

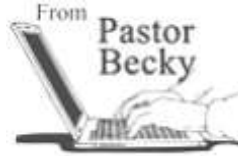
# The Shepherd's Messenger



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



Greetings friends!

Let's talk about growing by going beyond. We have all seen a toddler crawling around a room, eagerly eyeing furniture that can be used for leverage when the time comes for "pulling-up." We have also seen that toddler reach the pull-up stage and move to walking "with no holds." We rightly praise and encourage such behavior. We know that growth is only achieved by going beyond present circumstances. What we sometimes forget is, that we (adults) need to grow also. That growth, though it may be invisible to the eye, is still real growth. Let us consider some things we need to move beyond in order for us to grow spiritually.

**Beyond Our Own Expectations.** Our achievements will only be as high as our highest goals. If we aspire to be pew-warmers only, that is all we will be. Our minds will not be engaged in the private study of the word of God and our faith will not be challenged by the word's clash with the world in our daily life. We dare not be content with "just being religious." Here is a challenge for us: "Therefore, be imitators of God, as beloved children" (Ephesians 5:1). That ought to raise our goal.

**Beyond Our Hurts, Losses, and Failures.** There is no doubt about it, in this world we will have tribulation (John 16:33), or trouble. Persecution is to be expected (2 Timothy 3:12). Further, physical accidents and health failures occur regularly, as does death. Christians are not immune to any of these things. Therefore, when these occur in our lives, we must deal with them in a realistic, optimistic manner. This in no way minimizes the importance of our own health or the personhood of those we love. However, if we cannot accept the loss of something or someone that/who is truly gone from this life, we will suffer serious mental and spiritual consequences.

**Beyond the Expectations of Others.** We all have certain limitations. They may be in our physical makeup or circumstances. However, we can move beyond some of those limitations. For example, we may hold a job that pays minimum wages. However, that does not mean that we, or the job, are insignificant. We can work enthusiastically at any job we may hold (Ecclesiastes 9:10). We can do the best we can with what God has given and be satisfied in the realization that we have done so.

Growth, by its nature means moving beyond the present circumstance to even better circumstances. If we approach it in that manner, even the most disheartening of circumstances can be faced with courage and optimism. Let us go beyond...and grow. Cuba United Methodist Church is a great place to grow and a great place for fellowship. Hope to see you on Sundays at 11:00. Let's grow together!

Blessings,

Pastor Becky

PLEASE PRAY FOR:  
Our World situation

Others to keep in prayer:

Marshall Allen  
Norma Andrus  
Family & Friends of Cynthia Baxter  
Todd Baxter  
Russell Brown  
Hazel Cornell  
David Edwards  
Brian Fries  
Don Hall  
David Halstead  
Donna Hart  
Bernie Hawks  
Bob Huddleston  
Katie Kellogg  
Sandy Lathrop  
Bruce Metler  
Mark Middaugh  
Nellie Moses  
Family & friends of Rick Munnis  
Justin Murphy  
Keith Pierce  
Laroy Spateholts  
Mary Lou Sprague  
Donald Thompson  
Jessica Veiders  
JoAnn Viglietta  
Clint Wilder  
James Woodruff  
Ken Wyant  
Judy Zayac



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.



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

**Call Ruth Holden at 968-1933**



- 4 - Anthony Berardi
- 6 - Al Goodliff  
Julie Hawks
- 7 - Dylan Cornell
- 15 - Eric Young
- 16 - Jim Daly
- 18 - Tim Dutton  
- Rinoa Lockwood (Casi's daughter)  
- Ken Wyant
- 19- Kevin Kranock
- 22 - Nikolas Berardi



- 10 - Cindy & Dale Dutton
- 20 - Al & Marilyn Goodliff
- 30 - Laurie & John Simons

Statistics		Needed: \$1,736	
Date	Worship	SS	Offering
5/2	36		\$2,985.99
		Gill's Hills	\$ 70.00
5/9	36		\$1,336.00
5/16	37		\$2,004.00
		Gill's Hills	\$ 150.00
5/23	39		\$ 955.00

June Helping Hands

Greeter:  
Kevin Kranock

Power Point:  
Rob Cornell

Pianist:  
Christine Berardi

Altar Guild:  
Claire Morris



**Rick Munnis**, Jean Higby's son-in-law, and Paige's husband, passed away on May 12, 2021. A Celebration of Life was held on May 16, 2021 at Publick House Restaurant in Sturbridge, MA.

**Cynthia S. Baxter**, Sallie Wild's sister, passed away on May 19, 2021 in Saint Vincent Hospital, Erie, PA. A Funeral Service was held on May 22, 2021 in the United Methodist Church, Port Allegany, PA

**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**.

### Praying for Our Churches, Pastors and Leadership in Cornerstone District:

**June 6** Edwards Chapel & Watts Flats UMCs. Pastor Warren VanDewark, his wife Diane and their family.

**June 13** Ripley & South Ripley UMCs. Pastor Becky Ward and her family.

**June 20** Tri-Church Parish. Pastor Clara Wilder, her husband Gary and their family.

**June 27** Charlotte Center & Pleasant Valley UMCs. Chuck Wittenbrook, his wife Kelly and their family.

# Puzzle!

For this cryptogram, use the clues to decode Proverbs 3:5, NRSV.

**CLUES:**  
Y = T, O = I

Y K T P Y   D X   Y J Z  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 V Q K R   F D Y J   O V V  
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 C Q T K   J Z O K Y,   O X R  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 R Q   X Q Y   K Z V C   Q X  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 C Q T K   Q F X   D X P D L J Y.  
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Answers: Trust in the Lord and all your heart and do not rely on your own understanding and do not say, "I will be safe because of my great wealth."

### JAMAICAN JERK CHICKEN ON A STICK

Judy Zayac



- |                        |                                     |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1 TBS allspice         | ¼ cup olive oil                     |
| 1 TBS dried thyme      | ¼ cup soy sauce                     |
| 1 ½ tsp cayenne pepper | ¾ cup white vinegar                 |
| 1 ½ tsp black pepper   | ½ cup orange juice                  |
| 1 ½ tsp sage           | juice of one lime                   |
| ¾ tsp nutmeg           | 1 sweet red pepper, finely chopped  |
| ¾ tsp cinnamon         | 1 white onion, finely chopped       |
| 1 TBS salt             | 3 green onions finely chopped       |
| 2 TBS garlic powder    | 4 boneless skinless chicken breasts |

Mix together dry ingredients, then whisk in liquids and vegetables. Cut strips of chicken and twist onto wooden skewers that have been soaked in water. Pour enough marinade to cover chicken and set aside for an hour. Grill over med high heat for 5 minutes, flip skewers and grill another 5-8 minutes. Serve with marinade or hot sauce for dipping.

You may substitute pork for chicken. Extra marinade *not poured over meat* can be refrigerated for later use.



### Who's Graduating?...

If you know of someone who is graduating or has graduated 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 June 21.



## DUDLEY TAILS

*Submitted by Cheryl Wildrick*

Hi! This is Dudley. It's Spring, and I love being outdoors in the warm sunshine. I usually sit on our deck and watch the cars when they go by. Of course... if a noisy truck goes by our house... I will run down the steps into our fenced yard and bark very loudly until the car is out of sight. I know that our neighbors appreciate my dedication to protecting their homes and property.

Most of the time I am not alone. My "big brother", Tucker (a collie), taught me how to bark loudly and to run along the fence when a bicycle rider, or a person jogging, goes by. Tucker is five years older than I am. When I was brought to my new home as a puppy, Tucker would sit on a step that was half way to the upstairs hallway. I could not make it up the stairs, so I barked and cried... but Tucker would not help me.

As I grew to my full size of fifteen pounds, I began to realize that I would always be smaller than Tucker (who is fifty pounds). I had to take more steps to cover the same distance as Tucker, and I could not eat as much as Tucker. But, I could squeeze into smaller spaces than Tucker.

Tucker, myself, and our master like to take daily walks together. We walk over the foundation of a former dairy barn. We walk on paths that wind through a old orchard... and, we walk around a hay field that used to feed beef cattle. Years ago, our master had been present when a calf was born on this land.

Tucker and I have done many things together over the years. When I was little, we all took a trip across the country to visit a Shiba Inu that was an old friend of Tucker's. Then, about four times a year, Tucker and I go to a small house where we take turns letting a lady give us a bath. Then she uses a hair dryer to more fully dry our fur. Finally, she thins and shortens the length of our fur. While waiting our turns... we have met other, "Regulars": a poodle, a lab, and another Coton.

One of the favorite things that Tucker and I do together (after a trip to the vet) is to drive through McDonald's and share an ice cream cone.

Lately, Tucker sounds like he has caught a cold. He is coughing and hacking more often, and lasts longer. It is especially noticeable after he has been running. Our master says that Tucker will have to go visit, "the vet." Tucker and I were both there not too long ago. I hope that I don't have to go back... although I would enjoy an ice cream cone.

Wait a minute... Tucker and our master have just left without me! This has never happened before. Why would they go to the vet without me? Is Tucker sick? He has been coughing a lot lately after running in the yard. And, he acts like he wants to throw up, but nothing comes out.

I wonder how long they will be gone. I wonder if Tucker will be allowed to come home. I miss Tucker already. I will wait to see what my master says.

Later that afternoon they returned. Tucker looked tired, but he also looked glad to be home. Our master carried a small bag, and the things inside were only for Tucker. There were two small green bottles inside the bag. There were also: a sheet of foil-covered lumps, and an orange bottle of thick, white liquid.

Tucker's daily routine would now include morning pills and afternoon white liquid. The pills always got covered with a great smelling orange cheese spread. I wanted some. Instead, I got to lick sharp cheddar cheese spread from my master's fingers. That worked too.

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The Trustees are having a **work day June 5th** to clean and fixup the outside of the church. We will start at 9:00 A.M. There will be mulch to spread, some plants to set out & cleaning.



Thank you in advance for your help!

Marshall Allen

**The Hart House** in Wellsville, which provides free end of life care, will be reopening June 1 after pausing for Covid concerns.

We would love to have more **volunteers** to provide basic care and support to the residents and their families. The Hart House staff provide all training needed.

Anyone interested can call (585) 596-1045 or email [harthouse@roadrunner.com](mailto:harthouse@roadrunner.com) for more information.

I am on the board of directors and would be happy to answer any questions also.

Thank you.  
Sue Feldbauer



Watch **Live Streaming of Sunday Worship Services** on our website,



**www.cubaumc.org,**  
(Go to "Sermons" page to watch archived videos.)



also watch on the **Cuba UMC Facebook page.**

*("Dudley Tails" Continued from Page 4)*

It took another trip to the vet, three more bottles of pills, and two more x-rays before Tucker began feeling better, and his terrible coughing quieted down. All the while, his master took care of Tucker. I'm glad that my Master takes care of Tucker and me. Aren't you glad that your Master takes care of you?

The hymn writer Civilla D. Martin penned these words:

"Be not dismayed what - e're betide.  
God will take of you;  
Beneath his wings of love abide,  
God will take care of you,  
Through every day, o'er all the wag;  
He will take care of you,  
God will take care of you."



God our Father, and Jesus our Master care for us.  
We are blessed. Amen.

Rest in Peace, Tucker.  
Died 5/19/21  
We love you...

## COUNCIL OF CHURCHES NEWS

Submitted by Peggy Pearce

Members of the Cuba Council of Churches met on Sunday, May 2 at the North Park Wesleyan Church. We learned:



- The Meals on Wheels volunteer route is delivering to only six households at this time. The Center is open for in-person meals and activities, but needs participation of at least seven individuals to continue to remain open.
- The Food Pantry is being underutilized, perhaps because of government subsidies to families during the pandemic. While some food shelves are well stocked (canned fruits and vegetables, soups, mac & cheese, dry pasta), some areas are not (coffee, tea, juice, boxed potatoes, Hamburger Helper, cleaning supplies, paper products).
- The four welcome signboards leading into the Cuba village that list the individual churches are showing their age. The Council will investigate the possibility of replacing these wooden signs with something more weather resistant.
- A committee of Bill Beck, Michael Kunz and Amy Mattison will review the applications received from Cuba-Rushford seniors and select a recipient for the \$500 scholarship award presented by the Council.
- On June 18 from 5 to 8 p.m. the Council "Jail" will be in place in downtown Cuba as part of the Dairy Days celebration. Money received from this popular activity goes to the Council scholarship fund. Our church will have "Jail duties" from 5 to 6 p.m.
- Our church will host the annual Thanksgiving-Advent Service on November 28. Pastor Jon Ward of the North Park Wesleyan Church will provide the message.
- The Council is looking for ideas for a fun ecumenical activity to be held next May in place of a progressive dinner. Initial suggestions include a music jamboree, road rally and scavenger hunt. If you like one of these ideas or have a different suggestion, please share it with Council members (Pastor Becky, Mary Hupp, Peggy Pearce).
- The full Council will meet again September 12 at Cuba First Baptist Church.

## UMW NEWS

Submitted by Peggy Pearce



Seven women met in the church sanctuary on May 22 at 10 a.m. for the first United Methodist Women's meeting in 2021. The possibility of holding a rummage sale was discussed. Subject to approval by the Management Team, Thursday through Saturday, August 19 through 21 was set for the sale. Instead of pricing individual articles, everything will be sold by the bag with the exception of large or unique items. More details will be forthcoming closer to August.

Hygiene kits for UMCOR is the next project of the group, and the congregation is invited to participate in this outreach as well. The following items are needed for each kit (please note the specific details, as items that do not conform to the guidelines cannot be sent):

- One hand towel (15x25 – 17x27 inches)  
(no kitchen, cleaning or microfiber towels)
- One washcloth  
(no kitchen, cleaning or microfiber washcloths)
- One comb  
(sturdy with at least six inches of teeth; no pocket combs or picks)
- One toenail or fingernail clipper  
(no emery boards or metal nail files)
- One bath-size soap (3 oz. bar or larger)  
(no Ivory or Jergen's soap; do not remove from packaging)
- One adult toothbrush  
(do not remove from packaging; personal advertising not acceptable)
- Ten adhesive bandages (3/4 by 3 inches)
- One one-gallon size re-sealable bag

Additional instructions: all items must be new; do not wash any of the items; contents of kits should not be imprinted with cartoon characters, advertisements, religious, patriotic, military or camouflage symbols. Any donations may be placed in the tote located in the Green Street foyer.

A \$150 donation was approved for Henderson Settlement.

The next meeting of the United Methodist Women is Saturday, June 19, starting at 10 a.m.

# JUNE 2021

SUNDAY  
WORSHIP  
SERVICE  
11:00 AM

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Trustees Mtg. 6:00 pm Management Team Mtg. 6:45 pm	3	4	5 Outside Work Day 9:00 am
6 UMW Food Pantry Collection Communion	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 UMW Meeting 10:00 am
20 Father's Day	21 July/Aug. Newsletter Deadline Noon	22	23	24	25	26
27 Gil's Hills Offering	28	29	30			

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*Jesus said...*

# “DO NOT FEAR, ONLY BELIEVE!”

MARK 5:36

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