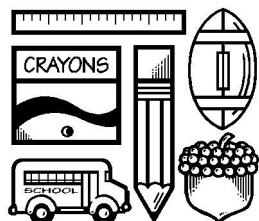


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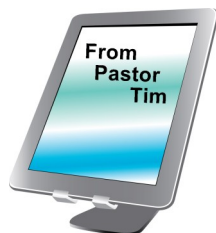
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**KNOWING JESUS AS THE
 GOOD SHEPHERD & SHARING
 THE RISEN CHRIST WITH ALL.**



Why is it, James Moore asks, in his book, Yes, Lord, I Have Sinned, but I Have Several Excellent Excuses. Why is it that we try to justify anything and everything we want to do! We use words, scapegoats, blaming other people, circumstances, past events, even evil spirits (“the devil made me do it!”) to attempt to excuse bad choices we make with our own free will.

Take the matter of missing church. Over the years, I have heard some great excuses for failure to make it to church. Some blame the weather, others blame company, a few even blame their clothing.

Or take the matter of stealing. The young boy who took money out of his father’s cash register, then excused himself by saying, “It wasn’t my fault! He made me mad!”

Then there is profanity. We try to justify it by calling it adult, honest, realistic speech. But what could be more childish, dishonest, or unreal?

And take the matter of gossip. It is so dangerous, so cruel, so hurtful, so devastating, so sinful! And yet we indulge in it so frequently and excuse it so lightly.

Then there is temper. Have you ever heard someone say, “Oh, everyone knows I was born with a hot temper, but my temper is like a cyclone; it blows up quickly and blows away just as quickly.” What people with a bad temper don’t realize is that their temper, like a cyclone, also leaves behind immeasurable hurt, agony, heartache, and devastation.

What about vengeance? Again and again in the Gospels, Jesus warned us about the sin of the vengeful spirit, a spiritual cancer that will destroy our souls. “Don’t give in to vengeance,” he said, and yet we justify it and excuse it so neatly.

What does the Christian faith have to say about all this? First, that God sees through them. Like a parent who know all the children well or a teacher who has eye in back of her/his head, God knows us and what we’re doing. God can’t be conned!

Second, that God is more interested in forgiving us than in hearing our excuses. We don’t need a scapegoat, someone to put the blame on and take our guilt away; we have a Savior. Christ came to show us that forgiveness is at hand.

Third, that God wants penitence – not excuses – from us. What is said with the lips, “I’m sorry,” is not nearly as important as what happens in the heart. We see this dramatically in Luke 18, Jesus’ parable of the Pharisee and the publican who go up to the Temple to pray.

James Moore encourages us to seek forgiveness. After all, we are justified not by our eloquent excuses but by the grace of a loving, caring, forgiving God.

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

Military personnel and their families...

Brandon Snyder - Iraq



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:**

Barb & John Brant
Chuck Brooks
Veronica Clayson
Virginia Clayson
Jan Congdon
Hattie Cooper
Braden Currier
Sid Emmons
Joyce Enderle
Art Higby
Jeffrey Kellogg
Stephanie LaFever
Amber McCarthy & Family
Bruce Metler
Wanda Pease
Keith Pierce
Kerigan Pierce
Family & Friends of Harley Poore
Shirley Poore
Muriel Small
Laroy Spateholts
Carl Wagner
Judy Warner
Ken Wyant



- 4 Sarah Krott
- 12 Alan Zayac
- 14 Ashton Hawks
- 17 Veronica Clayson
JoAnne Hupp
- 18 Alice Sweet
- 19 Paul Tsujimoto
Delain Pierce
- 20 Betty Edwards
- 21 Mary Ellen James
Louis Petroni
Eve Kuhn
Renae Smith
Mary Lou Sprague
- 23 John Ricci
James Burdick
- 27 Eric Talbot
Fran Young
- 28 Jessica Holden
Laroy Spateholts
- 29 Leo Reynolds, III
Marie Willer

Statistics**Needed: \$1,657**

Date	Worship	SS	Offering
6/28	27		\$1,081.00
6/28		Rothfus	\$ 178.00
7/5	18		\$1,777.00
7/12	28		\$1,372.00
7/12		Rothfus	\$ 20.00
7/19	23		\$1,431.00
7/26	21		\$ 880.00
Q1 & Q2 Parsonage Fund			\$3,341.70
2014 Parsonage Fund			\$ 33.30
8/2	29		\$1,867.00
8/2		Rothfus	\$ 40.00
8/9	18		\$ 531.00
8/16	22		\$ 996.00
8/23	23		\$ 986.00
8/23		Rothfus	\$ 40.00

(This block does not appear in the Friendship edition of this newsletter)

Cuba September Helping HandsUshers:

Dean & Cheryl Wildrick

Greeters:

9/6 Open for you
9/13 Open for you
9/20 Open for you
9/27 Open for you

Acolyte:

9/6
9/13
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9/27

Liturgists

9/6
9/13
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9/27

Altar Guild

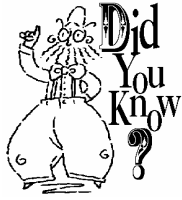
Thela Snow & Darcy Eastham



- 19 Mike & Sandy LaFever
26 Robbie & Rhonda Cornell



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

DYK:*Submitted by Dean Wildrick*

After being open only five years, there were many who felt called to volunteer at Mission Central. Some were traveling long distances, which involved time and expense. As these concerns emerged, the concept of establishing "mini-Mission Centrals" was born and seemed to be the direction in which God was leading us.

The first HUB was established in Altoona on April 1, 2007. As of March 1, 2015, there are 29 HUBs in 7 states-all unique, but working together to connect God's resources with human need. Each HUB is working in coordination with Mission Central, making disaster relief kits, as well as doing outreach ministry in their community.



To our Church Family,

I want to thank everyone for Prayers, cards, concerns, and coming to the viewings & funeral, at the time of Harley's passing.

All was appreciated by our families.
Shirley



United
Methodist
Women

**The Cuba UMW will meet on
September 12 at 10:00 AM
in Wesley Hall**

All Women are Welcome!



Ruth Rasmusson passed away on June 26. Her funeral was held on June 29 at CUMC. Pastor Tim officiated.



Harley Poore passed away on July 10. His funeral was held at the church on July 14. Pastor Tim and Harley's son, Rev. Michael Poore co-officiated.

Children's answers to religious questions

- ◆ Noah's wife was called Joan of Ark.
- ◆ The fifth Commandment is: Honor thy father and thy mother.
- ◆ Holy Acrimony is another name for Marriage.
- ◆ Lot's wife was a pillar of salt by day, but a ball of fire by night.
- ◆ The Pope lives in a Vacuum.
- ◆ Christians have only one spouse. This is called monotony.
- ◆ The first Commandment was when Eve told Adam to eat the apple.

*Dave Edwards
Rumours*

Adult Sunday School Class



Welcome to Fall. Our **Adult Sunday School classes resume on September 13th at 9:50am.** This will be a

time of learning about God's Big Picture. What was. What is. and What will be. Study of prophesy will show us

- 1) how God has kept his promises through the years,
- 2) how He is patient with mankind, and
- 3) how, ultimately, because He is just, He requires each of us to follow the rules.

I hope you will join us for a time of spiritual growth and fellowship. Pray about it. I am praying for God's blessings upon you.

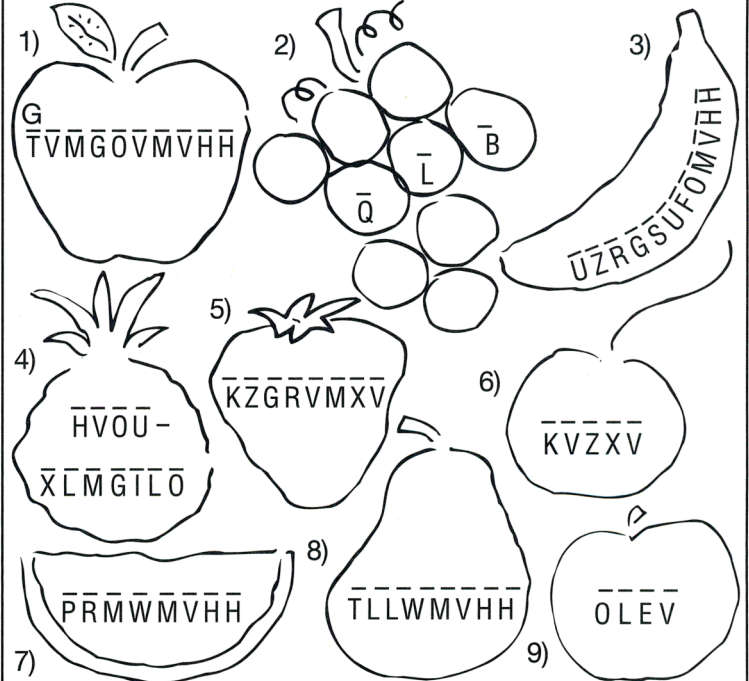
Cheryl

Fruits of the Spirit

In the book of Galatians, Paul told the people to "live by the spirit" – to live God's way. He told them what they would need to do this. These characteristics are called the "fruits of the Spirit."

Find the "Fruits of the Spirit" using the code below.

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z
Z Y X W V U T S R Q P O N M L K J I H G F E D C B A



Gentleness, Joy, Faithfulness, Self-Control, Patience, Peace, Kindness, Goodness, Love

Senior High Sunday School



Yes, there will be a class. On September 13th please come to the classroom at 10:30am for information about the changes this year. Some new ideas are in store. We look forward to seeing you! God Bless!

Cheryl



TOMATO CASSEROLE

Cindy Dutton



2 (14oz.) cans whole tomatoes, drained and then chopped.

1 - ½ cups soft white bread cubes (about 3 slices)

¼ cup butter, melted

¼ cup packed brown sugar

¼ tsp. pepper



Recipe
FROM THE
Cuba UMC
Cook Book

Stir together all ingredients. Spoon into lightly greased 9" baking pan. Bake at 400° for 35-40 minutes.

CROP WALK

Did you know that malnutrition is a leading cause of death for 3.5 million children each year? That's about one-third of all child deaths in the world.

Factors contributing to this malnutrition are many – drought and disasters that decimate crops, lack of clean water, poor sanitation and hygiene, and rising food prices, to name a few.

But we can help save lives – and give children a chance to grow healthy and strong! When we walk in the CROP Hunger Walk, we're providing micronutrients that support better health and development. Helping communities gain access to safe water. And giving families the tools or training to grow or buy nutritious food.

We hope you'll help raise funds and walk with us on September 13 (Friendship) and October 4 (Cuba) – or donate to one of the walkers from your church – so we can wipe out malnutrition for good! Note: We are aware that there are hungry people in our own communities. Twenty-five% of the donations collected in each community will be returned to their respective food pantries.

I encourage everyone to participate in or donate to this important outreach.

Pastor Tim



Rev. Manry received 2014 Chaplain of the Year Award

Chaplain Captain the Rev. Keith Manry received the 2014 Edwin R. Chess Award, which is given annually to one company grade officer who best displays the United States Air Force Chaplain core values of “glorifying God, helping airmen, and pursuing excellence.” He was recognized for his work at both Malmstrom Air Force Base in Great Falls, Mont., and Bagram Airfield in Afghanistan.

Rev. Manry said “the opportunity to exercise the gifts and graces God has given me in the deployed environment” distinguished him.

In Afghanistan, he helped a 12-year old Afghan girl – who had been badly injured by a rocket attack on her house – and her family acquire a \$5,000-grant to rebuild their home. At Bagram Airfield, he also provided comfort care to a young girl dying of intestinal issues at the airfield's Heath N. Craig Joint Theater Hospital.

“I would play the guitar and sing to her at night to put her to sleep and support the staff while we watched this little girl die,” he said.

Rev. Manry has also been very involved with Holy Joes Café, a free coffee outreach program for troops. He first learned of the ministry during his time in Connecticut, where he discovered Green Mountain Coffee donates K-cups and Keurig machines to soldiers.

“The ministry takes those donations and sends them to deployed troops, particularly to allow relationships to be built between the chaplains and the troops, so that conversations can take place in a natural way,” he said.

Since then, he coordinated shipments of more than three million K-cups.

He's utilized this ministry at Malmstrom, where troops are deployed to the missile field on a daily basis.

“I felt like, in many ways, that they are deployed; they're just not deployed overseas,” he said. “I felt like that a lot of what I did in Afghanistan with the coffee ministry could also be accomplished here.”

So Rev. Manry headed up the base's first coffee shop, which now serves about 2,000 cups of coffee a month. He also helped establish “minister by satellite” Holy Joes Cafés in each Malmstrom missile alert facility.

In addition to Holy Joes, Rev. Manry also ran the Detour, a chaplain sponsored airmen's ministry center at Malmstrom. The center provides pastoral care for airmen by offering amenities they otherwise would not have. For example, it has a pool table, foosball, air hockey, theater, and recording studio.

“The chaplains hang out with them; it allows them to communicate with us in a non-threatening way,” he said.

Rev. Manry also planned monthly events for the airmen, including retreats to Flathead Lake United Methodist Camp in Rollins, Mont., white water rafting adventures, and shopping mall trips.

Rev. Manry highlighted the support of his wife, Erica, saying that she deserves the award even more than he does. He left on July 1 for a new appointment at Andersen Air Force Base in Guam and will be there for two to three years.

Rev. Manry is an elder of the Upper New York Conference who most recently was appointed at the First United Methodist Church in Akron in the Niagara Frontier District.

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Friendship UMC

September Birthdays

- 1 Sandy Golden
- Harvey Butler
- 2 Beverly Rathbun
- 3 Vicki Webeck
- 11 Carl Baxter
- 12 Gary Johnson
- 18 Debbie McCarthy
- 20 Bill Davidson
- 23 Dolly Marks
- 26 Toby Bessey
- 26 Richard Kozlowski



September Anniversaries

- 28 Richard & Judy Kozlowski



For Prayer Chain, call
Roberta Butler 973-2351
or Pat Kupiec 808-7345

Friendship United Methodist Women News

Submitted by President Vicki Baker



Reading Program report is due. Anyone who has completed the required books, please submit your form to Vicki or Roberta ASAP.

The District UMW Annual Meeting

"Mission in our communities"

Sept. 26 at the Kennedy UMC

9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Reservations due by Sept. 14th

For more info, look at UMW Board in Fellowship Hall

We will be taking the UMCOR school bags our unit has made to this meeting.

If you have any, please see Roberta. If we need a "work day" to get these done, we could plan one. Let Vicki or Roberta know.


Next regular meeting will be Sept. 10.

Any woman may be part of UMW. They meet the second Thursday of the month, excluding May, July & August. Come join us. Check bulletin for notices.

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Sunday Worship 11:00 am
 Sunday School - Summer Break
Cuba Dates
 (C)

Sunday Worship 9:30 am
 Sunday School
Friendship Dates
 (F)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Cuba Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm	3	4	5
6 (C) UMW Food Pantry Collection	7 	8	9 Cuba Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm	10	11	12 Cuba UMW 10 am Wesley Hall
13 Cuba Sunday School Begins Adult: 9:50am Senior High : 0:30am for info. Friendship Crop Walk	14	15	16 Cuba Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm	17	18	19
20	21 October Newsletter Deadline - Noon	22	23 Cuba Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm Cuba Management Team 6:30 pm	24	25	26
27 Cuba Rothfus Offering	28	29	30 Cuba Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm			

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"Sunday school / like. Monday through Friday school / could do without."

