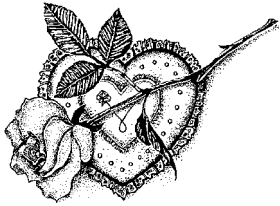


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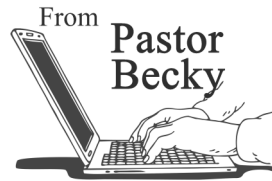
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KNOWING JESUS AS THE
GOOD SHEPHERD & SHARING
THE RISEN CHRIST WITH ALL.



From
**Pastor
Becky**

Lent, Ash Wednesday, and Valentine's Day

As we move into the second month of 2018, the red and green of Christmas transition into the black and purple of Ash Wednesday and Lent, and the red and pink of Valentine's Day. This year, Ash Wednesday and Valentine's Day will actually fall on the same day.

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Lenten season of preparation for Holy Week and Easter. While it is not mentioned in the Bible nor commanded by God, it encourages Christians to examine themselves, repent of their sins and be renewed in the forgiveness of sins through the crucified and risen Christ.

In the typical Ash Wednesday observance, worshippers are invited to receive the imposition of ashes upon their foreheads in the shape of a cross. Ashes have long been an outward sign of repentance. And, of course, the cross is a beacon of hope for believers through the forgiveness of sins.

Ash Wednesday dates back to the 8th century. The Lenten season that follows was a time of instruction and preparation of candidates for Holy Baptism celebrated on the eve of Easter.

So, can Valentine's Day, Ash Wednesday and Lent coexist? Is it possible they can even complement one another? At first it might seem like a stretch. How can the frivolity and indulgence of Valentine's Day offer anything to the penitence and denial of Lent and Ash Wednesday?

There is however, one obvious and common denominator: **love**.

On Valentine's Day, we celebrate the love we share in those special relationships with spouses, family and friends. Ash Wednesday and Lent point us to the greatest act of love, when Jesus Christ gave up His life on the cross that we might be forgiven and live.

His victory over sin and death is revealed mightily in the Easter resurrection. Whether you choose to celebrate Lent, Ash Wednesday, Valentine's Day or all three, you can surely celebrate the gift of love.

You can remember and give thanks to God for the greatest gift of love in his Son, Jesus Christ, loving others as he loved you.

Blessings,

Pastor Becky

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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

CUBA CMH

Henny van der Horst

PINES - OLEAN

Connie Battistoni

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.

Others to keep in prayer:

Hazel Cornell
Luke Fries
Pastor Carl Holmes
Sandy Lathrop
Jim Maxim
Mark Middaugh
Mary Ellen Moriarty
Keith Pearce
Bob Rasmusson
Laroy Spateholts
Heidi Sturdevant
Lon Sweet
David Taylor
JoAnn Viglietta
Ken Wyant

**Prayer LIST Update**

Please keep our prayer list up to date.

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 drop your request off at the office, or email. *Thank you!*



2 - Richard Pierce
10 - Dominic Berardi
15 - Kerigan Pierce
18 - John Hupp
- Linda Nelson
19 - Mark Morris
20 - Chloe Karn
23 - Christopher Hupp



8 - Bill & Joyce Amundson
16 - Marshall & Sandra Allen
22 - Bernie & Julie Hawks

Statistics**Needed: \$1,548**

Date	Worship	SS	Offering
12/31	41	-	\$1,737.00
		Rothfus \$	120.00
1/7	40	14	\$2,146.00
1/7	Naomi/Rothfus		\$ 90/\$10
1/14	37	12	\$1,798.77
		Naomi	25.00
1/21	37	8	\$1,499.00
		Rothfus \$	20.00

February Helping HandsUsher:

Jim Travis

Pianist:

Christine Berardi

Organist:

Jonathan Denham

Altar Guild:

Holly Scoville
Linda Nelson



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

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

From the Church

Secretary:

Thank you so much to all who gave me Christmas cards, gifts and gift certificates. Happy New Year to all!



Jim

Mr. & Mrs. Pete Simmons are the proud great grandparents of:

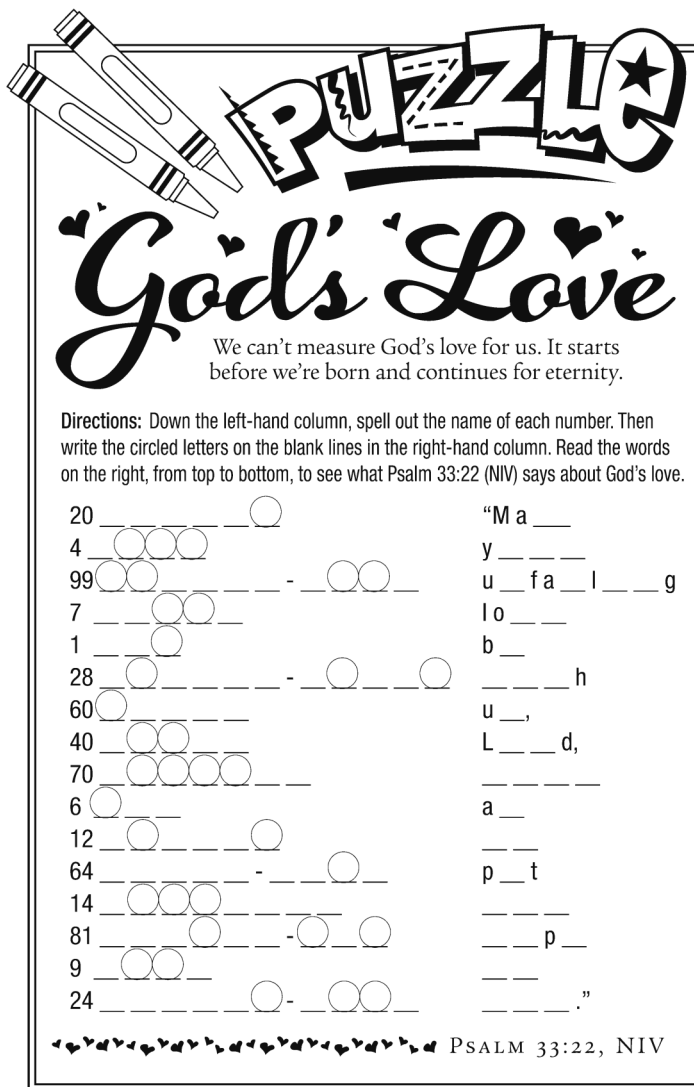
Raelynn Raine Stinner
Weight: 5# 12 Oz.
Length: 19"
Born Jan. 2, 2018



Submitted by Thela Snow



We ended the meeting with a “dignity for girls” work session - sewing on items to be sent to Africa.



Twenty-eight... with
One... be
Seven... love
Nineteen-nine... unfalling
Four... your
Twenty... "May
Sixty... us,
Forty... Lord,
Seventy... even
Six... as
Twelve... we
Sixty-four... put
Fourteen... our
Eighty-one... hope
Nine... in
Twenty-four... you."

Sue Simmons



Half and Half

Whip potatoes. Put in some butter, cream cheese, sour cream. While whipping, add some half & half to consistency you like. Put in a 9x13" pan. If desired add salt and pepper. Bake at 325° for 25 minutes. May stay in refrigerator if making ahead up to a week.



Do you know of someone who needs a note of cheer? Someone who might be sick, in the hospital, has a birthday, or has a loved one who has passed away? If you do, please call **Sue Simmons at 585-968-1135**. She is the UMW's **Cheer person**. She sends out cards to those in need of some cheer, so please contact her to let her know.

Adult Sunday School Studies with Cheryl

37 Major Bible Prophecies

PROPHECY #26: The World Church



The Christian church (which began after the ascension of Jesus Christ into heaven) has many essential beliefs. They are based on the teaching of Jesus and the word of God, found in the Bible. They are believed on faith and cannot be changed. Among these beliefs are: the virgin birth, the fact that Jesus was a real person who lived and died on earth, and the belief of Jesus Christ being the son of God. If anyone alters these facts, he is taking away truth from the Christian faith.

When the Word of God is changed to alternate (false) teachings, it is called, “apostacy”. Examples of apostacy would include: saying that the virgin Mary conceived her son by physical rather than miraculous means; saying that the life of Jesus on earth is just a fable; saying that Jesus was only a teacher of morals, but not the son of God. And, there are more examples.

In the future, the Christian beliefs will be “watered down” and altered. It is happening now. There are religious sects that have become cults. Some allow their leaders to have sex with many women followers or even children. (the Branch Davidians; the Jim Jones followers, Scientology).

During the future rule of the Ten Nation Confederacy, the ten nations will encourage apostate (untrue) religion. Their (“ritual religion”) will consist of only, “saying the words”, but not having true faith. (Revelation 17:4) And, religious practices will be abominable, including spiritual adulteries and blasphemy. When the World Church forms, it will associate with untrue religions. (Revelation 17:5) It will kill new Christians. (Revelation 17:6)

However, the World Church will be destroyed by the kings of the ten Nation Confederacy, and they will give all power (theirs included) to the World Ruler. (Revelation 17:13; 17:16-17) At that point, the World Ruler will become the World Dictator.

God’s prophecies that were given in the past came true. God’s prophecies of the future will come true also.



The first meeting of the new year of the Cuba Council of Churches was held at our CUMC on January 14, 2018.

It was announced that though the Holiday Assistance Program fell short of the goal of \$14,000 219 children were served (40 less than 2016) and 93 families (only 7 less than last year). Gift vouchers per child were \$30 instead of last year’s \$35. Each family also received 2 or 3 bags of groceries, a \$30 fresh food voucher for Giant and a toys from the Chamber’s Toys for Kids program.

Another Christmas activity that the Council supported was furnishing cookies for Santa’s arrival at the Chamber’s Small Town Christmas.

The Food Pantry, housed at Cuba First Baptist, is in need of replenishment, particularly of the following: Peanut butter, jelly, pasta, boxed potatoes, mac and cheese, canned pastas, pasta sauce, canned fruits and vegetables, Ramen noodles, hamburger helper, rice, canned chicken and canned tuna. Our UMW collects food for the food pantry the first Sunday of every month. Since October, (not counting Holiday Assistance), the Food Pantry has had 14 individual requests for food assistance (and 6 requests for gas assistance).

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Cuba United Methodist Church Trustees Meeting Minutes December 6, 2017



Present: Pastor Becky Worth, Gary Enderle, Marshall Allen, Bernie Hawks, Bob Rasmusson
6:00p.m. Bernie Hawks called the meeting to order. Pastor Becky opened with prayer.
November 8, 2017 Minutes were read and discussed. Gary made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Marshall seconded the motion, and all approved.

Treasurer's Report: Rob was unable to be at the meeting so we did not have a treasurer's report to discuss.

Discussion of Trustee Topics:

*Do we need cameras that record and security lighting for church safety? Austin Security can install it. One monitor can be put on Rob's desk and another in Jim's office. Further discussion will be held after the first of the year.

*Where is the brass cross that stands on the communion table. It has been missing for a month now.

*We need to ask Rob if money was sent to the Baptist church for the food pantry.

*There have been complaints on the lighting of the stairs. It is too dark in that area. Two new LED light fixtures will be installed. They cost \$122 for 2 lights or \$61 a piece. Gary made a motion for the lights to be purchased and Marshall seconded the motion, and all approved.

*We discussed whether the two candelabras needed no drip candles or oil candles. Bob made a motion to purchase no drip candles and Gary seconded the motion, and all approved.

*A suggestion was made that a policy be put in place that only one Sunday school room downstairs be used to store stuff so the other rooms don't become cluttered. Marshall made a motion to use only one room and Bob seconded the motion, and all approved.

The next meeting will be held on January 3, 2017, at 6:00p.m.

Marshall made a motion that the meeting be adjourned at 6:45p.m. Gary seconded the motion, and all approved.

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Other news and upcoming events:

The Council is offering a \$500 scholarship to a graduating Cuba Rushford Senior of good character who demonstrates Christian values. Applications are at the Guidance Office.

This year, the Fat Tuesday Buffet will be at Cuba United Methodist Church, at 6:30 on February 13. Mary Hupp will be decorating our Fellowship Hall; Cindy Dutton will do the publicity by sending a notice to each Cuba Church and Nettie White will arrange for entertainment. Put the date on your calendar and bring a dessert to share!

Cuba United Methodist is also participating in the Progressive Dinner which will be May 20. Cindy and Mary are also working on this! North Park Wesleyan will be doing the main course. It looks like our church will be providing desserts. We did this for the first time two years ago...such fun to share courses of a meal in one another's church!



DUDLEY TAILS

Hello friends, It's Dudley again!
I like jumping through the snow, but lately I've had to stop, and raise my paw. It hurt. I could only stay outside about two minutes, and then I had to come indoors. (Our chickens have been fine in their coop. They are giving us eggs.)

We went to visit at Cuba's residential facility again. Once inside, we took the elevator. That's fun. (unless the door opens and a big, tall cart comes at me.)

First we visited two ladies who are roommates. They stopped talking and gave me all their attention. I liked their petting me and I liked their smiles.

The man who usually sits in the hall holding a stuffed toy dog, was in bed, taking a nap. I had run into his room to see him, but my master said that we would come back later.

Our next stop was "Gramma's" room. She smiles a lot, and today she talked about baking bread years ago. Gramma has a Bible on her table, and says she reads it every day. Gramma's roommate is an interesting lady. There is a picture of her (wearing a church rob) on her wall. She was once a pastor who had conducted faith-healing services. And guess what? Her daughter has the same name!

Two doors down the hall is that lady's daughter. My master has known her for years. What a pleasant and helpful lady. I had my picture taken with her.

In the next corridor, we visited with the Snow Plow Diver. (He doesn't plow anymore, but he has stories about lots of snow.) I like him because he lets me sit on his bed, and gives me dog treats.

In the next room there is a newer lady sitting in her chair. She likes to see me and pet me, but does not want me on her lap. That's ok.

Farther down the hall, that lady's roommate is sitting in a wheelchair by the nurses station. We greet her, and sit down to chat. This lady seems to think we are relatives. Our visit makes her happy.

Nurses and visitors pass us by, smiling. Some staff members call me by my full name: "Dudley Do Right". As we pass the other nurse's station by the stairs where we exit... a nurse says, "Goodbye Dudley. See you next week!" And I think, "Yes, you will!"

Love,
Dudley



SUPER BOWL SUNDAY

The United Methodist Women will have buckets out on Super Bowl Sunday, February 4th to collect money for the Cuba Food Pantry. Their treasury is low after the holidays.

God's Word tells us. "And do not forget to do good and to share with others for with such sacrifices God is pleased". Hebrews 13:16



FAT TUESDAY! Dessert Party
Tues., February 13, 2018 6:30 PM
Cuba United Methodist Church
Musical Presentation by Jolly Roger
Bring a dessert to share and a neighbor

to share with.

Sponsored by Cuba Council of Churches

WORSHIP
SERVICE
SUNDAY
11:00 AM



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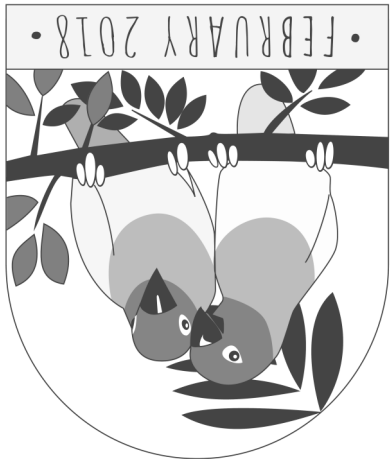
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SUNDAY SCHOOL
For All Ages
9:45 AM

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 Communion Naomi Mission Offering UMW Food Pantry Collection	5	6 Prayer Group 10 am - 11 am	7 Trustees meeting 6:00 pm Management Team Meeting 6:45 pm	8	9	10 Learning Day @ Bemus Point UMC
11	12	13 Prayer Group 10 am- 11 am Fat Tuesday Dessert Party CUMC 6:30 pm	14 Valentine's Day ASH Wednesday 7:00 pm	15	16	17 No UMW Mtg. this month
18 Coffee Hour	19 March Newsletter Deadline - Noon	20 Prayer Group 10 am- 11 am	21	22	23	24
25 Rothfus Offering	26	27 Prayer Group 10 am- 11 am	28			

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