

April 2017

# The Shepherd's Messenger



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

Easter Message  
from Pastor  
Burt



## "In The Garden"

...but Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?" "They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus. "Woman," he said, "why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?" Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him." Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). John 20:11-16

Grace and Peace to you and yours in the name of our Lord and Savior,  
Jesus Christ!

Mary must have had a multitude of feelings as she stood weeping outside the garden tomb that first Easter morning. Over the last few days, she had seen the horrible, painful death of Jesus, and her faith in a God of goodness and love had to be wavering. However, these actions were not the last word on Jesus. As she stood weeping, a man, dressed as a gardener, appeared to her. The gardener spoke her name and she turned to see Jesus. In that moment - the world changed!

## LIFE HAD CONQUERED DEATH AND HOPE CONQUERED DESPAIR!

This was a sign of the power and victory of God. And it proclaims a word of hope in the face of evil, sin, tragedy and death. Jesus had promised, "Because I live, you shall live also!" Scripture reminds us that Jesus was buried in a garden, - and it was in a garden that Adam and Eve committed the first sin and disobeyed God.

I wonder if God was saying to us - What happened in Eden was reversed - wiped away at Calvary! Was Jesus (the gardener) saying to Mary, "I'm restoring the garden and all that God intended for humanity in creation. Resurrection of Jesus meant salvation for us. In a way it all began IN THE GARDEN!

"And He walks with me and He talks with me and He tells me I am His own, and the joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known."

Have a joyful Easter!

*Pastor Burt*

The Garden"

**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. 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:**

Tom Bean  
Bob Clayson  
Luke Fries  
June Ink  
Jackie McKeel  
Mark Middaugh  
Derwood Say  
Laroy Spateholts  
Alice Sweet  
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!*



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



- 9 - Pete & Cherri Quattrini
- 27 - Elroy & Kelly Brickey



**Shirley Pugh** passed away March 10, 2017 at the age of 91. She was a member of Cuba UMC and had moved to Colchester, CT to be closer to her children.

A memorial celebrating her life will be held at 1 PM, Saturday, May 20 at the Palmer Opera House in Cuba.

**Kay L. Cummings** passed away March 15 at Oneida Healthcare. She was a member of Cuba UMC. There were no services. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

**Statistics****Needed: \$1,739**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Worship</b>	<b>SS</b>	<b>Offering</b>
2/26	36	15	\$1,673.33
2/26		Rothfus	\$ 50.00
2/26		Naomi	\$ 20.00
Ash Wed.	28		
3/5	46	20	\$1,873.00
		Naomi	\$ 58.00
3/12	48	20	\$2,290.10
3/12		Naomi	\$ 400.00
3/19	39	15	\$ 945.00
3/19		Rothfus	\$ 20.00
3/26	46	13	\$1,949.00
		Rothfus	\$ 110.00

**April Helping Hands**Usher:

Jim Travis

Pianist:

Christine Berardi

Organist:

Jonathan Denham

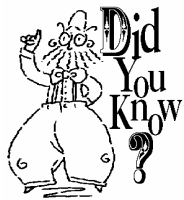
Altar Guild:

Thela Snow



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

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

**DYK:***Submitted by Dean Wildrick*

serve.

The Upper New York Conference Nominations & Leadership Development Team is seeking gifted, passionate, and committed women and men to serve on various Conference committees, boards, commissions and teams, and has developed an application form for those who are interested in being considered. Conference members are invited to offer their future service to the Church through the Conference by completing an "Opportunities to Serve" form online indicating how you might like to

**UMW MEETING***Submitted by Shirley Poore*United  
Methodist  
Women

Our March meeting was cancelled, due to no power. We will be having rummage Sale first week in May, so save any good items you have for it. Our next meeting will be April 15. Ruth will be making her reminder calls.



The Sermon  
of the Lilies

In the beauty of the lilies  
We can see the love of God.  
They without a conscious effort  
Rise - supreme above the sod -  
Clothed in tints of radiant glory  
Fed by springs and from above,  
Each a message of Creation,  
Each a symbol of his love.

Dear Church Family,

I would like to thank you for saving your Giant Receipts.

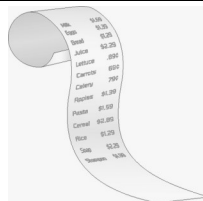
Thank you also to Mr. Berardi for taking part in this program.

We have to save \$10,000.00 and we earn \$1/500. Which is very nice as otherwise we would throw them out. The money then goes in the church treasury.

We have earned \$69.78 so far this year. I'm now in the process of totaling up some more tapes.

Keep saving them.

Sue Simmons



**Sue Simmons** is the UMW's **Cheer Person**. If you know of someone who needs a note of cheer, please call her at **585-968-1135**.

**BOSTON SCROD**

Cindy Dutton

2 pieces of fresh cod or haddock  
Salt and pepper  
Season cod with S & P. Cover  
with foil and bake at 350° for 10  
min. Uncover and evenly pat on a  
mixture of:

1/3 cup soft butter

3/4 cup dry bread crumbs

1 tsp dry mustard

1/2 tsp onion salt

Dash Worcestershire and Tabasco

2 TBS lemon juice

1 TBS chopped parsley

Broil 5-7 minutes, or bake 12 minutes 350°, until  
fish is lt. brown and flakes.



Recipe  
FROM THE  
Cuba UMC  
Cook Book

**HOLY WEEK**

Passion/Palm Sunday April 9 11:00 AM

Maundy Thursday April 13 7:00 PM

Easter April 16 11:00 AM



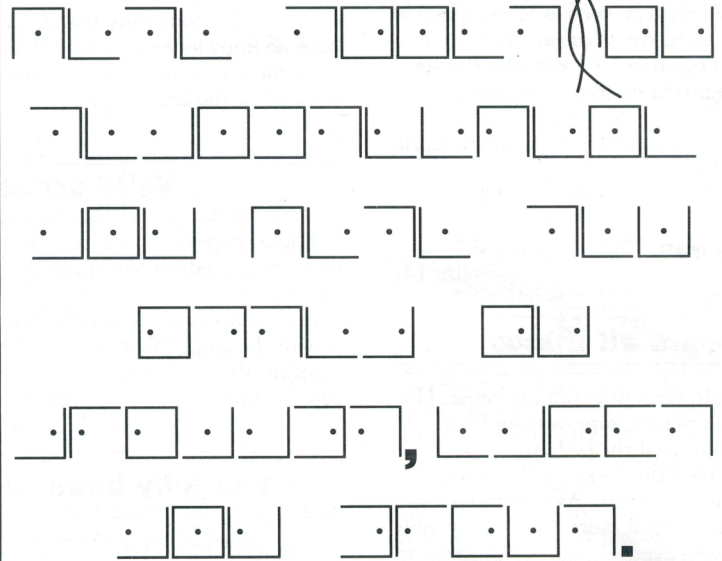
In Spring we have much to celebrate:  
new life, warmer weather, Easter!  
There are many ways to celebrate! In  
Bible days the people celebrated special  
times also.

Use the code to find  
some ways Bible  
people celebrated.

••• A B C	••• D E F	••• G H I
••• J K L	••• M N O	••• P Q R
••• S T U	••• V W X	•• Y Z

Example:

• = A  
□ = N

**Nehemiah 12:27****Answers:**

With songs of thanksgiving and with the music  
of cymbals, harps and lyres.



"Looks like I'm going to have to get Mom  
to let me cross the street."

## Adult Sunday School Class



## Adult Sunday School Studies with Cheryl

### PROPHECY #17: Characteristics of Jesus' Coming Kingdom

When Jesus talked with his disciples, He often spoke about the "Coming Kingdom". The disciples believed that Jesus was the Jewish Messiah who had come to free them from Roman rule and sit on a throne himself. They believed that they would receive material blessings too. But ... it was not time yet.

One day Jesus saw crowds of people approaching, and he went up on a mountainside to sit and teach them. What He said became known as the "Sermon on the Mount". It contained the prophecy of, (and the ethical principles of) the future spiritual Kingdom. (Matthew Chapters 5-7 and Luke 6:20-49) The Sermon on the Mount contained the Beattitudes.

The Kingdom that Jesus spoke about required the practice of ethical principles... and only people who were qualified would enter. Who is qualified to enter the Kingdom?

- People who greatly desire righteousness\* (what is right)
- People who desire peace\* (for themselves and others)
- People who are persecuted for their faith\* (who will die before they will say it is not true)
- People of inner purity\* (who do not have bad inner secrets)

The ethical principles (that Jesus spoke about for the future) added on to the Law of Moses (The Ten Commandments). The Pharisees (Jewish religious leaders in Jesus' lifetime) said: 1) keep the law, 2) don't do ACTS that are wrong, 3) love your friends, 4) bring your gifts to the altar.

But Jesus added: 1) do more than just keep the law (Matthew 5:20, 2) don't have ATTITUDES that are wrong (Matthew 5:38-41), 3) love your enemies (Matthew 5:44), 4) before you bring your gifts to the altar, first reconcile with others (Matthew 5:23-24). The emphasis is on INNER righteousness.

Christians are to look forward to the Kingdom and prepare for it. Jesus taught us to pray to God: "Thy kingdom come."

God has fulfilled many prophecies in the past. He will fulfill this prophecy of the Coming Kingdom in the future.

\* MAJOR BIBLE PROPHECIES Written by John F. Walvoord



## DUDLEY TAILS

*Submitted by Cheryl Wildrick*

Before we brought Dudley home as a puppy, I had done alot of thinking. Would I have time for a “companion-breed” dog that would want to be with me 24-7? Would I be able to afford all of the expenses that come along with a puppy? What would happen to Dudley if I died before he did?

Dudley is dependant upon me for many things. Not just for his physical needs, but for love, attention, and security. Dudley’s “spot” is next to me on our loveseat where we can touch and look into each other’s eyes. Other times he maneuvers his nose under my elbow and lifts it, to indicate that he wants time with me. He also occasionally looks up at me for support when he is uncertain of his surroundings or different people.



What would Dudley do without his master? I imagine he would be brokenhearted. He would feel alone. He would doubt that he could survive by himself.

This is how the disciples of Jesus felt when Jesus died on the cross. They had lost a person who loved them. They had lost a friend who always had time for their personal needs. They had lost their spiritual advisor who made them secure in the knowledge that their lives would continue, even after death.

We can be thankful that we will never lose our Master. (Matthew 28:20) Believers who know the Savior now (in this life), will be with Him in heaven. The spirit goes on.

## Easter Quotes



The Bible tells us that Jesus Christ came to do three things. He came to forgive your past, give you a purpose for living, and a home in heaven. - Rick Warren

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God proved His love on the cross. When Christ hung, and bled, and died, it was God saying to the world, "I Love You" - Billy Graham

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Earth's saddest day and gladdest day were only three days apart! - Susan Coolidge

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“He was wounded for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities; on Him was chastisement that brought us peace, and by His stripes we are healed.” - Isaiah 53:5

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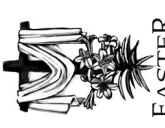
Here is the amazing thing about Easter; the Resurrection Sunday for Christians is this, that Christ in the dying moments on the cross gives us the greatest illustration of forgiveness possible. -T.D. Jakes

WORSHIP  
SERVICE  
SUNDAY  
11:00 AM



2017

SUNDAY SCHOOL  
9:45 AM  
For All Ages

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2 Naomi Mission Collection UMW Food Pantry Collection	3	4 Prayer Group 10 am- 11 am Bible Study 11 am Grief Support Group 12:30 pm	5 Bible Study 5:00 pm Trustees 6:00 Management Team 6:45 pm	6	7	8
9  Palm Sunday	10	11 Prayer Group 10 am- 11 am Bible Study 11 am	12 Bible Study 5:00 pm	13 Maundy Thursday Service 7:00 pm	14	15 UMW Meeting 9:30 am
16  EASTER	17	18 Prayer Group 10 am- 11 am Bible Study 11 am	19 Bible Study 5:00 pm	20	21	22
23	24	25 Prayer Group 10 am- 11 am Bible Study 11 am	26 Bible Study 5:00 pm	27	28	29
30 Rothfus Collection						

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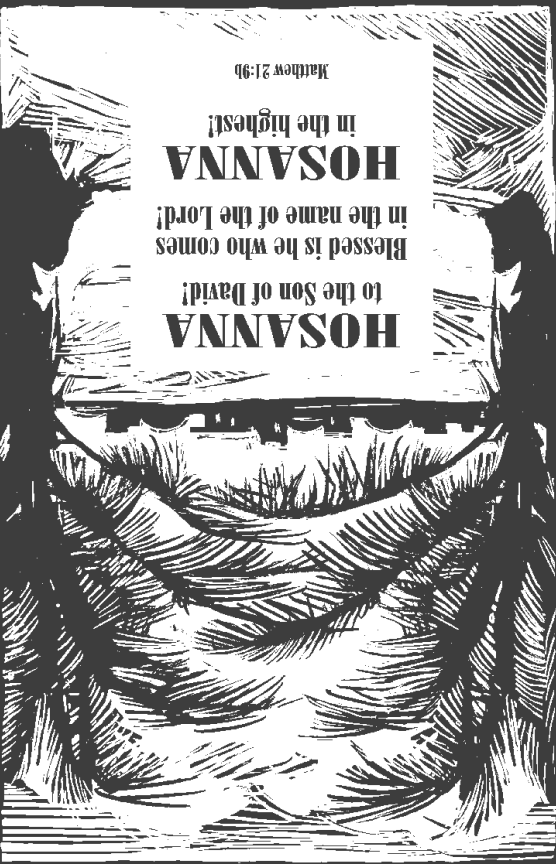
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**HOSANNA**

Blessed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord!

**HOSANNA**

to the Son of David!

in the highest!

Matthew 21:9b