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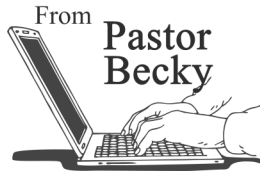
The Shepherd's Messenger



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



Sabbath Observation

**"I praise you because I am fearfully
and wonderfully made" (Psalm 139:14)**

"Summertime and the living is easy." Yeah, right!! So how often does that happen? For many of us summertime is filled with more busyness than ever before. In fact, if we go on a vacation it almost seems that when we get back we need a vacation to recover from our vacation. Yet does it have to be this way? No!!

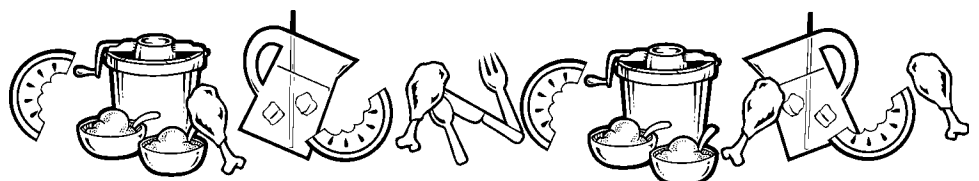
Most of us like to get as much out of our day as possible. We like to know that we didn't waste a single minute of those 24 hours. But that is the problem, isn't it? We are exhausted, from the planning of our day to the execution of using every second of every hour of every day.

There is a reason in Genesis that God said to rest on the seventh day. The first six days are filled with work, but we need to take time to reflect and reaffirm who we are and why we are here on that seventh day.

So, who are we and why are we here? Well, if we look to the beginning of the bible we find in the first two chapters of Genesis a very clear message, God created us and asked us to care for all that is in this world and "it was very good (Genesis 1:31)."

We tend to get so caught up in being productive, we fail to take time to review who we are and why we are here. Yet if we believe that Jesus was human, just like us, then we need to take a clue from the way God blessed him after his baptism and before his ministry, before his work began, Luke 3: 21-22. We are beloved by God, and from that we seek to do God's bidding. So, back to the Sabbath. There is a reason for resting, if nothing else we need to be reminded that the functioning of this world is not all on our shoulders. The world will survive without us directing it, or without us operating the essential parts of it, or without even having to give our full attention to it. The cycle of life will continue without us. This is not to say we aren't important, we are, but we are not irreplaceable. We have worth because we are a creation of God, and God asks us to partner with him in bringing about the redemption of this world. God wants his creation to operate fully and well. He would not have sent his son if he didn't value us, but let us not think too much of ourselves, Romans 12:3.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Our World situation
The Rothfus Family
Naomi Scoville /Kosovo

For those at other residences...

PINES - OLEAN
Connie Battistoni

Others to keep in prayer:

Norma Andrus
Hazel Cornell
David Edwards
Luke Fries
David Halstead
Donna Hart
Sandy Lathrop
Jim Maxim
Mary McCarthy
Mark Middaugh
Mary Ellen Moriarty
Katie Morris
Keith Pearce
Laroy Spateholts
Lon Sweet
David Taylor
Donald Thompson
JoAnn Viglietta
Ken Wyant

**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



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:

July 1 Rev. Ken Hodgins, his wife Barbara and their family and Rev. Doug Knopp, his wife Judy and their family.

July 8 The Olean, Christ Church. Rev. Suzanne Block and her family, and Rev. Carrie Wolfe, her husband Aaron and their son Max.

July 15 The Panama Church. Rev. Steve Taylor, his wife Stacy and their children Ben and Abby.

July 22 Rev. Vicki Hedlund (Olean General Hospital), her husband LeRoy and their family and Rev. Tim Phelps (Chautauqua Hospice), his wife Liz and their family.

July 29 The Ripley and South Ripley Churches.



2—Michael Hupp
5 - Rita Say
6 - James Luckey
16 - Katelyn Cornell
Debbie Rothfus
Daniel Rothfus
17 - Lucinda Pierce
22 - Stan Scoville
23 - James B. Travis
24 - Mike LaFever
28 - Debra Enderle



5 - James & Marilyn Luckey
20 - Lewis & Cheryl Holden, Jr.
29 - Dave & Deb Battistoni

Statistics**Needed: \$1,548**

| Date | Worship | SS | Offering |
|-------------|----------------|-----------|-----------------|
| 6/3 | 42 | - | \$2,117.82 |
| 6/3 | | Naomi | \$ 205.00 |
| 6/3 | | Rothfus | \$ 50.00 |
| 6/10 | 44 | | \$2,417.00 |
| 6/10 | | Naomi | \$ 250.00 |
| 6/17 | 50 | | |
| 6/24 | 39 | | \$2,670.00 |

July Helping Hands**Usher:**

Jim Travis

**Pianist:**

Christine Berardi

Altar Guild:

Cindy Dutton
Deb Battistoni



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

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

FRESH PEACH PIE

Shirley Poore

5 large, ripe peaches
 1/3 cup orange juice
 1/2 cup sugar
 2 TBS cornstarch
 2/3 cup water
 1 (3oz) pkg peach Jello
 9" baked pie shell

Peel and slice peaches. Toss with orange juice. In a small saucepan, combine sugar and cornstarch, add water, heat to boil, stirring constantly. Add Jello, stir until dissolved. Cool. Add sliced peach mixture and pour into pie shell.



Recipe
 FROM THE
 Cuba UMC
 Cook Book

August Helping HandsUsher:

Jim Travis

Pianist:

Christine Berardi

Altar Guild:

Cindy Dutton

Deb Battistoni



AUGUST
 BIRTHDAYS

3 - Sylvia Clement
 Melissa Zeh-Gross
 4 - Joshua Enderle
 9 - Bill Amundson
 12 - Cheryl Wildrick
 Sid Wildrick-Cole
 14 - Lisa Hawks
 17 - Derek Clement
 21 - Dean Wildrick
 24 - Barbara Johnston
 28 - Holly Scoville
 30 - Dawn Wildrick-Cole
 31 - Brian Krott
 Arnold Nelson



AUGUST
 ANNIVERSARIES

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

Puzzle!

Unscramble these biblical words and phrases, which all have something in common. Then write the circled letters in order on the blanks below.

1. eivn _ _

2. illy fo het elavyl

3. albm fo dgo _ _ 4. estmra _ _ 5. sseju _ _ 6. okrc _ _

7. rdbae fo fiel

8. htligi fo eth dwlro

9. voasir _ _ 10. dori _ _ 11. ishert _ _ 12. ehsprdeh _ _ 13. teh dowr _ _

14. rncpie fo cepae

What do these have in common?

Answer: Names of God's Son

ADULT SUNDAY BIBLE STUDIES with Cheryl



PROPHECY #31: The Second Coming

When the church talks about the “Second Coming”. It is talking about Jesus coming to earth for a second time. He will come (in the future) as an adult, as God’s warrior, to defeat Satan (who is God’s enemy and the doer of evil). Why is He coming again? The first time, Jesus came to earth to provide salvation. The second time He comes, He will come to rule... as King of kings. Everything will be in submission to Jesus... as Lord of lords.

The Second Coming of Jesus was predicted in both the Old Testament and the New Testament. Here are a few examples.

Old Testament:

- 1) Jesus is coming, to “judge the world in righteous.” (Psalms 96:13b)
- 2) He will, “judge the nations ... crushing the rulers of the whole earth” (Psalms 110:6)
- 3) “you will flee by my mountain valley... then the Lord my God will come” (Zechariah 14:5)

New Testament:

Signs of Second Coming: a) “Many will come in my name... deceiving many people” b) “wars and rumors of wars.” c) “nation will rise against nation.” d) “famines and earthquakes.” e) “persecution and death” of believers. f) “false prophets.” g) “increase in wickedness” h) “gospel of the kingdom will be preached.” (judgement) (Matthew 24:4-14)

- 2) At Jesus’ ascension, angels said, “Jesus will come back” (Acts 1:11)
- 3) (Jesus) “is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him.” (Revelation 1:7)

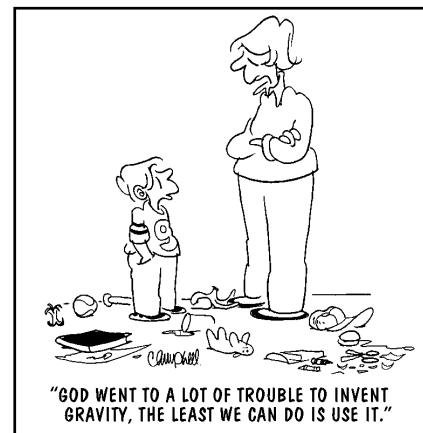
The Second Coming will begin with Jesus descending from heaven (where He went after His death). This will be seen by all the people on earth. Jesus and His angels will fight a battle against evil. (the Anti-Christ, his Associate, Satan, and earth’s evil armies) This will take place at Armageddon, near Jerusalem. Evil will be defeated and judged. (2 Thessalonians 1:6-8)

The new “Kingdom on Earth” will see Jesus ruling from the “throne of David.” And, those that He rules will all be believers in Christ. This time of peace will last 1,000 years (The Millennium). Everything will be under the authority and power of Christ. The kingdom of God will extend over the earth.

God’s prophecies came true in the past.
God’s prophecies will come true in the future also.



Our **Cuba UMC Church Picnic and Worship** will be in Chamberlain Park on Sunday, July 15, 10 am - 2 pm. Worship will be at 11 am in the park. There will be a sign up sheet in the sanctuary for dish to pass. The meat, beverages and plates etc. will be provided.



Church Signs and Sayings: *Jesus, Salvation*

- Friends don't let Friends die without Jesus.
- True independence is dependence on Jesus.
- Choose the "Bread of Life", or you are toast.
- Many who seek God in the eleventh hour die at 10:30!
- If you don't like the way you were born try being born again!
- ETERNITY: smoking, or non-smoking?
- Need a new life? God accepts trade-ins!
- Lost? Try GPS – God's Plan of Salvation!
- Jesus is an investment that never loses!
- Life without Jesus is like an unsharpened pencil. It has no point.
- Try Jesus! If you don't like Him, the devil will gladly take you back!
- Faithbook: Jesus has sent you a friend request.
- Jesus loves You... and He approves this message!

Prayers

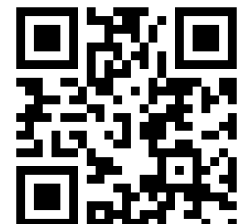
- God's answers are wiser than our prayers!
- 7 days without Prayer makes one WEAK!
- Church sign – Our Church is Prayer Conditioned!
- A family alter can alter a family!
- No problem is too great to place in God's hands.
- P.U.S.H. = Pray Until Something Happens!
- Prayer – the ultimate wireless connection!
- Prayer – Free wireless connection to God with no roaming fees!
- God answers all knee mail.
- Can't sleep? Don't count sheep - talk to the shepherd!
- Faith is the postage stamp on our prayers.

Upper Room Daily Devotionals are placed on the windowsill near the front door of the sanctuary every two months. Limited quantity, so "first come, first served".

THE **UPPER ROOM**
DAILY DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

To visit our **Cuba United Methodist Church website** (www.cubaumc.org), you can scan this QR code with your smart phone or iPad.

Archived monthly newsletters and the current week's worship bulletin can be read online by clicking the links which are located at the bottom of the home page.





DUDLEY TAILS

Submitted by Cheryl Wildrick

My Grandson doesn't like Dudley. Years ago he bonded with our older dog, Tucker, and they have been best friends ever since. When the boy comes to visit, the first thing they do is find each other. There is a joyful reunion, and off they go to play fetch. Later they sit on the loveseat together (one expressing affection and the other drinking it all in). When the boy is sitting at the table, Tucker is there beside him, waiting. The boy will risk a reprimand by sneaking tidbits of food to the dog. Later there will be a heart-wrenching goodbye, filled with hugs and reassurance of a timely return.

When Dudley came to be a part of our family, Tucker kept his distance. When the puppy cried at night, Tucker left the room and hoped that the intruder would go away soon. If we had to leave them along for a few minutes, we returned to find Tucker laying on a step to the second floor... and Dudley (who was too little to climb the steps) sitting at the bottom, looking up.

As Dudley matured, he took on some character traits of many small dogs. He became the boss. He had to eat before Tucker, usually from Tucker's bowl as well as his. Dudley took Tucker's toys and made Tucker wait to get them back. And, worst of all, he took over Tucker's spot on the loveseat. Dudley's master was saddened that they could not get along together. The master would try to express that both belonged to her and that both were loved. The master disciplined bad behavior with fairness. The master made time for each... equally.

The Lord Jesus is our Master. He has expressed that we belong to Him and that we are loved. (Galatians 5:24-25) The Master disciplines us with fairness to make us more like Him. (Proverbs 3:11-12) Our Master has time for each of us, and will respond immediately. (Jeremiah 33:3) Our Lord will respond to: our calls for help... our calls for our basic needs... and our calls for his presence to be felt in times of sorrow, depression, and praise.

OUR Master is perfect. He provides for our greatest needs.

("From Pastor Becky" *Continued from Page 1*)

How do we keep a perspective of being important, but not irreplaceable? When we take a moment to rest we are more apt to listen to the Spirit. When I just sit and relax, I can listen to the birds, the wind, and the silence. When I quiet my mind, I am truly able to hear those important things around me. For to truly hear God speak we must quiet our minds, our hearts and even our souls so we can hear him.

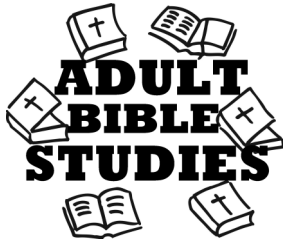
So this summer, take a moment each week, at least an hour, just to sit. Or if you can't just sit, then take a leisurely walk. Do something that requires little effort, but allows God some space to come to you.

Perhaps as you try to take that moment each week, you can start taking some time each day. And perhaps as the fall starts to gear up, you can take that summer pattern of a moment of rest into the fall and maybe into the entire year.

Blessings,

Pastor Becky

"And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God" (Micah 6:8).



ADULT SUNDAY BIBLE STUDIES with Cheryl

PROPHECY #32: The Resurrections

The Bible tells of many resurrections. It is important to understand the definition of the word “resurrection”. We have a body and a soul. In our present time... when Believers die, our soul goes to heaven and our body goes into the ground. What does “resurrection” mean? “Resurrection” is defined as, “the time when individuals are given a resurrection body.” The resurrection body will last forever just like Jesus’ resurrection body.

Let’s look at resurrections that occurred in the past. The first one to rise and receive a resurrection body was our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Corinthians 15:20-21) The second ones to be resurrected (and later to appear to others in Jerusalem) were people whose graves were opened at the moment of Jesus’ death on the cross. (Matthew 27:50-53)

Let’s look at the resurrections of people who died in the time period between Pentecost (past) and the Rapture (future). This includes most of us Believers. These persons are referred to as, “the dead in Christ.” When the Rapture comes... “the dead in Christ” will be resurrected. (They will receive a new body like Jesus’ resurrection body. (1 Thessalonians 4:16-17)

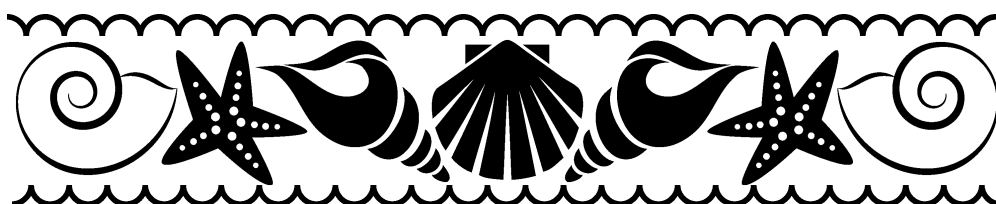
Let’s look at the resurrection of people who will die during the Great Tribulation. First there are the “Two Witnesses” who will be killed because of their testimony for the Lord Jesus. (Revelation 11:7-12) Second, there are the many “Martyred Dead” who died for their faith during the 3 1/2 years of the Great Tribulation. (Revelation 20:4)

Let’s look at the resurrection of the Old Testament saints. Righteous people (like Abraham, Moses, Samuel, David, Isaiah, Esther, Ruth, Daniel and Job) who lived before Jesus was born... had their hope in God’s promise of a future Messiah. They believed in God’s word. At the end of the Great Tribulation, they will be resurrected. (Daniel 12:2) (Isaiah 26:19)

Let’s look at the resurrection of all the wicked people who have died and gone to Hades. At the “Great White Throne Judgement”, Jesus will make the ruling that these people deserve eternal punishment. They will be thrown into the “Lake of Fire” for eternal torment. (Revelation 20:10) This is the “second death”: spiritual death.

Prophecy came true in the past.

Prophecy will come true in the future.



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SUNDAY
11:00 AM



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SUNDAY SCHOOL
Out for the Summer

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--|-----|-------------------------------------|---|-----|-----|-----|
| 1 Communion Naomi Mission Offering UMW Food Pantry Collection | 2 | 3 Prayer Group 10 am - 11 am | Independence Day | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 8 | 9 | 10 Prayer Group 10 am - 11 am | 11 Trustees meeting 6:00 pm Management Team Meeting 6:45 pm | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 15 Picnic and worship in Chamberlain Park 10 am - 2 pm Worship at 11 am | 16 | 17 Prayer Group 10 am- 11 am | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
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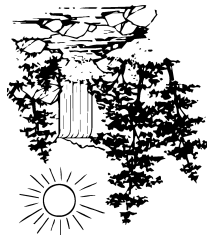
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Summer Sun

Robert Louis Stevenson



Great is the sun, and wide
he goes
Though empty heaven
with repose;
And in the blue and glowing days
More thick than rain he showers his rays.

Though closer still the blinds we pull
To keep the shady parlour cool,
Yet he will find a chink or two
To slip his golden fingers through.
The dusty attic spider-clad
He, through the keyhole, maketh glad;
And through the broken edge of tiles
Into the laddered hay-loft smiles.

Meantime his golden face around
He bares to all the garden ground,
And sheds a warm and glittering look
Among the ivy's inmost nook.

Above the hills, along the blue,
Round the bright air with footing true,
To please the child, to paint the rose,
The gardener of the World, he goes.