

January 2017

# The Shepherd's Messenger



## Happy New Year!

Grace and peace to you and yours in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

2017! It has arrived! I hope this letter finds you still in the Christmas spirit of love, joy, and peace. Time is such a wonderful gift from God and the best thing about it is that we don't pay for it so we won't see it in our January bills.

As we enter this NEW YEAR, I'm sure you have hopes and dreams of all sorts. One thing I have realized as I've gotten older is that time doesn't stand still. I found this little poem which speaks of that:

“ When I was a child, I laughed and wept,  
Time crept;  
When I was a youth, I dreamed and talked,  
Time walked;  
When I became a full grown man,  
Time ran;  
When older still I daily grew,  
Time flew;  
Soon I shall be traveling on;  
Time gone!”

Well, there is a lot of truth in those lines, at least I think so. I realize everyday that time is something to cherish, to celebrate, to make the most of each day. Scripture says that the Lord has our days numbered in His book of life.

We need to live each day to the fullest to the Glory of God! For he is the author and gives of time.

So let's make the most of the time God has given us, whether creeping, walking, running or flying. So when our time is “gone”, we can hear those words, “Well done, good and faithful servant!” Well done!

Have a great 2017!

*Pastor Burt*



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

*Wishing you a Blessed New Year!*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

Our World situation  
The Rothfus Family  
to those at other residences...

CUBA CMH

Henny van der Horst

**Military personnel and their families...**

Our continued prayers go out to ALL 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.

**Others to keep in prayer:**

Tom Bean  
Luke Fries  
Arnie Nelson  
Derwood Say  
Laroy Spateholts  
Thela Snow  
Alice Sweet  
Ken Wyant

**Prayer LIST Update**

**Please keep our prayer list up to date.**

We are starting over with the prayer list. 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



11 - Karl Hodge  
15- Vanessa Clement  
16 - Derek Edwards  
17 - Chris Berardi  
18 - Janet Enderle  
19 - Butch Holden  
20 - Brittany VanNess  
25 - Peter Simmons  
31 - Bernie Hawks  
Kimberly Sweet



18- Bruce & Patti Metler

**Statistics****Needed: \$1,657**

Date	Worship	SS	Offering
11/27	48	17	\$1,186.00
11/27	Naomi Mission		\$ 10.00
11/27	Rothfus		\$ 110.00
12/4	49	20	\$2,305.00
12/11	45	17	\$1,170.00
12/18	41	10	\$1,706.00
Christmas Eve	95		\$ 572.00
12/25	22		\$1,621.00
12/25	Rothfus		30.00

**January Helping Hands**Ushers:

Dean & Cheryl Wildrick

Pianist:

Christine Berardi

Organist:

Jonathan Denham

Altar Guild:

Thela Snow



**Dawn Durkee** passed away on Nov. 25, 2106 at the Absolut of Westfield. Her funeral was held on Dec. 10, 2016 at Babbitt & Easton Funeral Home in Franklinville. Pastor of the Franklinville First Baptist Church officiated.

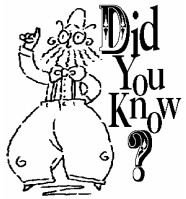


**Sue Simmons** is the UMW's **Cheer Person**. If you know of someone who needs a note of cheer, please call her at **585-968-1135**.



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

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

**DYK:***Submitted by Dean Wildrick*

Whether it's flooding, fires, hurricanes or any other disaster you can think of, Mission Central stands ready to assist in any way that we can.

Remember Mission Central today and help us continue to help others as we tirelessly work towards our goal of connecting God's resources with human need!

**U M W Meeting***Submitted by Shirley Poore*

December 17, 2016



Thela opened with prayer.  
Were 8 ladies in attendance.  
We arranged the poinsettias in the sanctuary.

Minutes of the last meeting were accepted.  
Treasures report given and accepted.  
\$350 was donated for the Christmas Gift cards we give to 2 families. Thela got the names from the school.

A wreath was donated to the C.R. toys for kids.

Cindy got 50 books and 50 stuffed animals for the Lance Weaver's Scout Project.

Refreshments after Cantata by Sandy Allen, Julie Hawks & Sylvia Clement.

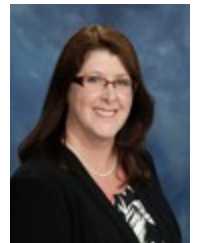
Sending a \$200.00 donation to Gills Hills.  
Sending a \$300.00 check to Linda Nelson to use as needed due to Arnie's illness.

Cindy had a Christmas ornament of the church.  
Giving to Pastor Burt.

In January will be discussing doing UMCOR kits.

February 5 will do "Souper" bowl.

Next meeting January 21, 2017.

**"Message from Sherri",  
Cornerstone District  
Superintendent**

As 2016 draws to a close, we have much for which to be thankful. We look at our homes, our families and friends and our churches and pause to give thanks for all that has been entrusted to us.

We see so much violence in the world around us, and realize that so many people are seeking peace. That's why we give thanks for Jesus, the Prince of Peace, the one who calls us to be peace-makers in a weary and hurting world.

John Wesley called his followers to do no harm, to do good and to stay in love with God. As we journey through the Christmas season, I pray that you will find many ways to do good, not only to those whom you love, but also to the stranger, the marginalized and the outcast. When we love all of God's people, we do the work Jesus calls us to do.

I am so thankful for the opportunity to serve the Cornerstone District and so blessed by all of you.

Have a blessed Christmas and Happy New Year,

**Sherri**

**MONKEY BREAD**

Judy Krott

8-10 Maraschino cherries (placed around bottom of bunt pan, optional)

½ cup chopped walnuts or pecans

2 tsp. cinnamon

1 stick butter

1 cup sugar

3 cans biscuits (10 oz)



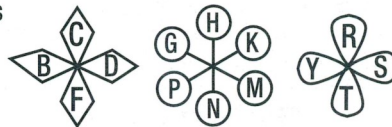
Recipe  
FROM THE  
Cuba UMC  
Cook Book

Place cherries on bottom of bunt pan. Top with the chopped nuts. Cut the biscuits into quarters and shake in the cinnamon and sugar mixture. It's easier to do one can at a time. Pour remaining cinnamon and sugar over biscuits in bunt pan. Melt the stick of butter and pour over the biscuits. Bake at 350° for 40 minutes. Cool about 5 minutes, then turn onto platter.

**You Are Special!**

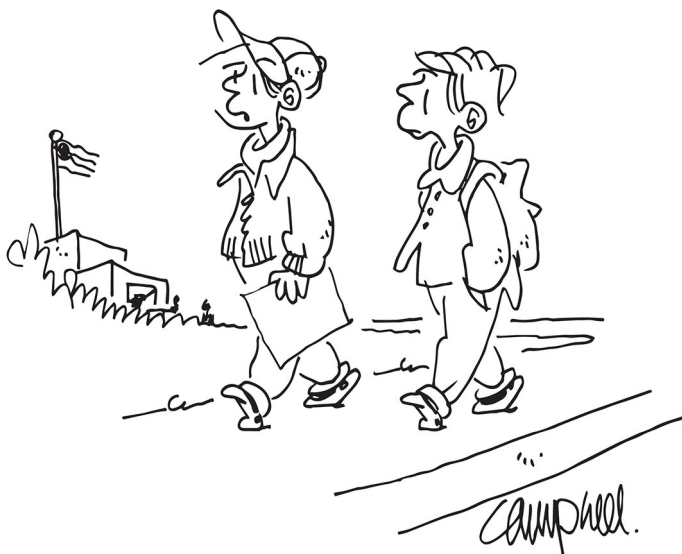
Have you heard that no two snowflakes are the same? Each is different – unique – special ... just like each of God's children.

Here are some words from the Bible that talk about this. Use the code to find the missing letters.



“ e e a e i e e  
i o i , u  
e a e i i .” I Corinthians 12:4  
“ ou a e e o o  
i , a ea  
o e o ou i a a  
o i .” I Corinthians 12:7

“There are different kinds of gifts, but the same spirit.”  
“You are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.”



“I made a New Year's resolution to eat broccoli.  
If I can't stand it, I'll give it up for Lent.”



Thank

you to all who shared  
cards, goodies and gifts with  
me to brighten my Christmas.

**Pastor Burt**



## Adult Sunday School Studies with Cheryl

### PROPHECY #14: The Roman Empire

The Roman empire was considered the greatest empire in terms of territory possessed and duration of political power. (1700 years). Jerusalem and Israel came under Roman rule in 63 BC. It was the habit of the Romans to take thousands into slavery and to impose a rigid government on those that they conquered. (Daniel 2:40) Jesus was born during this Roman oppression.

Previously in our study, we read in Daniels prophesy that Christ (the rock) would smash all empires in history. (Daniel 2:34-35) . The rock represents Christ at his Seconding Coming to earth. But, before Christ's Second Coming occurs, several prophesies concerning Rome must be fulfilled.

1. A future global Roman Kingdom will be established that will "crush" its victims. It will be ruled by ten Roman kings. These are represented in scripture as the "ten horns". (Daniel 7:19-20a)

2. A future Roman leader will arise (the Anti-Christ) and defeat three of the kings. He is represented in the prophesy as "another horn". (Daniel 7:206) The Anti-Christ will speak "boastfully".

3. The Anti-Christ will "wage war" against the saints (Believers) and defeat them." (Daniel 7:21) This is during the Great Tribulation, when both Jewish and Christian Believers are persecuted and martyred. The Anti-Christ will speak against God and try to replace Him. The Anti-Christ will try to change the laws (including forcing people to get the "mark of the Beast" in order to buy or sell things.) The Anti-Christ will rule for 3 1/2 years. (Daniel 7:25) (Revelation 13:16-17)

The final stage of the Roman Empire (which will be destroyed at the Second Coming of Christ) has not been fulfilled yet.

## Praises for Community Helpers



**Cuba United Methodist Church supplied bell ringers for two full days ....to ring the Red Kettle Bell at Giant Food Mart for the Salvation Army! 100% of the money collected stays in the Cuba Friendship communities...none of it goes to "administrative costs." Thank you!!!** Pastor Burt, Deb Battistoni, Dominic Berardi, Janet Calcagno, Austin Clement, Cindy Dutton, Mary, Mike and JoAnne Hupp, Chloe Karn, Keith and Delain Pierce, Stan and Holly Scoville, Thela Snow and Tom Krott!!

**Thank you Sharry Rasmussen Semans** for filling that last week for the Cuba United Methodist **Meals on Wheels drivers**. Thank you Fred and Peggy Pearce, Marshall Allen, David and Deb Battistoni, Mary Hupp, Dale and Cindy Dutton for delivering this past quarter. If you meant to volunteer but Sharry beat you to it, it is not too late because two of these couples are gone part of the winter, and Marshall may be laid up for a while....so we still desperately need another driver or two for an hour a month, delivering a hot meal to 15-20 homebound in the Village on Fridays. Helping our neighbors is a *good* thing to do!! Let Cindy know if you can help this winter.





## DUDLEY TAILS

*Submitted by Cheryl Wildrick*

It was a long day. Dudley had been to prayer meeting in the morning and then spent an afternoon visiting people at Cuba Memorial. He was ready to go home and relax... but I had other plans.

We had been invited to our neighbor's house. Dudley would meet Rusty, a small, tan Cockapoo. Rusty, we knew, was well behaved, quiet, and friendly. They would enjoy a play date and socialization.

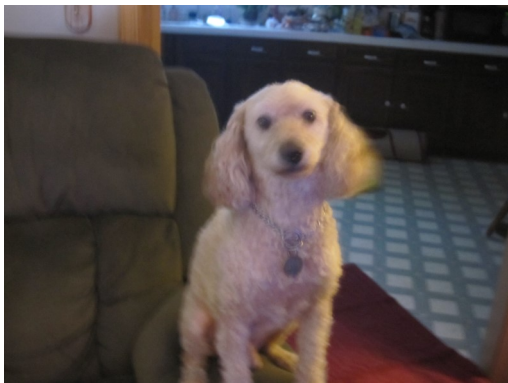
As we approached the front door, Rusty came running toward us, happy and excited. Dudley, however, was afraid. He tried, unsuccessfully, to disappear. Then he looked up at me and his eyes said, "Help!". I quickly picked him up.

There are times when we too are afraid or worried. It is then that we can look up to our Master for help. He will pick us up and comfort us. (Isaiah 66:13a) (Psalms 119:76) (2 Corinthians 1:3-5)

Dudley spent the next thirty minutes on my lap, shacking. He hid his head in a corner of our chair, and presented his "back" to this canine stranger. I held Dudley, and alternated between petting and patting his back until he calmed down. He could count on me. I love him.

Likewise, we can count on our Master. He will not leave or forsake us in times of trouble. (Deuteronomy 31:6) (Joshua 1:5b) He loves us.

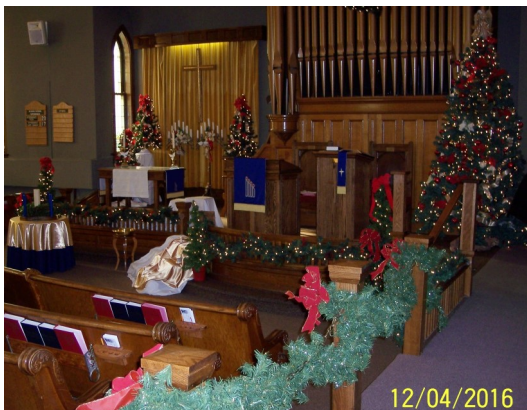
We will have Rusty visit us sometime soon. Eventually Dudley will realize that his fear was unnecessary. It was falsely perceived. And... his master will be there for him whenever he needs comfort.



Rusty



Dudley



Sanctuary Decorated for  
Advent & Christmas

*Photos by Peggy Pearce*

**WORSHIP  
SERVICE  
SUNDAY  
11:00 AM**

**January**

**2017**

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> Naomi Mission Collection UMW Food Pantry Collection	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Prayer Group 10 am- 11 am	<b>4</b> Trustees 6:00 p Management Team 6:45 pm Choir Practice 7:30 pm	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Prayer Group 10 am- 11 am	<b>11</b> Choir Practice 7:00 pm	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> Un-decorate church after worship	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Prayer Group 10 am- 11 am	<b>18</b> Choir Practice 7 pm	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> UMW Meeting 10:00 am
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Prayer Group 10 am- 11 am	<b>25</b> Choir Practice 7 pm	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> Rothfus Collection	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Prayer Group 10 am- 11 am				

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