOD, IT PREVENTS TRUTH DECAY.











Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
						1 JANUARY	
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
Epiphany	Ad Council 6:00pm	Brown Bag Bible Study 11:45am	Choir Practice 7:00pm			Kung Fu 6-8am UMW 10:00am	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
Worship 10:0am One Room School 11:15		Brown Bag Bible Study 11:45am	Choir Practice 7:00pm			Kung Fu 6-8am	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
Worship 10:0am One Room School	Trustees	Brown Bag Bible	Past	or Sunny & Larry y	vill he an vacation Janus	Kung Fu 6-8am	
11:15	7:00pm	Study 11:45am	Pastor Sunny & Larry will be on vacation January 26 to February 4				
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#### Happy New Year

If it didn't bring you joy just leave it behind Let's ring in the new year with good things in mind

Let every bad memory that brought heartache and pain And let's turn a new leaf with the smell of new rain

Let's forget past mistakes making amends for this year Sending you these greetings to bring you hope and cheer Happy New Year!