

# The Shepherd's Messenger



## Pastor Sunny's Rays

Well, 2011 has started off exceedingly cold.. The weather is typically unpredictable and we can already see the days lengthening, so thoughts of spring are starting to creep into our minds.

I trust everyone has survived the holidays and gotten back into their regular routines. A routine is a mystifying critter. We seem to need them but yet we complain about them being boring. We find comfort and distress in them. Comfort in knowing what is coming next and distress in knowing what is coming next. We go along getting up to the squawking alarm clock, prepare the blood of life (coffee), eat, shower, dash out the door to work, watch the clock for five to wind its way around, dash back out of the door to get dinner, probably get the kids from school and get them started on their homework, clean up dinner, read the paper, watch some television, and then go to bed to start the process all over again the next day. We will then complain that our lives are so boring, humdrum, predictable. But if something or someone comes along and disrupts that routine, why good Lord, do we then start screaming: "I don't have time for this!", "This can't be happening!", "I just have too much on my plate right now, I can't deal with this!"

Chances are though that if we were to really stop and look at it, it isn't all that serious. More of an annoyance than anything. When its over we will give a enormous sigh of relief and promptly say a prayer of thanksgiving that things can now return to "normal" and we forget to pray again until the next crisis. But notice that the typical person only turns to God in prayer when things have been turned upside down.

The question is why didn't we turn to God in prayer in before the disruption. Maybe if we had made prayer time a "part of our routine" we might have kept the disruption in perspective. We might have been calmer and more rational in our thinking, thus the decisions that we needed to make to deal with that disruption might have come quicker, and our nerves would have been less frayed if God had been a part of our "routine."

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

## 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 of 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 Desautels  
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 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. 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

## Quotes from John Wesley

"What are we sure of but the Bible?"

## February Celebrations

### Birthdays:

- 2 - Richard Pierce
- 5 - Peg Baker  
Chase Bump  
Laurie James  
Ploma Raub
- 9 - James W. Travis, Sr.
- 12 - Rachael Brammer  
Annette Butts
- 13 - Falyne Sweet
- 14 - Elroy Brickey III
- 15 - Kameron Pierce
- 17 - Joel Vanik
- 18 - John Hupp  
Linda Nelson  
Caleb Young
- 19 - Mark Morris  
Tammy Parker  
Christie Lee Reynolds
- 22 - Alan Deck
- 23 - Christopher Hupp  
Cherri Quattrini
- 25 - Bill James  
Clinton Matteson
- 26 - June Odell  
Stacey Pagli
- 28 - Kay Hays
- 29 - Richard Guild

### Anniversaries:

- 3 - John & Lisa Ricci  
Wally & Maggie Watson
- 8 - Bill & Joyce Amundson
- 16 - Marshall & Sandra Allen  
Paul & Sandy Tsujimoto
- 22 - Bernie & Julie Hawks  
Bill & Mary Ellen James

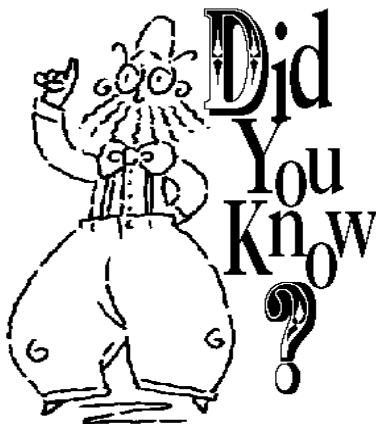


# UMW NEWS

Submitted by Maggie Watson



The women met Saturday morning, January 8, with Maggie and Patti as hostesses. A delicious brunch made up of a bacon and sausage egg casserole and coffee cake was served to the dozen ladies in attendance. The UMW Purpose was recited and Maggie read a New Year prayer. There was no treasure report so we continued on with the order of business. Under old business discussion took place to have a **Pamper Chef Party** on the 21<sup>st</sup> of May at 10 am. All interested ladies are encouraged to attend. The UMW is hosting the **coffee hour** on Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup> with prep on Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup>. We have decided to purchase new **shades** for the nursery with Judy Zayac taking care of **valances**. Patti is ordering **soup spoons** for the kitchen. Under new business it was decided that those ladies wishing to participate in the **Prayer and Self Denial** program for Lent could accept a paper supplied by Maggie to follow beginning on the first day of Lent, March 9<sup>th</sup>. Anyone wishing to follow this program can see Maggie to get a copy of the program to follow. The **rummage sales** were discussed. We have two per year....one in the fall and one in the spring. We make a great deal of money at these sales which supports our budget which goes to support our programs. To get a sale ready takes many hands. We need the commitment of many people to help out with these sales. Our hope is that "many hands will make light work". Please volunteer in the spring any amount of hours that you can contribute to help us. More **totes** are being purchased. Please use the totes to place items in for the sales. If there is no room left in the "glory hole" please place the items in the furthest old Sunday School room at the very end of the hallway. More info will be provided when the time comes. Patti is looking up the information that will let the UMW and any other interested ladies **host a tea** at the United Methodist house on **Chautauqua Lake** this coming summer. More info will be provided as it becomes available. Also, a **possible retreat** at the house is being considered. For many years the United Methodist Women nationally have been supporters of **baby layettes** for the new mothers living in Nome, Alaska, a mission that we want to begin contributing to once again. Patti will look into the particulars of this and report back in March. Sandy Tsujimoto has agreed to chair the "**No Bake Sale**" with discussion taking place as to where the proceeds will go....to the "No Kid Hungry" Great American Bake Sale program promoted by Sandra Lee or to a local food pantry. If you have an opinion let us know. Our next meeting is Saturday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 10 am. *All ladies are invited to attend.*



Submitted by  
Dean Wildrick

Since the Jan. 12, 2010 earthquake, some 80 United Methodist Volunteers in Mission teams have traveled to Haiti to work on infrastructure projects prioritized by the Methodist Church of Haiti and nearly 180 are scheduled for 2011. Many have returned home inspired by Haitian faith and eager to do more mission work in the Caribbean nation.

## Pastor Sunny's Rays

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Would any of us think about going days or weeks or even (heaven forbid) months without talking to our spouses or children? I don't think so. It's through talking together that relationships are built, maintained and grow. Now I also am guilty of letting life's routine disrupt my prayer time. I am ashamed to say that sometimes my prayer time is in the few minutes that I'm in the car coming to the office or to a visitation or a meeting. However, when I stop and have quality time with God in prayer, life's routine doesn't seem so "routine" anymore. When I take the time to quietly listen for that still, small voice I find there is no problem that is all consuming and every aspect of my life becomes sweeter. There is a clear sense of what is important, a brighter vision, a calmer atmosphere. Some how there seems to be a warm gentle breeze that sweeps over life that stamps out the musky, moldy darkness of the problem. Then doesn't it make sense that having a daily conversation with the Creator of Life just might make those daily routines sweeter, calmer, less humdrum or boring?

I don't know what New Year's Resolutions you might have made for this year, so let me suggest a new one for you. It's not too late. Resolve to spend at least an hour each day in conversation with your God. Life can't be humdrum, boring nor predictable when the being that loves you the most is involved. Remember God loves you and so do we.

*Pastor Sunny*



## Game / Puzzle Night Planned for February 12<sup>th</sup>

I know you'll all be celebrating Abraham Lincoln's Birthday on the 12<sup>th</sup>, but I hope you will take some time to join us at 5:30 in Wesley Hall for a Family Supper of sandwiches and homemade soup. Afterward we will do the family game things. I think some might be tired of the goofy "minute to win it" games I've put together in the past, so we will try something different. We will have a jigsaw puzzle competition. I am open to any other suggestions for family games.

**Whatever the agenda turns out to be, I promise that we will have good food and a lot of fun. All you have to do is come with an appetite and a smile on your face. We'll plan the rest.**



### Liturgist

6: **Reserved for you!!**  
 13: Cindy Dutton  
 20: **Reserved for you!!**  
 27: **Reserved for you!!**

### Ushers

Cheryl & Dean Wildrick

### Acolytes

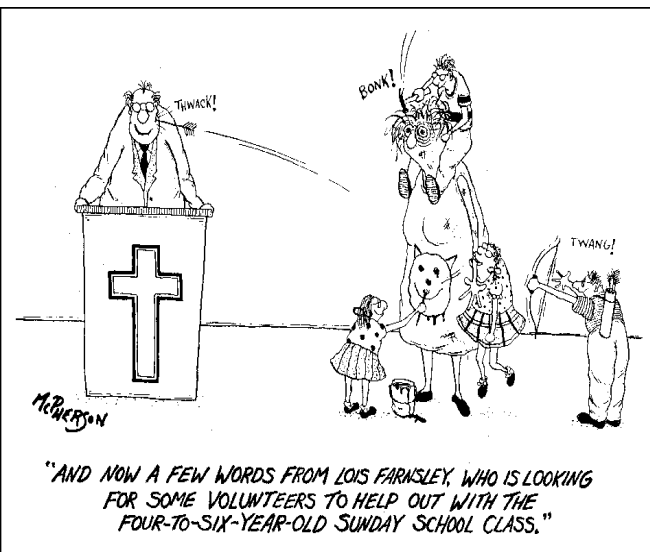
6: Josh Tsujimoto  
 13: Katelyn Cornell  
 20: Andrew Clement  
 27: Michael Hupp

### Coffee Hour

Hattie Cooper  
 Judy Zayac

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!!!**

**Your church needs YOU!!!!  
 NOW!!!!**



### Children's Moments

6: **Reserved for you!!**  
 13: **Reserved for you!!**  
 20: **Reserved for you!!**  
 27: **Reserved for you!!**

### Nursery

6: **Reserved for you!!**  
 13: **Reserved for you!!**  
 20: **Reserved for you!!**  
 27: **Reserved for you!!**

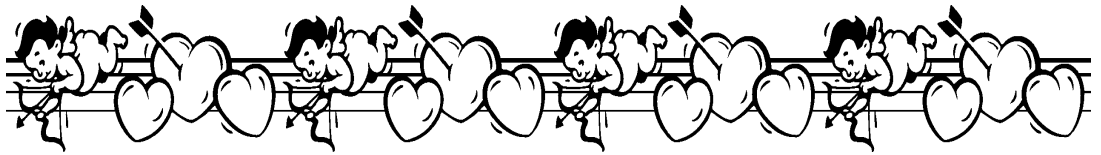
### Greeters

6: **Reserved for you!!**  
 13: **Reserved for you!!**  
 20: **Reserved for you!!**  
 27: **Reserved for you!!**

### Altar Flowers

6: Alan & Judy Zayac  
 13: Joyce Enderle  
 20: Mayme Giles  
 27: Larry & Sunny Mauser



OUR  
CHURCH  
COOKBOOK**CUTIE PIES**

Doris Kellogg

- 1 Pkg. Yellow cake mix
- 1 cup cold milk
- 1 (4serving size) pkg. Jello Vanilla Flavor Instant Pudding & Pie Filling
- 1 1/2 cups Cool Whip
- 4 squares Baker's Semi-sweet Baking Chocolate

Preheat oven to 350° .

Prepare cake batter and bake in 24 greased medium cups as directed on package for cupcakes. Cool 10 minutes in pan, remove to wire racks.

Pour milk in a large bowl, add dry pudding mix. Beat with a wire whisk 2 minutes or until well blended, Let Stand 5 minutes to thicken. Meanwhile, using a serrated knife, cut cupcakes horizontally in half. Gently stir 1/2 cup Cool Whip into the pudding mix. Spoon about 1 tablespoon of the pudding mixture onto the bottom half of each cupcake. Cover with top of cupcake. Melt chocolate squares to make frosting or buy a can of chocolate frosting (EASY WAY!).




**That "Love Thy Neighbor" thing,  
I meant it.....GOD**



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♦ january february march ♦  
 ♦ april may june ♦  
 ♦ october november december ♦  
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 <b>Ad Council 6:00pm</b>	2 <b>Pastor Sunny &amp; Larry will be on vacation January 26 to February 4</b>	3	4	5
6 Worship 10:0am One Room Sunday School 11:15	7  <b>Trustees 7:00pm</b>	8Brown Bag Bible Study 11:45am <b>Finance Team 6:00 pm</b>	9	10	11	12 <b>Family Game Night 5:30 pm</b> Kung Fu 6-8am UMW 10:00am
13 Worship 10:0am One Room Sunday School 11:15	14	15 Bible Study 11:45 Angel Food Deadline	16	17	18	19 Kung Fu 6-8am Angel Food Distribution 9am
20 Worship 10:0am One Room Sunday School 11:15	21 Newsletter Deadline	22 Brown Bag Bible Study 11:45am	23	24	25	26 Kung Fu 6-8am
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## Fun on Groundhog Day

There are shadows you make in the sunshine,  
There are shadows you make by the lamp,  
There are shadows that lurk in the forest  
While you tell creepy stories at camp.

There are shadows that help you with puppets,  
And shadows; you make just for play,  
But the shadow that's famous is Groundhog's,  
When he tells whether winter's to stay.

Let's go out very early this morning  
And watch for his shadow, my son;  
It may not be at all scientific,  
But you've got to admit that it's fun!

Barbara Walker

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