

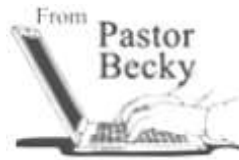
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KNOWING JESUS AS THE
GOOD SHEPHERD & SHARING
THE RISEN CHRIST WITH ALL.



Praying God's Love this Valentine's Day (and always)

God instructs us to love one another, His most important commandment to us all. What does it mean to love one another? It seems difficult, this act of offering love to all. In John 13:34, He said to us, "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another."

Have you ever had a moment in your life where you tried to "look busy" to avoid having to help someone out or ignored a stranger who just kept talking to you as you waited in line together at the coffee shop? You're not alone. It is human nature for us to remove ourselves from situations that are uncomfortable, but we are called to embrace the uncomfortable and really, truly love others well. God calls us to be brave and to share His love with all who cross our paths. Scripture states that we should "not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by this some have entertained angels without knowing it." (Hebrews 13:2 NIV)

When it comes to loving others, there are many, many ways to do so, but to start, pray for them. Praying for others daily is an impactful way of loving them unconditionally, just as God calls us to do. Think about the people that are present in your everyday life and ways that you could pray for them. Think about the people that you come across every so often, maybe a relative that you haven't seen in years or a friend you've drifted away from. How can you love them and serve the Lord through prayer? I encourage you to ask God to help you step out of your comfort zone. Make the connection, offer encouragement, and start diligently praying for others as an act of love. After all, if we are called to truly love one another - that means we must see past outer appearances, we must see past the little annoying behaviors of others, and we must see past the awkwardness of new situations.

We must look past these things so that we can get to the hearts of those who are placed in our paths.

Is there someone in your life you're feeling God placing on your heart? Maybe you have two or three people in mind? Sit down today and say a prayer for them - however you feel called, and then send them an encouraging card today or invite them to coffee. And for those whom you happen upon in the grocery store or the coffee shop line, offer them an encouraging word and keep them in mind as you talk to God throughout your day. Let's take back Valentine's Day from the commercial beast it has become and make it something really special!

Blessings,

Pastor Becky

PLEASE PRAY FOR:
Our World situation

Others to keep in prayer:

- Brad Allen
- Norma Andrus
- Todd Baxter
- Wayne Botens
- Frank Calcagno
- Gary Carlson
- Hazel Cornell
- David Edwards
- Don Hall
- David Halstead
- Donna Hart
- Bernie Hawks
- Jean Higby
- Andrew James
- Katie Kellogg
- Kevin Kranock
- Bruce Metler
- Helen Middaugh
- Mark Middaugh
- Nellie Moses
- Justin Murphy
- Keith Pierce
- Shirley Poore
- Laroy Spateholts
- Jessica Veiders
- JoAnn Viglietta
- Clint Wilder
- Judy Zayac



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.
Thank you!

FEBRUARY Birthdays

- 2 - Richard Pierce
- 10 - Dominic Berardi
- 14 - Elroy Brickey III
- 15 - Kerigan Pierce
- 17 - Joel Vanik
- 18 - John Hupp
- Linda Nelson
- 19 - Mark Morris
- 20 - Chloe Karn
- 23 - Christopher Hupp
- 29 - Richard Guild

FEBRUARY Anniversaries

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



Lukas Christopher Handmore was baptized during the January 8, 2023 Worship Service. He is the son of Jeff Handmore and Elizabeth McCoy.

Statistics Needed: \$1,970

Date	Worship	SS	Offering
1/1	25	-	\$2,133.00
			Gil's Hills \$ 50.00
1/8	48		\$1,540.00
1/15	38		\$2,082.00
		Human Relations	\$ 20.00
1/22	33		\$ 800.00

meeting
NOTICE

Next Meetings:
Wed. February 8, 2023
in Adult Sunday School Room

Trustees Meeting 6:00 pm
Management Team 6:45 pm



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.

February
Helping
Hands



Power Point:
Rob Cornell

Pianist:
Holly Scoville

Altar Guild:
Thela Snow
Holly Scoville



Puzzle!

Draw lines to separate the words in the heart outline. Then, starting with "Love," write the words in order inside the heart to complete the two greatest commandments.

Answer: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" Luke 10:27, NIV



**Ash
WEDNESDAY
SERVICE**

February 22, 2023 6:00 PM

CHERRY ICE BOX COOKIES
Sandy LaFever

- 1 cup butter, softened
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 large egg
- 1 tsp. Vanilla
- 2 3/4 cups flour
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1 (16oz) jar maraschino cherries, drained and chopped fine
- 1 cup finely chopped nuts
- 1/4 c. red decorator sugar (optional)

**Recipe
FROM THE
Cuba UMC
Cook Book**

Cream butter, gradually add sugar, then egg and vanilla, beating well. Combine dry ingredients and add to creamed mixture. Pat cherries between paper towels. Stir in cherries and nuts. Shape dough into two logs. Roll in decorator sugar. Wrap in wax paper and freeze for two hours. (could store in freezer for up to six months). Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Slice into 1/4" slices. Place on lightly greased baking sheet. Bake 8- 10 minutes. (Do not let the dough thaw before slicing)

Coming in February- Multi-Age Sunday School Class-

SHARE, COMMUNITY and BIBLE!

1. Bring your favorite(s) Bible verse –and its reference (where we can find it in our Bible)
2. Share with the group and tell us how or why this became special to you
3. Detective work- As a community of believers we will look at the context of the verse- who, what, when, where, why as we use some Bible study techniques and reference materials

Where: We will meet in the adult Sunday School classroom

When: 9:30 – 10: 15+

Who: All who would like to build a community of believers together



Yours in Christ,

Holly Scoville

COUNCIL OF CHURCHES NEWS

Submitted by Peggy Pearce

The Cuba Council of Churches met at Our Lady of the Angels RC Church on January 8th and elected the following officers for 2023: President-Bill Beck, Vice President-Phillip Higgins, Secretary-Peggy Pearce and Treasurer-Michael Kunz.



All 2023 church dues have been paid, and gratitude is extended from the Council for this prompt response. Appreciation was also expressed to Amy Mattison for chairing the Holiday Assistance Program (HAP) that helped 42 families this year, including 93 children. *(Our United Methodist Women were able to assist three families who were unable to participate in the HAP.)*

Looking ahead, the Council decided to try a Reader's Theater event on March 26 at the First Baptist Church. Details have yet to be finalized but a time of fellowship will be included with each church providing two trays of cookies. Also, the Council will host a carnival-style game(s) during the annual Dairy Days celebration in June. This is in lieu of Jail Bail.



The Food Pantry was utilized a total of eleven times from November 11 through January 8, with gas assistance given three times in December. Some shelves at the Pantry are fairly well stocked: cereal, soups, tuna, dry pasta, and, of course, canned vegetables. There is a need for 'easy meal preparation' items such as canned pasta meals, Hamburger Helper, boxed potatoes, rice and pasta sides, stew and hash. Cake and brownie mixes, snack bars and crackers are also running low. Food pantries all over are experiencing shortages, which is why the Council is especially thankful for the regular donations received from the Cuba community.

Sunday School is at
9:30 am in the Adult
Sunday School room.



2023

**SUNDAY
WORSHIP
SERVICE
11:00 AM**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 Kung Fu 6:00-8:00 am
5 Communion UMW Food Pantry Collection Sunday School 9:30 am	6 Tai Chi 7:00 pm	7 Prayer Group 10:00 am	8 Trustees Mtg. 6:00 pm Management Team Mtg. 6:45 pm	9	10	11 Kung Fu 6:00-8:00 am
12 Sunday School 9:30 am	13 Tai Chi 7:00 pm	14 Prayer Group 10:00 am 	15	16	17	18 Kung Fu 6:00-8:00 am
19 Sunday School 9:30 am	20 March Newsletter Deadline Noon Tai Chi 7:00 pm	21 Prayer Group 10:00 am	22  Service 6:00 pm	23	24	25 10:00 am DS Suzanne Bock will be here to discuss the discernment process and answer questions
26 First Sunday in Lent Sunday School 9:30 am Gil's Hills Offering	27 Tai Chi 7:00 pm	28 Prayer Group 10:00 am				

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