

September 2014

The Shepherd's Messenger



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



Pastor Tim's Notes

PASTOR'S THOUGHTS

A loose paraphrase of Luke 18:9-14 from "Alive Now".

Two persons went to the church to pray. One said, "I thank you, God, that I am the defender of the status quo. I am against every change that is proposed, and I will never be any different. I will protect and defend the old ways because the new ways are always wrong."

The second said, "I thank you God that I am not like this other person. Every time a new bandwagon comes along, I jump and hold on tight until the next one comes along. I will never be accepting of the traditional, because the old ways are always wrong."

A third person came into the church to pray, but instead of talking and threatening and boasting, listened to the beautiful music of God's good news. That person's heart was filled with new life and new ways of looking at the world around her. She left with a smile on her face and the warm love of God in her heart. When she came back, she was followed by dozens of others, transformed by one who listened to God.

Pastor Tim adds: *And her church was transformed. Traditions are the foundation of our congregational life. And change is necessary for our congregations to survive. Listen to God; the Lord knows what to protect while making us new. Restore what is blessed; accept renewal.*

COMING UP IN WORSHIP

- Preparing for Crop Walk
- On September 21, Cuba will celebrate as our children report on Church Camp

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Our World situation
The Rothfus Family
to those at other residences...

CUBA CMH

Henny van der Horst

WATERS OF WESTFIELD

Dawn Durkee

EDEN HEIGHTS - OLEAN

Evelyn Steen

Others to keep in prayer:

Chuck Brooks
Veronica Clayson
Bill Francis
Kenny Glass
Tyler Griffon
Norma Guinnip
Jeffrey Kellogg
Stephanie LaFever
Amber Lunn (2 yrs. old)
Bee Mason
Bruce Metler
Mina (Doris Wyant's sister)
Nellie Moses
Wanda Pease
Keith Pierce
Harley Poore
Kelly Roberts
Cheryl Tanner
Jim Travis, Sr.
Judy Warner
Lola Wilson

**Military personnel and their families...**

Brenton Goldthwait - Afghanistan



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.



4 Sarah Krott
12 Alan Zayac
14 Ashton Hawks
17 Veronica Clayson
Derek Morris
Alice Sweet
JoAnne Hupp
19 Paul Tsujimoto
Delain Pierce
20 Betty Edwards
Mary Lou Sprague
Loren Sweet II
21 Louis Petroni
Eve Kuhn
23 John Ricci
Evelyn Steen
Fran Young
Jessica Holden
John-Curtis Quattrini
Laroy Spateholts
25 James Burdick
27 Eric Talbot
29 Leo Reynolds, III
Marie Willer
30 Judy Zayac

Statistics Needed: \$1,616.65

Date	Worship	Offering
6/29	48	\$1,444.00
6/29	Rothfus	\$ 114.00
7/6	42	\$1,258.00
7/6	Rothfus	\$ 20.00
7/13	43	\$1,753.00
7/20	39	\$2,346.00
7/20	Rothfus	\$ 20.00
7/27	33	\$1,825.00
7/27		\$ 242.00
8/3	35	\$1,535.00
8/10	25	\$1,852.00
8/17	43	\$1,423.00
8/24	29	\$1,556.00
8/24	Rothfus	\$ 60.00

Cuba September Helping HandsUshers

Paul & Sandy Tsujimoto

Greeters

9/7 Open for you
9/14 Open for you
9/21 Open for you
9/28 Open for you

Liturgists

9/7 Paul Tsujimoto
9/14 Cindy Dutton
9/21 Tom Krott
9/28 Cheryl Wildrick

Children's MomentAltar Guild

Judy Zayac

Coffee Hour

9/21



19 Mike & Sandy LaFever
26 Robbie & Rhonda Cornell
30 Harley & Shirley Poore



**Call Sandra Allen
for Prayer Chain
(585) 968-2137**

Many Hands make Light Work. Won't you please consider volunteering. We need greeters, liturgists, nursery helpers, Coffee Hour Hosts, Communion servers. Please sign up on the clipboards at the front entrance if you can help. Thank You!



Welcome Back to Cuba Teen Sunday School

Last year, twelve different students participated in Teen Sunday School. We looked at how God was working in various missions throughout the world. At the close of Sunday School in May, students expressed a desire to know more about other major religions. Beginning on October 5, we'll do just that when we explore Christianity and World Religions as written by Adam Hamilton. Over a two month period, we will strengthen our understanding of our own faith and become more knowledgeable about Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, and Judaism. The author "urges us to build bridges with others so that we might grow in our faith, seek peace in our world, love our neighbor, and find positive ways to share the gospel of Jesus Christ." Each session makes use of a video presentation, group discussion, activities, and of course, prayer. Parents, please encourage your teens to attend weekly as preparation for confirmation classes which will be held by Pastor Tim beginning in January.

Mike Kunz

DYK:

Submitted by Dean Wildrick



Did You Know? Mission Central continues to supply medical equipment to a cadre of clients and work with a host of medical providers to assist clients with items which their insurance cannot supply.

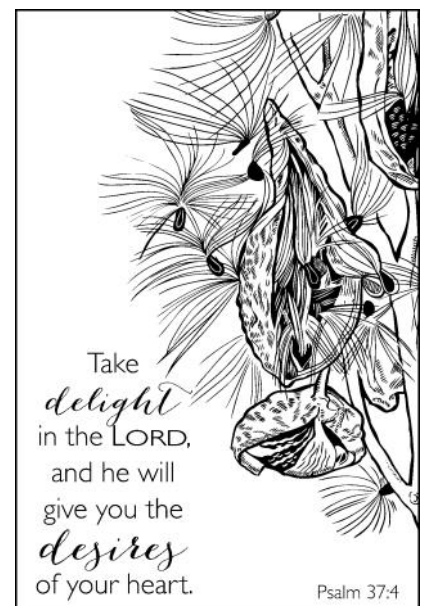


Cuba children's and adult Sunday school resumes on Sept. 7 at 10:00 AM

Cuba Management Team Meeting Highlights

Submitted by Paul Tsujimoto

- ♦ Financial advisor, Skip Wilday, guest at July meeting, reviewed church's portfolios.
- ♦ Bats are gone
- ♦ Still accessing the roof
- ♦ Ramp has been cleaned ready to paint
- ♦ Training older youth to run media equipment
- ♦ LED lighting has been installed in Media Center
- ♦ Looking into obtaining wireless microphones for people performing
- ♦ 2014 Planning Conference scheduled for Sat. Sept. 20
- ♦ August meeting was a PPRC Meeting



COME AND BRING A FRIEND



Sat Sept 13, 2014

Christ United Methodist Church
633 Linwood Ave, Olean NY 14760
(716) 372-3495

Doors open at 8:30 Starts 9:30 concludes 4:15 pm

Admission FREE sponsored by area churches
\$5.00 for lunch

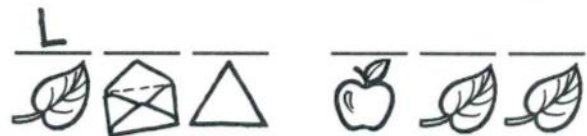
Register at amy_t@verizon.net or (716) 244-0946
(Amy Trass)

Join 250,000 women around the world for this live, global, internet streaming event. This simulcast gives you a front-row seat to one-of-a-kind Bible teaching and life-changing worship. Well-known Bible teacher and best-selling author Beth Moore will speak live from Fort Wayne, IN. Dove award-winning musical artist **Travis Cottrell**, who also serves as worship pastor of Englewood Baptist Church in Jackson, Tenn., is slated to lead worship for the event.

It's back to school time!

This is a time to make new friends and do new things! Below is a special Bible verse to help you every day!

To find this helpful verse, write the letter that begins the word for each picture on the line above it.



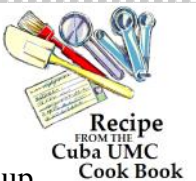
1 Corinthians 16:14

What are your Convictions?

Jimmy Carter recalls sitting in a church in Plain's, Georgia, thinking about the title of the morning sermon. "I don't remember anything our pastor had to say, but I'll never forget the title: 'If you were arrested for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you?'"

SWEET & SOUR PORK SAUSAGE BALLS

Sue Simmons



Meatballs:

1 pound bulk pork sausage
1 slightly beaten egg
1/3 cup fine bread crumbs
1/2 tsp sage

Sauce:

1/2 cup catsup
2 TBS brown sugar
1 TSB vinegar
1 TBS soy sauce

Mix sausage, egg, bread crumbs and sage. Shape into about 2 dozen 1 1/2" balls. In ungreased skillet, brown balls slowly on all sides, about 15 minutes. Pour off grease. Prepare sauce and pour over meatballs. Cover and simmer 30 minutes, stirring occasionally to coat meatballs. Make smaller meatballs if using them as appetizers.

Cuba United Methodist Women News

Submitted by Judy Zayac



The United Methodist Women will resume meetings in September with a pot luck meal on Wednesday, September 10th at 6:00 p.m. Just please bring a dish to pass and we will provide tableware (and Judy will wash dishes). Our regular meetings will be on the second Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m. beginning in October.

We will also be having our Fall Trash & Treasures Sale October 2 – 4. If you haven't cleaned out your closets yet, you might want to do it now. There are totes available at the church if you need them. Thanks.

CROP WALK – HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME

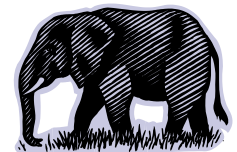


Last year it was a blessing for me to see how many persons were helped through the Cuba Walk, locally and internationally. And it was a blessing to see several members of Cuba UMC join with other Christians of Cuba to give of yourself through walking in the CROP Hunger Walk in order that the hunger of others might be reduced. I am privileged to be chosen to coordinate the CROP walk in Cuba again this year. It will be held on Sunday, **October 5**. You may register at the high school track and begin walking anytime after 1:00 PM. Thank you to Rob Cornell for serving as Cuba UMC's Recruiter again this year.

It is a joy to welcome Friendship United Methodist Church to join with the Methodists of Cuba in the CROP Walk this year. A Friendship church participated in the Crop Walk years ago, until the church was closed. It is to the glory of God that the people called Methodist in Friendship are restoring this mission opportunity to Friendship residents. Most of the funds raised through the CROP WALK go to poor areas around the world. A percentage of what is collected will be returned to the Friendship Food Pantry to help hungry people in our own community. Thank you to Diane Langdon whose passion for feeding the hungry led her to be the Friendship recruiter.

You will hear from Rob and Diane soon about how to volunteer to walk and line up sponsors.

Ropes of the mind



A number of years ago, several ministers were invited to visit the Ringling Brothers Circus at its winter quarters in Venice. Coming in via the performer's entrance, they passed by the elephants' area. Someone noticed that the ropes around the elephants' feet were not tied to anything. This oversight was pointed out to the handler. "Oh, he said, "don't worry. We never tie them up. We just tie a rope around their leg and drop it, and they think they are tied up."

How many of us imagine ourselves tied up to something from which we cannot get away, when in truth, the ropes are in our heads and hearts, not on our hands and feet?

—Homiletics

Summer Shenanigans 2014



It was another successful summer of “Shenanigans” and “Community Service” for over 25 middle and high school students. The six consecutive Fridays from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. included three team-building days: kayaking and canoeing at the Kunz’s home on Cuba Lake, bowling at Good Times in Olean, Minute-To-Win-It games with ice cream sundaes, and three community service days: weeding the four

-corner streets in preparation for the Opera House fund raiser, washing the inside and outside of emergency vehicles at Cuba’s Police Station and mowing/cleaning the Medbury Cemetery.

This sixth year of the Summer Shenanigans program could NOT have taken place without the Cuba United Methodist Church’s support. Thank you to those of you who prayed for this program, who donated financially or gave of their time to directly or indirectly serve. A special thank you to Mr. Jim Travis for the message board each week, Mr. and Mrs. Hupp for the use of their twelve-passenger van, Mr. and Mrs. Kunz for opening their home and using their boats, Mr. Sprague, Mr. Crowley and Mr. Tsujimoto for the use of their canoes and teaching the kids about boat safety,

Ms. Giczkowski, Mrs. Kunz, Paige and Katelyn for taking over in my absence, Mr. Kunz for assisting on our weeding/mowing day, Mr. Cornell for technology support, Mrs. Crosby for making CD’s of pictures for each child, Mrs. Zayac for organizing the reception celebration, and Ms. Giczkowski’s parents for the bird houses. Your “giving” helps to make this program a success each summer!

Thank you for your ongoing support. We look forward to next year!

Sandy



ANNUAL PLANNING CONFERENCE

Pastor Tim and the Leadership Team have scheduled Cuba UMC’s annual planning conference at the church Saturday morning, **September 20**. Because of your commitment to the ongoing restoration and renewal of your congregation, we invite you to join us begin developing a five-year vision for Cuba UMC, as well as ministry goals for 2015. You will hear Pastor Tim begin to cast God’s vision for our church, work together to clarify that vision, and develop short-term goals to move us in that direction. We also expect to have a wonderful time celebrating Cuba UMC’s ministry of the past year, and we want you to be part of the fun!

The planning conference will begin at 9:00 AM. We will share lunch together and depart around 2:30 PM. Pastor Tim and members of the leadership and management teams will lead the retreat, guided by an outlined agenda. Please be sure to RSVP to our church secretary, Jim Travis no later than Wednesday, September 10 so that we can have materials and lunch available for you.



INTRODUCTION

Members and friends of Friendship United Methodist Church,

Jennie and I have enjoyed getting to know many of you over the summer. I have not had a chance to personally chat with everyone yet, so I am using the newsletter to introduce ourselves. I look forward to getting to know more of you face-to-face.

People have asked how I prefer to be addressed. Pastor Tim is fine. More important to remember is the spelling of Jennie's name – with an “-ie”. We live in a small duplex in Cuba and will be looking for a larger home for us and our two cats, Curly and Train Wreck. We were not blessed with children.

We are both from the Buffalo area where Jennie's parents and my mother live. Jennie grew up? in Amherst, graduating from Sweet Home and SUNY College at Buffalo. I grew up in Cheektowaga, Land of the Flow-ering Crab Apple, graduating from Maryvale and SUNY at Buffalo

Before responding to God's call to pastoral ministry, I was an executive with the Boy Scouts of America, serving first on Long Island, then the Allegheny Highlands Council, headquartered In Jamestown and serving this area. I oversaw Scouting in southern Chautauqua County. As a pastor, I started my candidacy in the former Western New York Conference, attended seminary near Columbus, Ohio, and served in the West Ohio Conference for 12 years before returning to what is now the Upper New York Conference. Jennie served as a certified special education teacher in public schools in Ohio. She is now employed as a customer service representative for an insurance company in Cheektowaga. She leaves Monday afternoon and returns Friday night, staying with her parents during the week.

My Sabbath is Saturday. I like to spend time with Jennie, as long as it's not shopping. In the summer we enjoy hanging out, walking, boating, and canoeing at Silver Lake, where Jennie's parents have a cottage. In the fall and winter we suffer together watching Buffalo Bills games. I belong to the Olean YMCA and like to swim a few times a week. We both like to hike and camp. I'm hoping to buy a bicycle and may be cycling to Friendship next spring.

I am a Mason and plan to affiliate with the Cuba-Friendship Lodge and am in the process of joining the Friendship Rotary.

Pastor Tim

Friendship United Methodist Women News

Submitted by Vicki Baker



The UMW will resume monthly meetings in September. Meetings are held the second Thursday of the month. We plan to have our annual fall rummage and bake sale the first weekend of Oct. This will be discussed at our meeting on Thurs. Sept. 11 at 7:00 pm at Dolly Marks' home.

A Reason For Everything

A man was told that his appendix had burst and that he needed emergency surgery immediately.

The day after the operation, the surgeon came into his room to see how he was doing. As the surgeon examined the man, the patient told the doctor that he understood an appendix had no vital role in the body and the body could get along quite well without it. The patient thought that was quite unusual and went on to say, When God gave man an appendix, there surely must have been some reason for it.”

With a smile tugging at his lips, the doctor responded, “Oh, there is! God gave you that appendix to help me put my son through college.”

—King Duncan in *Amusing Grace*

Friendship UMC

September Birthdays

- 1 – Sandy Golden
Harvey Butler
- 2 – Beverly Rathbun
- 4 – Shirley Riehle
- 11 – Carl Baxter
- 12 – Gary Johnson
- 18 – Debbie McCarthy
- 20 – Bill Davidson
- 23 – Dolly Marks
- 26 – Toby Bessey



October Birthdays

- 4 – Diana Langdon
- 9 – Richard Langdon II
Tonya McCarthy
- 20 – Jean Bessey
- 24 – Ronna Jordan
- 27 – Kristen Sortore
- 28 – Robert Brigham
- 29 – Bee Mason

October Anniversaries

- 15 – Richard & Diana Langdon
- 20 – Bob & Paula Selden

September Anniversary

- 20 – Shawn & Sara Mahoney



- Sept. 3 Choir Rehearsal Begins at 6:30 pm
- Sept. 7 Junior Church Starts
- Sept. 23 – 25 Pastor out of town for training



"The breezes taste
 Of apple peel.
 The air is full
 Of smells to feel-
 Ripe fruit, old footballs,
 Burning brush,
 New books, erasers,
 Chalk, and such.
 The bee, his hive,
 Well-honeyed hum,
 And Mother cuts
 Chrysanthemums.
 Like plates washed clean
 With suds, the days
 Are polished with
 A morning haze. "
 - John Updike, *September*





September 2014

Sunday Worship 11:00 am
Sunday School 10:00 am

Cuba Dates

Sunday Worship 9:30 am
Sunday School

Friendship Dates

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 	2 Finance Committee Mtg. 2:00 pm	3 Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm	4	5	6 Kung Fu 6-8:00a Lunch on Us 11:30-12:30
7 UMW Food Pantry Collection	8 Manage. Team 6:30 pm O.E.S. Mtg. 11:30 - 2:30 pm Church Council Mtg. 6:00 pm	9	10 UMW Potluck meal - 6:00 pm RSVP Deadline for Planning Conference Choir 6:30 pm	11 UMW Mtg. 7:00 pm at Dolly Mark's home  Remember	12	13 Kung Fu 6-8:00a Lunch on Us 11:30-12:30
14	15 October Newsletter Deadline PPR Meeting 7:00 pm	16	17 Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm	18 WIC 9:30 am - 3:00 pm	19	20 Kung Fu 6-8 a Planning Conf 9am Trustee Breakfast Lunch on Us 11:30-12:30
21	22 O.E.S. Mtg. 11:30 - 2:30 pm	23 Pastor out of town for training	24 Pastor out of town for training Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm	25 Leadership Team 7:00 pm Pastor out of town for training	26	27 Kung Fu 6-8:00 am Lunch on Us 11:30-12:30
28 Rothfus Offering	29	30				

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