

April 2015

The Shepherd's Messenger



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



THREE KEY RELATIONSHIPS

"My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one: I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity that the world may know that you sent me and you have loved them even as you have loved me." – John 1:20-23

Jesus came to earth to provide a way for each of us to have a personal relationship with God. Here, in what is called Jesus' High Priestly Prayer, we see Jesus praying his deepest desires on the night before he is to die on the cross for his prayer is about our ability to have loving relationships with God, himself, and each other. When we combine the desires with Jesus' commandment "to go make disciples" we discover **3 Key Relationships**:

1. Our relationship to **Christ**. Humbling ourselves to God by admitting we need Christ in our life to forgive our sin and live God's way. A commitment to learn and grow in this relationship. Embrace a desire to discover and do the will of God. As a church, it can be easier to love activity, the status quo, or a religious reputation more than God. Spiritually healthy Christians and churches have a passion for knowing God, becoming what God wants them to become, and for doing what God wants them to do.
2. Our relationship with **one another**. Friendships, fellowship, and fun. Praying for each other. Responding to each other's needs. Healthy Christians and churches are characterized by a high degree of caring of members for each other and for outsiders.

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SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICES

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|---------|---------|---|
| April 2 | 7:00 PM | Maundy Thursday at Friendship UMC.
Service includes The Lord's Supper. |
| April 3 | 7:00 PM | Good Friday at Cuba UMC. Tenebrae Service. |
| April 5 | | Easter Sunday Service at normal time. |

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
Veronica Clayson
Virginia Clayson
Jan Congdon
Braden Currier
Joyce Enderle
Kenny Glass
Norma Guinnip
Art Higby
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
Carl Wagner
Judy Warner
Judy Zayac



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

Statistics**Needed: \$1,657**

Date	Worship	SS	Offering
3/1	35	17	\$1,385.05
3/8	41	19	\$1,231.00
3/15	34	19	\$1,472.00
3/22	32	11	\$ 902.00

*(This block does not appear in the
Friendship edition of this newsletter)*

Cuba March Helping HandsUshers:

Mike & Marjanne Kunz

Greeters:

4/5 Open for you
4/12 Open for you
4/19 Open for you
4/26 Open for you

Acolyte:

4/5
4/12 Chris Hupp
4/19
4/26

Liturgists

4/5
4/12 Cindy Dutton
4/19 Tom Krott
4/26 Stan Scoville

Junior Church

4/5 No Junior Church
4/12 Marjanne Kunz
4/19 Marjanne Kunz
4/26 Marjanne Kunz

Altar Guild

Thela Snow & Darcy Eastham



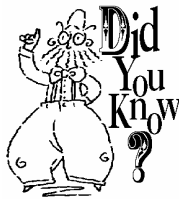
16 - Gary & Joyce Enderle
27 - Elroy & Kelly Brickey



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



Brett and Casi (Burdick)
Lockwood had a baby girl,
Elizabeth Rose, Tuesday,
March 3 at 11:55 pm.
She was born on her
mother's and aunt's
birthday.

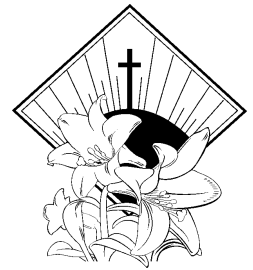
DYK:*Submitted by Dean Wildrick*

Chris Doran, executive assistant to our bishop, is retiring after 22 years of service in our bishop's office. She is one of the very few lay persons to ever hold this position. I have had the privilege of working with her for several years at our annual conference.

A quote from Chris, "Here, I can start the day with prayer and devotion, I hope more and more United Methodist churches will look to gifted lay people at the local level to do the administrative work, freeing clergy for spiritual work."

ABOUT LENT AND HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

The Great Three Days from sunset Holy Thursday through sunset Easter Day are the climax of Lent (and of the whole Christian year) and a bridge into the Easter Season. These days proclaim the paschal mystery of Jesus Christ's passion, death, and resurrection. During these days, we journey with Jesus from the upper room, to the cross, to the tomb, and to the garden. These days are actually a great unified service beginning with Holy Communion on Maundy Thursday and concluding with the services on Easter Day.



The Easter Season, known as the Great Fifty Days, begins at sunset Easter Eve and continues through the day of Pentecost. It is the most joyous and celebrative season of the Christian year. It focuses on Christ's resurrection and ascension and on the givings of the Holy Spirit on the first Easter (John 20:22-23) and the day of Pentecost (Acts 2). During this season some of our youth and children will be baptized, adding to our joy and celebration.

Cuba United Methodist Women News

Submitted by Thela Snow

The UMW met on Saturday, March 14. Thank you to Shirley Poore for providing refreshments. Those attending, completed 12 health kits to be sent to UMCOR and began putting together a dozen school kits. We still need notebooks and bags to put the school supplies in to finish the kits. Our next meeting will be held Saturday, April 11. at 10:00 in Wesley Hall. All ladies are welcome to join us for coffee and help complete the school kits.



Our Junior Church



Making knot blankets



SPRINGTIME OF THE SPIRIT



God's love works this springtime miracle in the life of everyone who will let him. No matter how cold and barren and lonely your heart may be, there is One who cares and who can change it. There is a blossoming of the spirit in a reflection of the beauty of Jesus, so that others whose lives are still empty and flowerless will see his beauty and know this springtime of the spirit.

—Philip E. Collier

We see many Christian symbols and signs during Lent and Easter. Write the name of each picture in the boxes. Unscramble the letters that are circled to find the message that these symbols and signs bring us each spring.

ACROSS

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DOWN

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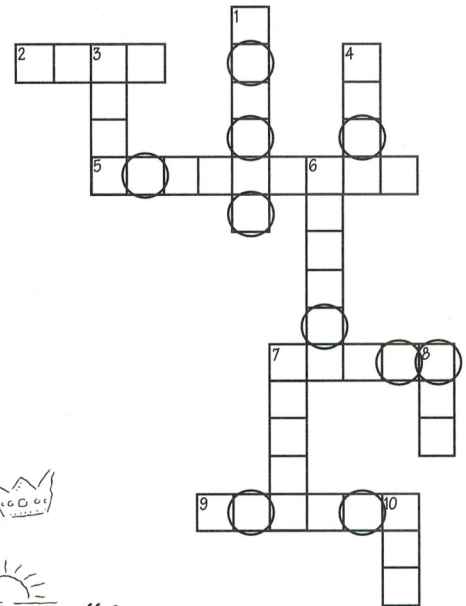
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DUMP CAKE

Judy Krott



Recipe
FROM THE
Cuba UMC
Cook Book

- 1 package yellow cake mix
- 1 20 oz. Can crushed pineapple in syrup (undrained)
- 1 can cherry pie filling (21 oz.)
- 1 cup chopped nuts
- ½ cup of butter or margarine

Preheat oven to 350°. Grease 13x9x2 inch pan. Dump undrained pineapple into pan and spread evenly. Dump in pie filling and spread evenly. Dump dry cake mix over pie filling and spread evenly. Sprinkle nuts over cake mix. Cut butter or margarine in thin slices and place over the top of the cake mix. Bake at 350° for 48 to 53 minutes.



Thank you to all for the prayers, cards, food and support after my surgery. I am doing amazingly well and exceeding even my own expectations. *Judy Zayac*

Schedule

Friday

5:00 - 6:00 PM Gather/Registration
6:00 - 6:25 PM Welcome and Worship
6:30 - 9:30 PM Class

Saturday

8:00 - 8:30 AM Gather/Coffee Hour
8:30 AM - 12:30 PM Class
12:30 PM - 1:30 PM Lunch
1:30 PM - 5:00 PM Class

Cornerstone District Spring 2015 Lay Servant Training School

Friday, April 24, 2015
Saturday April 25, 2015

Registration deadline: APRIL 13, 2015



Hosted by:

Christ Church UMC
633 Linwood Ave
Olean, NY 14760
Suzanne Block, Pastor

Added Feature on Saturday:

Safe Sanctuaries Training Opportunity

8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

In conjunction with the Spring Training School, a half-day training will be offered for laity and clergy to become Safe Sanctuaries certified. There is no charge for the training, which will be led by Pastor Brad Chesebro.

Safe Sanctuaries is an overt expression in making congregations safe places where children, youth and elders may experience the abiding love of God and fellowship within the community of faith. This training is separate from the Lay Servant Ministries curriculum.

Please use the form in this brochure to register for the training and to indicate if you will be staying for lunch.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:
APRIL 13, 2015

Class size may be limited.
Undersubscribed classes may be cancelled.

Registration Information

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:
APRIL 13, 2015

*Payment must be made by check.
No other forms of payment will be accepted.*

Make checks payable to:

Upper New York Annual Conference or UNYAC

Please complete and return the attached
registration form and payment to:

Cornerstone District Office UMC
663 Lakeview Ave
Jamestown, NY 14701
Phone: 716-665-2423
Fax: 716-665-3763

E-mail: cornerstonedistrict@unyumc.org

You must be paid in full to be considered registered.

Cornerstone District
Lay Servant Ministries

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urnman@windstream.net

Sherri Rood
District Superintendent

Save the date Oct 16-17, 2015 for
next Lay Servant Training School



Course Descriptions

LAY SERVANT MINISTRIES - BASIC COURSE

This course is the foundation for all the other Learning and Leading courses. In this course you are encouraged to discover and employ personal spiritual gifts as God intended. Participants are invited to consider the importance of exercising servant leadership, developing future leaders, remaining rooted in their discipleship. The course offers guidelines for best practices as a church leader and in mission and ministry in the community and in daily life. Participants must obtain the book, "Lay Servant Ministries BASIC COURSE" by Sandy Zeigler Jackson and Brian Jackson - leader Nancy Preston

TRANSFORMING EVANGELISM:

Traditional views of evangelism are often intimidating and push the limits of personal comfort, leaving the job of reaching out to new and searching Christians for the professionals - the clergy of the church. Knight and Powe show how this basic misunderstanding is contrary to John Wesley's view of evangelism, which he understood as a complete circle. The key to Wesley's way of sharing the faith is to relate to others in love, compassion and gratitude for God's divine grace. Participants must obtain the book, "Transforming Evangelism" by Henry H Knight III and F. Douglas Powe Jr. - leader Susan Hardy

Course Descriptions

UNITED METHODIST POLITY

Both laypeople and clergy are often confused and even frustrated by those questions and more. This class will help newcomers to the U.M.C. get their bearings and longtime members consider the specific structural challenges the church faces in the 21st Century. Participants must obtain the book, "Polity, Practice and the Mission of the United Methodist Church" (2006 edition) by Thomas Edward Frank, and the 2012 "United Methodist Book of Discipline." - Leader Pastor Suzanne Block

LAY SERVANT LEADING WORSHIP:

This advanced course in Lay Servant Ministries focuses on the ministry of the Lay Servant who either regularly or occasionally leads a group, class, organization, or the congregation in worship. The course is grounded in the classic patterns of Christian worship and the practices of leading worship. Participants will come to understand more about Christian worship in order to lead worship with more confidence. They will practice leading worship in a variety of formats throughout the course. Participants must obtain the book, "Worshiping with United Methodists Revised Edition A Guide for Pastors and Church Leaders" by Hoyt L. Hickman - leader Pastor Tim Gleason

Registrants:

It is your responsibility to order and read your material before class. Your instructor will notify you of any other assignment(s) or material(s) that you should bring with you.

All materials can be purchased through Cokesbury, www.cokesbury.com, 1-800-672-1789, or contact your local church for assistance with ordering.

REGISTRATION FORM
2015 SPRING
LAY SERVANT TRAINING SCHOOL

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:
APRIL 13, 2015

NAME	
STREET ADDRESS	
CITY, STATE, ZIP	
TELEPHONE	
EMAIL	
YOUR CHURCH	
PLEASE CHECK THE COURSE FOR WHICH YOU ARE REGISTERING.	
ALL FULL DAY CLASSES COST \$25/PERSON AND INCLUDES LUNCH AND BREAK REFRESHMENTS	
_____ BASIC LAY SERVANT MINISTRIES	
_____ LAY SERVANTS LEAD WORSHIP	
_____ TRANSFORMING EVANGELISM	
_____ UNITED METHODIST POLITY	
_____ SAFE SANCTUARIES TRAINING (free)	
_____ I will stay for lunch (donation)	

Friendship United Methodist Women News

Submitted by President Vicki Baker



The UMW met on Th., Mar. 12 at the church. We gathered at noon for lunch. There were 8 present. Reminded that the 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. Reservations are due Mar. 21.

We had a book report from Shirley. She read "Chasing Chaos", about women who worked in Africa. She said it was a good book and was hard to put down once started.

There will be a church baby shower for Emily on Sun. Apr. 12 following church. This is a Clothes-line Shower and is for everyone. For more info., contact Cathy Hamilton.

We had a guest speaker, Erin, who informed us of this year's VBS Program. She has the kit and would like to have a planning meeting. The meeting was set for Sat. Apr. 11 at 10 am. The other churches will be invited also. The theme is Camp Kilimanjaro.

Next we discussed the service for UMW Sun. It will be on the Charter for Racial Justice. Will finalize at next month's meeting.

Our next meeting will be Apr. 9 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.

From Pastor Tim (*Continued from front page*)

3. Our relationship to our **community**. Making the welcoming of our neighbors a priority. Being concerned about the needs of those around us. Seeing our community extending from where we are to the world. Methods of evangelism have as their starting point meeting the needs of the people who are to be reached.

As we consider new ministries and evaluate established ones, we should ask, "Does this ministry contribute to one or more of the **3 Key Relationships**?" Those that do should be preserved or added to the church's ministries.

Pastor Tim

Friendship UMC

April Birthdays

- 6 Nellie Hoopes
- 9 Richard Langdon
- 11 Dave Golden
- 22 Nathaniel Sortore
- 23 Addison Herring
- 26 Chelsea Hall
- 29 Keith Barber



April Anniversaries

- 19 Richard & Marilyn Cimbricz
- 28 Keith & Shirley Barber

Jennie's Parents
Tristen Logue
Pat Kupiec
Travelers
Fred Southwick
Shirley Southwick
Nancy Sortore
Lois Schenk
Diana Langdon
Toby Bessey
Jadyn Golden



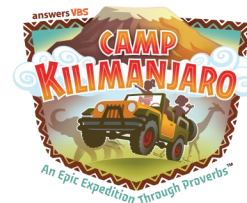
For Prayer Chain, call
Roberta Butler 973-2351
or Pat Kupiec 808-7345

Clothesline Baby Shower

Our church family
Will celebrate
Baby girl Nelson
April 12, 2015
After our church service
In the fellowship hall
Clothes pins and
Laundry basket
Will be provided
Andy & Emily are
Registered at:
Walmart & Target

Gifts are not to be wrapped
But either hung on the
Clothesline or put in the
Laundry basket.

Refreshments available




There will be a VBS Planning Meeting on
Sat., April 11 at the church beginning at 10:00 am.
Erin has the VBS materials to look over. This year
is Camp Kilimanjaro.
Anyone and Everyone should come.

April 2015

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

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Friendship Choir 6:30 pm Cuba Choir 7:00 pm	2 Holy Thursday Service- Friendship 7:00 pm	3 <i>Good</i> FRIDAY Good Friday Service- Cuba 7:00 pm	4 (C) Kung Fu 6-8 a (F) Lunch On Us 11:30-12:30
5  (C) UMW Food Pantry Collection	6	7	8 Friendship Choir 6:30 pm Cuba Choir 7:00 pm	9 (F) UMW Mtg. at Noon	10	11 Kung Fu 6-8a Cuba UMW 10 am (F) VBS Mtg. 10a (F) Lunch On Us 11:30-12:30
12 (F) Baby Show- er after church	13 (F) O.E.S. Mtg. Cuba Management Team 6:30 pm	14	15 Friendship Choir 6:30 pm Cuba Choir 7:00 pm	16 (F) WIC	17	18 Kung Fu 6-8 a (F) Trustee Breakfast 9am (F) Lunch On Us 11:30-12:30
19 (F) UMW Sunday	20 May Newsletter Deadline	21	22 Friendship Choir 6:30 pm Cuba Choir 7:00 pm	23	24	25 (C) Kung Fu 6-8 am (F) Lunch On Us 11:30-12:30
26 Cuba Rothfus Offering	27 (F) O.E.S. Mtg.	28	29 Friendship Choir 6:30 pm Cuba Choir 7:00 pm	30	Save the date: May 31st Cuba Council of Churches Progressive Dinner	

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