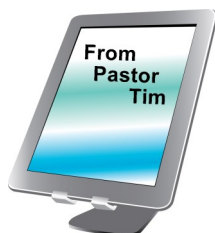


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HOW TO GET TO KNOW YOUR PASTOR

Getting to know your pastor can help you get more out of church and can help you give more of yourself through the church.

As your pastor, I play an important role in the daily life of our congregation and the community. Despite my churchy profession, fancy robes, and knowledge of Greek and Hebrew, I experience the same kinds of ups and downs as everyone else. I value efforts to meet, connect with, and support me. Some ideas to get to know me:

My Cuba people can connect with me after worship by shaking my hand.

Offering a comment about the sermon, readings, or hymns lets me know that my worship planning time is appreciated. My Friendship people will need to find other ways to make the connection.

Pray daily for me, because I don't just work on Sunday. I have many responsibilities, like visiting members in the hospital, writing sermons, and figuring out who can provide music for worship. In your prayers, ask God to grant me health, strength, and wisdom to face the many challenges of leading a congregation.

Ask me to share with you why I entered this form of ministry. There are many reasons why a pastor may have enrolled in seminary to become an ordained or licensed minister. Be prepared for a story that may surprise you.

Stop by my office to talk, or consider making an appointment to get to know me. I welcome the opportunity to connect with church members at times other than worship. As you would with any drop-in visit, be sensitive to the fact that I may be quite busy. A scheduled appointment just to chat could provide a welcome break in my day.

Pastor Tim



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

SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICES

May 17 Ascension Sunday

May 24 Pentecost Sunday/children's baptism's

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
Shirley Poore
Kelly Roberts
Jim Sirianni
Muriel Small
Dave Soper
Barb Spateholts
Laroy Spateholts
Carl Wagner
Judy Warner



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



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



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

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

Date	Worship	SS	Offering
3/29	37	-	\$1,368.00
3/29		Rothfus	\$ 135.00
4/5	48	21	\$1,201.00
4/12	42	18	\$1,986.50
4/19	40	19	\$1,420.00
4/19		Rothfus	\$ 150.00

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

Cuba May Helping HandsUshers:

Dean & Cheryl Wildrick

Greeters:

5/3 Open for you
5/10 Open for you
5/17 Open for you
5/24 Open for you
5/31 Open for you

Acolyte:

5/3
5/10
5/17
5/24
5/31

Liturgists

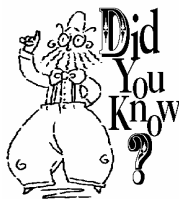
5/3 Cheryl Wildrick
5/10 Vanessa Clement
5/17 Eric Talbot
5/24
5/31 Marjanne Kunz

Junior Church

5/3 Marjanne Kunz
5/10 Marjanne Kunz
5/17 Marjanne Kunz

Altar Guild

Cindy Dutton

DYK:*Submitted by Dean Wildrick*

On March 30, 2015, nineteen persons gathered at Mission Central to participate in Early Response Team training. The objective of the training is to prepare teams to provide a caring Christian presence in the aftermath of disaster.

Progressive Dinner***Sunday, May 31****Sponsored by the Cuba Council of Churches***MENU**

6 p.m. ~ Appetizers
Church Entry

North Park Wesleyan Church

6:45 p.m. ~ Salad and Bread
Fellowship Hall

Cuba United Methodist Church

7:30 p.m. ~ Entrée of Chicken
Cordon Bleu

Fellowship Hall

Cuba First Baptist Church

8:15 p.m. ~ Desserts
Carmody Hall

Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church

9:00 p.m. ~ Coffee, Teas & Wines
and a Blessing upon our evening
Narthex

Christ Episcopal Church

Join fellow adult Christians from the community for an evening of good food and conversation. Seating is limited. Tickets are \$7 each, available at each church beginning May 10.

Reservations are due by May 25.

Cindy Dutton has tickets

Cuba United Methodist Women News*Submitted by Judy Zayac*

The UMW met on Saturday, April 11th in Wesley Hall. We discussed mission and the possibility of getting a new curtain for the Sanctuary to match the pew cushions.

We decided to do the Call to Prayer & Self Denial from the end of April to May 31st. Sheets and envelopes are available on the sanctuary windowsill. Men and women are all welcome to participate. This raises money for global missions and it is a lot of fun as well.

In June we plan to have a "No Bake" sale.

Cindy told us about the progressive dinner that is being planned by the Cuba Council of Churches. We will do the salad course at our church. Watch for details and plan to attend.

We continued to work on the UMCOR health and school kits. Thela brought a bolt of donated fabric and we cut out a dozen school bags. She is hoping to have her classes sew them. We should have 12 of each of the kits ready to mail to UMCOR by the next meeting on May 9th.



Thela brought it to the UMW's attention that the two **communion cups have wear and damage** and will need to be re-plated. She will investigate the cost to do this. This means that we will probably need to have communion at the rail using the cups until they can be repaired.



May 17 will be the last day for K-12 Sunday School.

There will be an Ice-cream Social at 10:30 am for the kids.

Thank You!



Thank you to the first quarter, 2015's Meals on Wheels volunteers: Ray Climie, Mary and John Hupp, Fred and Peggy Pearce, and Dean and Cheryl Wildrick. There certainly was challenging weather to get through! And thank you Ray for Coordinating in March while I was gone. What a great group!

Cindy Dutton

Harley & I would like to thank Pastor Tim, Pastor Stan & others who visited him in the hospital. Also for the prayers, cards, calls & concerns for both of us. All were greatly appreciated. God Bless.
Harley & Shirley Poore



Who's Graduating?...

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 18.

Psalm 46:10

Sometimes our lives are so busy that we cannot seem to fit another thing into the day! But there is something very important that we need to do each day.

Find the answer using the code below.

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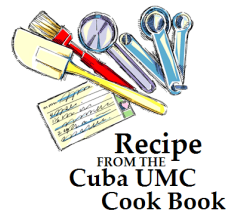
We must talk to God and listen for God. "Be still, and know that I am God."

HAM DELIGHTS

Cindy Dutton

Blend:

- 1 Stick butter and 1 stick margarine
- 1 TBS. Worcestershire sauce
- 1 med. Onion, chopped
- 3 TBS. Poppy seeds
- 3 TBS. Dijon mustard



Split 3 pkgs. (1 doz. each) Pepperidge Farm party rolls, or similar (leave rolls connected as you slice all at once horizontally). Spread top and bottom with butter blend.

Place on rolls:

- 1 Lb. good quality deli ham, thinly sliced or shredded
 - 1/3 lbs. Swiss cheese slices
- Wrap in foil. Bake 10 min. at 400°. Makes 36 lunch or appetizer rolls.

Friendship United Methodist Women News

Submitted by President Vicki Baker



The UMW met on Th., Apr. 9 at the church. We gathered at noon for lunch. There were 9 present.

The business meeting began at 1:00 pm.

Reminders of the VBS meeting on Sat. at 10 am and the baby shower for Emily after church on Sun.

The District UMW Retreat is May 2. If you would like to go, contact Vicki.

We finalized the service for UMW Sun. It will be on the Charter for Racial Justice.

Our Rummage & Bake Sale will be on Fri. May 1 and Sat. May 2. Friday will include a bake sale and run 9 am-5 pm. Saturday is the bag sale from 9 am-11:30 am.

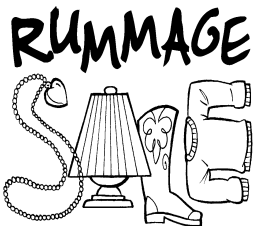
Sign-up sheet for workers was passed around.

The Mother-Daughter Banquet is May 4. Theme is "Paper Dolls" This will be in place of a regular meeting in May.

Donette did the program and our hostess, Jean, served refreshments.

Our next meeting will be June 11 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.



Rummage & Bake Sale

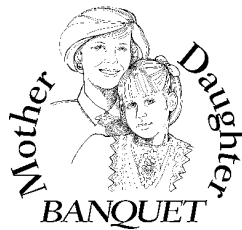
Friday, May 1

9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Rummage Bag Sale

Saturday, May 2

9:00 am-11:30 am



Mother/Daughter Banquet

Monday, May 4

6:00 pm in the church fellowship hall

Theme is "Paper Dolls"

All ladies and girls welcome!!

BALANCE AND FOCUS

For our church to function in the three **missional** relationships (Christ, one another, our community), we must constantly work to keep our church in **balance**. We will need to continually evaluate our ministries, activities, and programs by the following focus statement:

Everything we do shall be submitted to the leading of God in Christ and take into account the needs and concerns of both those who have not yet visited our church and those who are already members.

Are we balanced and focused?

How did Jesus do it?

Jesus always had a passion for **bringing people to faith**. Jesus met **people where they were**. Jesus sought to **bring people to a new stage of spiritual growth**.

In Palestine and Galilee Jesus met the physical needs of humanity. Crowds of people were moved to go with him to listen to his preaching and be in fellowship with him over meals. Some people grew by forming large groups of disciples. Further spiritual development through teaching and training was offered to a small group of 12 disciples. Some of them were sent out to do ministry. They left with faith, hope, healing, and forgiveness.

Friendship UMC

May Birthdays

9 Randy Crane
Robert Schooley
16 Gary Rathbun
18 Shirley Southwick
27 Brian Feaster, Jr.
31 Penny Baxter



*Anniversaries
and Birthdays*

May Anniversary

25 Gary & Brenda Johnson



Fred Southwick
Jesse Wereley



Jennie's Parents
Tristen Logue
Pat Kupiec
Travelers
Family of Fred Southwick
Shirley Southwick
Nancy Sortore
Family of Jesse Wereley
Diana Langdon
Toby Bessey
Jadyn Golden
Mary Baker
Rolly Miles
Cyril Jordan



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



We would like to thank the Friendship United Methodist Church Congregation for the beautiful church baby shower. All the gifts received will be very helpful when our little one arrives. Our baby girl is expected to make her appearance in the beginning of May and we suspect she will be the best dressed baby in town. We appreciate your kindness and thoughtfulness. – Emily, Andy, and Baby Girl Nelson

Junior Church Update



Junior Church

During the month of April, the Friendship Jr. Church members have been learning about the meaning and symbols of the Easter Season. The children helped decorate palm leaves for Palm Sunday that were hung on the cross at the altar. We have done a lesson on the meaning behind communion and have used the resurrection eggs to help the children gain a better understanding of the true meaning of Easter. The children appear to enjoy learning about God's work. All children are welcome to join us on Sunday mornings. We hope to see you there. Scott Golden has graciously decided to help run Junior Church for the remainder of the year while Emily is off on maternity leave.

Emily and Andrew Nelson

may 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
3 (C) UMW Food Pantry Collection	4 (F) Mother/Daughter Banquet 6:00 pm	5	6 Friendship Choir 6:30 pm Cuba Choir 7:00 pm	7	1 (F) Rummage & Bake Sale 9-5	2 (F) Rummage Sale 9-11:30 a
10 Mother's Day	11 (F) O.E.S. Mtg. Cuba Management Team 6:30 pm	12	13 Friendship Choir 6:30 pm Cuba Choir 7:00 pm	14	15	16 Kung Fu 6-8 a (F) Trustee Breakfast 9am
17 (C) Last Day of K-12 Sunday School (C) Last day of Junior	18 June Newsletter Deadline - Noon	19	20 Friendship Choir 6:30 pm Cuba Choir 7:00 pm	21 (F) WIC	22	23 (c) Kung Fu 6-8 am
24	25 (F) O.E.S. Mtg.	26	27 Friendship Choir 6:30 pm Cuba Choir 7:00 pm	28	29	30 (c) Kung Fu 6-8 am
31 Cuba Rothfus Offering						



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A mother's prayer



God, Give me the wisdom to see that today is my
day with my children,
That there is no unimportant moment in their lives.
May I know no other career is as precious.
No other work so rewarding,
No other task so urgent.
May I not defer it nor neglect it,
But by thy Spirit accept it gladly, joyously, and by
thy grace realize
That the time is short and my time is now,
For children won't wait!

—Helen M. Young