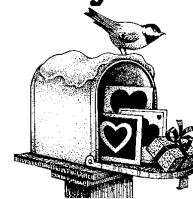


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KNOWING JESUS AS THE
GOOD SHEPHERD & SHARING
THE RISEN CHRIST WITH ALL.

From Pastor
Tim



PASTOR'S BLOVIATING

Groundhog Day: [from the legend that a groundhog emerging from its burrow returns to hibernate if it sees its shadow on this day]: February 2 that traditionally, since 1871, indicates six more weeks of winter if sunny or an early spring if cloudy. Not celebrated in Western New York, where there are only two seasons, winter and August. See Woodchuck.

Wood-chuck: A grizzled, thick-set marmot, (*Marmota monax*) chiefly of Alaska, Canada, and the northeastern U. S. – also called *groundhog*.

Groundhog Day reminds me of my Baptism. I was baptized on Groundhog Day in a church in Falls Church, Va. On that day, God initiated me into the church. I became what we Methodists call a baptized member of that congregation. I also became part of the history of the people of God and that history became part of me. God gave me new birth through water and the Spirit. And God called me to ministry, as God did all of us, as a part of God's people.

Like most of us, I was baptized in a worship service. What did the church do? The congregation confessed its faith. It committed itself to nurture me. The people remembered their baptism. The church welcomed me.

Baptism says that baptized members, infants and children, are the responsibility of the whole church. Leading a new Christian to life in the Spirit and to faithful discipleship is too important to be left to parents alone. The whole church, the family of God, commits itself to nurture this new member of the family. Adoption is one Biblical symbol for new life in Christ.

But what about me? Once I became a teen-ager, didn't my faith count for something now that I could make a personal commitment? I knew that God loved me and I wanted to respond in a special way, to make a personal commitment to Jesus Christ and his church.

Beginning in 1964, The Methodist church used the word *confirmation* to describe the first public profession of faith for those baptized as infants or children. Because of the emphasis on the response of faith, we talk about persons as "confirming the vows taken on their behalf at their baptism." Baptized members must take these vows for themselves someday if they are to become professing members of the church.

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LENTEN SERVICES

Feb. 18 Ash Wednesday 12:00 Lenten service and luncheon at Friendship
Evening service at Cuba 7:00 PM

Feb. 22 First Sunday in Lent

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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

CUBA CMH

Henny van der Horst

WATERS OF WESTFIELD

Dawn Durkee

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:**

A.F. (Student at BRCS)
Chuck Brooks
Bob Clayson
Veronica Clayson
Don Corson
Braden Currier
Bill Francis
Kenny Glass
Norma Guinnip
Jeffrey Kellogg
Stephanie LaFever
Amber Lunn (2 yrs. old)
Bruce Metler
Mina (Doris Wyant's sister)
Nellie Moses
Wanda Pease
Keith Pierce
Harley Poore
Kelly Roberts
Muriel Small
Dave Soper
Barb Spateholts
Laroy Spateholts
Judy Warner



2 - Richard Pierce
5 - Peggy Baker
10- Dominic Berardi
15- Kerigan Pierce
18 - John Hupp
Linda Nelson
Caleb Young
19 - Mark Morris
Christie Lee Reynolds
20 - Chloe Karn
23 - Christopher Hupp



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

Cuba February Helping HandsUshers:

Dean & Cheryl Wildrick

Greeters:

2/1 Open for you
2/8 Open for you
2/15 Open for you
2/22 Open for you

Acolyte:

2/1 Austin Clement
2/8 Hunter Scott
2/15 Chris Hupp
2/22 Joann Hupp

Liturgists

2/1 Vanessa Clement
2/8
2/15 Eric Talbot
2/22 Shelly Giczkowski

Junior Church

2/1 Vanessa Clement
2/8 Vanessa Clement
2/15 Vanessa Clement
2/22 Vanessa Clement

Altar Guild

Thela Snow

Altar Flowers

2/15 Shirley & Harley Poore in honor of great granddaughter, Chloe's birthday

2/22 Pastor Tim & Jennie Gleason
In Memory of brother Mike - One Yr. gone
In Honor of Father's birthday

Statistics

Needed: \$1,657

Date	Worship	SS	Offering
12/24	64		232.00
12/28	29		\$1,699.00
12/28		Rothfus	\$ 135.00
1/4	44	17	\$1,615.00
1/11	33	19	\$ 722.25
1/18	40	16	\$1,906.00
1/25	43	18	\$1,430.00
1/25		Rothfus	\$ 255.00

(Editor's Note: This block does not appear in the Friendship edition)



**Call Sandra Allen
for Prayer Chain
(585) 968-2137**



Submitted by Mike Kunz

The teen SS has completed its ten week study of world religions. We have turned our attention to reading OT and NT each week and have a short Nooma DVD to spur discussion at every class.

Submitted by Sandy Allen

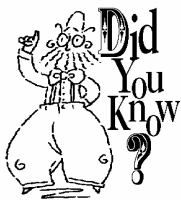
"Your faithfulness is growing by leaps and bounds....."
2 Thessalonians 1:3

I am being blessed teaching the elementary Sunday School class. They come every week ready to learn about Jesus and their relationship with Jesus is growing by leaps and bounds. Since Christmas we have studied about men and women touched by Jesus --the Samaritan woman at the well, the ten lepers and Mary and Martha. Pray for our children to grow in their faith.

DYK:

(This does not appear in Friendship's newsletter)

Submitted by Dean Wildrick



In 2014 you gave beyond the local budget, in the offering plate, for the following programs:

1. Rothfus fund	\$2,427
2. Strength For Service	\$140
3. Sunday School	\$520
4. Children's moment	\$270
5. Summer Shenanigans	\$126
6. Food Pantry	\$86
7. Holiday Assistance	\$500
8. Memorial fund	\$30
 Grand total	 \$4,099.00



A huge thank you to all who have helped us. We really have appreciated the efforts of all. There are the prayers, lifters, movers, body aches and food providers.

The prayers have not only been praying for the move to go smoothly, but for my mom. She is doing better, but has a long way to go. We can all feel the prayers around us. You are a true blessing to us.

The many people that helped lift, move all the things from storage and apt. to our new home was a God-send. Some gave more than others as ankles, shoulders, necks and pains were felt. God loves each of you and so do we.

God's Blessings on each of you,

Pastor Tim and Jennie



Junior Church
made Lenten
Crosses on
Sunday, Jan. 18



A Special Message

During the month of February we focus on special feelings and people. We see hearts everywhere and send cards and greetings to friends and family. We need to do this every month!



Use the code to find a special message from God. It's good for any day — any month!



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(G¹E¹) (N²L¹) (T³S³) (Y⁴W⁴)

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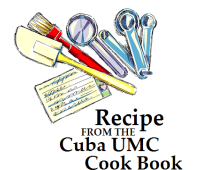
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“I have loved you with an everlasting love.”

NO TURN OMELET

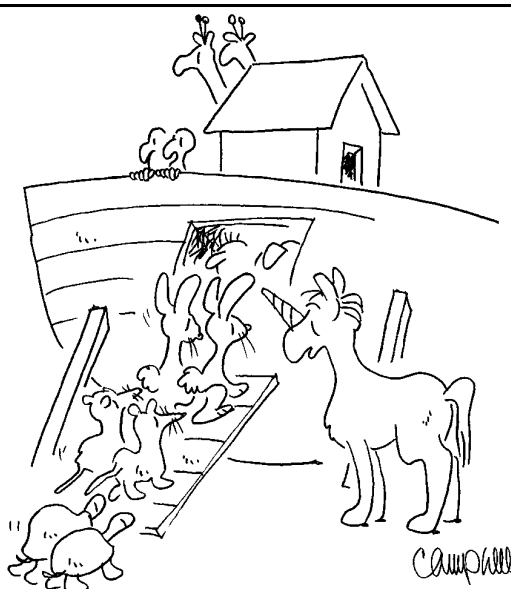
Doris Kellogg Wyant



- 8 eggs beaten
- 2 cups cooked crumbled sausage or cubed cooked ham
- 2 cups cubed cheese
- 2 cups milk
- 2 cup crushed saltines crackers (about 24)
- ¼ cup chopped onion
- ¼ cup chopped green pepper
- ¼ cup chopped sweet red pepper
- ½ to 1 tsp. salt

Combine all ingredients in a large bowl, pour into a greased shallow 5 quart casserole dish or 13x9x2 baking dish. Bake uncovered at 350° for 45 minutes or until a knife comes out clean. Let stand for 5 minutes.

8-10 servings.



“Be my valentine Be my valentine
Be my valentine”

Cuba United Methodist Women News

Submitted by Judy Zayac



The United Methodist Women cancelled the meeting on Saturday, January 10th, because of frigid and possibly stormy weather.

We gladly donated all the fleece hats that we had made to the Cuba-Rushford Elementary School via Marjanne Kunz who also collected mittens and gloves for the students. With the cold weather we have had, I am sure they were welcomed. Thanks Marjanne 😊

Our agenda for January (and now February 14th) will be to continue putting together the UMCOR Health and School kits. If all goes well, we should be able to ship twelve each of the kits next month.

We will be giving away homemade soups on February 1st for "Souper" Bowl Sunday. We ask only for a donation which will be forwarded to the Cuba Food Pantry.

Our next endeavor will be the "call to prayer and self-denial" for the Lenten season.

Our group works to raise funds for ministry and local mission. As always, all are welcome to join us. We will meet on Saturday, February 14th at 10:00 a.m. in Wesley Hall.

Judy



Shrove Tuesday/Fat Tuesday will be held at Cuba UMC from 6-8 PM on Feb 17. Barbershoppers will sing...each family will bring a dessert to share...sponsored by the Council of Churches. Also available at that time will be the handmade crosses and black, purple and white swags of fabric ...for display in yards all over Cuba...\$5 each. Let Pastor Tim know if you would like one. Our church is providing refreshments....if you can help, let Cindy know.

Thank You!

Thank you for the prayers, cards and acts of kindness shown us at the time of Mom's death.

Peggy and Fred Pearce



“Pastor’s Bloviating” (*Continued from front page*)

Confirmation is an important event. The grace of God and the response of faith that are an important part of life are claimed and celebrated by the church. It also functions as a rite of passage, marking the acceptance of the baptismal covenant and the commitment to discipleship in a conscious, intentional way.

Confirmation is so important that most United Methodist pastors, including myself, will not perform the rite of Confirmation unless the youth’s family brings a groundhog to be sacrificed on the altar. Oh, that’s right, we’re not in Old Testament times anymore. OK, instead of that, we’ll do what most of our sister churches do – we’ll form a **Confirmation class**. We will celebrate Confirmation with the candidates on Pentecost Sunday, **May 24**. An information session for **candidates and parents** will be held Sunday, Feb. 8 at 2:30 in the fellowship hall. Here we will get organized, “confirm” the schedule, and share information. All youth in grade seven and up who are active in our church are invited.

And when you see a groundhog, remember your baptism, and be thankful!

Pastor Tim

CUBA LEADERSHIP TEAM



Our devotional time included a discussion of the difference between a club and a church. Pastor Tim reported on his selection of a “Visual Worship Tracks Bundle”. We brainstormed ideas for a shared ministry event/activity with Friendship UMC. We initiated an informal process of determining the needs of our community as part of Cuba UMC’s renewed focus on outreach.

We continue to analyze vision statements in order to help us discern God’s vision for Cuba UMC in 2020.

SHROVE (FAT) TUESDAY

Tuesday, February 17

6:00 PM

Cuba Council of Churches Desert Potluck hosted by Cuba United Methodist Church

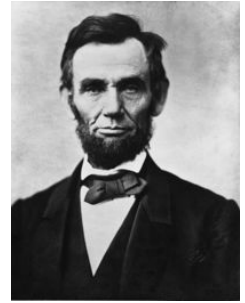
Bring your favorite dessert to share.

Enjoy music by Chorduroy Barbershop Quartet.

Take home a community witness Holy week cross. (\$5 donation).

Sign-up sheet at church or call church office (565-968-1041) by Monday noon Feb. 9th

Abraham Lincoln Quotes



"Most folks are as happy as they make up their minds to be."

"In the end, it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years."

"A friend is one who has the same enemies as you have."

"I have been driven many times upon my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had no where else to go. My own wisdom and that of all about me seemed insufficient for that day."

"I'm a success today because I had a friend who believed in me and I didn't have the heart to let him down."

"I have always found that mercy bears richer fruits than strict justice."

"Be sure you put your feet in the right place, then stand firm."

Whenever I hear anyone arguing for slavery, I feel a strong impulse to see it tried on him personally."

"I am not bound to win, but I am bound to be true."

"When I do good, I feel good. When I do bad, I feel bad. That's my religion."

"My concern is not whether God is on our side; my greatest concern is to be on God's side, for God is always right."

"Let us have faith that right makes might, and in that faith, let us, to the end, dare to do our duty as we understand it."

"I remember my mother's prayers and they have always followed me. They have clung to me all my life."

"No man is poor who has a Godly mother."

"The best way to destroy an enemy is to make him a friend."

"If I were two-faced, would I be wearing this one?"

Friendship UMC

February Birthdays

- 1 Emily Marks
- 2 Erin Sortore
- 9 Keith Rumsey
- 10 Lois Schenk
- 13 Jill Bogart
- 13 Jeff Marks
- 17 Bob Selden
- 18 Jacob Golden
- 27 Donna Cooper
- 27 Donette Shelley
- 28 Tracy Marks



Anniversaries

- 17 Kevin & Cathy Hamilton
- 25 George & Lois Schenk

Nancy Sortore
 Jerry Ward
 Gary Johnson
 Fred Southwick
 Shirley Southwick
 Jennie's Parents
 Tristen Logue



For Prayer Chain, call
 Roberta Butler 973-2351
 or Pat Kupiec 808-7345

Friendship United Methodist Women News

Submitted by President Vicki Baker




The UMW met on Th., Jan. 8 at the church. We gathered at noon for lunch. After lunch Roberta Butler did the program, Call to Prayer & Self Denial. We read scriptures and pondered many questions. It was a good program. Following the program we held our business meeting. We will wait and do the UMW Sunday Service in April, after the Lenten season is done. We planned the funeral dinner we were doing that Saturday.

Our next meeting will be Feb. 12 at the church. At noon we will gather with our sandwiches for lunch and socializing. The meeting will start at 1:00 pm.

Any woman may be part of UMW. They meet the second Thursday of the month, excluding May, July & August. The next meeting will be Jan. 8 at noon at the church. Bring your sandwich and soup will be provided for lunch. Program will be the Call to Prayer and Self Denial by Roberta Butler. Contact any member for more information.

The Cornerstone District UMW Communion Breakfast, (the closest one) will be held on March 28 at the East Otto UMC. Begins at 9:00 am and the cost is \$8.00. I should have more information for next month's newsletter.



Sunday Worship 11:00 am
Sunday School 10:00 am
Cuba Dates
(c)

February 2015

Sunday Worship 9:30 am
Sunday School
Friendship Dates
(F)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 (C) UMW Food Pantry Collection	2 Friendship Finance Committee Mtg. 6:30 pm	3	4 Friendship Choir 6:30 pm Cuba Choir 7:00 pm	5	6	7 (c) Kung Fu 6-8 a (F) Lunch On Us 11:30-12:30
8	9 (F) O.E.S. Mtg. 11:30 am (F) SPRC Mtg. 7:00 pm Cuba Management Team 6:30 pm	10	11 Friendship Choir 6:30 pm Cuba Choir 7:00 pm	12 (F) UMW Mtg. at Noon At the Church	13	14 Kung Fu 6-8a Cuba UMW 10:00 am (F) Lunch On Us 11:30-12:30
15	16 March Newsletter Deadline	17 (c) Shrove Tues- day/Fat Tuesday 6-8 pm	18 Tuesday ^{ASH} Wednesday (F) Lenten Lunch & Service Noon Friendship Choir 6:30 pm Cuba Choir 7:00 pm	19 (F) WIC	20	21 Kung Fu 6-8 a (F) Trustee Breakfast (F) Lunch On Us 11:30-12:30
22 Cuba Rothfus Offering	23 (c) Leadership Team 7:00 pm	24	25 Friendship Choir 6:30 pm Cuba Choir 7:00 pm	26	27	28 (c) Kung Fu 6-8 am (F) Lunch On Us 11:30-12:30

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Love one another,
for love comes
from **God**.

1 John 4:7



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