

May 2017

# The Shepherd's Messenger



FROM  
Pastor  
Burt

Grace and peace to ALL in the name of our Risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

The month of May brings warmer weather, spring flowers and Mother's Day.

May I be the first to say, "Happy Mother's Day!" to the moms and mom figures among us. And let me add a special thank you to my Heavenly Father for the blessing my late mother was to me!

Let me share a brief story with you. - It was shared by Larry Burkett in Moody Magazine.

## "Fences"

A kindergarten in one town sat right on a corner by a busy highway. Although the school had a nice yard in which the children could play, at recess they would huddle right up against the building. The cars whizzing by frightened them.

One day, workman erected a steel fence around the school yard. From that point on, the children used the entire playground. The fence did not limit their freedom; it actually expanded it.

Children need fences, for they feel more secure having the discipline of clear boundaries.

Mothers who clearly love their children do establish "fences" to help their children navigate through life. Establishing spiritual disciplines of prayer, worship, reading of scripture, service to others and being loving to all will free our children to be all God wants them to be.

Not only will it do that, but it will also give moms peace of mind! Something to think about!

Proverbs 6:20-23 says,

"My child, keep your father's commandments and do not forsake your mother's teachings. Bind them upon your heart always;

Tie them around your neck.

When you walk, they will lead you;

When you lie down, they will watch over you;

and when you wake, they will talk with you.

For the commandment is a lamp and the teaching a light and the reproofs of discipline are the way of life."

Thanks Mom!

In Christ's Service,

*Pastor Burt*

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

**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:**

Bob Clayson  
Roger Cook  
Luke Fries  
June Ink  
Jackie McKeel  
Mark Middaugh  
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!*



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



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

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

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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Worship</b>	<b>SS</b>	<b>Offering</b>
4/2	43	16	\$1,724.00
4/9	48	18	\$2,477.50
4/9		Naomi	\$ 100.00
4/13	Maundy Thursday		
		28	
4/13	Food Pantry	\$	166.00
4/16	72	-	\$1,675.00
4/23	45	16	\$1,574.25

**May Helping Hands**Ushers:

Red Hats

Greeters:

Red Hats

Pianist:

Christine Berardi

Organist:

Jonathan Denham

Altar Guild:

Claire Morris

Coffee Hour:

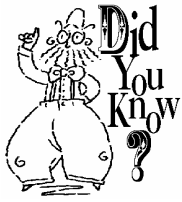
5/7 Red Hats



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

**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.**



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

The staffs of the Upper New York Conference, The Upper New York Episcopal Area, and the Crossroads District have begun moving into their new work spaces in the United Methodist Center at 7481 Henry Clay Blvd in Liverpool, N.Y.

The offices are officially open as of today, March 22-the new UNY Conference phone number is 315-898-2000. The toll-free number, 855-424-7878, has remained the same. The Episcopal office new phone number is 315-898-2020 and the Crossroads District office phone number is 315-898-2029.

On Wednesday May 31, the day before the 2017 Upper New York Annual Conference, the doors of the United Methodist Center will be open for all from 3:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. The Open House will showcase the Media Resource Center, Mission Central, all office areas, and all meeting rooms. A service and dedication will follow at 7:30 p.m.

**UMW MEETING***Submitted by Shirley Poore*

APRIL 15, 2017

Thela opened with a prayer and provided refreshments.

Were 10 ladies in attendance.

Minutes of last meeting were read & accepted.

Treasures report- \$7,297.28 accepted.

Sue received \$23.50 for her Cheer budget,  
also remember to save giant receipts for her.

The Response magazine is here.

Sue will be passing it on to ladies in Reading Program.

We are sending \$150.00 to U M W Day of giving.

It is a Conference Legacy Fund.

We will be doing Prayer & Self Denial

The flatware has been ordered.

The Rummage Sale will be May 11-13.

May 7 after church will ask for help to get totes out.

We put our 24 UMCORE Health bags together & are ready to be sent.

Our next meeting will be May 20, at 10:00 AM.

Refreshments by Cindy



**GREEK SALAD**

Sue Simmons

Rub bowl with garlic. Toss all ingredients.

1 head lettuce, broken into pieces.  
 5 green onions, cut  
 1 cucumber, sliced  
 1 TBS. parsley, chopped  
 3 tomatoes, quartered  
 1 large green pepper, cut thin  
 1 carrot, shredded  
 10 ripe black olives  
 1 cup Feta cheese or Ricotta cheese, crumbled  
 Salt and pepper to taste

**GREEK SALAD DRESSING**

½ cup olive oil                      ¼ cup vinegar  
 1 TBS. oregano                      1 tsp. sugar  
 Beat all together until thick. Put on salad.



In May we think about mothers. Use your Bible to find the names of the mothers below. Read more about them in the verses listed.

A	B	C	E	H	I	K	L	M	N	O	P	R	S	T	U	V	Y	Z
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10									

**CODE:**

1. Solomon was my child. — — — — —  
 (1 Kings 2:13)                      1,2   1   8   3   7,8   3   2,3   1,2   1
2. Cain and Abel were two of my children. — — — — —  
 (Genesis 4:1)    2,3   9   2,3
3. My son was John the Baptist. — — — — —  
 (Luke 1:57-60)    2,3   4,5   3,4   10   1   1,2   2,3   8   3
4. Samuel was my child. — — — — —  
 (1 Samuel 1:20)    3   1   5,6   5,6   1   3
5. My son was God's son! — — — — —  
 (Matthew 1:24, 25)    5   1   7   9,10
6. Joseph called me mother. — — — — —  
 (Genesis 30:22-24)    7   1   2   3   2,3   4,5
7. I had twins, Jacob and Esau. — — — — —  
 (Genesis 25:26)    7   2,3   1,2   2,3   4   1   3
8. I had a child named Obed. — — — — —  
 (Ruth 4:13)    7   8,9   8   3
9. My child was Isaac. — — — — —  
 (Genesis 21:3)    7,8   1   7   1   3
10. I had a child named Gershom. — — — — —  
 (Exodus 2:22)    10   3,4   6,7   6,7   6   7   1   3

For some extra fun —find the names of the fathers!

9. Bathsheba, 2. Eve, 3. Elizabeth, 4. Hannah, 5. Mary, 6. Rachel, 7. Rebekah, 8. Ruth, 9. Sarah, 10. Zipporah

**RUMMAGE****UMW Spring Rummage Sale**

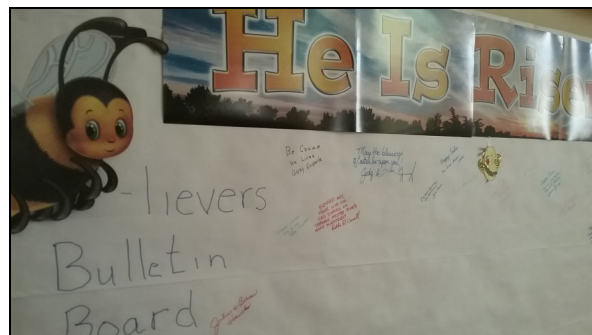
Thursday May 11, 6 - 8 pm

Friday May 12, 11 am - 2 pm

Saturday May 13, \$2 Bag Sale, 9

am - Noon

Help is needed for set-up Mon, Tues. &amp; Wed. May 8-10





## Adult Sunday School Studies with Cheryl

### PROPHECY #18: Mysteries of the Kingdom of Heaven

Jesus often spoke in parables (simple stories, to which the people could relate.) He would often use analogies and begin by saying, "The Kingdom of Heaven is like..." (Not everyone who heard parables understood them.)

In the parable of "The Sower" (Matthew 13:3-8), Jesus said that the Kingdom of Heaven was like the Believers who understood what He was saying, (v. 8) and went on to share the good news. (v. 23).

In the parable of "The Weeds Among the Wheat," (Matthew 13:24-30) (Matthew 13:36-43), Jesus said that the Kingdom of Heaven was like the good seed that grew, (people who believed) and (when it was time) was harvested. (v. 30) (vs. 38-39)

In the parable of "The Pearl", (Matthew 13:45-46), Jesus said that the Kingdom of Heaven was like a merchant purchasing a valuable pearl (Jesus "purchasing" members of the Church with his blood.) This shows Jesus' great love for Believers.

In the parable of "the Net," (Matthew 13:47-50), Jesus said that the Kingdom of Heaven was like a fishing net. It contained good and bad fish until they were separated. (The angels would separate the wicked people from the righteous ones.) These "good ones" are Believers who do not just say that they are Christians, but they show (through their deeds) that they are true Believers.

So, in these prophecies of the Kingdom of Heaven, (which is to come), we see several blessings for the true Believers who will live eternally with God. Those who understood the message of Jesus will experience joy. Those who grew up among Unbelievers will experience peace. Those who were a part of the Church will experience the love of Jesus. And... those who showed their faith through their works will experience opportunities for service. God's other prophecies came true. This will also.



**The church sanctuary was decorated for Easter morning** with balloons, Easter lilies, tulips, hyacinths, daffodils, bees that had been decorated by each of the members of the congregation, large posters made by Pastor Burt with each of the Beatitudes printed on them, and smaller posters with phrases with words beginning with the letter B (Bee). There was a large "Bee-liever's" bulletin board on the back wall of the sanctuary where people could write an Easter message to the congregation - (photo on page 4).

A big thank you to Claire Morris for making the "Bee-utiful" banner behind the cross, and to all the people who helped decorate!



## DUDLEY TAILS

*Submitted by Cheryl Wildrick*

Is Dudley perfect? No, who is? In some ways, Dudley acts like a child. I don't always like what he is doing, but he is mine and I teach him... and I love him.

Dudley took a long time to become "potty trained". Many parents know that frustration. But, his inability to do right was not a deliberate choice. This is an example of doing wrong only because of not knowing what is expected by his master.



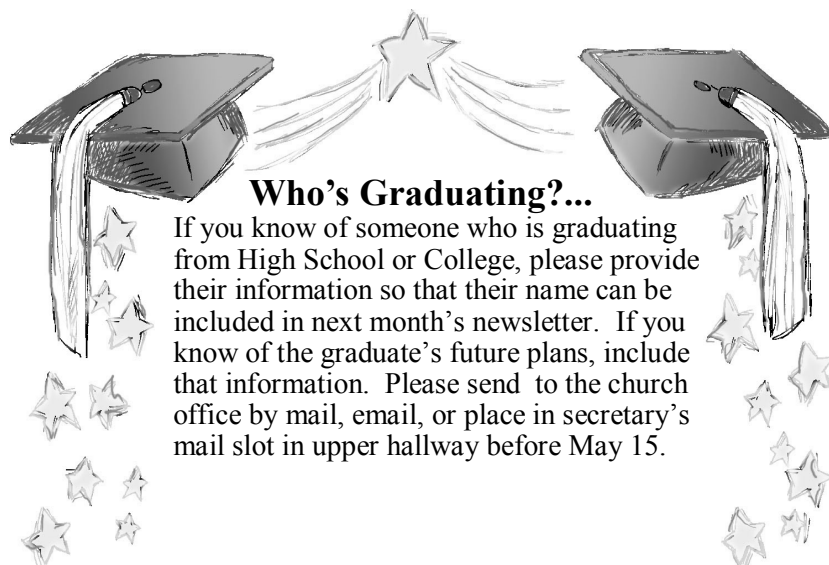
Dudley learned some bad habits from his older brother. One is running along his fence and barking at passing cars. This is an example of yielding to temptation. Dudley knows what is right, but he was tempted to join an activity that looked like fun.

Occasionally, Dudley will be outdoors enjoying himself, and he will refuse to come immediately when he is called, (even when it is for his own good.) This is defiance. (Demanding his own way.)

God is our Master. He is patient with us as we are growing and learning. He does not chastise us for what we have not yet learned. He teaches us at the level of our understanding.

God is our Master. He is not pleased when someone makes sin look like fun. And, He is discouraged when we choose to listen to the voice of temptation (even though we know better.) But, when we humbly turn back to our Master, He is waiting with open arms to forgive.

God is our Master. He is angry when we purposely do what we know is wrong. He is justified in chastising us for our disobedience. When He teaches us, He expects us to learn. We are to listen for His voice and choose to obey our Master. Only then can we know how great the love of God is toward His children.



WORSHIP  
SERVICE  
SUNDAY  
11:00 AM



2017

SUNDAY SCHOOL  
9:45 AM  
For All Ages

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Prayer Group 10 am- 11 am Bible Study 11 am Grief Support Group 12:30 pm	<b>3</b> Bible Study 5:00 pm Trustees 6:00 Management Team 6:45 pm	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> Naomi Mission Collection UMW Food Pantry Collection	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Prayer Group 10 am- 11 am	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> UMW Rummage sale 6 pm - 8 pm	<b>12</b> UMW Rummage Sale 11 am - 2 pm	<b>13</b> UMW Rummage \$2 Bag Sale 9am-Noon
<b>14</b> Mother's Day	<b>15</b> June Newsletter Deadline - Noon	<b>16</b> Prayer Group 10 am- 11 am	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> UMW Meeting 9:30 am
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Prayer Group 10 am- 11 am	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> Rothfus Collection	<b>29</b> memorial ★ DAY	<b>30</b> Prayer Group 10 am- 11 am	<b>31</b>			

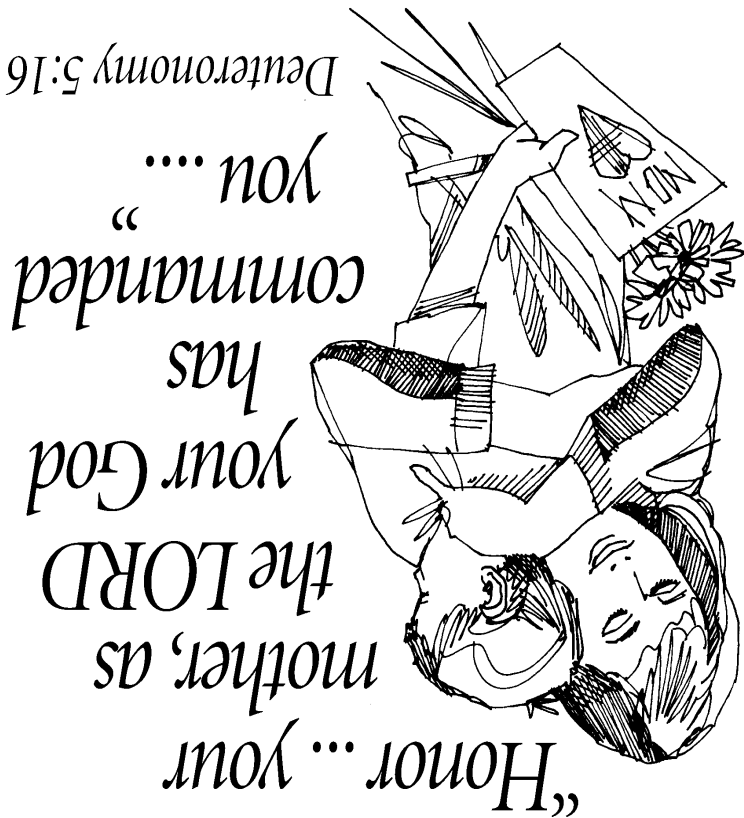
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