

July/August 2017

# The Shepherd's Messenger



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

FROM  
Pastor  
Burt

## Uncertain Future... Not Really!

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

As July 1 approaches, I am hearing and sensing some anxiety as it  
pertains to a new pastor coming to Cuba U.M.C. I too am anxious, but I  
believe God has given me something to share that may help.

### It is entitled, "**Andrew Murray's Four Truths**"

"South African pastor Andrew Murray once faced a terrible crisis.  
Gathering himself into his study, he sat a long while quietly, prayerfully,  
thoughtfully. His mind flew at last to his Lord Jesus, and picking up his pen,  
he wrote these words in his journal:

*First, he brought me here, it is by His will that I am in this strait place:  
in that fact I will rest.*

*Next, He will keep me here in His love, and give me grace to behave as  
His child.*

*Then, He will make the trial a blessing, teaching me the lessons He  
intends me to learn, and working in me the grace He means to bestow.*

*Last, in His good time He can bring me out again—how and when He  
knows.*

*Let me say I am here,*

*(1) By God's appointment*

*(2) In His keeping,*

*(3) Under His training*

*(4) For His time.<sup>1</sup>"*

That really says it all! We each need to remember that whoever is the  
pastor here, it is by His Will for HIS TIME.

I fully accept that and I pray you do as well. And remember Jesus said,  
"I am with you always to the end of the age".

So relax, take heart, keep praying and Our Loving, Faithful God will keep  
us all in the hollow of His hands.

In Christ's Service,  
**Pastor Burt**

<sup>1</sup> V. Raymond Edman, *They Found the Secret* (Gand Rapids, MI:Zondervan, 1960), 97.

**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:**

Jim Benz  
Bob Clayson  
Roger Cook  
Robert Enderle  
Luke Fries  
June Ink  
Jim Maxim  
Jackie McKeel  
Mark Middaugh  
Sue Simmons  
Laroy Spateholts  
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!*



2 - Michael Hupp  
5 - Rita Say  
14 - Tom Eastham  
16 - Katelyn Cornell  
- Debbie Rothfus  
- Daniel Rothfus  
17 - Lucinda Pierce  
23 - James B. Travis  
24 - Mike LaFever  
28 - Debra Enderle

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

Date	Worship	SS	Offering
5/28	51	-	\$1,109.00
5/28		Rothfus	\$ 102.00
6/4	42	-	\$2,589.00
6/4		Naomi	\$ 126.00
6/11	39	-	\$1,383.00
6/18	36	-	\$1,362.00
6/18		Rothfus	\$ 20.00
6/25	35	-	\$ 968.00
6/25		Rothfus	\$ 85.00

**July Helping Hands**Usher:

Jim Travis

Pianist:

Christine Berardi

Altar Guild:

Cindy Dutton/Sharry Semans



3 - Mary Lou & David VanValkenburgh  
5 - Nick & Liz Abraham  
James & Marilyn Luckey  
20 - Lewis & Cheryl Holden, Jr.  
29 - Dave & Deb Battistoni



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

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



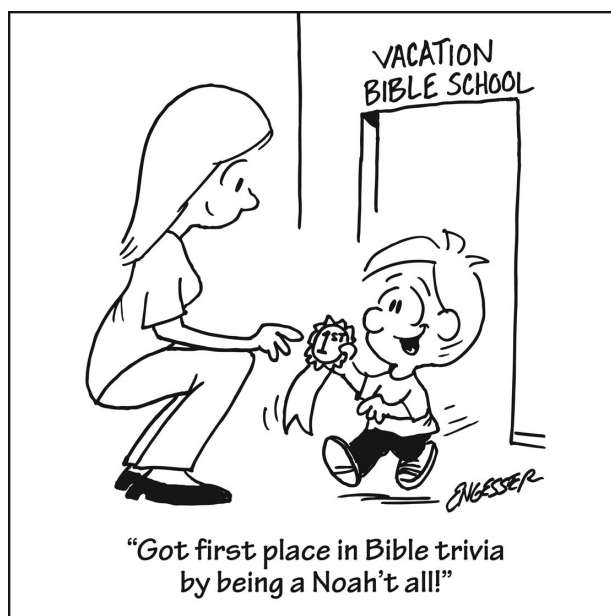
Ruth Holden was baptized during Worship Service on Sunday, May 28.



- 1 - Liz Abraham
- Alex Eastham
- 3 - Sylvia Clement
- Melissa Zeh-Gross
- 4 - Joshua Enderle
- 9 - Bill Amundson
- 12 - Cheryl Wildrick
- Sid Wildrick-Cole
- 14 - Allison Eastham
- Lisa Hawks
- 15 - Robert Rasmusson
- 17 - Derek Clement
- 21 - Dean Wildrick
- 24 - Darcy Eastham
- 30 - Dawn Wildrick-Cole
- 31 - Brian Krott
- Arnold Nelson
- Mary Lou Van Valkenburgh



- 17 - Brian & Tammy Hawks
- 18 - Richard & Lucinda Pierce
- 24 - Larry & Veronica Clayson
- 25 - Peter & Mary Lou Sprague
- 31 - Mary Lou & David VanVaulkenburg



### August Helping Hands

#### Ushers:

Jim Travis

#### Pianist:

Christine Berardi

#### Altar Guild:

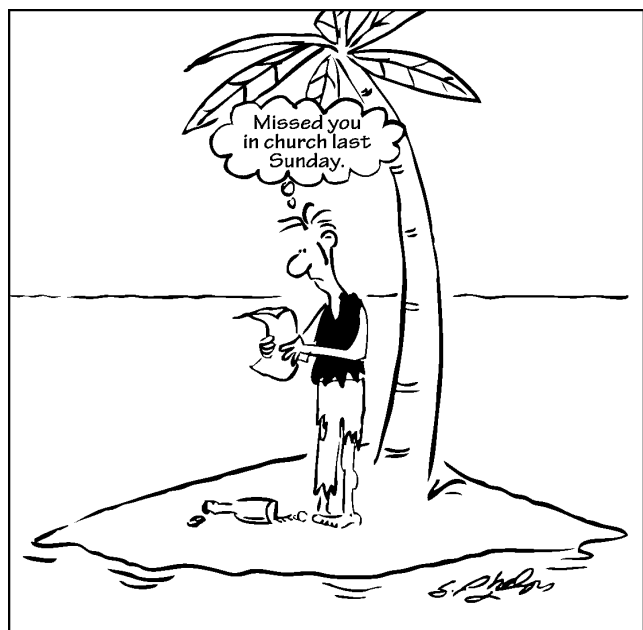
Linda Nelson/Thela Snow



**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**.



**Thank you Fred Pearce** for planting and caring for the flowers by the sign board in front of the church. They look great!



### THE SUMMERTIME

Thank you Lord for the golden sun  
That warms the earth from sky of blue  
The rays that brightens the summer's day  
Speaks of the love that flows from you

The summertime of heat filled days  
We thank you for the cooling breeze  
And the shade that cools us down  
Under the shadow of leaf topped trees

We seek the shelter of your wings  
Your breath upon us like a cooling wind  
To ease the spirit and comfort the soul  
And the rest you give to us who sinned

We thank you for the sparkling sea  
To dive beneath its cooling waves  
And Lord we thank you for the blood  
Of your Savior Son the One who saves

The summer days we thank you for  
The joys of spending sun filled hours  
Along the coast or countryside  
Or in the garden viewing pretty flowers

For in the heart redeemed by you  
Your Savior Son brings a better clime  
Your rays of love; the sunshine of grace  
And for our souls it is always summertime

Colin Moffett

## “Take a Vacation”

Use your imagination to plan a great “Bible Lands” vacation.  
Use the code to find the names of these Biblical places. Look up  
the verses to find out about each place.

CODE:	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N
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(Matthew 26:36)

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(Genesis 2:15)

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(Matthew 4:18)

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(Matthew 3:13)

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(Exodus 19:20)

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(John 4:6)

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(Acts 18:2)

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(Genesis 11:5-9)

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(Daniel 6:16)

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(Exodus 16:1)

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Garden of Gethsemane, Garden of Eden, Sea of Galilee, Jordan River, Mount Sinai,  
Jacob's Well, Rome, Tower of Babel, Lions' Den, Wilderness

### BROCCOLI SALAD

Sandy LaFever

4 cups broccoli, cut up  
1 small onion, cut up  
½ cup raisins  
¼ cup bacon bits

Combine:

1 cup mayo  
2 TBS. vinegar  
2 TBS. sugar  
Stir into broccoli mixture



## Adult Sunday School Class



## Adult Sunday School Studies with Cheryl

### PROPHECY #20: New Program for the Church

If you were a Jew in the Old Testament times, you would believe that: 1) you were a member of God's chosen people, 2) you needed to be obedient to God's laws, 3) you should honor and worship God, 4) you would be rewarded with heaven.

During New Testament times, the rules had not changed, but by now, the nation of Israel had a history of many military defeats and subjugation to rulers of other nations. Jewish traditions were carried on by the Faithful, but many Jews adopted the beliefs and practices of the heathen. The Faithful prayed for deliverance, and longed for the promised Messiah who would defeat their enemies and bring them into a kingdom of peace, under His rule.

This was the "old program". And God kept his promises (recorded in the Bible). The Messiah was born according to the predictions, and began revealing himself to the Jews. Jesus chose twelve disciples to help with his work. The disciples recognized Jesus as the Holy One who fulfilled scripture... and the number of followers grew.

Unfortunately, the powerful Jewish leaders: the elders, the High Priest, the teachers of the law and scripture ...., and most of the judicial body, did not believe. The rejection of Jesus by so many Jews called for a "new program".

The "new program" had Jesus reaching out to all who would listen. (Jew or Gentile). The "new program" did not cancel the "old program", but it added on to, and expanded it. In the past, Jews hated their enemies. Now Jesus spoke of love toward all. Jesus talked about his followers becoming servants of all, helping everyone. Many of the qualities that Jesus urged were recorded in the Beatitudes. (be this... be this...) (Matthew 5:1-10) And... being loving, helping, serving people has its reward. Jesus said that those people would be blessed. To be blessed is to be happy. This is a happiness that comes from pleasing our savior and God.

What if a Christian thinks that he or she does not have the personality to do the work of the "new program"? That is where the Holy Spirit comes in. If we ask the Holy Spirit to help us, He will fill us with power to do the things that we never thought we could do. (See the story of the apostles at Pentecost, found in the New Testament book of Acts.)

God filled the apostles with power in the past. He is filling Christians now with power to do His work.



## Cuba United Methodist Church Trustees Meeting Minutes May 2, 2017



**PRESENT:** Gary Enderle, Rob Cornell, Pastor Burt, Judy Krott, Bernie Hawks, Bob Rasmusson, and Marshall Allen.

6:00 p.m. Pastor Burt called the meeting to order and opened with prayer.

April 5, 2017, Minutes were read and discussed. Gary made a motion to approve the minutes. Rob seconded the motion, and all approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Rob presented this report and discussion followed. Marshall made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Bob seconded the motion, and all approved.

### **Discussion of Trustee Topics:**

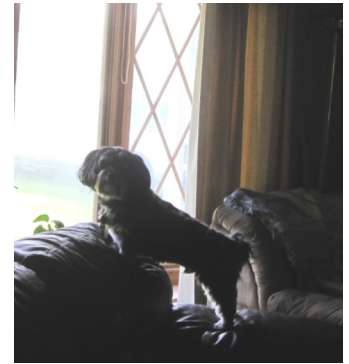
- \*Metal Door on Wesley Hall was installed.
- \*A new motor in the garbage disposal will be installed on May 4, 2017.
- \*The brick work on the front of the church is complete, and the brick wall outside Wesley Hall was repaired.
- \*Another cleaning day was scheduled for June 3. The sanctuary and other areas on this floor need cleaning. All windows have been cleaned.
- \*Two fire extinguishers in the sanctuary are missing. Rob Cornell will contact Larry Self to get fire extinguishers replaced as soon as possible.
- \*The railings on the main entrance to the church are very rusted. It was suggested that we install new vinyl railings. Bernie will research the cost of having this done.
- \*A railing needs to be installed on the outside of the exit door in Wesley Hall.
- \*The Green Street foyer needs to be painted.
- \*A small vacuum is needed to clean the pews. We will check to see if our new vacuum will work for this task.
- \*Toilet seats need to be changed.
- \*Baseboard heater covers are rusted and need to be replaced. Marshall volunteered to replace these when we are ready to complete this task.
- \*Our new television is mounted on the wall in Wesley Hall. Marshall will install a shelf for the DVD player and the speakers.
- \*Laura Smith's group of Girl Scouts will continue to use Wesley Hall on Tuesday evenings.
- \*First Aid Kits were purchased.
- \*Incident reports must be completed for all incidents that occur on church property.
- \*A discussion of informing the congregation of Trustee business occurred. It was suggested that Bernie announce in Church our concerns and updates and that our approved minutes could be listed in the newsletter.

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## DUDLEY TAILS

*Submitted by Cheryl Wildrick*

Dudley likes routine... and knowing what's going to happen, when. So when I recently got up at 4:00 AM and left the house by 5:00 AM, he (and Tucker) were confused and a bit anxious. They had no way of knowing that I was embarking on a six hour drive to Annapolis, MD and would not return until eighteen hours later.



I don't like leaving my canine family members for long periods of time, and I don't make a habit of it. But our daughter had asked for assistance in driving our grandson to the Naval Academy, and I relished the opportunity of spending time with them. I gave Dudley and Tucker everything they needed to survive the time without me. They had food, water, treats, and my husband to let them out. And, although they did not know when I would return, they had my words saying, "Don't worry. I'll be coming back. I love you."

I am told that while I am away from them, Dudley and Tucker often isolate themselves and don't respond to other people. They miss their master. They believe I am coming back... but the longer they wait, the more they wonder how long it will be.

When Christ walked the earth with his disciples, he often spoke with them about future events. He told them that the Jewish temple would be destroyed. (Matthew 24:1-2) It was in 70 AD. He told them that the Holy Spirit would come upon them after his ascension. (Acts 1:5,8) It did at Pentecost. He told them that he would come again to earth in the future. (Matthew 24:29-30) (Matthew 24:42,44) And, like the other predictions of Jesus, it will come true.

When I returned from my time away, Dudley and Tucker were overjoyed. Their waiting (for their Master to return) was over. Likewise, when our Lord returns, we will be overjoyed. He told us that He would be back, and we know he loves us.

**"Trustee Minutes"** (Continued from Page 6)

### **Clergy Reference Report:**

Pastor Burt discussed the need for updates to this report. The charge for using the sanctuary for weddings was discussed. Marshall made a motion that this charge be updated to \$100 for non-member use of the sanctuary. Rob seconded the motion, and it was approved.

Bernie made a motion that the organist fee for a wedding be set at \$100 and the custodian fee be set at \$75. Marshall seconded this motion, and all approved.

Marshall made a motion to set the following usage fees for Wesley Hall and the kitchen: update the kitchen general usage fee to \$50 for all groups; the non-member fee for use of Wesley Hall is \$50, and member fee for use of Wesley Hall is \$25. Community service groups outside our church must receive approval from the Trustees to use Wesley Hall. The Boy Scouts and the Girl Scouts can continue to use Wesley Hall at no fee. This motion was seconded by Rob, and all approved.

The next meeting will be held on June 7, 2017, at 6:00 p.m.

Gary made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Marshall seconded the motion, and all approved.

*Editor's Note: Minutes are a month behind so they could be approved at the June 7 meeting before publishing them.*

WORSHIP  
SERVICE  
SUNDAY  
11:00 AM



2017

SUNDAY SCHOOL  
IS OUT FOR  
THE SUMMER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2 Naomi Mission Collection UMW Food Pantry Collection	3	 Independence Day	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 Prayer Group 10 am- 11 am	12	13	14	15
16	17	18 Prayer Group 10 am- 11 am	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 Prayer Group 10 am- 11 am	26	27	28	29
30 Rothfus Collection Church Picnic at Chamberlain Park	31					

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# 2017

SUNDAY SCHOOL  
IS OUT FOR  
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> Prayer Group 10 am - 11 am	<b>2</b> Trustees Mtg. 6:00 Management Team 6:45 pm	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> Naomi Mission Collection UMW Food Pantry Collection	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Prayer Group 10 am - 11 am	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Prayer Group 10 am- 11 am	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> September Newsletter Deadline - Noon	<b>22</b> Prayer Group 10 am- 11 am	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> Rothfus Collection	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Prayer Group 10 am- 11 am	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>		

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*On the multitude  
of my thoughts  
within me thy comforts  
delight my soul.*

*Psalms 94:19*

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