

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 Risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

This time of year calls on us to remember the heritage of our country. With the celebration of Memorial Day, Flag Day and the 4th of July there is much to be grateful for in this great country.

That being said, we have a great Faith Heritage to celebrate as well. Jack E. Snider, Executive Vice President of King College in Bristol, Tennessee, shares this reflection called **"Heritage Stew"**.

"There is a story about the French farmers who were nearly starving early in the 1800s. They were kept alive by what came to be called "The One Hundred Year Old Soup." Each week, to a pot which always simmered on the back of the kitchen stove, the famer's wife would add whatever was available: sometimes it would be a carrot, sometimes an onion, sometimes no more than dandelions. But each week something would be added with a little more water. The soup never stopped simmering. It was always there.

When the oldest daughter left to set up housekeeping, included in her dowry was a little pot of that soup, taken from the back of the stove and shared. When French immigrants arrived on these shores, those from the southeast rural area of France carried their little pot of "one hundred year old soup." Some soup eaten today in South Carolina among those of French descent derives from that one hundred year old soup.

The church of Jesus Christ has been boiling for two thousand years. Many ingredients have been added and many people have been fed. It is ever old, yet ever new. It is a constant, life-giving gift from those generations that have preceded us, but it needs constant replenishing that those who follow may be fed."

The congregation of Cuba UMC has a great heritage of faith as well. We need to celebrate that as we look forward to the next chapter.

My question is, "What will you add to the pot?" The writer of Hebrews writes in chapter 12:1-2,

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God."

and Jesus said, "Feed my sheep!" Let each of us do our part!

Soup's On!

Pastor Burt

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
Palmer Strong
Lon 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!*



4 - Anthony Berardi
6 - Julie Hawks
7 - Dylan Cornell
15 - Eric Young
18 - Tim Dutton
Ken Wyant
19- Kevin Kranock
20 - Bessie Dillon
22 - Nikolas Berardi
26 - Fredrick Middaugh



If you have a prayer request, 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: \$1,739**

Date	Worship	SS	Offering
4/30	50	22	\$1,443.00
4/30		Rothfus	\$ 120.00
5/7	35		\$2,593.00
5/7		Naomi	\$ 135.00
5/14	39		\$1,230.00
5/21	42		\$1,480.00
5/21		Rothfus	\$ 20.00

June Helping HandsUsher:

Jim Travis

Pianist:

Christine Berardi

Altar Guild:

Claire Morris

Altar Flowers:

6/18 Given by Shirley Poore in
memory of Jennifer Dunlap



Kenneth Wyant was baptized
on April 16, 2017 during the
Easter Sunday Service.



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**.



Use all your strength

A boy and his father were walking along a road when they came across a large stone. The boy said to his father, "Do you think if I use all my strength, I can move this rock?" His father answered, "If you use all your strength, I am sure you can do it." The boy began to push the rock. Exerting himself as much as he could, he pushed and pushed. The rock did not move. Discouraged, he said to his father, "You were wrong. I can't do it." His father placed his arm around the boy's shoulder and said, "No, son. You didn't use all your strength – you didn't ask me to help."

- David J. Wolpe
in *Teaching Your Children About God*

UMW MEETING

Submitted by Shirley Poore



May 20, 2017

Thela opened with prayer.

Cindy provided the refreshments.

Were 7 lady's in attendance,

\$7.25 for Sue's Cheer Budget.

Had Lydia Hall Lockmann show photos & told us about her Peace Corp trip to Kosovo.

Secretary read minutes of April meeting. Was accepted by Janet 2nd by Ruth. Treasurer's report, balance \$787.83 at this time. Accepted by Janet. 2nd by Cindy.

Made \$600.00 on rummage sale. The flatware is in.

Have a \$64.00 credit from Premium Coffee.

Linda Nelson will be collecting the money for Prayer & Self- Denial. Due by July 2.

Our June Dinner will be June 21 in Duke House in Wellsville, Will be in downstairs. Reservations & menu choices by June 15, Cindy will get menu choices to us.

Dinner at 5:30 leave Church at 4:45.

Our next meeting will be September 23, 10:00 AM

Refreshments will be provided by Cindy





High School Graduates:

Courtney Kellogg, granddaughter of Doris Wyant, graduates from Ten Brook Academy in Franklinville, N.Y. She plans to attend JCC in Olean, N.Y.

Kristen Sortore, granddaughter of Sylvia Clement is graduating from Friendship Central School.

Parker Van Ness, grandson of Doris Wyant, graduates from Hamburg High School. He's not sure what he's doing after graduation.

College Graduates:

Dylan Cornell, CUMC member and son of Rob & Rhonda, graduated with BS Degrees in Chemistry and Biology from St. John Fisher College in Rochester NY and will be attending Graduate School at Cornell University studying Biomedical Engineering in the fall.

Katelyn Cornell, CUMC member and son of Rob & Rhonda, graduated from Alfred State College with an Associates degree in Nursing and will be working at Jones Memorial Hospital in Wellsville as a Graduate nurse pending passing the boards at which time she will become an R.N.

Joshua Enderle, CUMC Member and grandson of Gary Enderle, graduated May 21 from Ithaca College with degree in Environmental Studies.

It's time to think about your summer vacation. Imagine going to visit some Bible time places!
Read the description of each place. Choose a name from the list below. Check your answers in the Bible verses.

1. City where Jesus was born.
Matthew 2:1

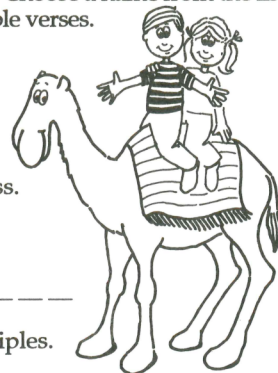
2. Made of cedar, olivewood, cypress.
Covered inside with gold.
Took seven years to build.
1 Kings 6:1-37

3. Where Jesus prayed with his disciples.
Mark 14:32

4. Place where Moses received the 10 commandments.
Exodus 19:20

5. Place where God placed Adam and Eve. Very beautiful.
Genesis 2:15

6. A place where Jesus did much teaching and many events happened.
Mark 7:31



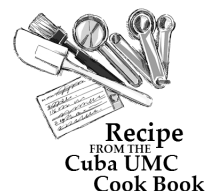
Word list	Sea of Galilee	Garden of Gethsemane
	Mount Sinai	Solomon's Temple
	Garden of Eden	Bethlehem

Answers:

1) Bethlehem; 2) Solomon's Temple; 3) Garden of Gethsemane; 4) Mount Sinai; 5) Garden of Eden; 6) Sea of Galilee.

GERMAN POTATO SALAD Deb Battistoni

5 lbs. potatoes
1 cup diced onion
1 cup vinegar
2 tsp. cornstarch
½ cup sugar
1 lb. bacon (drain off half the grease)
1 cup water
Salt and Pepper



I boil the potatoes whole with the skins on. When they are fork tender, I let them cool before I peel and dice. I cut the bacon into 1 inch pieces before I fry it. Add the remaining items to the bacon with ½ of the bacon grease. Bake for one hour at 350°



Adult Sunday School Studies with Cheryl

PROPHECY #19: Death and Resurrection of Christ

As we study prophecy, we realize that perhaps the greatest prophecy in the Bible is that of the death and resurrection of Jesus: the Christ, God's son, our Lord. These prophecies are found in both the Old Testament and New Testament and they span thousands of years (from Creation to the Roman Empire.)

OLD TESTAMENT

In Genesis, the first book of the Old Testament, we find that God had to shed the blood of an animal to make clothing for Adam and Eve. Generations later, God told the Jews to sacrifice a lamb during worship to take their sin away. These were a foreshadowing of the coming of Jesus who would die for our sins.

The book of Psalms talks of Christ's death. (Psalms 22:1, 8-8, 14-18). The book of Isaiah talks of Christ's death. (Isaiah 53:5-8b, 9). Resurrection prophecies are also in the Old Testament: (Psalms 22:27-31) (Psalms 16:10-11) (Isaiah 53:11a, 12a)

NEW TESTAMENT

In the New Testament we also find prophecies of the death and resurrection of Christ. In the gospel books, Jesus reminded his disciples of the story of Jonah and the "Whale". Christ would also be in darkness for three days before he rose up and appeared alive and well. (Matthew 12:40). Jesus also promised his resurrection. (Matthew 27:63) The book of Acts records Jesus' appearance to the people after his death. (Acts 1:3) Also recorded were the witness of the apostles to the death and resurrection of Jesus. (Acts 2:23-24) (Acts 3:15) (Acts 4:10) (Acts 4:33) (Acts 5:30) Even the book of Revelation mentions Christ's death and resurrection. (Revelation 1:5) (Revelation 1:18) (Revelation 5:12)

The New Testament epistles (or letters) confirm the deity (or holiness) of Jesus. 1.) Son of God: (Romans 1:4). 2.) Raised by God; (Galations 1:1) (Philippians 3:10a) (Colossians 2:12) (1 Thessalonians 1:10) 3.) the "Righteous One" who died for the "Unrighteous": (1 Peter 3:18)

Christian Believers have received many benefits because of Jesus' resurrection. (Major Bible Prophecies by John F. Walvoord). 1.) It confirms the resurrection for believers. (Romans 4:23-25). 2.) It is essential to our salvation (Romans 8:11) (Romans 10:9) 3.) Believers will be raised from the dead. (1 Corinthians 6:14). and 4.) It is the basis for new birth, living hope, and our inheritance (as daughters and sons of God.) (1 Peter 1:3-4)

Recorded history (as written by authors of the Old Testament books of the Bible) predicted the coming of God's son to earth. Recorded history (as written by authors of the New Testament books of the Bible) witnessed to the life, death and reappearance of Jesus on earth.

But... 1.) the miraculous conception of a virgin by the Holy Spirit,
 2.) the fulfillment of the predicted details of the baby's birth (time, place, census, stable, shepherds),
 3.) the preservation of the baby's life when hunted by king Herod,
 4.) the tremendous knowledge of scripture by this uneducated Jewish boy (of twelve) in the Temple,
 5.) the dove descending on Jesus at his baptism,

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DUDLEY TAILS

Submitted by Cheryl Wildrick

Dudley becomes depressed when I am gone from the house, and becomes frustrated if I am within sight, but he cannot get to me.

As the weather turned warmer and I was able to work outdoors, Dudley could not use see me working, although I was just outside. From his perspective, I was gone, and he did not know when I would be back. When I finally came indoors, he greeted me as if I had been away on a seven day vacation.



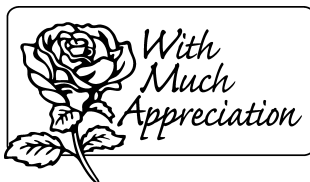
The day I decided to prepare the ground outside of our breezeway for planting... I got an idea. I would put his GATE in the doorway so that Dudley could see me but not come to me until it was time. I told him that he would be with me soon. This action resulted in a lot of whining and crying (on his part). He could not understand why I was not with him, and why he could not come to me. He had to trust me, and trust what I had told him.

When Jesus died, those who loved their Master were sad and depressed because Jesus was no longer with them. From their perspective, they were alone with their memories... and anxious... not knowing what to do.

Later, on Ascension Day, when Jesus went up from earth into heaven, there was also a separation. (Like the gate that kept Dudley from me.) But, it was a spiritual separation. It divided the loved ones from their Master and kept them from joining Jesus until it was time.

It was not time for the disciples to join Jesus in heaven. (Like it was not time for Dudley to join his master who was on the other side of the gate.)

As Christians, we know that (when the time is right) we will join our Master. Jesus has promised that to us. He looks forward to seeing our joy at the reunion.



To my Church Family,

What a great feeling of love and concern you've had for me. So greatly appreciated. What beautiful cards & visits also. Just know I miss you all. I'll be back when I feel I can drive and be alone. Getting stronger each day.

Much love to you,
Sue Simmons



Thank you so much for all your support, cards and especially prayers during my battle with breast cancer. You don't know what a huge help it was to know that I had a full Team with me during my struggle. My oncologist said to now consider myself a breast cancer survivor. Again THANK YOU!
Thela

Dear CUMC fam,

Greetings from Albania!

The school year is winding down, with only 4 more weeks to go before summer vacation! The students are getting antsy, especially with the weather being so warm and sunny lately! The teachers have started a countdown as well!



I am teaching 2 sections of year 10 English (24 students total). I have enjoyed it very much! It has been a privilege to see how much they have advanced since February, when I first started teaching them. This term, we are focusing on discrimination and prejudice. We watched 'Remember the Titans,' and Dr. King's 'I Have a Dream' speech, and have read the Gettysburg Address and parts of the book 'Same Kind of Different as Me.' We have had many really good, hard conversations about equality, discrimination, and acknowledging our biases and working to change them. It is my hope that the students are learning how to be good world citizens, in addition to vocabulary, writing techniques, reading comprehension, and critical thinking skills. These topics have also allowed us to talk about the role of faith in our daily lives, and how Christians should strive to live in the world.

I also recently started teaching an Intensive ESL class for a group of 11 students who are struggling with English language.

I have committed to return to LAC for another year. I will be home on July 15th and will return to Albania sometime in August. I look forward to seeing you this summer!

Naomi

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- 6.) the huge crowds that gathered to hear his words,
- 7.) the miracles performed by Jesus (water to wine, multiplying the bread and fishes, raising a man from the dead, etc.)
- 8.) Jesus' healing ministry (sick, crippled, diseased, blind, demon possessed, etc.)
- 9.) Jesus' genealogy dating back (past King David) to Adam.
- 10.) Holy Week fulfillment of scripture (betrayal by Judas, cock crowing, Jesus' trial, scourging, hanging on a cross, his burial, etc.
- 11.) Jesus' appearance to the disciples and the women after his death,
- 12.) and Jesus' ascension to heaven, as witnessed by three disciples.

All the above things (planned by God) proved that prophesy was fulfilled by Jesus. Biblical prophesies will be filled in the future also.

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11:00 AM

JUNE

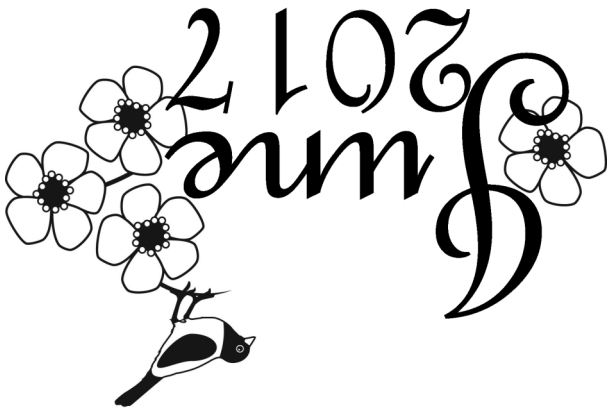
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SUNDAY SCHOOL
9:45 AM
For All Ages

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 Naomi Mission Collection UMW Food Pantry Collection	5	6 Prayer Group 10 am - 11 am Grief Support Group 12:30 pm	7 Trustees Mtg. 6:00 Management Team 6:45 pm	8	9	10
11	12	13 Prayer Group 10 am- 11 am	14  Flag Day	15	16	17
18  Father's Day	19 July/August Newsletter Deadline - Noon	20 Prayer Group 10 am- 11 am	21 UMW Dinner at Duke House, Wellsville 5:30 pm leave church 4:45	22	23	24
25 Rothfus Collection	26	27 Prayer Group 10 am- 11 am	28	29	30	

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