

May 2016

The Shepherd's Messenger



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

FROM
Pastor
Burt

Happy Birthday to the Church

Grace and peace to you and yours from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

The month of May is full of celebrations; Mother's Day, May Day, Cinco de Mayo, Memorial Day and I'm sure many others.

However, for the church, May 15 is a big one. It is Pentecost Sunday. The BIRTHDAY of the CHURCH!

The Message describes it this way, Acts 2:1ff -

"When the feast of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Without warning there was a sound like a strong wind, gale force - no one could tell where it came from. It filled the whole building. Then like a wildfire, the Holy Spirit spread through their ranks, and they started speaking in a number of different languages as the Spirit prompted them."

It had to be a very exciting experience, one that motivated the disciples to go forth and spread the "Good News" of Jesus.

We too will be celebrating the moving of God's Holy Spirit in the confirmation of Chloe, Michael and Dominic.

Please plan to be a part of their celebration on May 15.

Pray for them and our church as we move forward in spreading the Gospel!

Happy Birthday Church!

and

Congratulations to Chloe,
Mike and Dominic!

In Christ's Service,
Pastor Burt

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...

Brandon Snyder - Afghanistan



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:

Chuck Brooks
Laura Clayson
Veronica Clayson
Virginia Clayson
Ray Climie
Braden Currier
Zach Deschler
Sid Emmons
Art Higby
Stephanie LaFever
Bruce Metler
Thomas Morris
Keith Pierce
Kerigan Pierce
Lucinda Pierce
Royce Ross
Ann Santagelo
Leroy Sherwood
Alice Sweet
Laroy Spateholts
Buster Van Valkenburgh
Family & friends of Connie Wandall
Wally Watson
Ken Wyant



MAY
BIRTHDAYS

3 - Kameron Pierce
5 - Andrew Clement
9 - Brandon Cornell
Payton Nelson
Mike Young
10 - Amber McCarthy
21 - Austin Clement
23 - Doris Wyant
24 - Zea Ann Dutton
31 - Eric Giczkowski

Statistics

Needed: \$1,657

Date	Worship	SS	Offering
4/3	45	17	\$2,196.00
4/10	42	15	\$ 932.79
4/10		Rothfus	\$ 20.00
4/17	53		\$1,595.00
4/24	55		\$1,501.00
		Rothfus	\$ 108.00

May Helping HandsUshers:

Dean & Cheryl Wildrick

Greeters:

5/1
5/8
5/15
5/22
5/29

Acolyte:

5/1
5/8
5/15
5/22
5/29

Coffee Hour:

5/15 Julie Hawks & Sandra Allen

Altar Guild

Claire Morris



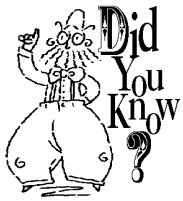
MAY
ANNIVERSARIES

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



**If you have a need for
prayer, call the prayer
chain.**

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

DYK:*Submitted by Dean Wildrick*

Mission Central is proud to announce a new addition to our family of in-house ministry partners! FRIDLA (Friends of the Disabled in Latin America) has taken over warehouse space and has set up operations.

Those with special needs in Latin America are usually isolated from society, not only because they are immobile, but also because there is a stigma attached to their disability. Families are excluded from mainstream society. Adults with special needs often cannot find work. If the special need happens to an educated person as the result of an accident, that individual will most likely never be able to use his or her skills to earn a living.

FRIDLA has established itself as a nonprofit in 4 countries: Chile, Peru, Bolivia and Uruguay. FRIDLA and its partners collect most types of used durable medical equipment such as wheelchairs, walkers, crutches, etc., but it's of no worth to give someone a wheelchair and not provide a way to maintain it. Metric tools are of no use and the terrain and daily use will eventually mean that the equipment needs repair or replacement. FRIDLA trains local technicians to maintain and repair the equipment. Those who have been blessed by the ministry often turn around and become technicians themselves.



Do you know of someone who needs a note of cheer? Someone who might be sick, in the hospital, has a birthday, or has a loved one who has passed away?

If you do, please call **Sue Simmons at 585-968-1135**. She is the UMW's **Cheer person**. She sends out cards to those in need of some cheer, so please contact her to let her know.

*Submitted by Sandra Allen*

We have had a blessed year. These young people are truly examples of the future of our church family. I thank the parents for bringing their children. It is a joy for me to see how these children have increased in their faith, praying and caring for one another.

Also, I thank Judy Krott and Linda Nelson for helping out with the class and teaching so I could go on vacation.

The last class for this school year will be May 22, 2016.

Please pray for our children and that we will have more teachers volunteer.

"Angel"

A baby asked God, "They tell me you are sending me to earth tomorrow, but how am I going to live there being so small and helpless?"

"Your angel will be waiting for you and will take care of you."

The child further inquired, "But tell me, here in heaven I don't have to do anything but sing and smile to be happy."

God said, "Your angel will sing for you and will also smile for you. And you will feel your angel's love and be very happy."

Again the child asked, "And how am I going to be able to understand when people talk to me if I don't know the language?"

God said, "Your angel will tell you the most beautiful and sweet words you will ever hear, and with much patience and care, your angel will teach you how to speak."

"And what am I going to do when I want to talk to you?"

God said, "Your angel will place your hands together and will teach you how to pray."

"Who will protect me?"

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Dudley Tales

There were two concerns in my mind when I first thought about getting a second dog. The first was that the puppy (Dudley) would learn bad habits from our (now five year old) oversized Sheltie. The second worry was that the puppy would not be well trained and socialized.

This is one time that I am sorry to be right. Tucker, who has the Collie trait of barking, has thoroughly taught Dudley several things. First, he taught: when you are going out into the fenced yard in the morning (or any other time of the day), run as fast as you can, and bark as loud as you can. Second, when you see the big brown UPS truck stop in front of the house, run to the window as fast as you can and bark as loud as you can. Third, when anyone comes into the house, run as fast as you can, to the hall, and bark as loud as you can. Tucker is a good trainer. By now you must have realized that I am not a good dog trainer.

Some of you may remember that last summer and fall I was constantly attending physical therapy for my neck and also going regularly to Buffalo to see a doctor about my jaw pain. This was probably not the best time to get a puppy. I was not able to take Dudley to see many new places and people. So, Dudley was not well socialized.

Now here is the miracle: Dudley is very good at visiting unfamiliar people in unfamiliar places. Part one: Dudley is very quiet when visiting. So far this has included when he has been at church for prayer meeting, when he has visited unfamiliar people at Cuba Memorial (weekly), when he has visited elderly persons in their homes, and when he has visited our church members at home or at rehab facilities.

Part 2: Dudley has sat on many unfamiliar laps, has been petted by many people with unfamiliar voices, and has stretched out on a number of unfamiliar beds (with permission). Sometimes he shares a smile, a kiss or an extended loving look. And he receives them in return.

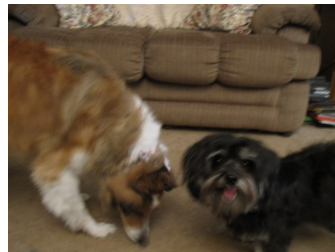
Thank you Lord.



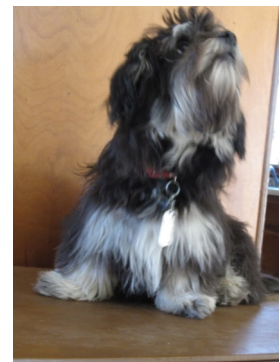
Making plans nose to nose



Both on porch, waiting for a car or truck



In living room after all the barking



On grooming table, looking as if praying



& Wed. May 2-4

UMW Spring Rummage Sale
Thursday May 5, 6 - 8 pm
Friday May 6, 11 am - 2 pm
Saturday May 7, 9 am - Noon

Help is needed for set-up Mon, Tues.

These are the church members we still need addresses for:

Joseph Boldt; Hattie Cooper; Lisa DiPaola Cummins; Katherine (Kay) Hays; Ann Hayward; Shannon Storms Lipka; Douglas Lopes; Douglas; Moses; April Mummery; Jacquelyn Bowker Nassar; Betty Stroup Smith; Shirley Solat; David & Gale Soule.

Many thanks to those who have already supplied information. It is sincerely appreciated.

Peggy Pearce, (585) 968-3066

Adult Sunday School Class



Adult Sunday School Studies with Cheryl

Prophecy #6: The Future of Israel as a Nation

Jacob was the grandson of Abraham. After tricking his father, Isaac into giving him the family blessing (a promise of good fortune and God's protection)... Jacob had to flee from his brother (the rightful receiver of the Blessing.) Years later when Jacob journeyed back to his homeland, he had to see his brother again. Jacob sent all his relatives and animals ahead while he stayed behind overnight. While alone, he wrestled with a holy "man" all night. Jacob would not let the angel go, until he blessed Jacob. The angel said that Jacob's name would no longer be "Jacob" but would be, "Israel" (Gen 32:26-28). Because Jacob led his family back to the Promised Land, it was later referred to as "Israel." So... some Bible verses refer to Israel the man, and others refer to Israel the nation.

What are some of characteristics of a "nation"? First, it is a portion of land with specific boundaries. Second it is a political state governed by leaders and laws. Third, it is group of people who call themselves by a specific name; Americans, Mexicans, Germans, Arabians, Israelians, etc.

Israel had been a Jewish nation for centuries (Saul, David, Solomon), but the Jews continually disobeyed God and were dispersed among many other nations. Later the Jews returned home (the Promised Land) to rebuild Jerusalem and reestablish Israel as a nation. Subsequently, it was conquered by various empires in history (Babylonian, Medo-Persian, Greek and Roman).

During World War II many Jews in Europe (escaping the Nazis) emigrated to the Promised Land. There they found an established group of Jews occupying part of the land. But, they were in conflict with the Arabs who had moved in and claimed the land as their own. After the close of WWII, the allies gave the Jews the land (in the middle East) where they were living (1948). So, on that date, Israel again became a recognized nation. The Jews now had legally owned land with boundaries; the area was a political state with its own leaders and laws; and it included a group of people (Jews) who called themselves by a specific name (Israelites).

It is noteworthy to remember that the Jews had always been a unique nation by: 1) their worship of the, one true God," 2) their appearance which included beards for men and head coverings for both men and women, 3) their laws, beginning with the Ten Commandments and including hundreds of legal guidelines... and 4) their dietary restrictions. Now the Jewish people are again a nation with a part of the Promised Land. (During the Millennium they will be given back all of the Promised Land.)

So, God's promise of Israel having a future as a nation was literal and it came true. And in the future (when Christ reigns on earth) the prophecy, in its fullness, will come true.

"Angel" (Continued from Page 3)

God said, "Your angel will defend you even if it means risking it's life."

But I will always be sad because I will not see you anymore."

God said, "Your angel will always talk to you about Me and will teach you the way to come back to Me, even though I will always be next to you."

At that moment there was much peace in Heaven, but voices from Earth could be heard and the child hurriedly asked, "God, if I am to leave now, please tell me my angel's name."

"You will simply call her, 'Mom.'"

—Unknown

UMW MEETING*Submitted by Shirley Poore*

There was no April meeting, because it was to be the 16th.

May Rummage Sale:

Sunday May, 1 will ask for help to get out tables. Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday, May 2-3- & 4 we will be unpacking & setting up.

Thursday, May 5, evening 6:00-8:00 PM.

Friday-11:00 AM - 2:00 PM.

Saturday- Bag Sale 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM.

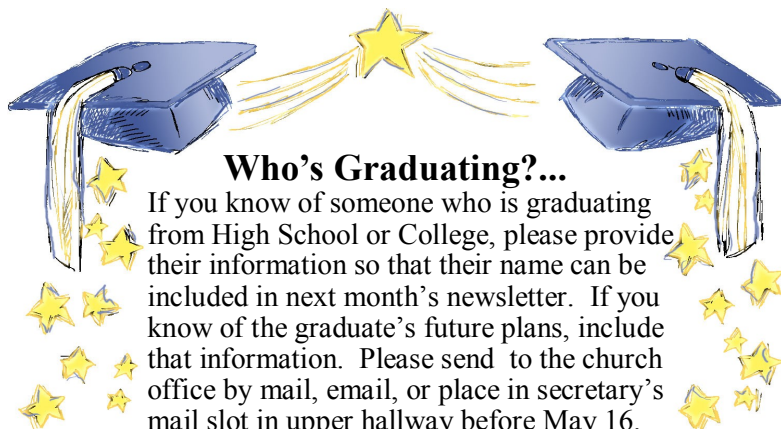
In June there will be a dinner.

Open for suggestions, we will discuss it & get info in newsletter & bulletin.

**Our church building needs some "sprucing up."**

The Management Team has made a decision to start with painting Wesley Hall. We need volunteers to work on a Saturday. The date will be set later. Please help us with this project. We need you.

Contact Marshall Allen at 968-2137 or any member of the Management Team.

**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 16.

Worst Day Ever?

Today was the absolute worst day ever
And don't try to convince me that
There's something good in every day
Because, when you take a closer look,
This world is a pretty evil place.
Even if
Some goodness does shine through once in a while
Satisfaction and happiness don't last.
And it's not true that
It's all in the mind and heart
Because
True happiness can be attained
Only if one's surroundings are good
It's not true that good exists
I'm sure you can agree that
The reality
Creates
My attitude
It's all beyond my control
And you'll never in a million years hear me say
Today was a very good day

Now read from bottom to top.

This was written by 14 year old, Chanie Gorklin.
A little lesson in perspective. Read from top to bottom. Then read from bottom to top.

Submitted by: Cheryl

ITALIAN MACARONI SALAD

Doris Wyant



Recipe
FROM THE
Cuba UMC
Cook Book


1 box spiral macaroni (cooked, cool & drain)
3 stalks of celery, chopped
2 green peppers, chopped
2 small tomatoes, chopped
1 small onion, chopped
¼ lb. salami, cubed
¼ lb. pepperoni
1/3 cup grated provolone cheese
1 can of black olives, chopped
1 can of green olives, chopped
1 tsp. each: garlic powder, oregano, black pepper, celery powder
2/3 cup of salad oil (or use Italian dressing)
¼ cup of white vinegar
Mix well. Best to make one day and eat the next.

WORSHIP
SERVICE
SUNDAY
11:00 AM



2016

SUNDAY SCHOOL
10:00 AM
ADULT: 9:50 AM
CONFIRMATION CLASS
9:45 am - 10:30 am

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 UMW Food Pantry Collection	2	3 Prayer Group 10 am- 11 am @ Church	4 Management Team 6:30 pm Choir Practice 7:30 pm	5 UMW Rummage Sale 6:00 - 8:00 pm	6 UMW Rummage Sale 11:00am - 2:00 pm	7 UMW Rummage Bag Sale 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
8	9	10 Prayer Group 10 am- 11 am	11 Leadership Team 6:30 pm Choir Practice 7:00 pm	12	13	14
15 Pentecost Confirmation Coffee Hour after worship	16 June Newsletter Deadline	17 Prayer Group 10 am- 11 am @ Church	18 Choir Practice 7:00 pm	19	20	21
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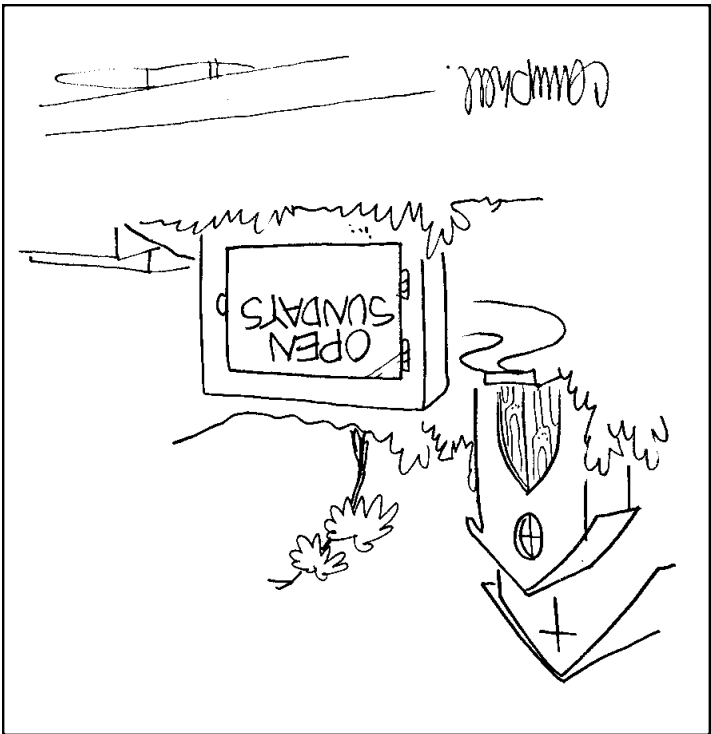
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