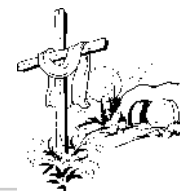


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Christ is risen! This proclamation isn't just an event that we celebrate on Easter Sunday. It is our Christian battle cry!

Christ is risen! Notice the present tense **is**. This isn't an event of the past. It is an ever-present happening that fuels our living and vibrant faith! Christ is alive and working through you and me! **Christ is!**

Right now! Hallelujah!

The significance of the Resurrection as a historical event is simply incredible. It is the cornerstone of our spiritual substance. Christ's resurrection galvanized his reluctant, disbelieving disciples. Out of their disillusionment emerged a recommitted group who carried Christianity to the four corners of the world.

The importance of the Resurrection as a continuing event for today, tomorrow, and forever after is even more profound. It is victory over death. It is the promise of new life. And it is our commitment to share this extraordinary news to which each of us should rededicate ourselves this Easter season.

Christ is risen! Today! Tomorrow! Always! Even unto the end of the world! Hallelujah!

Pastor Tim



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

SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICES AND EVENTS

Sun., April 6	Community Easter Cantata at Cuba, 6:00 PM
Sun., April 13	Palm/Passion Sunday
Thurs., April 17	Maundy Thursday at Cuba, 7:00 PM
Fri., April 18	Good Friday at Friends in Christ, Noon
Sun., April 20	Easter Sunday
Mon., April 21	Dingus Day

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

Others to keep in prayer:

Chuck Brooks
Terry Bush
Bob Campbell
Bud Carlin
Veronica Clayson
John Culbert
Sharon Ghannt
Mike Gibbons
Kenny Glass
Tyler Griffon
Norma Guinnip
Jeffrey Kellogg
Stephanie LaFever
Amber Lunn (2 yrs. old)
Bee Mason
Rolly Miles
Mina (Doris Wyant's sister)
Rhonda Morse
Nellie Moses
Bessie Palmer
Wanda Pease
Keith Pierce
Harley Poore
Sandy R. (Sue Simmons' Friend)
Sharon (Sue Simmon's Friend)
Kelly Roberts
Wally Watson
Lola Wilson



2 - Harley Poore
4 - Jeremy Zeh
6 - Marshall Allen
Jonnie Rothfus
Jennie Rothfus
9 - Keith Pierce
10 - Christine Berardi
Ed Rothfus
15 - Sandra LaFever
18 - Dale Dutton
19 - Thela Snow
22 - Sue Feldbauer
24 - Norm Ungermann
27 - Brian Hawks
28 - Mary Hupp



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

**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.

Statistics Needed: \$1,616.65

Date	Worship	SS	Offering
3/2	46	19	\$1,569.00
3/9	52	21	\$1,432.00
3/16	45	16	\$1,665.00
3/16		Rothfus	\$ 20.00
3/23	40	15	\$1,435.00

April Helping Hands

Ushers
Red Hats



Greeters
4/6 Red Hats
4/13 Red Hats
4/20 Red Hats
4/27 Red Hats

Acolyte
4/6
4/13
4/20
4/27

Children's Moment
Marjanne Kunz

Altar Guild
Cindy Dutton

Coffee Hour 4/20

16 - Gary & Joyce Enderle
27- Elroy & Kelly Brickey

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!

PASTOR TIM'S PURPOSE

"Many are the plans in a man's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails." (Proverbs 19:21) "For David...served the purpose of God in his own generation." (Acts 13:36)

What is my place in the life of this congregation? There are many "good" things I could do with you, but it is essential that I discern God's purpose for calling me to serve God through and with Cuba UMC. My original purpose was to facilitate healing within the congregation. After a year, I sensed that it was time for me to discern "what next?" in God's eyes for my ministry among you.

The purpose I have discerned points out the direction I intend to lead this congregation and how I will use my time. It defines ministry "success" for me and what I believe is important. It also clarifies my roles, which may change as we are faithful to God's call on our lives together. However, my purpose with you will probably not change as we move through the next "season" of Cuba UMC's life.

So I share with you my purpose as your pastor: **To lead Cuba UMC through the transitions into a new life as an effective center of Christian ministry.** Communicating my purpose is one way I hope to help us discern an appropriate vision for Cuba UMC's ministries.

DYK: *Submitted by Dean Wildrick*



UMCOR is in urgent need of Layette and Sewing kits. Relief supply kits help provide care for the most vulnerable people during times of crisis.

Kits also help sustain everyday life for people who lack ready access to essential supplies.

Management Team Meeting Highlights

Submitted by Paul Tsujimoto

- ◆ Easter Cantata will be held at Cuba UMC on April 6 at 6:00 PM
- ◆ Finance: Giving is keeping up with the budget
- ◆ Getting ready for Spring. Scouts will paint ramp and help with flower beds
- ◆ Elevator maintenance has been scheduled
- ◆ Hot water tank no longer an issue
- ◆ Bat abatement program is active again



So far, In the first quarter of 2014, the Food Pantry run by the Council of Churches has distributed food to 17 families, gasoline to 7, and propane to 1. They are very appreciative to the CUMC for monthly food donations and to the UMW for a \$200 cash donation. Food most needed at this time is: tuna fish, cereal, peanut butter and spaghetti sauce. UMW will collect again on Sunday, April 6.



A thank you to all for the prayers, cards, donations and support from all. My family and I have appreciated it all. Mike's illness and death has brought out some God moments where we have felt God's present around us.

Jennie Gleason

Cuba United Methodist Women News

Submitted by Judy Zayac



The UMW met on March 8th with brunch provided by Barbara and Judy.

Judy noted that we collected \$200 for "Souper Bowl Sunday" and received a thank you from Reverend Poelma.

We discussed programming suggestions for the coming year. Sue suggested that we do a brief bible study at meetings. She will put together something for the April meeting. The group would like to do something for Mothers' Day but we need to check with Marjanne to be sure that we don't duplicate something that the children may be planning.

Barbara volunteered to take over the office of treasurer for the UMW. All approved and Judy will get her the check-book and paperwork.

The next meeting will be Saturday, April 12th at 10:00 a.m. with brunch. We welcome all women to join us for fellowship, good food, and conversation.

"For everything there is a season..."

—Ecclesiastes 3:1

There are many signs that tell us spring is coming! Use your Bible to find words that are "signs of spring." Fit them in the boxes below. Pick one word from each Scripture verse.



Matthew 5:45	S				
Genesis 1:20	I				
Psalms 23:2	G				
Psalms 104:17	N				
	S				
Song of Solomon 6:11	O				
Psalms 103:15	F				
	S				
Psalms 104:14	P				
Isaiah 55:10	R				
Ecclesiastes 7:1	I				
Revelation 21:5	N				
	G				

TATER DIPPED VEGGIES

Sue Simmons



1 cup instant potato flakes
 1/2 tsp. celery salt
 1/3 cup grated Parmesan cheese
 1/4 tsp. garlic powder
 1/4 cup margarine or butter (melted and cooled)
 2 eggs
 4-5 cups raw bite size veggies. (mushrooms, peppers, zucchini, carrots, parboiled broccoli and cauliflower)

Combine potato flakes, cheese, celery salt, garlic powder and butter. In another bowl, beat eggs. Dip veggies into egg mixture, then potato mixture. Coat well. Put on ungreased baking sheet. Bake at 400° for 25 minutes. Serve with ranch dip.

REPORT – LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING

February 27, 2014

Some copies of the church brochure have been produced and we are investigating a more economical way of mass producing them. The Genesee Rapids have been contacted to provide summer music. Mary Hupp is now Cuba's Camping Coordinator. The Leadership Team dreams of every child who attends worship at our church going to either Camp Findley or Camp Casawasco this summer. Cuba UMC is offering full scholarships for camp.

Educational ministries: Pastor Tim has agreed to facilitate a Bible study training on the "Use of Bible Helps" this year, hopefully in the spring, if it ever comes. It is intended to support our Sunday school teachers. Mary Hupp is reviewing materials from UNYAC camp and Retreat Ministries. Camp promotion will begin in March. Mary is securing informational materials for all church families with children.

Worship ministries: Continuing discussion on ideas for contemporary music for worship services.

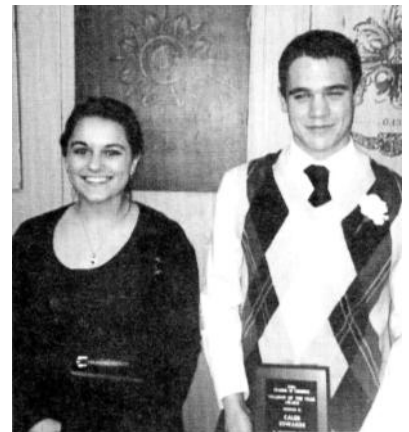


The Interfaith Community Chorus
Presents Holy Easter
A Story of Love
A Cantata for Easter

Sun. April 6, 6:00 PM Cuba UMC
Sat. April 12, 6:00 PM Belfast UMC
Sun. April 13, 6:00 PM Friendship UMC

Congratulations Kate Cornell.

Kate, along with Caleb Edwards, was nominated for the Cuba Chamber of Commerce Student of the year. The nominees were selected because of their academic achievements, extra-curricular activities, community service activities and involvement in school organizations.





Our newly cushioned pews are not only comfy,
but beautiful. Thank you Trustees!!!



**Cuba Council of Churches
COMMUNITY LENTEN
SERVICE
Our Lady of Angels Roman
Catholic Church
Sunday, March 30th 6 p.m.**

Theme: "Who's Blind?!"

Speaker: Pastor Larry Poelma

Music: Community Choir

Drama: The Clergy Players

Offering: Food items and monetary
Donations for the Cuba Food Pantry

*Fellowship Time and Hors d'oeuvres Buffet
following the service*

Song of Easter





Easter lilies! Can you hear
What they whisper, low and clear?
In dewy fragrance they unfold
Their splendor sweet, there snow and gold.
Every beauty-breathing bell,
News of heaven has to tell.
Listen to their mystic voice,
Hear, O mortal, and rejoice!
Hark, their soft and heavenly chime!
Christ is risen for all time!

—Celia Thaxter





2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5 Kung Fu 6-8:00a
6 Worship 9:00 a.m Sunday School 10:15 am Food Pantry Easter Cantata 6 pm	7	8	9	10	11	12 Kung Fu 6-8:00a UMW Meeting 10:00 am
13 Palm Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m Sunday School 10:15 am	14 Management Team 6:30 pm	15	16	17 Maundy Thursday Service 7:00 pm	 Service @ FIC Noon	19 Kung Fu 6-8:00 am
20  Worship 9:00 a.m Sunday School 10:15 am	21 May Newsletter Deadline	22	23	24 Leadership Team 7:00 pm	25	26 Kung Fu 6-8:00 am
27 Worship 9:00 a.m Sunday School 10:15 am Rothfus Offering	28	29	30			

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