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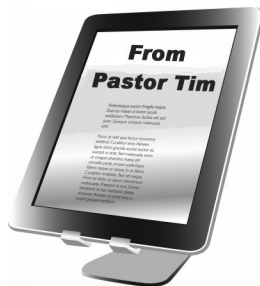
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Love is patient,  
love is kind and is not jealous;  
love does not brag and is not arrogant,  
does not act unbecomingly; it does not  
seek its own, is not provoked, does not  
take into account a wrong suffered, does  
not rejoice in unrighteousness, but  
rejoices with the truth; bears all  
things, believes all things,  
hopes all things,  
endures all  
things.

1 Corinthians 13:4-7



Sometimes we pastors are accused of sticking our noses in where they don't belong. So I'm leaving my nose at home and am sending you these words instead.

It's so easy to fall back on (Western New York) clichés. Cheer up, spring will be here in two months! Into everyone's life some lake-effect snow must fall!

Things could always be worse! But it's much more difficult to say, in difficult weather and difficult times,...I don't know quite what to say.

I have no instant pain reliever – no miracle cure for decline. I have no magic pill to build up our church.

But...I can offer my hand for comfort and support. And you're invited to take it whenever you want. Let me know if you need to spend time with me. I'll listen to your passions, struggles, and vision for your congregation.

You are in my prayers. And you are in God's care.

*Pastor Tim*



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

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

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

CUBA CMH

Henny van der Horst  
Lucille Wildrick

WATERS OF WESTFIELD

Dawn Durkee

EDEN HEIGHTS - OLEAN

Evelyn Steen

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

*All the people on our Military  
Prayer List have returned to  
the states!!!*



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:**

Chuck Brooks  
Terry Bush  
Bob Campbell  
Veronica Clayson  
John Culbert  
Sharon Ghannt  
Mike Gibbons  
Kenny Glass  
Tyler Griffon  
Norma Guinnip  
Bernie Hawks  
Karen Hessney  
Ted Hopkins  
James Kellogg  
Jeffrey Kellogg  
Amber Lunn (2 yrs. old)  
Rolly Miles  
Mina (Doris Wyant's sister)  
Nellie Moses  
Bessie Palmer  
Keith Pierce  
Harley Poore  
Kelly Roberts  
Michael Small  
Lola Wilson



2 - Richard Pierce  
9 - James Travis, Sr. (96)  
15- Kerigan Pierce  
19- Mark Morris  
Christie Lee Reynolds  
28- Kay Hays

**Statistics      Needed: \$1,616.65**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Worship</b>	<b>SS</b>	<b>Offering</b>
Christmas Eve	54		
12/29	31		\$1,160.00
12/29	Rothfus		\$ 108.00
1/5	59	17	\$1,849.00
1/12	51	14	\$1,612.50
1/19	47	15	\$1,452.00
1/26	51	22	\$1,783.00
1/26	Rothfus		\$ 109.00

**February Helping Hands**Ushers

Shirley Poore & Fran Young

Greeters

2/2 Sue Simmons  
2/9 Open for You  
2/16 Open for You  
2/23 Open for You

Acolyte

2/2 Dominic Berardi  
2/9 Nik Berardi  
2/16 Austin Clement  
2/23 Andrew Clement

Children's Moment

Marjanne Kunz

Altar Guild

Thela Snow

Coffee Hour

2/16 Judy Zayac

*Many Hands make Light Work. Won't you please consider volunteering. We need greeters, liturgists, nursery helpers, Coffee Hour Hosts, Communion servers. Please sign up on the clipboards at the front entrance if you can help. Thank You!*



**Call Sandra Allen  
for Prayer Chain**



3 - John & Lisa Ricci  
16- Marshall & Sandra Allen  
Paul & Sandy Tsujimoto  
22 -Bernie & Julie Hawks

## WHAT DID JESUS SAY?

What did Jesus say about loving our neighbor as our self?

“Our Father in heaven” (Matthew 6:9). These four words, prayed with **integrity**, structure a whole new way of being in the world. The first word, **our**, indicates that when we initiate openness to God in prayer, we don’t do it alone. We come to God within the matrix of all the relationships of our life. We come to God in the context of life in human community. The entire human family is caught up in “our” as well as the closer web of our daily relationships and the intimate web of our deepest relationships. In the word **our**, my relationship with god and my relationships with others are inseparably joined.

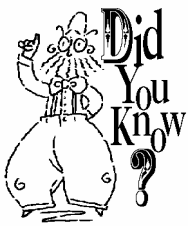
When we pray “Our Father” with integrity, the context of all our human relationships is transformed. Every person becomes our sister and brother. Others are no longer valued for the ways they enhance our agenda or devalued for the ways they thwart our agenda. We are to be the sister or brother through whom God’s love and grace touches the other. “Our Father” instantly bonds us with God on the one hand and with others on the other hand.

When we pray “Our Father **in heaven**” with integrity, all of our life is grounded in an alternative way of being. **In heaven** is not a statement of location, it is an affirmation of God’s kingdom in which the “our” can find wholeness of life in loving union with God. **In heaven** affirms a kingdom whose values, perspectives and practices are contrary to those of a life lived separated from God; a kingdom which, as Jesus said, is already In our midst (Luke 17:21).

It becomes unmistakably clear, both from Paul and Jesus (to say nothing of 1 John) that in a significant way our relationship with God **is** our relationship with others and our relationship with others **is** our relationship with God.

*Includes excerpts from M. Robert Mulholland in The Deeper Journey.*

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

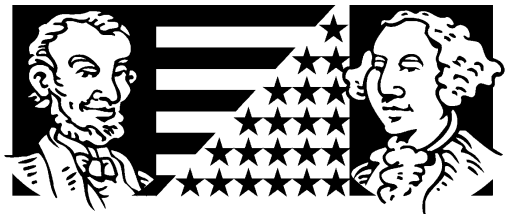


New York Resident Bishop Mark J. Webb is asking members of the Conference to set aside a time of prayer for those affected by the chemical spill and to prayerfully consider giving financial support for the ongoing response. Checks should be made out to the Upper New York Conference - marked with "WV chemical spill" in the memo line - and mailed to the Upper New York Conference Treasurer, 324 University Ave., 3rd Fl., Syracuse, N.Y. 13210.

## Management Team Meeting Highlights

*Submitted by Paul Tsujimoto*

- 1) Emphasis on stewardship
- 2) Elected members to head up functions:  
Paul T: Chair; Tom Krott: PPRC; Bernie Hawks: Trustee;  
Rob Cornell and Gary Enderly: Finance.
- 3) Bibles will be purchased for youth
- 4) Bat issue will be started but will have to wait until spring to start remediation
- 5) Pew cushions to be started in beginning of February.



**Sunday School for grades K-5** meets weekly in the nursery after worship service.



**Teen Sunday School** meets after Worship Service until 11:00 AM. In the Sr. High Sunday School room.

**Adult Sunday School** begins Feb 2 after worship until 11 am in the Adult Sunday school room.



*"Love does  
no wrong to  
a neighbor; therefore,  
love is the fulfilling  
of the law."* Romans 13:10, NRSV

## The face of God

I never behold [the heavens filled with stars] that I do not feel I am looking into the face of God. I can see how it might be possible for a man to look down on the earth and be an atheist, but I cannot conceive how he could look up into the heavens and say there is no God.

—Abraham Lincoln

## "The Fruit of the Spirit"

If you live as Jesus taught, your life will display the "fruit of the Spirit."



Use the code below to find the answers. Check them in your Bible. You will find the answers in Galatians 5:22-23.

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### Code

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## PIE FILLING COOKIES

Peggy Pearce

Mix together:

- 1 cup margarine
- 2 cups sugar
- 4 eggs
- 3 cups flour
- ½ tsp. Vanilla
- ½ tsp. Almond flavoring



**Recipe**  
FROM THE  
**Cuba UMC**  
Cook Book

Spread half of mixture on cookie sheet (with sides). Spread one can blueberry or cherry pie filling over dough. Drop remaining dough on top and spread around a little (do not try to totally cover pie filling). Bake at 350° for 30-45 minutes.



**Scott Swift, the Executive Director for Comfort House** spoke at the UMW January meeting. He is a graduate of Cuba Central School, so was familiar to some of us. Scott worked as a nurse at Jones Memorial Hospital for 12 years before being asked to take the position at Comfort House when they opened in January of 2012. He took a cut in pay, but says it was a really good decision as he loves the work he does at Comfort House. He said that his years in the hospital were all about saving lives. Now he has learned that saving lives is about the quality of life, not the length of it.

Scott explained that Comfort House is not a place where people die, but a place to receive compassionate care from now –forward to people in the late stages of life. They have two rooms for residents which is the limit to avoid those strict NYS regulations that create mountains of paperwork and inhibit the care they can provide. The upstairs of Comfort House is rooms for the family members who may be from out of town or just need/want to be with the family member in the last days.

The first year they provided care to 25 residents and in 2013 they served 29. The oldest was 98 and the youngest was 50. They screen residents with the basic criteria of 3 months prognosis and a willingness to want their help. There is no charge for this service. The Comfort House is wholly dependent on fundraising and volunteerism. They have 132 volunteers of whom 85 are regularly active. They serve in 4 hour shifts and receive training prior to working.

Scott explained that they heavily rely on volunteers to care for the home and the residents. One volunteer from Cuba, when asked, “What do you do there?” responded “We love them”. There is no judgment, and residents are allowed to continue with normal life habits to include smoking, pets, night time cocktail or whatever. Per Scott, they “are about comfort; we lend emotional support, spiritual support, and physical support.” He also said “We have never LOST anyone, and the house has a lot of Laughter with Hugs.”

— Submitted by Judy Zayac



## Abraham Lincoln, a believer



Lincoln believed in God. He believed that God was intimately concerned with human affairs, that nations as well as [humankind] were dependent upon him, that [people] and nations were punished as well as the next. He believed in the Bible as the best gift ever given by God to [humankind]. And he believed with all humility that he himself was an instrument in the hands of God. Indeed, Lincoln was a man of ... intense religiosity.

— J.G. Randall in *Mr. Lincoln*

## SPECIAL SERVICES

Feb. 2	Boy Scout Sunday
Feb. 9	<b>Lord's Supper</b>
Feb. 16	Bible presentations at Cuba
March 2	Transfiguration Sunday
March 5	Ash Wednesday



## Cuba United Methodist Women News

*Submitted by Judy Zayac*



- We decided that we should try to meet monthly as this regularity may increase attendance. We will go back to the second Saturday of the month and have a brunch. Judy and Claire will provide the brunch for the next meeting on February 8, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.
- Cindy Dutton has volunteered to continue to chair the bereavement dinners for the UMW. She will depend on membership to help with food and serving.
- Judy reports the balance in the treasury is currently \$741.73 and all bills have been paid. This is only about \$80 short of what we started out with last year. We were able to provide four \$250 gift certificates to WalMart for families from the CRCS school district. The congregation donated almost half the amount and UMW supplied the balance. We paid for wassail and refreshments for two Christmas Community events and for the CUMC Planning event in October. Thank you Cindy Dutton for all your hard work!

### Fundraisers for 2014:

- We discussed the "Souper Bowl" which has typically been done the first weekend in February. Claire suggested we might want to make homemade soups for that day. Judy, Claire, and Barbara have volunteered to make soup.
- We will do the call to prayer and self-denial during Lent. Ash Wednesday is March 5<sup>th</sup> and Easter Sunday is April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Judy will prepare the letters.
- The Trash and Treasures sale last Spring was not very successful, so we may wait until the Fall to do another one. The dates would be October 2, 3, and 4, 2014.

We will do other things as they come up or are requested throughout the year. I did suggest that we need to clean out the refrigerator and clean the kitchen at some point. Ice is badly built up in the freezer.

All women are invited to join us for good food, fellowship and mission on the second Saturday of each month.




**The children have been making several gifts since September 2013.** Our theme has been "giving". The children made a tie quilt in September and gave it to Bob Williams who attends the Baptist Church and he has told almost all of Cuba what a wonderful gift he received from the Methodist Youth Group. We then made garage tool organizers and gave them away to the congregation, then we made stained glass stepping stones and the children each chose who to give theirs to (most went to a family member), and in December we made bookmarks in the shape of crosses and cinnamon/applesauce fragrance ornaments. In between each project, the children have signed birthday cards for each member of our church since the beginning of October. They have definitely been kept busy.

Then I asked the children what they would like to make for January and they chose to make more tie quilts. I had the congregation put suggested names in a bucket and we received 12 additional names. At first I thought we would never be able to get that many made, but with pre-cutting the quilts at home and having the children do all the knotting, we were able to complete all twelve!!!

We are so proud of all the children and are certainly very pleased that our growth has increased from 1 child at the start of September to 17 this last Sunday. Along with starting Sunday school right after service starting in October, it shows that a little work on our part does pay off.

*Submitted by Marjanne Kunz*

# FEBRUARY 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<b>1</b> Kung Fu 6-8:00 am
<b>2</b> Worship 9:00 a.m. Boy Scout Sunday Sunday School 10:15 am Food Pantry Collect	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Kung Fu 6-8:00 am UMW Meeting Brunch 10:00 am
<b>9</b> Worship 9:00 a.m. Communion Sunday School 10:15 am	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 	<b>15</b> Kung Fu 6-8:00 am
<b>16</b> Worship 9:00 a.m. Bible presentations Sunday School 10:15 am Coffee Hour	<b>17</b> President's Day March. Newsletter Deadline	<b>18</b> Management Team mtg. @ Belfast UMC 7:30 pm	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Kung Fu 6-8:00 am
<b>23</b> Worship 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 am Rothfus Offering	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	Ash Wednesday March 5



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