

The Shepherd's Messenger



Pastor Sunny's Rays

I can't believe that summer is all ready gone. What a summer it has been here is Cuba, NY. The first part was almost 2 steady months of rain and the last part has been like living in an oven. Hope everyone has had a relaxing and safe travels this summer.

We, here in Cuba United Methodist, have been busy. As a pastor, I always think that the time between Advent and Lent will be a slow down and catch up time, it never happens. Then I think that summer will be a slow down, catch up kinda time and it never happens. I know without a doubt that from September to December is not going to be the slow down, catch up time but I can't seem to get the other two right.

I attended the 2nd gathering of the Upper New York Conference's Annual Conference. It was (to quote my granddaughter, Jasmyn) "Ji-normous". So many Methodists in one place at the same time, it was awesome. Met many new people and made many new friends. That was truly a blessing. We had music from the extremely talented Mark Miller. You could feel the Holy Spirit arrive when that music started playing and people started singing. There are still issues that are going to have to be worked out and some rough spots smoothed out. Now, I know there are some that criticize how long and how bad things have come together, and I can't say that I am immune to pronouncing criticism, but if the truth be told to take four different conferences, who have 4 different ways of computing shared ministries, 4 different health insurances provided, 4 different salary and retirement computations. It is going to take a while to get that worked out in a fair and equitable way and invariably there will be some that don't feel that they were treated fairly. We need patience and prayer, grace and mercy and some plain old understanding. We will get through this, we just need to do it as quickly as possible so that we can get on with the business at hand; *"Making Disciples for Jesus Christ"*.

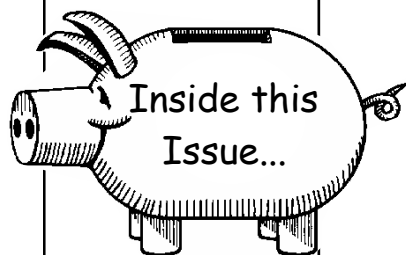
July brought something new. Sandy Tsujimoto came up with a new alternative to your traditional Vacation Bible School. She named it *"Summer Shenanigans"*. It has been a remarkable success. They have had fun and they have also done community service, they have potted plants for shut-ins, etc. they have actually put into practice those things that we have taught them all these years in Sunday School and VBS. She has had help from Shameka Davis, Paul Tsujimoto, and Liz Abraham just to name a few. What a wonderful ministry this is and the marvelous things it is teaching

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OH DEAR, HE'S TAKING
A VERY DANGEROUS
THEOLOGICAL POSITION.
WE'LL HAVE TO DELETE
THIS PAGE.



Church Secretaries — God's
Guardians of the Universe



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Prayer Requests

Our World situation
The Rothfus Family
Our Troops

To those at other residences

CUBA CMH

Lucille Wildrick
Laura Clayson
Pearl Franklin

ABSOLUT HOUGHTON

John Lawton

WATERS OF WEST FIELD

Dawn Durkee

BATH VA CENER

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Military personnel and
their families...

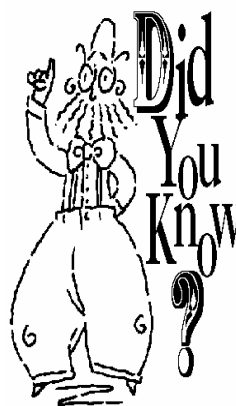
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Kevin Desautls
Brad Frank
Mark Keenan
Justin Linza
Carl Randall
Alfred Reynolds
Greg Reynolds
Dan Thompson
Ron Truax
Miles Ward
Eric Young
John Curtis Quattrine

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 Angels Roman Catholic Church at 50 South Street in Cuba. All are welcome to attend. For more information, contact Ray Perkins at 585-968-1467

Prayer LIST Update

Please keep our prayer list up to date.

Requests made in 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.



submitted by
Dean Wildrick

Now that the floodwaters have receded, residents of Minot, N.D., are facing huge cleanup tasks. The tough part is knowing the stifling 100-degree

temperatures will plummet dramatically in September when the first snow is likely to fall. That worries the Rev. Debra Ball-Kilbourne. Her church — Faith United Methodist — will need an estimated \$1 million to \$1.5 million to rebuild after the Souris River swept over levees in June. What they need most, she says, is volunteers. Call Barb Myers at the Dakotas Conference office, 605-996-6552 or e-mail bmyers@dakotasumf.org if you have a team that could help with cleanup.



CHOIR PRACTICE

All singers take notice, practice will resume on September 7, at 7:00pm Be there or be square.

Tea at the Chautauqua Institute

By Submitted by Patti Petroni

On Tuesday, July 26th, a small contingent of ladies from the Cuba UMW drove to Chautauqua Institute to put on a "tea" for the guests of the Methodist House and other guests of the institute. It was a lovely blue sky, sunshiny day! Mary Ann, Maggie, Jean, Shirley, Kay and myself enjoyed a delicious "box" lunch with cool summer drinks on the porch while listening to a "porch chat" from Rev. Taylor. He spoke of "How do ancient scriptures become the authoritative and Living Word of God in our lives today to shape our identity, behavior, meaning in and for life, and ultimately a community of believers of doers?" A mouth full for sure! He was excellent and took questions afterwards. Then we were free to roam the grounds for an hour and a half and we did! Mary Ann had never been before and her head was swiveling around admiring all the Victorian buildings and the most beautiful flower gardens. We hit the bookstore where we could have spent a fortune had we one.....and then onto the outside terrace of the ice cream store to down what else....a bowl of ice cream. We were due back around 2:30 to set up the tea on the porch. The punch provided by Maggie was well received by the many guests that stopped by the porch. Mary Ann and Patti prepared the 20 dozen plus cookies on platters provided by Maggie, Cindy, and Patti. Many compliments were received and appreciated. Afterwards, we cleaned up around 4:15 and headed back on I-86 to Cuba. All in all, it was a great day of fellowship and we look forward to doing this work again sometime in the future.



OUR
CHURCH
COOKBOOK



UMW Cookbooks

Submitted by Cindy Dutton

The UMW has about 50 cookbooks left and would like to sell them before the end of the year, so we are dropping the price to \$10 each. They are filled with great tried and true recipes and will be used often. They have been selling well at Cuba Pharmacy but the pharmacy now needs to make room for the Garlic Festival Cookbook. Please help us out by buying several for Christmas gifts! See Mary Ann, Cindy or Patti and we'll fix you right up! Thank you for making this fundraiser a success!

UMW NEWS

Submitted by Maggie Watson



The UMW will meet Sept 10 at 10! This time on a Sat and bring a breakfast food to pass. Coffee and juice will be provided along with utensils. Instead of having a room sale or a pound sale, let's donate \$5 to our kitchen and use it to provide whatever we decide.

We will need to discuss the up coming rummage sale which is held in October. There are a couple of other items to discuss, but I will bring those up at the meeting. Hope to see you then and bring a friend.

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our kids. What a way to teach how to tell the story of Jesus through what we do, not just what we say.

July also brought a terrible heat wave, we even had to resort to holding worship services down in Wesley Hall. The best part of July was the last part. We took the kids from the Sunday School class to Kingdom Bound. Now the heat was terrible but the kids enjoyed the trip and they worked hard to get there. To be totally honest, taking this trip was not something about which I was truly excited. I learned a valuable lesson; in those things that you do even when you don't want to do them can bring you a joy that is unspeakable. Spending that time with those 5 individuals was a learning experience and a lot of good old fashion fun. They asked thought provoking questions and even came up with some insightful possible answers for those questions. They were able to see me outside the parameters of just being Pastor Sunny rather to see me as a typical person. I discovered how much I love them, how wonderful they are and how blessed this church, indeed this world will be when they take up the mantle of leadership. God has provided the future for us and He has again done well. Praise God for these young adults.

Now comes August and with it came the church picnic. Turnout was abysmal to say the least. I don't know why there wasn't more of the church family present, but pray that at the next, church function the family will attend.

Coffee hour is always fun and a time to fellowship together, August's coffee hour with hostesses of Gary and Joyce Enderle and Sue Feldbauer was one to remember. We got deluged that morning and the fellowship hall flooded. They must have sucked up 150+ gallons of water in the wet/dry vacuum while Rob Cornell, Keith Pierce and Larry Mauser got soaked trying to get the floodwater to stop rising. Let me tell you, however, that didn't keep the *"really good Methodists"* from continuing with drinking their coffee and eating their cookies while the flood waters were rising. Poor Rob, Larry nor Keith were ever offered so much as a cup of hot coffee, not very nice of us but did provide some good laughs though.

At the end of this month there will be a church planning meeting to plan some fall and winter activities and some new worship ideas. Hopefully we will be able to meet the fall by hitting the ground running.

God has been good to us here at Cuba United Methodist Church. We are working to tell the world about the saving grace of our great creating God. I hope your summer has been good and that you are ready to re-enter the work of the church. I hope that through your summer activities you have grown closer to God. Please also remember that we love you and so does God.

Pastor Sunny

M & M PIZZA COOKIES

Shirley Poore



1 Cup margarine
1/2 Cup sugar
1/2 Cup packed brown sugar
1 Egg
1 tsp Vanilla

2 Cups flour
1/2 tsp baking soda
1 (22 Oz) bag of M & M mini baking chips
3/4 Cup chopped nuts (optional)

Cream margarine and sugars until light and fluffy. Beat in egg and vanilla. Add dry ingredients, mix well. Add M & M bits and nuts. Spread on 2 greased (12" round) Pizza pans. Leaving dough 1/2 inch from the edge. Bake at 350* for 15-20 minutes. Cut into wedges, like pizza.

SEPTEMBER

Ushers

Tom Bean
Bernie Hawks

Acolytes

4: Josh Tsujimoto
11: Katelyn Cornell
18: Nick Berardi
25: Dominic Berardi

Altar Guild

Shirley Poore

Greeters

4: Shemeka Davis &
Keith Pierce
11 Jerry & Donna Burdick
18: Barb Spateholts
25: Butch & Mary Ann
Pfouts



**HELPING
HAND
MINISTRY**

Liturgist

4: Louis Petroni
11: Liz Abraham
18: Judy Zayac
25: Mary Ann Pfouts

Fellowship Hosts:

11: Connie & Deb
Battistoni

A four-year old child, saw his next door neighbor an elderly gentleman who had recently lost his wife, crying. Upon seeing this the little boy went into the old gentleman's yard, climbed onto his lap, and just sat there. When his mother asked him what he had said to the neighbor, the little boy answered, "Nothing, I just helped him cry."

SEPTEMBER CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays

1 - Timothy Hayward	22 - JoAnn Farrell
4 - Sarah Krott	Ken Wyant
7 - Rylee Juiliano	23 - Heather Noll
9 - Amelia Sutphin	John Ricci
11 - Eric Watson	Evelyn Steen
12 - Alan Zayac	Sylvia Subject
14- Ashton Hawks	26 - Morgan Enders
Ed Zalar	Kaylee Kellogg
15 - Eric Vossler	Brett Luckey
16 - Alexander Knapp	27 - Victoria Lopes
17 - Veronica Clayson	Fran Young
Mary Hampton	28 - Robert Hayward
Iona Matteson	Jessica Holden
18 - Kayla Lee	John-Curtis
Derek Morris	Quattrini
Jocelyn Noll	Laroy Spateholts
James Steen	29 - Leo Reynolds, III
Alice Sweet	Robert Shedlock
JoAnne Hupp	Marie Willer
19- Paul Tsujimoto	30 - Judy Zayac
Delain Pierce	
20 - Elizabeth Edwards	
21 - Mary Ellen James	
Louis Petroni	
Mary Lou Sprague	
Loren Sweet II	



*Thank you,
Lord!*



*Anniversary
Blessings*

1 - Mick & Shana Hindman
8 - Dale & Lisa Stadler
19 - Mike & Sandy LaFever
24 - Tab & Marcia Loftis
25 - Larry & Melody Hayward
26 - Robbie & Rhonda Cornell
30- Harley & Shirley Poore

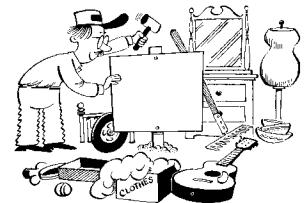
A Child's Ten Request-ments



1. My hands are small; please don't expect perfection whenever I draw a picture or throw a ball. My legs are short; please slow down so that I can keep up with you.
2. My eyes have not seen the world as yours have; please let me explore safely. Don't restrict me unnecessarily.
3. Housework will always be there. I'm only little for a short time; please take time to explain things to me about this wonderful world, and do so willingly.
4. My feelings are tender; please be sensitive to my needs; don't nag me all day long. Treat me as you would like to be treated.
5. I am a special gift from God; please treasure me as God intended you to do, holding me accountable for my actions, giving me guidelines to live by, and disciplining me in a loving manner.
6. I need your encouragement to grow. Please go easy on criticism; remember, you can criticize the things I do without criticizing me.
7. Please give me the freedom to make decisions concerning myself. Permit me to fail, so that I can learn from my mistakes.
8. Please don't do things over for me. Somehow that makes me feel that my efforts don't quite measure up to your expectations.
9. Please don't be afraid to leave for a weekend together. Kids need vacations from parents, just as parents need vacations from kids.
10. Please take me to Sunday School and church regularly; setting a good example from an early age.

RUMMAGE SALE

Submitted by Deb Battistoni



August seems to be flying by, and before you know it, it will be time for the fall rummage sale! Our dates are Oct. 6, 7 and 8, and we look forward to having many hands to help on this big project!

One of our money makers in past years at the rummage sale is a certain Fisher Price high chair. When it was donated, Cindy excitedly bought it for when granddaughter Zea came to visit! Zea got too big, and Cindy was ready to send it back to the rummage sale, but Deb needed for when grandchildren Carter and Madeline came to visit (sale #2!). The twins got too big, and it was time to send the highchair back to rummage, but Cindy got granddaughter Courtney (sale #3). Finally, Courtney is too big, but the chair is just right for Desi's little girl, Eve (sale #4).

So, share the excess stuff from your home to our garage sale - who knows how many more lives your stuff will have!



September 2011

BACK TO SCHOOL



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Kung Fu Classes 6-8am Saturdays
4 Worship 10am One Room S/ S11:15a	5  LABOR DAY	6 Ad Council 6p	7 Choir Practice 7p	8	9	10 ↓ UMW 10:00a Pot Luck Brunch
11  SEPTEMBER 11 Remembrance	12	13	14 Choir Practice 7p	15	16	17
18 Worship 10am One Room S/S 11:15a	19 Newsletter Deadline	20	21 Choir Practice 7p	22	23	24
25 Worship 10am One Room S/S 11:15a	26 Trustees 7:00p	27	28	29	30	 <i>Fall</i>

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Why God Made Teachers

By Kevin William Huff

When God created teachers,
He gave us special friends
To help us understand His world
And truly comprehend.
The beauty and the wonder
Of everything we see,
And become a better person
With each discovery.
When God created teachers,
He gave us special guides,
To show us ways in which to grow
So we can all decide
How to live and how to do
What's right instead of wrong,
To lead us so that we can lead
And learn how to be strong.
Why God created teachers,
In His wisdom and His grace,
Was to help us learn to make our world
A better, wiser place.

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