

The Shepherd's Messenger

May 2008



Pastor Sunny's Rays

Well it has come and gone. Easter has come at one of the most early times we will every see in our life time. And now spring is here, we are planning our planting of flowers, clean up of the yards and soon the mowing blades will need to be sharpened.

But more important is what are we going to do with our new faith in Jesus Christ and the righteousness that has been given to us through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. You see Jesus died for our sin, all that we had done was forgiven by the sacrifice of the Lamb of God. But we forget that God did not just forgive us of our sin, but God gave us the opportunity to live in a life of righteousness through the resurrected life of Jesus Christ. That is why HE IS ALIVE!!!

His resurrection was not just so we could know that we have a heavenly life waiting for us, even though this is true for every believer. Jesus is not alive just so we know that when we pray Jesus is the mediator for us to the heavenly Father, even though this also is true. Most of all Jesus is alive so we may live a life of righteousness through the righteousness of Jesus. You see if we ask Jesus to come and live in us, then the same spirit that was obedient unto God even unto death is what lives in us. Why do we still sin?

First of all because we do not seem to grasp this wonderful transformation that God has provided for us. We go about only proclaiming that our sins are forgiven. We seem only to have grasped part of the picture. This is when we find the lifestyle of sinning and then each Sunday asking God to forgive us. This is nor a very victorious life, but a life to standing,

falling, standing and falling. Many people get tired of this lifestyle and give up all together. God did not intend for us to live this type of life, God's intention is for us to know the resurrection power flowing through us giving us victory over sin and death, just as we witnessed on Easter morning.

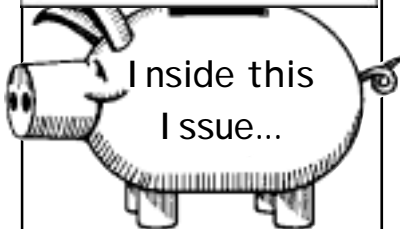
God's desire is for us to have abundant life and first and foremost this is speaking of our spiritual relationship with God that becomes so close, that sin is not able to grasp hold. We stand every day with God's power and strength to face all the whiles of the world and each day through prayer and reading of the scriptures we learn more and more to be like Christ in every facet of life. May you take this Easter and grasp the true meaning of resurrection power for your life. May you pray with the confidence of Jesus mediating for you, and may you know that if you fall, God will forgive your sins through the blood of Jesus, but most of all that you may walk daily with God in the righteousness of Jesus Christ.

And remember as you are planting those spring flowers that God loves you and so do we.

Pastor Sunny



"Ten percent may be adequate for God, but we here at First National prefer 17 percent."



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Prayer Requests

Our World situation
The Rothfus Family
Jan Clement
Patty Kellogg
George Blackwell
Mike Filer
Don Schleigh
Glenwood Lawrence
Tresa Lawton
Terry Spencer
Sandy Tabor
Elizabeth Morris

THOSE AT HOME

Leslie Arnold
Alice Sweet
Adaline Wakefield
to those at other residences...
Cuba CMH:

Lucille Wildrick
Eden Heights:
Dorothy 'Dee' Petit
Gladys McIntosh
Bernice Lackey
The Pines:
Ruth Ella White
Waters of Houghton
John Lawton
Waters of Westfield
Dawn Durkee

Military personnel and their families...

Bob Aaronson
Daniel Bunk
Patrick Frank
Mark Keenan
Karl Linderman
Brian Martin
Charles Randall
Greg Rogers
Ron Traux
Miles Ward
Eric Young

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. Gatherings are held on Monday's at 7 p.m. at Our Lady of Angels Roman Catholic Church at 50 South Street in Cuba. All are welcomed to attend. For more information, contact Ray Perkins at 585-968-1467

"Praying for Our Churches, Pastors and Leadership" Mountain View District:

MAY

4: Troupsburg/Ronald Sellers

11: dcom/Beth Kottemann, Chrpsn
18: Wellsville/Lee Williams
25: West Valley: St Paul's/Joan Zimmerman

Prayer List Update

Please keep our prayer list up to date.

Requests made in writing are preferred, to assure proper spelling. You can do this in the attendance pads on Sundays, or drop your request off at the office. If you call your request in, please spell out the name.

Thank you in advance for your assistance

Please be
Praying for...



Nearly 1,000 delegates to the United Methodist General Conference are wading through 1,564 pieces of proposed legislation to be considered during the April 23-May 2 meeting in Fort Worth, Texas. On Feb.15, the United Methodist Publishing House mailed 1,540 copies of the Advance Edition of the Daily Christian Advocate to delegates, first alternates, bishops and others. Portuguese and French editions later were sent to delegates in Africa. Delegates received a 157-page Handbook for Delegates, which includes the proposed plan of organization and rules of order for the assembly and a listing of delegates and committee assignments. They also received the hefty two-volume Advance DCA, which includes reports from churchwide agencies and proposed legislation. The page count is 1,560, up from 1,411 in 2004 when the last assembly was held.

This is the place that The Book of Discipline is perfected and the book of resolutions compiled every 4 years. What an awesome responsibility for our delegates. They need our prayers and support. Our own bishop, Violet Fisher, is preaching one day.

Dean

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Statistics

<u>Date</u>	<u>SS</u>	<u>Worship</u>	<u>Offering</u>
03/23	16	79	\$1,727.35
04/01	21	82	\$1,842.45
04/08	25	109	\$2,506.75



Submitted by Patti Petroni
President

On Saturday morning, April 12, a full house of UMW women met to listen to invited guest, Sylvia McComb and Tami Hamilton, Education Advocates in the Family Services Division associated with the ACCORD Corporation in Belmont. The topic of their presentation was "Domestic Violence". It wasn't the most pleasant of topics to get up on a spring morning to listen to, but a most important and necessary one for sure. Quoting from their booklet "adult domestic violence is one of the most serious public health issues and criminal justice issues facing women today" The abuse happens regardless of socio-economic status, race, ethnicity, age, education, employment status, physical ableness, marital status or childhood history. Domestic Violence is a serious crime and can result in serious injury and death. Statistics prove that the majority of men who batter their partners also are abusive to their children. In Allegany County last year 134 adults and 197 children **reported** victims that were helped by Family Service. The ladies noted that in the Cuba area they have not had a great number of cases reported, but when they do deal with Cuba, the cases tend to be very severe. They have noticed an increase in elderly abuse. They see a trend in victims being younger, more verbal abuse used against the victims, and people staying in a denial mode. The family services division has a great network of agencies ready to help all victims-men-women-children-and elderly by calling 1-8005935322 . Our UMW group is planning to get involved in helping the agency help our "neighbors" by conducting a diaper, school supplies, gas certificates and clothing drives. Remember, if you know of someone or maybe even yourself that is being verbally or physically abused to call the number above and support and help these people. If you were unable to attend the meeting and would like to know more please see Pastor Sunny.

In our other news, our March "No Bake Sale" netted us \$245.12. Thanks to Sandy Tsujimoto for chairing this project and to all those who 'baked". Women's Sunday has been rescheduled for Sunday, June 1, 2008. Our May rummage sale is scheduled for May 1-2-3 with Deb Battistoni and Virginia Clayson chairing. Many hands make light work and we need everyone who can lend a hand to come out beginning Monday, April 28th to help unload and begin to set up for the sale. The annual Mother and Daughter banquet is being chaired by Judy Zayac and will be held on Tuesday evening May 6th at 6PM. This is a "pot luck" dinner with roast beef sandwiches being the main course. This was very well attended last year and we're hoping for another success this year. Even if you don't have a daughter or your daughter cannot attend...come. Every woman is someone's daughter! The ladies decided to "adopt" the flower gardens around the church with Mary Ann Pfouts chairing this committee. Remember, we always collect food for the Cuba Food Pantry the first Sunday of every month. Cindy Dutton chairs this program and we thank her for that. Finally, the ladies agreed to continue to meet during the summer months changing the meeting theme to lunches and possibly a barbeque. All ladies are welcome to join us and bring a friend. As you can read, we are a very busy bunch of ladies. If you haven't tried us out lately please attend our next meeting in May. Hope to see you there!

Next meeting: Saturday morning May 10, 2008 at 10AM Wesley Hall.. No program.

Agenda: plan Father's Day Breakfast, June luncheon or dinner, gardens, sprucing up Wesley Hall.

Hostesses: Cathy Flower, Deb Battistoni

Collecting Change for Gas Certificates

Beginning the first Sunday in May and for the remainder of Sunday's in May, the UMW will be

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collecting any and all spare change to turn into "gas Certificates" to be handed over to the Family Services Division for domestic violence. This will provide victims of domestic violence a means of support from us to help them when having to meet appointments by being able to get to a lawyers office, court appointment, seek counseling support groups etc... We will collect before and after each service and will gladly take your change from your pockets and wallets that day. All donations of any amount are appreciated. Thank you for your kindness in advance.



Mike Kunz
There will be Sunday School meeting On Sunday May 18, 2008. Please mark your calendar's and plan to attend.



SUMMER CAMP

BY Deb Battistoni, Camp Coordinator

The brochures have been mailed to all of last years campers, and it's time to make summer plans for our young people!

Last year, we had made a record number of campers from Cuba, in part because of the David's kids program, an endowment set up in the memory of David Enderle. The entire cost of attending the camp was covered by this program. This year, we will be covering the cost of camp, with the exception of the



ers, and it's time to make summer plans for our young people!

March was:

NO BAKE SALE Month

Submitted by Sandy Tsujimoto

The whole month of March was devoted to the United Methodist Women's No Bake Sale event. There was no baking and no consuming of those unnecessary calories. A great month to celebrate, indeed!

The United Methodist Women's Group would like to extend their immense gratitude to everyone who contributed to this event. We were able to raise over \$240.00 throughout the month of March. These donations will assist the general fund, purchase items for the kitchen, provide the funds for coffee, and support a family in need during the Christmas season.

The UMW wish to thank you for your continued support and generosity throughout the month of March for the annual NO BAKE SALE.

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May Helping Hands

Nursery

4: Sandy Tsujimoto
11:
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Liturgist

4: Louis Petroni
11:
18: Pattie Petroni
25: Judy Zayac

Ushers

Red Hatters

Acolytes

4: Katelyn Cornell
11: Brandon Cornell
18: Josh Enderle
25: Jasmyn Dorsey

Children's Moment

4: Deb Battistoni
11:
18: Wally Watson
25:

Altar Flowers

4: Maggie Watson
11:
18:
25: Mark & Clair
Morris

Altar Guild

Claire Morris

Greeters

4: Red Hats
11: Red Hats
18: Red Hats
25: Red Hats



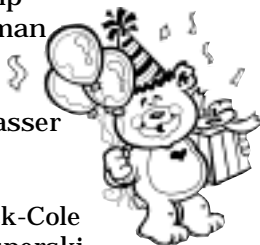
May Celebrations

Birthdays

1 - Nick Abraham	14 - Brenda Wyant
2 - Alyson Brickey	16 - Marcia McIntosh
3 - Nici Kunz	18 - Carrie LaFave
Butch Pfouts	19 - Melody Hayward
4 - Connie Emerson	20 - Chad Loftis
5 - Pamela Koubek	Pete Quattrini
Aaron Neary	Alicia Sutphin
6 - Paul Bean	23 - Jasmyn Dorsey
Merle Burlingame	Doris Kellogg
Richard Lewis	Roy Morris
7 - Steven Abraham	24 - Zea Ann Dutton
Wally Watson	Calvin Mosher
9 - Brandon Cornell	Pearl Stark
Mike Young	25 - Dawn Durkee
10 - Alice German	Kamal Nasser
11 - Bradley Schintzius	30 - Andrew Freeman
13 - Carmelita Butts	Sherry Hopkins
Bruce Stubbs	31 - Lynda Casey

Anniversaries

6 - Richard & Corine Bump
10 - John & Deborah Freeman
11 - Karl & Phyllis Hodge
13 - Pete & Sue Simmons
17 - Kamal & Jacquelyn Nasser
18 - Adam & Julie Mouser
Tom & Jeanne Steen
20 - Jeremy & Dawn Wildrick-Cole
23 - Anthony & Raquel Kasperski
28 - Mark & Claire Morris



LOOKING FOR COMMUNITY CHORUS VOLUNTEERS!

Submitted by
Louis Petroni

The Cuba Council of Churches will be holding a commUNITY worship service on SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. It will be held at CUBA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH and will be a time to worship together and also to recognize the community MEALS ON WHEELS program. A meal will follow the service.

If you like to sing, we'd like to invite you to be part of our commUNITY chorus. We will be practicing some FUN AND EASY pieces to sing during the service.

Tentative practices will be: Sunday, May 4. and the afternoon of May 18, the day of the service. The actual times and place of the rehearsal is being decided at the time of this article. If you are interested in singing please watch for announcements in the Sunday bulletins for the details. You do not need to be a member of the choir to participate, this is a one time event with very limited rehearsal time, so hopefully some non-choir singers will join us. Come on, it will be fun! Music will be provided.

For More Information, please contact:

Nettie White 585-365-8219

(internettie58@yahoo.com)

Ashley Ward at 585-968-2282

(cubans4christ@verizon.net)

WE HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US !

April 2007						
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29	30					



June 2007						
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
April 29	April 30	1	2	3	4	5
		Rummage Sale Set Up 9:00 a.m. until				
	7p: Elizabeth	7p Church Council		6-8p	Rummage Sale 9a-3p	9a-Noon
6 Communion 12p Sunday School Teacher's meet 5p: Unity Service	7 5:30p Mother-Daughter PotLuck	8	9 7p Choir Rehearsal	10	11	12
13 Mother's Day	14 7p: Finance	15 4p-6p: Chicken BBQ	16 1p: Council of Churches @1st Bap.	17	18	19 9a: Work B
20	21 Deadline for Newsletter and Grad info	22	23	24 7p Choir Rehearsal	25	26
27 Pentecost AIM (Rothfus) Offering	28 7p Trustees meet	29	30	31 7p Choir Rehearsal	<u>Sundays' Schedule:</u> 8:45 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship	

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Who's Graduating?...

Can you believe its that time of year already? Wow! Just yesterday the snow was flying, and now here it is "cap flying" time!

If you know of someone who is graduating from High School or College, please send in their information so that their name can be included in next month's newsletter. Also, if you know of the graduate's future plans, please include that information. We will be honoring our graduates on Sunday June 22.

Please send information into the church office by either drop off (place in secretary's mail slot in upper hallway), mail (49 East Main Street), or by e-mail (cubasec@roadrunner.com) **Due date is May 18th.**

Missed a Sunday? Didn't pick up your newsletter? Need to know what's going on? Don't forget our wonderful website that our Web Master, Jim Travis, works so hard on to keep updated. That way you'll always be informed! And sign the guest book while you're there!

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