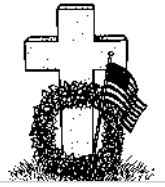


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KNOWING JESUS THE GOOD
SHEPHERD & SHARING THE
RISEN CHRIST WITH ALL.



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

We call ourselves a church **family**. That's a common description of a small church. Like every healthy family, church families need a few basic rules. As a United Methodist Church family, I suggest we live by the following three

simple rules from John Wesley:

1. **Do no harm** by avoiding evil of every kind.
2. **Do good** of every sort, as far as possible, to all.
3. **Stay in love with God** by attending on all the ordinances of God.

If we have rules, we will naturally have standards, things we will and will not do as family members. How will we know when we are living by the rules?

Again, some suggestions:

1. We guard our lips, our minds and our hearts so that what we say won't put down, injure, or wound another child of God.
2. Together we seek the way forward in faithfulness to God. We **cooperate**.
3. We do things for each other without being asked to and when it is not required. We are **helpful**.
4. We take the feelings of others into account.
5. We are loving truth-tellers while honoring each others' commitment.
6. We regularly participate in the life of our Christian community (church family), including weekly worship and regular participation in the Lord's Supper.
7. We do a good turn daily as an act of goodness or mercy. We give **service** to others.
8. We search God's Word before making a decision.

I believe that if we meet these standards we will love God and love one another as God loves us.

Pastor Tim

SPECIAL SERVICES COMING UP

Sunday, May 25

Memorial Day service

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
Bob Campbell
Bud Carlin
Veronica Clayton
John Culbert
De Donner
Myrtle Finch
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



3 - Nici Kunz
Kerigan Pierce
5 - Andrew Clement
9 - Brandon Cornell
Mike Young
21 - Austin Clement
23 - Doris Kellogg
24 - Zea Ann Dutton
31 - Eric Giczkowski



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



11 - Karl & Phyllis Hodge
13 - Pete & Sue Simmons
14 - Ken & Doris Wyant
20 - Jeremy & Dawn Wildrick-Cole
28 - Mark & Claire Morris

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
3/30	42	21	\$1,481.00
3/30		Rothfus	\$ 75.00
4/6	47		\$1,736.00
4/6		Rothfus	\$ 10.00
4/13	45	17	\$1,602.00
4/20	65		\$2,180.00

May Helping HandsUshers

Tom & Judy Krott

Greeters

5/4 Open for you
5/11 Open for you
5/18 Open for you
5/25 Open for you

Acolyte

5/4
5/11
5/18
5/25

Children's Moment

Marjanne Kunz

Altar Guild

Claire Morris

Coffee Hour

5/18 Cheryl, Sue, Doris & Shirley

Communion Server

Ruth Holden

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 TEACHING

This month, our Pastor's Bible Study will begin with a text from the Gospel of Luke. For those studying with me, and all of our readers, some background information will be helpful.

In the Gospel of Luke, Luke the physician draws a portrait of Jesus the Savior, who brings the love of God to earth and draws the people of God to heaven. Luke conveys his fascination with Jesus, a man of both prayer **and** action, who could be continually mindful of God and yet be fully present with people as an attentive, empathetic healer. Jesus modeled perfect communication with his heavenly Father (the Lord's Prayer) and perfect compassion for those His culture considered outcasts (the parable of the Good Samaritan).

Jesus' life and teachings reconcile some of the contrasts that exist within our spiritual lives, blending spiritual with physical, feasting with fasting, compassion with confrontation, and solitude with community.

Jesus moved beyond the restrictions of Jewish society, welcoming anyone with a seeking heart and granting the forgiveness of God to those the "righteous" Jewish leaders had rejected. He engaged women, as well as men, in ministry. For Luke, the only Gentile Gospel writer, this was good news indeed, for Jesus brought reconciliation to the Gentile world.

Let the book of Luke help us discover what it means to live an inward life of prayer and an outward life of compassion. When we struggle to balance "doing" with "being", let us imitate Jesus Christ, who practiced an ongoing rhythm of ministry and Sabbath rest. How can we serve God in the same radical way? How can we maintain this rhythm in our personal lives?

DYK:

Submitted by Dean Wildrick



The United Methodist Committee on Relief sent a \$10,000 grant "within six minutes" of a request from Greater Northwest Episcopal Area Bishop Grant Hagiya. The Rev. Stanley J. Norman, the United Methodist Pacific Northwest Annual (regional) disaster relief coordinator, tells how pastors, local churches and disaster-response teams from the Western Jurisdiction are responding and preparing to help after the tragic mudslide on March 22.

Management Team Meeting Highlights

Submitted by Paul Tsujimoto

- ◆ Front door will be worked on - kick plates & paint
- ◆ Giving is still keeping up with the budget
- ◆ Shingles on weather side of church may need work and mortar between bricks needs pointing in places
- ◆ Elevator maintenance was performed on March 27
- ◆ Clean-up day is set for Sat. May 17
- ◆ A professional inspection was made on the bat situation, and work will be scheduled to evict bats and seal building
- ◆ Podium lighting is being investigated



Members of the congregation placed fresh flowers in the "Living Cross" during the Easter worship service, April 20, and it was displayed outside to show all that JESUS LIVES!



If you know of someone who is graduating from High School or College, please provide their information so that their name can be included in next month's newsletter. If you know of the graduate's future plans, include that information. Please send to the church office by mail, email, or place in secretary's mail slot in upper hallway before May 19.



Consider the lilies

"Why are you anxious...?" asked our Lord. Then he said, Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these" (Matthew 6:28-29). His point was that just as God sees to it that the lilies of the field always come forth in their wholeness and beauty, so God can be counted on to provide for us. People of faith come to understand that marvelous reality. In words that follow, a poet reminds us of the reliability of God as seen in familiar flowers that now are bursting forth in their glorious beauty:



God does not send strange flowers every year,
When the Spring wind blows o'er the pleasant places,
The same dear things lift up the same fair faces,
The violet is here.

— Adeline Whitney

Unscramble the letters under the blank spaces to find the words that complete the Psalm.



Psalm 148 (verses 1-4, 7-14)

Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!
Praise him, all his _____; praise him, all his host!

(legans)

Praise him, _____ and _____; praise him,
(uns) (nomo)
all you shining _____!

(stras)

Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters
above the heavens!...

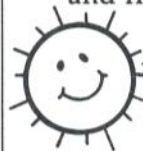
Praise the Lord from the earth, ... _____ and hail, _____

(reif)

(swon)

and frost, stormy _____ fulfilling his command!

(dwin)



_____ and all _____,

(snaitMoun)

(slihl)

fruit _____ and all cedars!

(seter)

Wild animals and all _____, creeping things

(taclet)

and flying _____!

(dribs)



Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and
all rulers of the earth!

Young _____ and _____ alike, old and young together!

(nem)

(nowem)

Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone
is exalted; his _____ is above earth and _____....

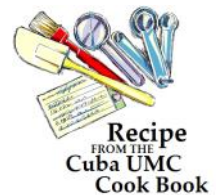
(rylog)

(veenah)

Praise the Lord!

DELI PASTA SALAD

Cindy Dutton



- 1# cooked tricolor macaroni twists
- 2 or 3 fresh tomatoes, chopped
- 1 (3 oz) pkg. Sliced pepperoni (¾ cup)
- ½ cup parmesan cheese
- ½ - 1 cup sliced black olives
- 1 med. onion, chopped
- ¼ # provolone in ½" chunks

- 2 envelopes dry Italian salad dressing mix
- ½ cup red wine vinegar
- 1 cup olive oil

Toss first 7 ingredients. Make dressing with last 3 ingredients. Refrigerate for several hours for flavors to blend. This will keep several weeks. You can also add 1-2 cups al dente broccoli.

Cuba United Methodist Women News

Submitted by Judy Zayac



Ten women met on April 12th in Wesley Hall. Sandy Allen led us in prayer before a brunch of scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, muffins, coffee and juice provided by Ruth and Judy. Special thanks to Ruth for making reminder calls to bring us all together. We welcomed some faces that have been missing for a while. Sue presented a favorite passage from Ephesians 6:10-20 about the whole armor of God. She showed us a framed copy of this verse which she looks at each morning as she "puts on the full armor of God" to start each day so that she can stand firm against any evil that comes before her. Thanks Sue.

We began the meeting by approving the minutes of the last meeting and Barbara presented the treasurer's report.

Sue suggested that we do a more simple coffee and snack to replace the full brunch we have been having. All agreed that this was a good idea, and that it would give us more time to do study and projects. She also gave us copies of directions for fleece hats for children that we can make in the fall. She also asked that we get more information about the UMCOR relief and layette kits that Dean Wildrick has mentioned in "Did you Know" article.

We decided that we would go out for dinner in June. The tentative date is June 4th at 5:30 at Allegany Hills Restaurant. Judy will check availability. We will car pool. We also discussed doing something for Mothers' Day. Judy will put something together and we will work on it at the next meeting on May 10th. Other suggestions for programs and speakers were the Barbershoppers and Wellspring Ministries. We will not have a spring trash and treasures sale, but hope to have a large one in the fall. After the June meeting we will be on hiatus until September at which time we will have a pot luck dinner to start off the new program year.

Hope to see even more women at our next meeting on Saturday, May 10th R 10:00 a.m. All women of the church and guests are welcomed to join us for fellowship, worship and community outreach.



The **Interfaith Community Chorus** gave their first Easter performance at the Cuba United Methodist Church. The cantata was also performed on Saturday April 12 at 6pm at the Belfast United Methodist Church, and on Sunday, April 13, 6pm at the Friendship United Methodist Church. Directed by Eva Hillman of Belfast, the 30 member chorus has members from all over Allegany County. They performed the **cantata "Holy Easter A Story of Love."** It was narrated by Shirley Levernier, Keith Barber and Lois Scott, shown in the photo.



Anna M. Jarvis (1864-1948) first suggested an annual day honoring all mothers because she loved her own mother dearly. At a memorial service for her mother on May 10, 1908, Miss Jarvis gave a carnation, her mother's favorite flower, to each person who attended. Within the next few years, the idea of a day to honor mother gained popularity, and Mother's Day was observed in a number of large cities in the United States.

On May 9, 2014, by an act of Congress, president Woodrow Wilson proclaimed the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day. He established the day as a time for "public expression of our love and reverence for the mother's of our country." By then, it had become customary to wear white carnations to honor departed mothers and red to honor the living mothers, a custom that continues to this day.

— Hope Lutheran Church
Toledo, OH

Bishop Webb's Easter Message:

Own, share the urgency of Easter morning

4/11/2014



The angel spoke to the women: "There is nothing to fear here. I know you're looking for Jesus, the One they nailed to the cross. He is not here. He was raised, just as he said. Come and look at the place where he was placed.

"Now, get on your way quickly and tell his disciples, 'He is risen from the dead. He is going on ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there.' That's the message." – Matthew 28:5-7 (The Message)

Another celebration of Easter provides for us the opportunity to claim and proclaim the wondrous news that Christ is risen; He is risen indeed!

As a child and teenager, I remember attending the sunrise services at my home church. I had a sense of anticipation going to church on that day, which I confess was not present on other Sundays. After experiencing the worship events on Holy Thursday and Good Friday, Easter morning always impacted me in a strong way.

I can't imagine what those first disciples, the two Marys who encountered that first Easter morning, must have felt and experienced. They had a front-row seat to Jesus' arrest, crucifixion and burial. They understood despair and darkness, and THEN they were offered an encounter with the powerful reality of hope and light! They went to the tomb that morning, still emotionally covered by despair, loss and fear. All of that changed in an instant as they discovered an empty tomb and heard the message that turned their lives upside right.

As followers of Jesus Christ in 2014, the reality may be that we approach the empty tomb and the message it offers with a bit of familiarity – and, thus, complacency. For many of us, it is a place we have visited many times and a message we have heard over and over again. Oh, we believe its truth and we understand its meaning, but maybe its impact on us has lessened.

On that first Easter morning, there was an urgency that pervaded the lives of those who experienced the empty tomb. As I experienced those Easter mornings early in my life, there was an urgency that I encountered in celebrating the truth that Jesus is alive! I think it's important to note that it was not just an urgency felt, but an urgency expected.

As the angel told those women the amazing truth about the resurrected Christ, as they were invited to see the evidence with their own eyes, they were then told "Go quickly and tell His disciples." The resurrection of Jesus changed everything and the women's urgency invited others into an encounter with that change.

That's our call! As we experience another Easter celebration, without a doubt, we must personally and individually hear the amazing truth about the resurrected Christ. We must look with our own eyes. We must be personally changed through the encounter with the empty tomb. AND THEN we must own the urgency to invite others to hear what we have heard, see what we have seen and experience what we have experienced. It's time for us to get urgent about inviting others to the truth that changes everything!

We have been called to a world that is filled with despair and darkness SO THAT we might offer the reality of hope and light that is only found in Jesus.

As we celebrate Easter, as we hear and share the words "Christ is risen; He is risen indeed," maybe there is something we need to do just as often and with the same boldness: "Go quickly and tell others that Jesus has risen from the dead."

This Easter, let's celebrate, let's worship, but most of all, let's get urgent about sharing the 'so what' and inviting others to experience in their lives the fullness that the empty tomb offers. Have a blessed Easter!

2014



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Kung Fu 6-8:00a
4 Worship 9:00 a.m Sunday School 10:15 am Food Pantry Collection	5	6	7	8	9	10 Kung Fu 6-8:00a UMW Meeting 10:00 am
11 Worship 9:00 a.m Sunday School 10:15 am Mother's Day	12	13	14	15	16	17 Kung Fu 6-8:00 am Clean-up Day
18 Worship 9:00 a.m Sunday School 10:15 am	19 June Newsletter Deadline	20 PPRC Meeting @ FIC UMC, Fill;more 7:00 - 8:30 pm	21	22 Leadership Team 7:00 pm	23	24 Kung Fu 6-8:00 am
25 Worship 9:00 a.m Sunday School 10:15 am Rothfus Offering	26 memorial ★ DAY	27	28	29	30	31

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