

# The Shepherd's Messenger



## Pastor Sunny's Rays

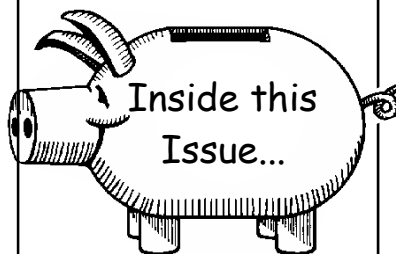
Summer is here. The weather is still a little variable but we should be use to that by now, shouldn't we?

Most of you are getting ready for vacations, reunions, camping, swimming, graduation and weddings. Summers are always busy. And this year is bringing a lot of changes with it. Cuba United Methodist is now part of the Upper New York Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church and the Cornerstone District. We have seen the retirement of our choir director and that means change. The Sunday School, due to several reasons, will experience many changes too. As always we will see committees change as new people come on to committees and others go off those committees. Change is part of life. Everything will change sooner or later. Change isn't a bad thing. As a matter of fact it can be a wonderful thing. Change can bring about growth, spirits can be lifted and there can be new life.

So what does all this mean for Cuba United Methodist Church? Well, folks that is up to you; "EACH of YOU." We are a family and we all need to be on the same page as much as possible. There will be a meeting of anyone interested in the life of the church sometime the middle of July. We will discuss some of the ideas that have already come to the table during our Ad Council meetings, we will ask for all of you, (this means those here in Cuba and those who live further away, that care about the church) what ideas they have to bring to the table. Once we get through the ideas and decide which ones we plan to pursue in the near future, we will undertake a planning strategy on how to move these ideas forward. But here is what I am also asking of all of you, please **don't** dismiss these ideas out of hand. Listen to the whole idea, remember that we are in the 21<sup>st</sup> century and things have and will continue to change. And if you are against some of the ideas that are put forth please come prepared to offer an alternative or to join the majority and make things happen. I am also going to ask that you spend MUCH time in prayer about this, get involved, and share yourself with us and with God. It is imperative that we realize *no one* person can be totally responsible for the church. Remember the saying that was all the rage here a few years ago; "It takes a village to raise a child"? Well, it is my contention that "it takes the whole family of Cuba UMC to grow the church." We all have an interest in the kingdom of God and its growth. Remember the great commandment from Jesus in Matthew 28:19: "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit". (NIV) Jesus didn't mention anything about retirement from that job that he has given us. I understand that people want to do different things following their retirement from working for a living. Everyone is entitled to that privilege, but there is no retirement from God. What would we do if God were to say; "Well, if you are going to retire on me then maybe I will just retire on you."? Now we know that



"Next time you're praying while you drive, I think you can skip bowing your head and closing your eyes."



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## Prayer Request

Please be  
Praying for...

Our World situation  
The Rothfus Family

### THOSE AT HOME

Alicia Bradley  
Samuel Bradley  
Alice Sweet  
Ernestine Greene  
Marge Bly

### To those at other residences...

#### CUBA CMH

Lucille Wildrick  
Laura Clayson  
Pearl Franklin  
ABSOLUT HOUGHTON  
John Lawton

#### WATERS IF WESTFIELD

Dawn Durkee

#### BATH VA CENER

John Visser

#### EDEN HEIGHTS-

#### BUFFALO

Jane Wright

#### OLEAN PINES

Adaline Wakefield

#### IRIS PARK COMMONS

Marge Bly



Military personnel and their families...

Bob Aaronson  
Daniel Bunk  
Kevin Desaults  
Brad Frank  
Mark Keenan  
Justin Linza  
Carl Randall  
Alfred Reynolds  
Greg Reynolds  
Justin Sweet  
Dan Thompson  
Ron Truax  
Miles Ward  
Eric Young

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. Gatherings are held on Monday's at 7 p.m. at Our Lady of

### Prayer List Update

#### **Please keep our prayer list up to date.**

Requests made in writing are preferred, to assure proper spelling. You can do this in the attendance pads on Sundays, or drop your request off at the office, or email. If you call your request in, please spell out the name.



### Liturgist

4: Louis Petroni  
11: Joyce Enderle  
18: Cindy Dutton  
25: Mary Ann Pfouts

### Ushers

Tom & Judy Krott

### Greeters:

4: Barb Spateholts  
11: Gary & Joyce Enderle  
18: Cindy & Dale Dutton  
25: ***Reserved for you!***

### Acolytes

4: Josh Tsujimoto  
11: Katelyn Cornell  
18: Michael Hupp  
25: Jasmyn Dorsey

### Nursery

4: Patti Petroni  
11: Judy Zayac  
18: Delain Pierce  
25 ***Reserved for you!***

### Children's Moment

4: ***Reserved for you!***  
11: ***Reserved for you!***  
18: ***Reserved for you!***  
25: ***Reserved for you***

### Communion Steward

Shirley Poore



## Celebrations . . .

### July Birthdays

- 2 - Michael Hupp  
Steve Noll
- 5 - Rita Say  
Paul Trask  
Jordan Zalar
- 6 - James Luckey
- 7 - Cindy Kennedy
- 9 - Jerry Burdick  
John Lawton
- 11 - Linda Appleby
- 12 - Kathryn Vossler
- 14 - Tom Eastham
- 15 - Meredith Mouser
- 16 - Katelyn Cornell  
Debbie Rothfus  
Daniel Rothfus
- 17 - Lucinda Pierce
- 18 - Dick Bowers
- 20 - Taylor Juiliano
- 21 - Joshua Tsujimoto
- 23 - James B. Travis
- 24 - Mark James  
Alan LaFave  
Mike LaFever
- 26 - Douglas Clayson, III
- 27 - Devinne Arnold  
Trisia Young
- 28 - Debra Enderle
- 29 - Ruth Lewis  
Molly Ann Kunz
- 31 - Cameron Brickey  
Ian Miller  
Jude Nasser

### August Birthdays

- 1 - Liz Abraham  
Alex Eastham  
Cheryl Harrington
- 3 - Miranda Clayson  
Sylvia Clement  
Melissa Zeh-Gross
- 4 - Joshua Enderle
- 5 - Lynnette Knapp
- 8 - Cassandra Lopes
- 9 - Bill Amundson
- 10 - Mark Mosher
- 11 - Marissa Pagli
- 12 - Cheryl Wildrick  
Sid Wildrick-Cole
- 14 - Allison Eastham  
Lisa Hawks  
Brian Watson
- 18 - William Warren
- 19 - Adaline Wakefield
- 20 - Joyce Enderle  
Kristie Freeman



- 21 - Amy Hasard  
Lacey Reihle  
Dean Wildrick
- 24 - Darcy Eastham  
Barbara Johnston  
Donna Lawton
- 26 - Judith Deck  
Alex Petroni
- 27 - Jean Bowers  
Deborah Freeman
- 28 - Larry Hayward  
Tina Zalar
- 30 - Dawn Wildrick-Cole
- 31 - Brian Krott  
Arnold Nelson  
Laurie Simons

### July Anniversaries

- 2 - Joel & Alice Vanik
- 5 - Nick & Liz Abraham  
James & Marilyn Luckey
- 6 - Jeremy & Dawn Enders
- 7 - Ed & Alice German
- 10 - Dale & Sally Miller
- 11 - Lon & Linda Sweet
- 14 - Douglas & Lynnette Clayson  
Randy & Lynnette Knapp
- 20 - Lewis & Cheryl Holden, J
- 29 - Dave & Deb Battistoni

### August Anniversaries

- 8 - Richard & Janice Sutphin
- 14 - William & Sandra Allis
- 15 - Jeffrey & Christine Hewitt
- 17 - Brian & Tammy Hawks
- 18 - Richard & Lucinda Pierce
- 24 - Larry & Veronica Clayson  
William & JoAnn Farrell
- 25 - Peter & Mary Lou Sprague
- 26 - Timothy & Carol Fisk
- 31 - Mary Lou & David  
VanVaulkenburgh

*Please notify the church office if there is any changes and/or additions to any month. celebrations.*



## August

### Liturgist:

- 8/1: **Reserved for you!**
- 8/8: Cindy Dutton
- 8/15: Judy Zayac
- 8/22: **Reserved for you!**
- 8/29: Mayme Giles

### Ushers:

Harley & Shirley Poore

### Greeters:

- 8/1: Sandy Tsujimoto
- 8/8: Mayme Giles
- 8/15: Keith Pierce
- 8/22: **Reserved for you!**
- 8/29: **Reserved for you!**

### Acolytes:

- 8/1: Katelyn Cornell
- 8/8: Michael Hupp
- 8/15: Erica Goble
- 8/22: Jasmyn Dorsey
- 8/29: Josh Enderle

### Nursery:

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- 8/22: **Reserved for you!**
- 8/29: **Reserved for you!**

### Videographer

Jim Travis

### Organist

Donna Lawton

### Communion Steward

Judy Zayac &  
Liz Abraham



## UMW News

*Submitted by Maggie Watson, Vice President*

The UMW had good attendance for the mother/child get together; the dinner at the Allegany Grill was well attended and the selling of the cookbooks during Dairy week went well. We sold 18 books and collected \$206.

This concludes the 2009/2010 year for the ladies' group.

We will have a vacation in July and August and will return September 11 with brunch and our room sale, not to exceed \$10.

While on vacation, let's pray for new ladies to join us; to think about topics to be discussed and maybe if you do some traveling or something good has happened to you, why not share pictures and experiences with us in the near future. God is with us all the time, and He certainly won't mind if we laugh and cry and explore.

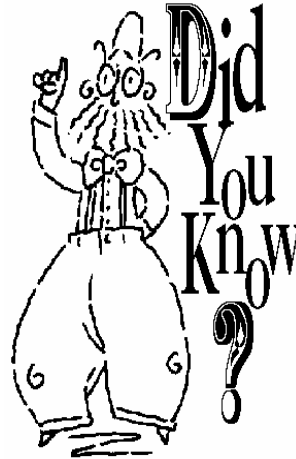
Have a great day and days to come.  
God Bless, Maggie



### *A Special* THANK YOU

Thank You!

I wanted to thank everyone for the very nice party this past month on Friday June 11<sup>th</sup> as I step down from the post of choir director. Thank you all for the cards and gifts, and especially the overnight stay in Buffalo. That was a great surprise that Patti and I will look forward to sometime this summer. The food was sumptuous, and the company was great! A great big thank you to Pastor Sunny and Mary Ann for organizing it, and to all those who were able to attend, and thanks for all the kind words. I hope and pray that a choir leader can be found. Thank you all for a grand send off! – Louis



*Submitted by  
Dean Wildrick*

## PUBLIC WORSHIP

The morning service on the Lord's day, shall consist of singing a hymn, prayer, and reading a portion of the word of God; then singing another hymn, or part thereof, and preaching. After sermon, another hymn, or part of a hymn, shall be sung, an appropriate prayer addressed to the throne of grace, and the congregation dismissed with the apostolical benediction, while the preacher and congregation are yet kneeling.

The afternoon and evening services shall consist of the same exercises, except reading portions of Scripture, which may be omitted.

We recommend that no sermon exceed one hour; and that the minister be not tedious in conducting the other parts of divine worship. It is further recommended, that the Lord's prayer be repeated at the close of the first morning prayer.

During public worship, the congregation is expected to attend with becoming gravity, abstaining from all salutations of persons present, or coming in; and from gazing about, sleeping, smiling, whispering, and all other indecent behavior.\*

\*It is expected of all who attend on our ministry, that they carefully avoid the too common practice of standing about the church doors before service, and of leaving the house before the congregation is regularly dismissed.

While the minister is addressing the throne of grace, the whole congregation should meekly kneel before God; and during the singing of the first hymn, stand up with their faces towards the minister, and assist in this delightful part of divine worship. The verses of the second hymn should be read over by the minister, and then sung by the people while seated.

We recommend that all our members take their hymn books to the church with them, and sing with the spirit, and with the understanding also.

Discipline of the Methodist Protestant Church 1854.

*Thank  
You*

THANK YOU EVERYONE- we just turned in another  
\$40,000 +of Giant Receipts which earns the church  
another \$80.00 for the Steven Seen Scholarship Fund  
KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK  
KEEP THE RECEIPTS COMING

Kay Wetzel





## COUNCIL OF CHURCHES COMMUNITY PICNIC

The Council of Churches is having their 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Community Picnic to be held on July 25<sup>th</sup>. This year they will be honoring our City and Town officials and employees.

They will supply the meat and entertainment. They ask that those who attend bring a dish to pass and their own place setting and chairs.

If you went last year, then you know we had a good time and if you missed it then please plan to attend this year. Let us show our City and Town that we do support and appreciate all they do.



Pastor Sunny will be offering a class for our new members, anyone who wishes to become a member or members who would like a refresher course.

Class will start on Sunday August 25<sup>th</sup>  
After Worship at 11:15am.

Classes will include: Social Principles, the Structure and Discipline of The United Methodist Church.

Please contact Pastor Sunny ASAP.



## Statistics

<u>Date</u>	<u>SS</u>	<u>Worship</u>	<u>Offering</u>
05/30	7/59		\$1,395.25
06/06	9/54		\$1,871.00
06/13	59		\$2,214.00
06/20	62		\$1,829.00

### Special Offerings/Donations:

AIM (Rothfus Family):	\$144.00
Shared Ministries	\$50.00
World Service	\$240.00



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isn't going to happen because God always keeps his promises to us. He also expects us to keep our promises to him. When we became part of the family of God we promised to support him and his church with our gifts, our prayers, our presence and our time. There was no time limit. Remember also that the lives we live are a gift from God and as Christians we are to live a life that brings glory unto Him. Never take the gift of salvation and a church family for granted as one never knows what awaits them around the corner.

So as you prepare for your summer calendar events, schedule some time with God in prayer but remember to listen during your prayers that you might hear that still small voice calling you to service and grace. Travel safely to those vacations spots, reunions, weddings and other activities. And remember that while you are on vacation, God and his church are not. There are still bills to pay and ministry to do. Remember also that God loves you and so do we!

*Pastor Sunny*



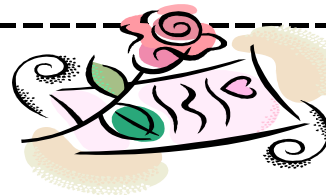
## CHURCH PICNIC

The church picnic this year is August 8. This year it will be held at the home of Louis and Patti Petroni. Bring a dish to pass, your own place setting and lawn chairs.

Their pool will be open, so bring your swim suits and a towel. A Bouncy House for the kids will be provided for their entertainment. If you have any outdoor games, please feel free to bring them. Mark your calendars and plan to attend.

### FOOD FOR THOUGHT

When I look at the world I'm pessimistic, but when I look at people I'm optimistic.



Sue Simmons is "Cheer Person" for the UMW if you know someone is ill or needs a little cheering up, please let her know and she will send them a card.



# JULY 2010

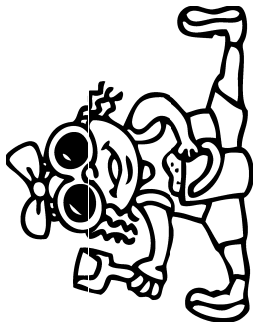


Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 4 Worship 10:00am Food Pantry	5 Ad Council 6:00pm	6	7	8	9	10 Layman & Bell Wedding
11 Worship 10:00am Coffee Hour 11:00am	12 SPRC 6:00p Finance 7:00	13	14	15	16	17 Church planning Meeting 10-2p
18 Worship 10:00am	19 Angel Food Deadline	20	21	22	23	24 Angle Food Distribution 9-10am
25 Worship 10:00am Council of Churches Picnic	26 Trustees 7:00pm	27	28	29	30	31



Mary Ann on Vacation July 5 through July 9





# August

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Ad Council 6:00pm	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Kung Fu Classes 6-8am Saturdays
<b>8</b> Church Picnic Worship 10:00am Church Picnic at the Petroni's	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> Worship 10:00am	<b>16</b> Angle Food Deadline Newsletter Deadline	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Angel Food Distribution 9-10am
<b>22</b> Worship 10:00am New Member Class 11:15am	<b>23</b> Trustees 7:00pm	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> Worship 10:00am	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				

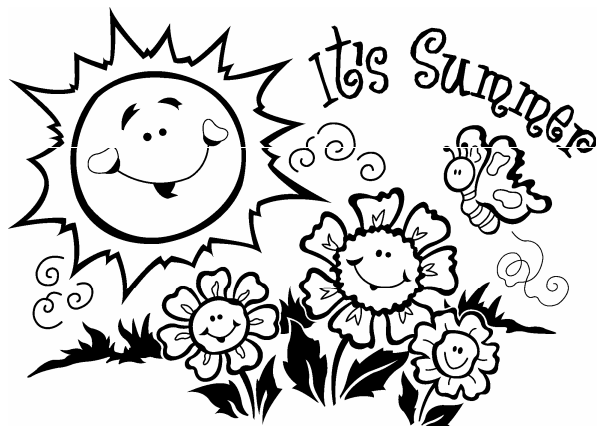


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## Hello, Summer! -- (A Last Day of School Poem)

by  
*Gregory K.*

Goodbye, classroom!  
Goodbye, Teach!  
You can find me at the beach...  
Or in the park or at the pool  
Or any place that isn't school.

Goodbye, quizzes!  
Bye, reports!  
Hello days packed full of sports  
And days when I'm just lazybones  
While eating melty ice cream cones.

Goodbye, homework --  
Lunchroom, too.  
There's so, so much I wanna do.  
I know the school year flew on past...  
But please, please summer -- last and last.