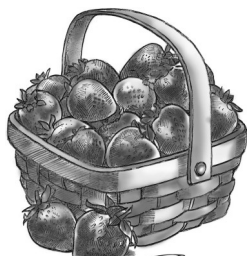


**June 2015**

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

## Our Christian Roots: Jesus

In trying to find words to express their faith in Jesus, the New Testament writers gave him various names. Jesus was Master, Rabbi, Teacher. He was the Way, the Truth, and the Life. He was the Doorway to the sheepfold, the Light of the world, the Prince of Peace, and more. In the church's long tradition, scores of other names or titles have been given. Let's look at five of the most central biblical names for Jesus:

### Son of God

We believe in Jesus as God's special child. We call this the Incarnation, meaning that God was in the world in the actual person of Jesus of Nazareth. The Gospel writers explain this in different ways. In Mark, Jesus seems to be adopted as God's Son at his baptism. In Matthew and Luke, Jesus is conceived by the Holy Spirit. In John, Jesus is God's pre-existing Word who "became flesh and lived among us" (1:14). However this mystery occurred, we affirm that God is wholly present in Jesus Christ.

### Son of man

Paradoxically, we also believe that Jesus was fully human. One of the church's first heresies claimed that Jesus only seemed to be human, that he was really a divine figure in disguise. But the early church rejected this. It affirmed that Jesus was a person in every sense that we are. He was tempted. He grew weary. He wept. He expressed his anger. In fact, Jesus is God's picture of what it means to be a mature human being.

### Christ

We say "Jesus Christ" easily, almost as if "Christ" were Jesus' surname. Yet this name is another way of expressing who we believe Jesus to be. Christ is the Greek translation of the Hebrew word Messiah, which means God's Anointed One. For years before Jesus' time the Jews had been expecting a new king, a descendant of the revered King David, who would restore the nation of Israel to glory. Like kings of old, this one would be anointed on the head with oil, signifying God's election; hence, the Chosen One = the Anointed One = the Messiah = the Christ. The early Jewish Christians proclaimed that Jesus was, indeed, this Chosen One. Thus, in calling him our Christ today, we affirm that he was and is the fulfillment of the ancient hope and God's Chosen One to bring salvation to all peoples, for all time.

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**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  
Terry Bush  
Veronica Clayson  
Virginia Clayson  
Jan Congdon  
Braden Currier  
Sid Emmons  
Joyce Enderle  
Kenny Glass  
Norma Guinnip  
Art Higby  
Jeffrey Kellogg  
Stephanie LaFever  
Amber Lunn (2 yrs. old)  
Amber McCarthy & Family  
Bruce Metler  
Mina (Doris Wyant's sister)  
Wanda Pease  
Keith Pierce  
Kerigan Pierce  
Harley Poore  
Shirley Poore  
Kelly Roberts  
Muriel Small  
Laroy Spateholts  
Carl Wagner  
Judy Warner  
Ken Wyant



2 - Donna Burdick  
4 - Anthony Berardi  
6 - Julie Hawks  
7 - Dylan Cornell  
Shirley Mosher  
Kay Wetzell  
11 - Sandy Pickert  
12 - Franz Hodge  
15 - Eric Young  
18 - Tim Dutton  
Ken Wyant  
20 - Bessie Dillon  
22 - Nikolas Berardi  
28 - Aaron Feldbauer  
30 - Charlie Wildrick-  
Cole

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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Worship</b>	<b>SS</b>	<b>Offering</b>
4/26	31	13	\$1,025.00
4/26		Rothfus	\$ 220.00
5/3	45	17	\$1,540.75
5/10	40	22	\$1,988.11
5/17	37	22	\$1,252.00
5/24	29		\$1,313.00

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

**Cuba June Helping Hands**Ushers:

Red Hats

Greeters:

6/7 Red Hats  
6/14 Red Hats  
6/21 Red Hats  
6/28 Red Hats

Acolyte:

6/7  
6/14  
6/21  
6/28

Liturgists

6/7  
6/14 Jennie Gleason  
6/21  
6/28 Stan Scoville

Altar Guild

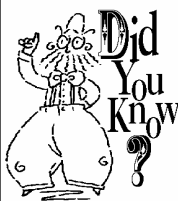
Claire Morris



10 - Cindy & Dale Dutton  
22 - Bob & Sandy Beard  
27 - Patti & Louis Petroni  
30 - Laurie & John Simons



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

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

Mission Central has been activated for response to the unrest in Baltimore, MD. United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) Health Kits, Layette Kits, and School Kits are on the way to Baltimore to assist survivors of this unrest.



We would like to congratulate the following people on their graduation:

**High School Graduates:**

**Josh Allen**, grandson of Marshall & Sandra Allen, is graduating from Honeoye Falls/Lima High School. He will be attending High Point University, High Point, North Carolina majoring in a Doctor Degree for Physical Therapy.

**Greg Allen**, grandson of Marshall & Sandra Allen, is graduating from Honeoye Falls/Lima High School. He will be attending High Point University, High Point, North Carolina majoring in Biological Medicine.

**Chris Knapp**, grandson of Marshall & Sandra Allen, is graduating from Dundee Central School. He will be attending Onondaga Community College majoring in Vocal Music Education.

**College Graduates**

**Alex Knapp**, grandson of Marshall & Sandra Allen, is graduating from Finger Lakes Community College, Canandaigua, NY with a major in Wildlife/Fishery.

**Brandon Cornell** graduated from Clarkson University with a B.S. in Software Engineering. He has accepted a position with DeFelsko in Ogdensburg, NY.

At the May **Cuba Council of Churches** gathering, the business meeting included final plans for the Five Church Progressive Dinner on May 31. The invitation was done by Peggy Pearce and appeared in all church newsletters and/or bulletins. It looks like it will be a success. Co-Chairs Cindy Dutton and Sallie Miller reported that the evening begins at North Park Wesleyan with appetizers, proceeds to the United Methodist Church for Caesar Salad and Ruth Holden's garlic bread, then on to the First Baptist Church for a Chicken Cordon Bleu entre, then Our Lady of Angels for desserts and ends at Christ Episcopal for evening beverages.

During Dairy Days, on June 16 at 7pm, there will be a concert at the Palmer Opera House called "Songs of Faith. Hope and Inspiration," coordinated by Nettie White of First Baptist. The Council of Churches is serving free ice cream following the concert. Also, during the parade on Saturday, the First Baptist Church will be open so people downtown can rest, get water and use the rest rooms.

Baccalaureate for Cuba Rushford Seniors will be held on June 26 at 6pm in the Community Room at the Cuba Library. Pastor Jon Ward has made the arrangements with the students, Pastor Megan Cusumano is decorating and Pastor Tim Gleason will give the address. Pastor Finley from the Rushford Baptist Church is also participating. Three dozen cookies are needed per church... tell Cindy Dutton if you could furnish these.

VBS at the Baptist Church is open to all. It is August 17-21, and the theme is "Everest: Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power." More information will be forthcoming.

In other news, it was reported that Food Pantry requests for March through mid-May totaled 19 requests, 12 food and 7 for gas money. The Cuba United Methodist Church UMW continues to collect food for the pantry the first Sunday of every month.

*Submitted by Cindy Dutton*





May 17th was the last day of **Teen Sunday School**; we enjoyed a make your own Sundae party.

The students hosted five guest speakers last fall on world religions, then followed the Nooma curriculum for the other weeks, in addition to doing Bible readings each Sunday.

They decided to split the money they brought to Sunday School among these local causes: \$50 to the Cuba Friends of Architecture, \$50 to the Cuba Cultural Center and \$38 to the Cuba Circulating Library.

I'd like to thank John Hupp and Sandy Tsujimoto for teaching for me on the weeks I was away. What a pleasure it has been to work with these young people over the past two years.

Mike Kunz

## Elementary Sunday School News

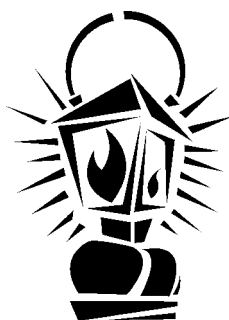
*Submitted by Sandy Allen*

Sunday School is on break for the summer. It has been an awesome year for the elementary class. Our church family is blessed to have these young people learning to be followers of Jesus Christ. They are our future.

During the last quarter we studied the Easter season - Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and that our Christian faith centers around the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The last month we studied Baptism, Pentecost, and The Holy Spirit that lives within us and the ABC's of our salvation (Admit, Believe, and Confess). This hard for all of us to understand, but they listened and did a super job!!

Thank you for supporting the Sunday School and especially to the parents for bringing your children.



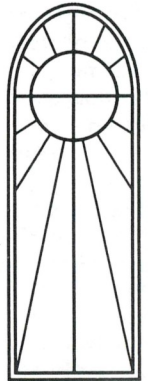
**"I AM THE LIGHT  
OF THE WORLD."**

WHOEVER FOLLOWS ME WILL NEVER  
WALK IN DARKNESS,  
BUT WILL HAVE THE LIGHT OF LIFE."

JOHN 8:12

## Matthew 4:10

Find the words that fit these definitions. You may use a dictionary or check in a church bulletin or hymnal. Write the letters from the words on the lines below.



A song sung in church \_\_\_\_\_  
1 2 3 4

Money given in church \_\_\_\_\_  
5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

"The Lord's \_\_\_\_\_"  
13 14 15 16 17 18

What we find written in the Bible:  
God's \_\_\_\_\_  
19 20 21 22

Another word for Bible verses \_\_\_\_\_  
23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32

Warm feeling in your heart \_\_\_\_\_  
33 34 35 36

" \_\_\_\_\_  
19 5 9 23 1 10 13 28 1 8

\_\_\_\_\_ 33 5 9 22 2 5 29 9 12 5 22 "

\_\_\_\_\_ 15 4 22 23 8 9 35 17

\_\_\_\_\_ 5 4 33 2 1 10 3 "

**Matthew 4:10b**

## SAUERKRAUT SALAD

Sue Simmons

(in memory of my Sister-in-law Nancy Grant)



**Recipe**  
FROM THE  
**Cuba UMC**  
**Cook Book**

- 1 can drained sauerkraut
- 2/3 cup white vinegar
- 1 cup chopped celery
- 1 green or red pepper chopped
- 1/2 cup oil
- 1-1/2 cup sugar
- 1 large chopped onion

Mix all together and let stand 24 hours.

## Cuba United Methodist Women News

*Submitted by Judy Zayac*

The UMW met on Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> in Wesley Hall.

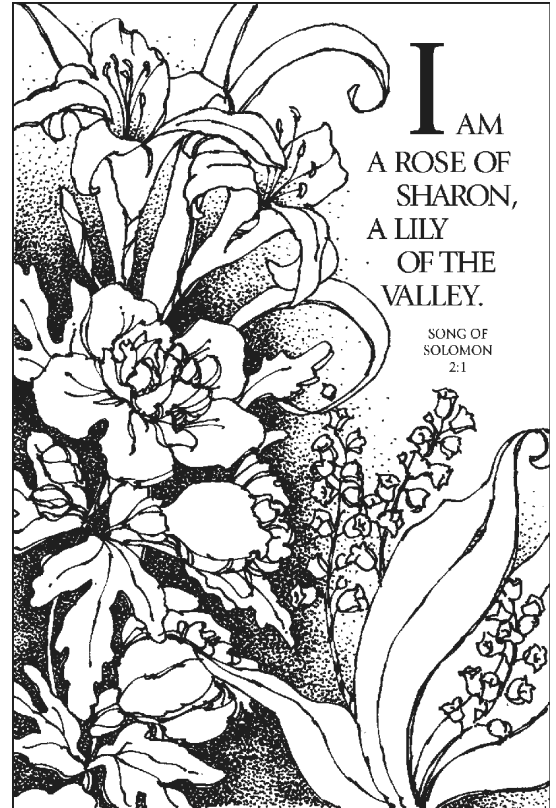


United  
Methodist  
Women

Thela led the meeting in Judy's absence and reported that only a couple of the bags for the school kits are completed. We have all the supplies ready so that they can be easily assembled. The health kits are all assembled and just need to be shipped to UMCOR.

We will end the UMW year with a dinner out in June. It was suggested that we meet at Moonwinks on June 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Judy will make reservations. If you plan to go, please give Judy a call at 968-3537 by June 1<sup>st</sup>.

We will convene again on Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. for a brunch meeting.



**"Jesus"** (continued from front page)

### Lord

We also proclaim Jesus as our Lord, the one to whom we give our devoted allegiance. The word Lord had a more powerful meaning for people of medieval times, because they actually lived under the authority of lords and monarchs. Today some of us may find it difficult to acknowledge Jesus as Lord of our lives. We're used to being independent and self-sufficient. We have not bowed down to authority. To claim Jesus as Lord is to freely submit our will to his, to humbly profess that it is he who is in charge of this world.

### Savior

Perhaps best of all, we believe in Jesus as Savior, as the one through whom God has freed us of our sin and has given us the gift of whole life, eternal life, and salvation. We speak of this gift as the atonement, our "at-oneness" or reconciliation with God. We believe that in ways we cannot fully explain, God has done this through the mystery of Jesus' self-giving sacrifice on the cross and his victory over sin and death in the Resurrection.

From *United Methodist Member's Handbook*, Revised by George Koehler (Discipleship Resources, 2006), pp. 76-77.

# How the AC session impacts you

The Annual Conference session is a yearly meeting for clergy and laity to worship and to conduct Conference business. But what does the AC session mean for congregants? Here are the top seven affects of the session:

- Future goals are set. For example, there will be reports presented about the Conference goal with regards to leadership development, more detail about the mission map (the strategic plan for the Conference), and the FACT Report (“a resource to help achieve Conference vitality and sustainability”). View the report at [www.tinyurl.com/qcqrbo](http://www.tinyurl.com/qcqrbo).
- Future programs are adopted. Last year, for example, the Conference approved \$1M for *Imagine No Malaria* as part of *Africa 360*, and the *Illuminate Preaching Academy* – which enhances pastors’ preaching skills – rolled out. This year, the *Leadership Academy* will launch.
- Future budgets are adopted, which impact ministry shares and determine where ministry dollars are focused. View the proposed budget in the Pre-Conference Workbook: [www.tinyurl.com/PCworkbook](http://www.tinyurl.com/PCworkbook).
- Petitions and resolutions are voted upon. Resolutions and petitions impact everything from our public stance on political issues to the way clergy are cared for.
- Clergy are commissioned and ordained. The path to ordination begins when a local church formally endorses a member to explore a call to pastoral ministry. After many steps, that individual is elected by clergy colleagues into Conference

membership at clergy session, or-dained to representative ministry on behalf of the Church by the Bishop, and appointed to a local church or other ministry setting.

- Pastoral appointments become official and are celebrated at AC session. This is when pastors are assigned to Conference churches.
- **Special this year:** Delegates from our Conference will be elected to serve at General and Jurisdictional conferences (May 10-20, 2016; July 11-15, 2016). General Conference is the top decision-making body for The United Methodist Church for all matters; Jurisdictional Conference is charged with, among other things, electing the bishops of the Church.
- **Special this year:** There will be an *Act of Repentance*, where attendees are invited to repent for the wrongs United Methodists have committed against Native people. Clergy and laity are encouraged to bring elements from the service to their local churches.

Every AC session is different, and there are many other ways congregations are impacted. Be sure to stay informed.

## 5 ways to connect to AC '15

- Visit [www.unyumc.org/news/video/6042](http://www.unyumc.org/news/video/6042) to watch a Pre-Conference briefing
- Visit [www.unyumc.org/events/ac-live](http://www.unyumc.org/events/ac-live) to view the session’s live stream
- Visit [www.tinyurl.com/UNYAC15](http://www.tinyurl.com/UNYAC15) to view AC news items
- Follow or use hashtag “#UNYAC15” on social media
- Look for the Post-Conference issue of the *Advocate*

## Friendship United Methodist Women News

Submitted by President Vicki Baker



The UMW hosted the Mother/Daughter Banquet on May 4. Approximately 50 attended. Dinner was a buffet of dishes that everyone brought. Delicious!

The theme was "Paper Dolls". Different paper doll printouts decorated the walls and tables. The program was done by Roberta Butler due to Vicki being ill, and was titled "You're Such A Doll". It compared different dolls to moods and traits. Many guests had these dolls during their childhood, and some still had them.

Next, we had a guest speaker, Sheary Carr. She collects paper dolls and brought them to show and told some history on paper dolls.

Door prizes were drawn, which concluded the evening.

Thanks to all who attended. See you again next year!

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. Come join us.



## Congratulations to Andrew & Emily Nelson on the birth of their baby girl!!!



We're Proud of You!

### *Congratulations to all Graduates!*

#### Friendship High School Graduates

Victoria Krisher

Brendon Hall

#### College Graduate

Isabella Baxter of Seneca Falls, NY Graduated Magna Cum Laude from Gettysburg College on May 17, 2015. She received her Bachelor of Arts in English with writing concentration. Bella is the daughter of Tim & Melissa Baxter and granddaughter of Carl & Penny Baxter.

# Friendship UMC

## June Birthdays

2 Cathy Hamilton  
5 Shirley Barber  
6 Dawn Golden  
11 Wilma Brigham  
16 Vicki Baker  
18 Pat Kupiec  
24 Richard Cimbricz  
30 Chris Bogart



## June Anniversaries

9 Jeff & Vicki Baker  
14 Dave & Sandy Golden  
20 Sam & Flossie Lovelady  
28 Harvey & Roberta Butler



Rolly Miles



Junior Church

## **Junior Church Update**

Scott Golden has been taking over the leadership. Andrew Nelson has been helping with the transition. The children enjoy the lessons and activities. They did their own communion, where the children decorated their own cups.

Jennie Gleason &  
her Parents  
Tristen Logue  
Pat Kupiec  
Travelers  
Shirley Southwick  
Nancy Sortore  
Diana Langdon  
Toby Bessey  
Mary Baker  
Family of Rolly Miles  
Cyril Jordan



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

## *A Gift for Dad*



What to give dad for father's Day? That is the question, isn't it? Robyn Spizman suggests that we should not ask him what he wants, instead say, "Dad, would you rather have clothing, a new watch, or a camera?" If that doesn't get a response, try this: "Dad, what's the worst gift you've ever been given?" You are sure to get an earful about what he doesn't want. If you don't get any ideas from what he says, then offer him your heart-felt words of appreciation for all that he means to you and let him see the big smile on your face.



"Regardless of what you give your father," says Robyn Spizman, "be sure to give him a big hug on Father's Day and tell him you love him. That's still the best gift of all."

—The Costco Connection


**June 2015**

**Sunday Worship 11:00 am**  
**Sunday School -Summer Break**  
**Cuba Dates**  
**(C)**

**Sunday Worship 9:30 am**  
**Sunday School**  
**Friendship Dates**  
**(F)**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Friendship Choir 6:30 pm  Cuba Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm	<b>4</b> Cuba UMW Dinner Out at Moonwinks 6 pm	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> (C) UMW Food Pantry Collection	<b>8</b> (F) O.E.S. Mtg. Cuba Management Team 6:30 pm	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Friendship Choir 6:30 pm Cuba Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm	<b>11</b> Friendship UMW Mtg at Church at Noon	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> 	<b>15</b> July/Aug. Newsletter Deadline - Noon	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Friendship Choir 6:30 pm Cuba Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm	<b>18</b> (F) WIC	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> (F) Trustee Breakfast 9am
<b>21</b> 	<b>22</b> (F) O.E.S. Mtg.	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Friendship Choir 6:30 pm Cuba Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> (C) Baccalaureate at Cuba Library 6 pm	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> Cuba Rothfus Offering	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>				

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"Naming me Solomon didn't work."

