

June 2016

The Shepherd's Messenger



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

FROM
Pastor
Burt



Grace and peace to you and yours in the name of our
Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

I celebrate with you and for you because of the enthusiasm
you have shown to embrace the "The Faith We Sing" contempo-
rary music program. In less than a month from the time it was brought before you, it
became a reality. Praise the Lord!

You probably have realized by now the importance of music in my life and
ministry. In an article by Larry Eskridge written in the Wheaton College alumni
magazine, he asked this question,

"How many of you can remember much about the sermons you heard during your
childhood?"

He goes on to say, "Try as we might it's likely that few of us could put together
even the most skeletal 3 point sermon outline." "But", he continues, "without effort
we can remember every word of the hymns we sang in church, our Sunday School
songs or the songs we sang around church camp campfires. Songs like - Amazing
Grace, Jesus Loves Me, O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing, Old Rugged Cross,
Zaccheus, I Will Make You Fishers of Men, How Great Thou Art, The B-I-B-L-E,
on and on they go - those songs seemed to tie our hearts together in ways no sermon
or Sunday School lesson possibly could."

These traditional hymns and songs do form a major part of our faith experiences
as they should, but God is continuing to create new songs of faith. His word tells us
in Psalm 96:1 and Psalm 98:1, "Sing to the Lord a new song."

This new music program will help us to do just that. To sing God's praises with
new and different lyrics, melodies, and rhythms, but always giving God the glory as
we add to our repertoire of praises. As we grow our faith base in music.

My prayer for you and for our church is that we leave this place singing or
humming God's praises - whether old or new - each and every Sunday!

Psalm 101:1: "I will sing of your love and justice, to you O Lord, I will sing
praise!"

May it be so!

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
Debra Enderle
Robert Enderle
Family & friends of Art Higby
Stephanie LaFever
Sherry McCubbin
Bruce Metler
Thomas Morris
Keith Pierce
Kerigan Pierce
Lucinda Pierce
Royce Ross
Ann Santagelo
Erica & Todd Scheer -
(Premie Elliott needs surgery,
Tate passed away)
Leroy Sherwood
Alice Sweet
Laroy Spateholts
Buster Van Valkenburgh
Wally Watson
Ken Wyant

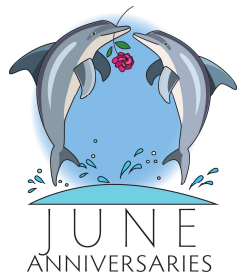


2 - Donna Burdick
4 - Anthony Berardi
6 - Julie Hawks
7 - Dylan Cornell
Shirley Mosher
Kay Wetzell
15 - Eric Young
18 - Tim Dutton
Ken Wyant
20 - Bessie Dillon
22- Nikolas Berardi



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

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



10 - Cindy & Dale Dutton
22 - Bob & Sandy Beard

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

Date	Worship	SS	Offering
5/1	47	15	\$1,163.00
5/8	47	15	\$1,974.00
5/15	62	20	\$1,523.00
5/22	46	11	\$1,049.00

June Helping HandsUshers:

Doris Wyant,
Kevin Kranock,
Rob Cornell

Greeters:

6/5
6/12
6/19
6/26

Acolyte:

6/5
6/12
6/19
6/26

Coffee Hour:

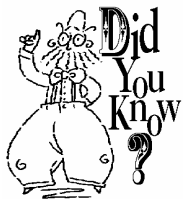
6/19

Altar Guild

Claire Morris



We are very pleased
and excited that
**Pastor Burt has been
reappointed** as our inter-
im pastor until the end
of June 2017.

DYK:*Submitted by Dean Wildrick***How the Annual Conference session impacts you:**

- Future goals are set
- Future programs are adopted
- Programs the Conference has participated in are celebrated
- Future budgets are adopted
- Petitions and resolutions are voted upon
- Clergy are commissioned and ordained
- Pastoral appointments become official and are celebrated at AC session



On Pentecost Sunday, May 15, our three newest members, Chole Karn, Michael Hupp, and Dominic Berardi were confirmed. After nearly 8 months of work, they made a public profession of faith by sharing their "Christian Coat of Arms" with the congregation.



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.



Arthur James Higby passed away on April 28, 2016. A Memorial Service was held at the church on May 1. Pastor Burt officiated.

Council of Churches News*Submitted by Cindy Dutton*

The full Council of Pastors and laymen met on May 10. Rev. Dennis Stack, new interim pastor at Cuba First Baptist, was introduced and welcomed.

There were five requests for assistance from the Food Pantry in April, and three so far in May. Food supplies are plentiful at this time.

The Council of Churches will not be holding a Baccalaureate Service for Cuba Rushford graduates this year because of very low attendance for the last few years.

The Council is sponsoring a program of inspirational and patriotic music on the Tuesday evening of Dairy Week at the Cuba Opera House. Nettie White is organizing this event which has been popular the last few years. If you would like to participate, tell Nettie or Cindy Dutton. The Council will be serving ice cream following the concert.

The Council is planning on providing a Beef on Weck lunch for our Cuba Rushford teachers on their first in-service day in early September.

The Council will be present at the Garlic Festival on September 17 and 18 with a booth having information on all churches. A sturdy, vertical banner and stand that can be used at other events will be purchased. Each church is asked to have about 25 copies of a brochure promoting that church. If we run out on Saturday, we can copy more for Sunday.

Crop Walk is scheduled for October. Each church needs a contact person.

Cuba United Methodist Church will be hosting the next meeting of the Council on September 13. Pastors meet at 11, and laymen join them at 1pm.

Dudley Tales

Dudley is not perfect. While he is usually very good, sometimes he just wants to do things his way. Such was the case recently while visiting at Cuba Memorial Residential Facility.

After I carried Dudley up the steps and through the heavy door, we arrived on second floor. Dudley was greeted by a number of staff members (who know him now as a regular.) He was polite and quiet. Then we walked down the corridor. When he headed into a room where he did not belong, I called him. He was obedient and came back without delay. Next we came to a resident who was sitting in a wheelchair. She wanted to hold Dudley, so I placed him on her lap. It was a small lap. Dudley's feet kept slipping off and he looked at me like, "do I have to?" But he was patient and allowed the resident to enjoy the visit. Sometimes Dudley's master is very proud of him. He seems to know what is expected of him and wants to please.

We passed a couple of empty rooms until we found a resident in bed, but awake. I knocked on the door and asked if she would like to visit with Dudley. Her face lit up. She allowed Dudley onto her bed. I put him where she could reach him. (Dudley had not visited this resident before.) Soon he was walking around on the bed sniffing her afghan and her stuffed animals. (Getting acquainted with her environment.)

Then a strange thing happened. Dudley laid down at the foot of the bed with his back to the resident... and stayed that way. He was not sleeping. His eyes were open. Evidently he just wanted to do his own thing. Maybe he was rebelling. His master was not pleased. (not angry, but more like disappointed.) After a while, Dudley was placed back near the resident, where he was again very much appreciated.

Sometimes our Master gives us a job to do. It is usually a job for which we have the skills. But maybe there are times when we just want to do our own thing. Maybe we are rebellious. Do we always desire to please our Master? Sometimes those we help, turn out to be a blessing to us.

P.S. If you are reading this after June 2nd... the Wildricks (along with Tucker and Dudley) will be driving across country to visit their son in the state of Washington. Please pray for our safe travel. When we return, "Dudley Tales" will report on "Dudley's Great Adventure."

'God Bless



All are invited to help
paint Wesley Hall on
Saturday, June 4th
starting at 9:00 AM



Thank You!

Thank you!!! Cuba United Methodist Church people who deliver Meals on Wheels on Fridays: Marshall Allen, Dale and Cindy Dutton, John and Mary Hupp, Fred and Peggy Pearce and Cheryl and Dean Wildrick delivered between 13 and 19 hot meals each week.



Adult Sunday School Class



Adult Sunday School Studies with Cheryl

Prophecy #7: The Promised Land

The prophecy that God gave Abraham concerning a “promised land” for His people was not a vague notion. The Promised Land was a literal area on earth. God described it specifically as extending from the “river of Egypt to the great river, the Euphrates”. (Genesis 15:18) Abraham’s descendants lived in this land at various times, but there were three major times that the descendants of Abraham had to leave the Promised Land.

1. First time: Egypt. Abraham’s grandson Jacob moved back to the Promised Land (as an adult) with all his family members. Jacob’s name had been changed (by God) to “Israel”. (Genesis 32:26-28) Jacob had twelve sons who were later referred to as the “Twelve Tribes of Israel”. Jacob’s son Joseph was his favorite, but Joseph’s jealous brothers sold him to men traveling to Egypt. Joseph’s ability to interpret dreams eventually resulted in his rise to authority in the nation of Egypt. During a seven year famine, all around Egypt, Joseph invited his family to Egypt where they had stored up much food ahead of time. Joseph’s family members all moved out of the Promised Land. This was called the “First Dispersion of Israel.”

2. Second time: Assyria and Babylon. Many years after Moses led the Israelites out of Egypt and back toward the Promised Land, they were living in a divided kingdom. The Israelites had forsaken the “One True God” and were now worshipping the false gods and idols of their enemies. King David’s sons were power-hungry and fought each other in order to rule the kingdom. So, the promised Land was divided into the northern kingdom of “Israel” and the southern kingdom of “Judah.” There were prophets in each kingdom, warning the people of things to come, and chastising them and their kings for the evil they were committing. Soon, (as Isaiah prophesied), the Assyrian armies conquered the northern kingdom of Israel and took the Jewish people captive into Assyria. (Isaiah 8:4) Likewise, (as Jeremiah prophesied), the southern kingdom of Judah was later conquered by Babylon and its Jews taken into captivity. (Jeremiah 39:8-9) The removal of the Jews from the Promised Land kingdoms was called the, “Second Dispersion of Israel”.

3. Third time: Rome. Many years later (during the rule of King Cyrus of the Medo-Persian Empire), the Jews were allowed to return to the Promised Land. There they rebuilt the Temple and wall of Jerusalem, and re-established their worship and customs. But, they still did not solely occupy the Promised Land. They survived Greek persecution and Roman rule during the time of Christ. Then, in 70 AD., the Roman armies surrounded Jerusalem and broke into it. (Luke 19:43-44) Tens of thousands of Jews were slaughtered. Many were driven out of the land, and many others were captured and deported to become slaves in foreign lands. The boat-loads of Jews were not just taken to one or two countries, but to all parts of the earth. This was called the, "Third Dispersion of Israel”.

At the end of WWII, (1948) the Jews were given part of their Promised Land to live in as an official nation. But they still do not own or control the entire portion that God has promised. So, fulfillment of that prophecy will be in future times. The Bible speaks of a future and complete re-gathering of the Jewish people to the holy land. (Isaiah 66:20)

The prophecy of God giving the Promised Land to the Jews was literal. He gave it back to the Jews three times. The prophecy of the Jews possessing the land to the full extent of its description, is yet to be fulfilled. Since God was faithful in the past, the prophecy will come true in the future.



High School Graduates:

Adalia Bilotta, great granddaughter of Ruth Holden, is graduating from Cuba Rushford Central School as Valedictorian on June 25 and will attend Kent University majoring in Biology. She wants to become a pediatrician.

Zach Farmer, grandson of Mike & Fran Young and great grandson of Ruth Holden, is graduating from Hunt High School, Wilson, N.C. and will attend E.C.U. in Greenville, N.C. He is undecided on his major.

John David Bradley, great grandson of Ruth Holden, graduates from B.V.M Academy, Warner, NY on June 11.

Maria Bradley, great granddaughter of Ruth Holden, graduates on June 12 from Holy Name of Jesus Academy, Massena, NY. She wants to go into nursing.

Brandon Allen, grandson of Marshall and Sandra Allen, graduates from Lima Christian School and will be attending High Point University, High Point, NC.

College Graduates:

Taylor Rose, grandson of Mike & Fran Young and great grandson of Ruth Holden, graduated May 1, Magna Cum Laude from Pitt Bradford with an Associates Degree in History and Political Science.

Hayley Fry, great granddaughter of Ruth Holden, graduated on May 20 from JCC Olean with Associates Degree in Biology. She will attend SUNY Oneonta majoring in Nutrition & Dietician.



Let's Take a Trip!

Imagine that you are visiting a zoo in biblical times. What kind of animals would you find?

Unscramble the letters below to find some biblical animals. Check the verses to check your answers.

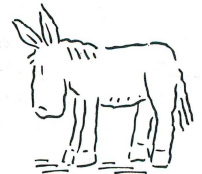


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_____ art	_____ eswale
_____ whak	_____ hesep
_____ mra	_____ iepgno
_____ dveo	_____ aclett



Deuteronomy 14:3-5
Deuteronomy 14:15-18
Genesis 12:16
Genesis 15:9
Isaiah 13:22
Leviticus 11:29-30

1 Kings 10:22
1 Samuel 17:34
Genesis 22:3
Genesis 47:17
Revelation 13:2
Exodus 8:3



CINDY'S SOUTHWESTERN CORNBREAD SALAD

Cindy Dutton



Recipe
FROM THE
Cuba UMC
Cook Book

1 (6 oz) pkg. cornbread mix (Jiffy)
Prepare in 9" x 9" pan, bake, cool, and cut into cubes

1 (1 oz) envelope Ranch Dressing Mix
(requires 1 cup buttermilk, 1 cup mayo)
Mix several hours in advance.

1 small head romaine, shredded (or garden lettuce)
2 Lg. fresh tomatoes, chopped
1 (15 oz) can Mexican corn (with red/green peppers)
1 (8 oz) pkg. shredded Mexican four-cheese blend
6 slices bacon, cooked, crumbled.
5-6 green onions, sliced.

Using large bowl, layer half of cornbread and then half of all remaining. Spoon half of dressing over it. Repeat layers, putting cheese on top, AFTER the rest of the dressing, (So the saran doesn't stick). Cover and chill 2 hours.

June 2016

WORSHIP SERVICE SUNDAY 11:00 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL
Out For the Summer

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Management Team 6:30 pm	2	3	4 Paint Wesley Hall Start 9:00 am
5 10:30 Pray for Our nation UMW Food Pantry Collection	6	7 Prayer Group 10 am- 11 am Grief Support Group 11:30 am	8	9	10	11
12 10:30 Pray for Our nation	13	14 Prayer Group 10 am- 11 am	15	16	17	18
19 10:30 Pray for Our nation	20 July/August Newsletter Deadline	21 Prayer Group 10 am- 11 am	22	23	24	25
26 10:30 Pray for Our nation Rothfus Offering	27	28 Prayer Group 10 am- 11 am	29	30		

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