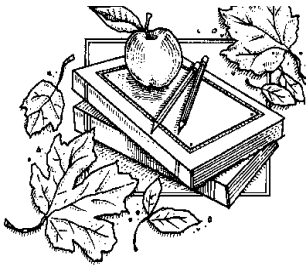


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KNOWING JESUS AS THE  
GOOD SHEPHERD & SHARING  
THE RISEN CHRIST WITH ALL.

FROM  
Pastor  
Burt

Grace and peace to you and yours in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

By now everyone probably knows of the terrible happening in Virginia just a few days ago. It was truly a dark day for our nation. I thought all of you should see what our Bishop, Bishop Mark J. Webb penned about it:

August 13, 2017

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Having just returned this morning from some time away with limited access to news, my heart breaks upon reading the reports of what occurred in Charlottesville, VA on Saturday, August 12th. This is evil fully manifested. As the Church of Jesus Christ, we must stand strongly against this kind of hate and racism. I urge you to pray and continue to seek ways to be the hands and feet of Christ. Through your actions and your words boldly proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ.

This is a spiritual matter, plain and simple. May we remember that Christ calls us to renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of our sin. Christ calls us to accept the freedom and power God gives to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves. And Christ calls us to confess him as Savior, put our whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as Lord, in union with the church which he has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races.

Let us confidently offer the light of Christ, as it alone will pierce the darkness within our world.

Grace and peace,

Bishop Mark J. Webb

He reminds of our membership vows and calls us to be faithful to them. We need to be in prayer for God's bringing of a revival and turning our nation back to truly being A NATION UNDER GOD!

Please join your brothers and sisters across this great nation and across Christ's Church to pray for the moving of the HOLY SPIRIT in our nation.

May IT BE SO!

God Bless,  
*Pastor Burt*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

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

CUBA CMH

Henny van der Horst

PINES - OLEAN

Connie Battistoni

**Others to keep in prayer:**

Sandy Beard  
Jim Benz  
Bob Clayson  
Roger Cook  
Luke Fries  
June Ink  
Jackie McKeel  
Mark Middaugh  
Keith Pearce  
Sue Simmons  
Derwood Say  
Laroy Spateholts  
Heidi Sturdevant  
Lon Sweet  
Ken Wyant

**Prayer LIST Update**

**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



4 Sarah Krott  
14 Ashton Hawks  
17 Veronica Clayson  
18 JoAnne Hupp  
Derek Morris  
Alice Sweet  
19 Delain Pierce  
20 Betty Edwards  
21 Mary Ellen James  
Mary Lou Sprague  
Loren Sweet II  
25 James Burdick  
27 Fran Young  
28 Jessica Holden  
Holly Scoville  
Laroy Spateholts  
29 Leo Reynolds, III  
Marie Willer



**Joseph Noll**, father of CUMC Member, Steve Noll, passed away on Aug. 4, 2017. Funeral services were held on Aug. 9 at Guenther Funeral Home in Olean.

**Kristine A. Butts**, daughter of Ron and Barbara Mosher, and sister of CUMC member Mark Mosher, died on Aug. 7, 2017. Funeral services were held on Aug. 11 in the Yorkshire Free Methodist Church.

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

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.

<b>Statistics</b>		<b>Needed: \$1,739</b>	
<b>Date</b>	<b>Worship</b>	<b>SS</b>	<b>Offering</b>
7/2	31	-	\$2,646.25
7/2		Naomi	80.00
7/9	41	-	\$1,265.00
7/16	30	-	\$1,649.00
7/16		Rothfus	\$ 20.00
7/23	40	-	\$1,134.00
7/30	34	-	\$1,102.00
7/30		Rothfus	\$ 100.00
8/6	31	-	\$2,514.00
8/6		Naomi	210.00
8/13	34	-	\$1,716.00
8/13		Naomi	\$ 40.00
8/13		Rothfus	\$ 20.00
8/20	38	-	\$1,296.00
8/20		Rothfus	\$ 20.00
8/27	50	-	\$1,252.00
8/27		Rothfus	\$ 98.00

**September Helping Hands**Usher:

Jim Travis

Pianist:

Christine Berardi

Altar Guild:

Linda Nelson  
Holly Scoville

Coffee Hour:

Thela Snow  
9/24

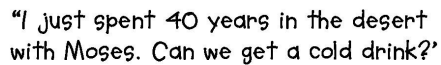


19 Mike & Sandy LaFever  
26 Robbie & Rhonda Cornell



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

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



The books and subjects that we study in school prepare us for our futures and our lives. Studying the Bible is important also. Find what Paul wrote to his young helper, Timothy.

Printed and bound sheets of paper

They form the alphabet

One who is learning

## A small test

A group of relatives

To offer something

Glad

Group who works together

“

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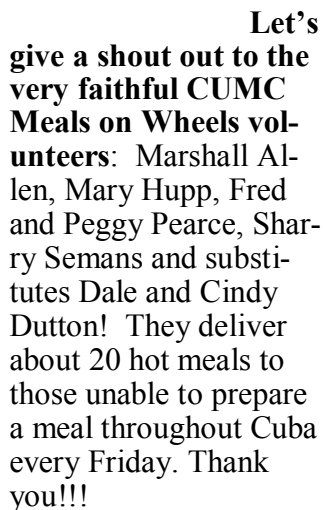
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39 30 29 33 8 9 3 14 11 17 32 12 11

"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness."



Sue Simmons

4 med. Zucchini (about 2 pounds)

1 jar Spaghetti sauce, divided

1 tsp. oregano

$\frac{1}{2}$  tsp. salt

1 egg, lightly beaten

1 lb. ground beef

$\frac{1}{2}$  cup Italian style bread crumbs

1/3 cup grated Parmesan cheese

1/8 tsp. black pepper

1/3 cup shredded mozzarella cheese

Cut zucchini in half lengthwise. Scoop out centers, leaving 1/4" shell. Chop pulp, set aside.

Brown ground beef, drain, add zucchini pulp, ½ cup spaghetti sauce, bread crumbs, parmesan cheese, oregano, salt and pepper and egg to ground beef. Mix well. Put zucchini shells in baking pan. Spoon ground beef mixture into shells. Pour remaining spaghetti sauce over zucchini. Cover and bake at 375° for 30 to 35 minutes. Remove cover, top with mozzarella cheese. Bake 5 minutes more until cheese is melted.



## Adult Sunday School Class



## Adult Sunday School Studies with Cheryl

### PROPHECY #21: Signs of the Lord's Return

Knowing that his life on earth would soon end, Jesus wanted to tell his disciples important advice and information. He told them to obey the “teachers of the law and the Pharisees,”... but not to act like them. Jesus said that Jewish religious leaders, “do not practice what they preach.” (Matthew 23:1-3) Jesus explained that the religious leaders did things to get attention and praise (verse 5), and he warned that “whoever exalts himself will be humbled.” (verse 12)

As Jesus and his followers approached Jerusalem, Jesus stopped to reflect on the city's inhabitants. He was very sad, and said, “Oh Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing.” (Matthew 23:37)

Later, when Jesus and his disciples had left Jerusalem and were on the Mount of Olives (outside of the city), the disciples came to ask Jesus about, “the end of the age.” (Matthew 24:3) Jesus had told them that the Temple, in Jerusalem, would be destroyed. (Matthew 24:1-2) (This prophesy, spoken of by Jesus, came true in 70 A.D. when the Romans attacked Jerusalem, battered down its walls, set the interior on fire, killed many Jews and deported many, as slaves, to all parts of the ancient world.)

Then Jesus continued telling his disciples about the future events, and warned them not to be deceived by anyone. He said general signs of the end times would include: 1) false Christs (people who would save the masses from their problems), 2) wars and rumors of wars (escalating). 3) nations rising against nations (leaders cannot work with other leaders), 4) famines and earthquakes (escalating throughout the world), 5) Christian persecution and martyrdom, 6) all nations hating Christians, 7) increasing wickedness and lose of love for others... and 8) preaching of the “gospel of the kingdom.” This message signals a change from the gospel of salvation (good news for Believers) to the message of righteousness and judgment (bad news for non Believers). Matthew 24:4-14.

The Bible also mentions future historical events including: 1) the rebuilding of the Jewish temple, 2) the rise of a world dictator that will make a seven year peace treaty with Israel. 3) the world dictator breaking the peace treaty after 3½ years, 4) the world dictator placing an image of himself in the temple, 5) the world dictator demanding to be worshipped (or else!), 6) the hatred and persecution of Jews and Christians ( an attempt at extermination) and 7) worshippers of the Anti-Christ (world dictator) receiving the “Mark of the Beast” in order to survive. (Revelation 13:16-18) (Daniel 9:27).

At the end of the years of trouble, Christ will descend with the clouds, (Matthew 24:29-30) and defeat the Anti Christ. Peace will follow.

God has fulfilled prophecies in the past. He will fulfill future prophecies also.

**Cuba United Methodist Church  
Trustees Meeting Minutes  
June 7, 2017**



**PRESENT:** Gary Enderle, Pastor Burt, Judy Krott, Bernie Hawks, Bob Rasmusson, and Marshall Allen.

6:00 p.m. Pastor Burt called the meeting to order and opened with prayer.

May 2, 2017, Minutes were read and discussed. Marshall made a motion to accept the minutes. Gary seconded the motion, and all approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Rob Cornell was not in attendance for the meeting, thus the Treasurer's Report will be presented at the August 2, 2017, meeting.

**Discussion of Trustee Topics:**

\*Metal Door for Wesley Hall was purchased. Marty will install the door.

\*New toilet seats will be installed the week of June 7, 2017.

\*A discussion was had regarding fire extinguishers in the church. Judy Krott volunteered to contact Larry Selph with Selph's Fire Service to discuss and determine our needs. Larry Selph agreed to meet with Marshall the first week in July to perform the yearly maintenance and assess our needs.

\*Three contractors recommended that we not use vinyl on the main entrance railings. We will get quotes on using an alternative material for these railings.

\*Marshall will install First Aid Kits in the bathrooms, nursery, and the kitchen.

\*The carpets will be cleaned after the foyer has been painted.

\*Marshall will purchase a glass shelf for the new DVD player at Walmart for approximately \$25.

**Pastor Burt:**

Pastor Burt presented information on Church Mutual. This organization offers three years of free water temperature monitoring. Marshall made a motion that we pursue this service. Bernie seconded the motion, and all approved.

The next meeting will be held on August 2, 2017, at 6:00 p.m.

Marshall made a motion that the meeting be adjourned at 6:45 p.m. Bob seconded the motion, and all approved.



**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**.



## DUDLEY TAILS

*Submitted by Cheryl Wildrick*

Dudley was confused for a few weeks this summer. One morning I carried a box (with holes in its sides) into the house, and set it on his grooming table. He heard unfamiliar sounds and smells. And what was in this box was consuming my attention.

Soon Dudley saw me lift little birds, one at a time, out of the box. He saw me dip their beaks into water and place each one into a cage that had a small lamp in it. The little birds arrived in several colors, and some even had fuzz on their legs and toes.

Dudley barked, but was told that barking at the birds was a no no. He heard my voice comforting the day olds who had no mother to call them and warm them next to her body. The orphans warmed themselves under the lamp until they became active enough to eat and drink on their own.

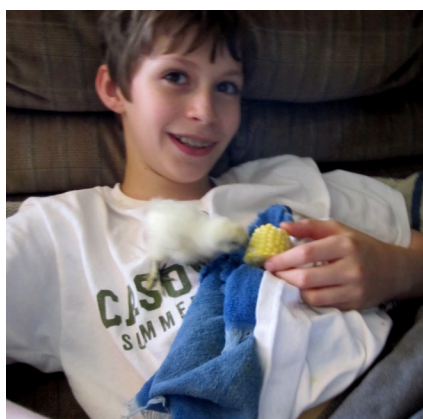
Dudley had no way of knowing that these chicks would need my attention until they “learned the ropes” and could fend for themselves. All Dudley knew was that his master was giving attention to others, and speaking gently to them in a voice that was usually used with him. He retreated to the loveseat and looked brokenhearted.

Have you ever felt that your master was too busy for you? That He was helping others, but not helping you? Did you distance yourself from Him because you were hurt, or because you thought you had lost His love?

Take heart. God’s Word tells us that He loves “his own.” He loves those who have accepted the gift of His son. He assures you that He, “will never leave you or forsake you.”

We should not be discouraged if the Master spends time helping others. If we desire to fellowship with him, all we have to do is “call.” (Jeremiah 33:3)


(...and yes, the chicks did get moved outside into their coop.)



WORSHIP  
SERVICE  
SUNDAY  
11:00 AM

# SEPTEMBER 2017

SUNDAY SCHOOL  
For All Ages  
9:45 AM

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> Naomi Mission Collection UMW Food Pantry Collection	<b>4</b> 	<b>5</b> Prayer Group 10 am - 11 am	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
PASTOR BURT ON VACATION 8/28 - 9/9						
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Prayer Group 10 am- 11 am	<b>13</b> Trustees Mtg. 6:00 Management Team 6:45 pm	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Church School Open House 10 am - noon
<b>17</b> Church School Begins 9:45a Flood Bucket Items Due. UMCOR Special Collection	<b>18</b> October Newsletter Deadline - Noon	<b>19</b> Prayer Group 10 am- 11 am	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> UMW Meeting 10 am
<b>24</b> Rothfus Collection Coffee Hour	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Prayer Group 10 am- 11 am	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>

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