

October 2016

The Shepherd's Messenger



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

FROM
Pastor
Burt



"The Tide is Coming In!"

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

I don't know about you, but I am so encouraged and lifted up by the growing Spirit, energy and enthusiasm of our worship times. I so look forward to being with you and feeling the moving of God's Spirit as we praise God together.

Frank L Accardy writes:

"A rowboat in the sand is hard to move. But when the tide comes in it is easier. The church is like that. When genuine worship is absent from the church, she struggles to do her work, but when a tide of praise uplifts her heart, everything goes better." (Everything Goes Better With Worship)

I personally think that is what we are experiencing right now. A positive moving of God's Holy Spirit brings joy, love, and enthusiasm. As each of us adds our praise, a chorus of celebration rises to our God.

The psalmist writes this in Psalm 100:

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs.

Know that the Lord is God.

It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving

and his courts with praise;

give thanks to him and praise his name.

For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;

his faithfulness continues through all generations.

As we join our hearts & minds together with God's Holy Spirit - men, women, boys, girls - we truly are a tide that will uplift the church we call home -

Cuba United Methodist Church!

God inhabits the praise of His people!

In His Service,

Pastor Burt

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...

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:

Family & friends of Ray Climie
Family & friends of Andrew Cornell
Alice Sweet
Laroy Spateholts

**Prayer LIST Update**

Please keep our prayer list up to date.

We are starting over with the prayer list. 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 drop your request off at the office, or email. *Thank you!*



- 2- Deb Battistoni
- Naomi Scoville
- 4- Marilyn Luckey
- Dwane Wildrick
- 10- Hannah Scoville
- 12- Ruth Holden
- 18- Fred Pearce
- 23- Leah Scoville
- 28- Cheryl Holden

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

Date	Worship	SS	Offering
8/21	37	-	\$1,193.00
8/28	37	-	\$1,378.00
		Rothfus	\$ 125.00
9/4	47		\$2,448.00
9/11	53	23	\$1,305.00
9/18	43	14	\$1,407.00
9/25	38		\$ 887.00
		Rothfus	\$ 99.00

October Helping HandsUshers:

Dean & Cheryl Wildrick

Acolyte:

10/2: Andrew Clement

Altar Guild:

Holly Scoville
Linda Nelson



- 10- Fred & Peggy Pearce
- 16- Vanessa & Derek Clement
- Tom & Judy Krott
- 21- Derwood & Rita Say



Ray Climie passed away on September 15, 2016. His funeral was held at Rinker Funeral Home & Memorial Service on September 17. Pastor Burt officiated. Rob Cornell's Brother, **Andrew Cornell**, Rob's

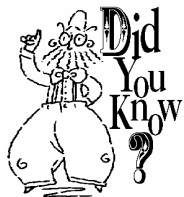


brother, passed away on September 19, 2016. His funeral service was held at Genesis Bible Church in Scio on September 28.



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

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

DYK:*Submitted by Dean Wildrick*

This month's DKY is copied from the UNY conference web site:

Speaking of United Methodists across the country, Donna Cullen, Co-Coordinator of the UNY Volunteers in Mission, said, "We're all connected. It's unfortunate that people in West Virginia had to go through this, but thanks to the connection, there's help."

One unique way that the UNY Conference has assisted in this disaster recovery is by sending a shower trailer down for volunteers to use. And this was no small feat.

The UNY Conference acquired this trailer in 2012. The trailer, donated by CT Express of Durhamville, was transformed from a typical hauler to a shower facility that allows volunteers to stay at disaster sites longer and be able to provide more services to help in the recovery of devastated areas. Six shower stalls were built in the trailer, along a narrow hallway running the length of the space. Each shower is cordoned off with walls and a door and accompanied by a small sink, vanity mirror, light and towel hooks. A high-efficiency washer and dryer were also installed to allow users to do laundry.

In addition to donating the trailer, CT Express owned by Tim Janes, made a five-year commitment to transport the trailer to wherever it's needed. However, the trailer has not been used in recent years due to its need for expensive repairs to the wheels and tires.

However, with the great need in West Virginia, the trailer was taken to the Service Truck Tire Center in Syracuse for the repairs. When they learned that that the trailer was to be used by volunteers responding to the West Virginia floods, Service Truck Tire Center paid more than half of the expense of the tires and wheels.

Once the trailer was repaired and ready to make its way to West Virginia, CT Express hired two drivers to drive it down in early July. When asked how long the trailer was used in West Virginia, Rev. Joe Auslander, UNY Conference Disaster Response Coordinator, responded, "The trailer is still down there and will be at least until the end of the year. There is a lot of recovery work still needed in West Virginia and the recovery will be a long process."

When disasters strike, we often forget all that is involved in the clean-up and recovery efforts. Volunteers helping in West Virginia can count on a nice shower and a way to clean their clothes, thanks to the UNY Conference's shower trailer and all of those who made the repairs and the transportation of the trailer down to West Virginia possible. This is another amazing example of the power of the United Methodist Connection to do things no individual church could do by itself.

**UMW Fall Rummage Sale**

Thursday, October 6, 6 - 9 pm
 Friday, October 7, 11 am - 2 pm
 Saturday October 8, 9 am - Noon
 (\$2 Bag Sale)

Clean-up



Noon - ?



Sue Sim-
UMW's Cheer

mons is the

Person. If you know of someone who needs a note of cheer, please call her at **585-968-1135.**

In the coming weeks, following our Evangelism work, we will be addressing **Stewardship**: Before you reach for your wallet, I want to share with you that STEWARDSHIP IS FAR MORE THAN MONEY.



We will be sharing with you a more wholistic approach to Stewardship, rather than what you may be familiar with from the past, a wholistic approach centers around our membership vows which read:

“Will you be loyal to the United Methodist Church, and uphold it with your TIME, TALENTS, PRAYERS, PRESENCE, GIFTS, WITNESS, and SERVICE?”

This approach to Stewardship is the sum of your commitment to God’s church here in Cuba. That is what is meant by WHOLISTIC. Everything we do in the life of the church, whether it be singing in the choir, teaching church school, attending, serving coffee, praying, whatever you do is being a steward of what God has given you.

That being said, we will be talking about our giving as well. Our financial support is critically important to the future of God’s church.

Please be in prayer for our committee, our budget and the plans we propose for our transition to a new pastor in July 2017.

Finance Committee

Council of Churches News

Submitted by Cindy Dutton

The Cuba Council of Churches met at Cuba United Methodist Church on Tuesday September 13.

The Treasurer’s Report indicated that the Council netted \$424 from the Songs of Hope Concert at the Palmer Opera House during Dairy Week, all of which was given to the Firemen.

The Community Food Pantry, housed at the First Baptist Church but sponsored by all Cuba Churches, received 33 grocery requests and 12 fuel requests in the past four months. Food was distributed during the Baptist Church’s VBS week in cooperation with their school supply program. The Pantry remains well stocked at this time but needs financial support now for the Cuba/Rushford Holiday Assistance Program in two months. Foods needed in the coming months include traditional holiday fare like canned gravy, cranberries and yams, and boxed potatoes and stuffing mixes. Canned meat and soups, peanut butter and jelly, and cereal are always needed also.

Meals on Wheels deliveries are quite low at this time...only 14 delivered last week. Anyone needing assistance with meal preparation are eligible, there are no income guidelines. Attendance at the Cuba Nutrition Site remains strong four days a week.

The Council is hosting a booth at the upcoming Garlic Festival. It will be staffed by clergy and lay people from Cuba Churches. There will be a running slide show of church activities and a map with all churches marked. Requests for prayers will be taken. Plastic bracelets will be passed out that say “Peace” on one side, and “Cuba Council of Churches” on the other.

Crop Walk is scheduled for October 2, 1:30 at Cuba Rushford High School. Proceeds fight hunger.

The Council is investigating the establishment of a scholarship for a high school senior demonstrating Christian values. A committee was formed to study this.

The Council of Churches’ Thanksgiving/Advent Service is on November 27.

The Council of Churches will be preparing and serving a lunch for all Cuba Rushford teachers at an in-service day on November 21. Beef on Weck will be served and each church will be responsible for one assigned side dish for about 200 people.

A Progressive Dinner among the five Cuba Churches will be on Sunday May 7. People will travel from church to church for a five course meal. Last year, CUMC provided the salad course.





Adult Sunday School Studies with Cheryl

PROPHECY #10: Four World Empires in History

Daniel was a young man when troops from Babylon invaded Judah and took the Jews from the Holy Land. He and other friends who were part of the royal family and Jewish nobility (Daniel 1:1-5) were to be trained for three years and then were to enter King Nebuchadnezzar's service in Babylon. Daniel grew in wisdom and became the king's advisor.

King Nebuchadnezzar had a dream and saw a statue. The head was made of gold, the chest and arms were made of silver, the belly and thighs were made of bronze, legs were made of iron, and feet were part iron and part baked clay. In the king's dream, a rock struck the feet of the statue, and the entire thing fell and smashed into pieces. The wind swept away the pieces of the statue, but the rock remained, became a mountain, and filled the earth. (Daniel 2:31-35)

Daniel interpreted the dream for the king. He said that the statue's head of gold stood for the king himself (and the empire of Babylon). The chest and arms of silver stood for a second, inferior, empire. (the empire of the Medes and Persians). The belly and thighs of bronze stood for an empire that would rule over the whole earth. (the empire of Greece). The legs of iron (and feet partially of iron) stood for an empire that would crush and break all the others. (The empire of Rome). The feet and toes that were partly baked clay meant that this fourth kingdom would be a mixture, and not remain united. (Daniel 2:36-43) The rock stands for the Kingdom of Christ which will crush other kingdoms and endure forever. (Daniel 2:44-45)

So, the dream (given by God) acknowledged that Babylon would be an empire, for a time. The dream predicted that the Medo-Persian empire would come next, followed by the Grecian empire and then the Roman empire. Although the prophecy was centuries before, these empires did rise, and were recorded in history.

God gave this prophecy and it came true.

God's other prophecies will come true.



9 Flood buckets were delivered to Christ United Methodist Church in Jamestown on Sept 9th.



I sincerely appreciate the many cards and special thoughts sent to me by my friends and members at the Cuba United Methodist Church for my 90th birthday. Thank you.

Alice Sweet

FILLED BEEF ROLL

Deb Battistoni

1 beaten egg
 ½ cup finely crushed saltine crackers (about 14)
 ¼ cup chopped onion
 ¼ cup milk
 1 pound ground beef
 ½ teaspoon salt
 Dash of pepper

**FILLING:**

1 cup cooked rice
 2 ounces shredded Swiss cheese (½ cup)
 2 Tablespoons chopped green pepper

Mix the meat loaf ingredients together well. On a sheet of wax paper, pat mixture into a 10 inch by 8 inch rectangle. Combine the filling ingredients, and place over the meat leaving a 1 inch margin. Roll up like a jelly roll starting from the narrow end. Seal sides and ends. Place on a baking pan, seam side down. Bake at 350° for 35 minutes. Let stand 5 minutes before serving.

Autumn Beauty

Finish the poem below by using words from this list:



pumpkins
 window
 sky
 grass
 love
 cardinal
 show
 me
 view
 tree

Look out your _____ and what do you see?
 There's a splash of red and gold on the _____!
 Look up at the _____ — it's a bright, clear blue.
 A rainbow of color is in your _____!
 The green of the _____, the brown dirt of the ground,
 Those orange _____ growing around,
 The red of the _____ and black of the crow
 All make for a wonderful, colorful _____.
 And how did these colors all come to be?
 Who gave this beauty to you and to _____?
 These colors came from above
 With God's special paintbrush — his message of _____!



Members & Friends of Cuba U.M.C.,

church.

It is always exciting to see or hear of someone answering a call to the mission field. It is doubly exciting when it is someone whose family has been a part of the ministry of your

This past Management Team meeting we were approached by Naomi Scoville, daughter of Rev. Stan and Holly Scoville, with the opportunity to support her financially. Naomi has been accepted to intern for Eastern Mennonite Missions (EMM) in Cusco, Peru.

She will be working and teaching at their bilingual Christian school, Promesa.

The Management Team unanimously agreed to be a part of her financial support team. Her basic monthly support needs are \$2,091 and totally for the 11 months \$23,004.

Our church has committed to minimally send her \$100.00/month. To help fund that, we are designating our Communion Sundays as the Sunday of this special offering.

We will be making envelopes available and we encourage you to support one of our own as she serves the Lord in mission.

You may make checks payable to Cuba UMC - Naomi Scoville

or to
 EMM designated - Cusco, Peru - N. Scoville

Please Keep Her In Your Prayers
 and
 Thank You For Your Support

Management Team

U M W Meeting September 10, 2016

Submitted by Shirley Poore



Thela, Cindy & Shirley furnished refreshments. There were 10 ladies in attendance. Thela opened meeting with prayer.

Officers:

Thela President
Holly treasurer
Shirley Secretary
Sue Cheer Chair person

Council of Churches needed 1 more from our church, Ruth volunteered to do that.

Going to subscribe to the Response Magazine & start the reading program again. Read 5 books a year. Cindy will have list of books. Anyone interested call Sue Simmons. Also save Giant receipts for Sue.

Eagle Scout Project

Was a list of things we could do.
Sandy made a motion we do books. Cindy 2nd it.
Buying 25 for Pre school & 25 for Kindergarten through third grade.

Will give 2 \$150.00 gift cards for Christmas.. 1 from Kmart, 1 from Giant.

Will discuss in October how we want to support Naomi Scoville.

Rummage October 6, 7, & 8. Will be ad in Patriot & also on Community Calendar will be sign up sheet for help in back of church

Sunday, the 2nd will ask for help after Church to setup tables & get out totes.

Monday the 3rd-9:30-noon

Tuesday-9:30-noon

Wednesday-9:30 if needed

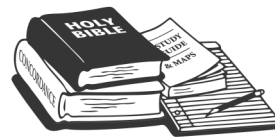
Thursday 6:00-8:00 PM

Friday 11:00-2:00

Saturday \$2.00 bag day. 9:00-noon.

Next Meeting October 15.

Ruth will call to remind ladies.



Begins

Bible Study

Tuesday Oct. 4: 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

DUDLEY TAILS

Hi, It's Dudley. Today I want to tell you about some of my experiences as I visit the residents at Cuba Memorial.

As I pass the first nurses station, I am always greeted by one or more nurses.

Then I lead my master through the double doors that lead to the residences. I trot down the hall, entering the first room that I come to. If someone is there, my master asks if the resident would like a visit. Most do. Some are seated and my master holds me, so they can pet me. Some like me on their lap.

Then we continue down the hall to find others who would like a visit. I have "regulars" that always like a visit. There is a lady who reads in bed in the afternoon. She likes to have me on her bed. She is nice and always gives me dog treats. One day, she was having ice cream (which she shared.)

Then there is the lady who hardly ever leaves her room and has daily pain. She told her daughter about us and said I was well behaved. She likes me on her bed too. And my master always prays with her before we leave. 😊

Soon we pass the next nursing station where I am again greeted, and I see my circle of friends seated around the TV. I make time for each one. They tell me I am "beautiful" and a "good boy." Some like to pet me and others like to hug me. I visit quietly and my master talks with them.

The nurses tell me that I am so helpful to one man who has been isolated and lonely. Now he smiles when he sees me and talks to me a lot.

We visit another lady in her room. She tells stories while I rest on the floor. Sometimes an aide or person delivering laundry will come into the room. They always greet me and sometimes ruffle my hair.

Across the hall, we stop to see a resident who doesn't really remember me, but she loves dogs and likes to see me. We met her daughter once and she asked us to keep visiting her mother.

A few weeks ago something in the residence was different. As soon as we got there, we heard a loud voice that kept shouting. Recently the voice is a loud, constant "singing." Sometimes this bothers the other residents, but this is the lady's home too. One day the lady was sitting in the circle by the TV, "singing." I (Dudley) was uncomfortable. I visited the first three persons, but I really wanted to leave. Then we came to the "singing" lady. We stopped. My master greeted her and spoke while the lady sang. Then my master touched her arm and said, "you have been singing a long time. Don't forget to rest your voice." We moved on to visit others, and the "singing" stopped! She must have been very tired.

Sometimes we visit a man who is in a wheelchair and can't respond much. His wife is with him and helps him to pet me. It makes him happy.

I like it when the residents smile at me. I know they are glad to see me. We will go back again.

Dudley



If anyone would like to go along with us some week, just let me know. (with or without a dog.)
Cheryl 968-1873

WORSHIP
SERVICE
SUNDAY
11:00 AM

OCTOBER 2016

SUNDAY SCHOOL
9:45 AM
For All Ages

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2 Naomi Mission Collection UMW Food Pantry Collection Crop Walk 1:30 pm	3	4 Prayer Group 10 am- 11 am Bible Study 11:am Grief Support Group 12:30 am	5 Bible Study 5-6:30 p Management Team 6:30 pm Choir Practice 7pm	6 UMW Rummage Sale 6-9 pm	7 UMW Rummage Sale 11 am - 2 pm	8 UMW Rummage \$2 Bag Sale 9:00 am - Noon
9 10:30 Pray for Our nation F.R.A.N. Plan Consecration Sunday	10	11 Prayer Group 10 am- 11 am Bible Study 11:am	12 Bible Study 5-6:30 p Choir Practice 7 pm	13	14	15 UMW Meeting 10 am
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O hushed October morning mild,
Thy leaves have ripened to the fall;
Tomorrow's wind, if it be wild,
Should waste them all.

The crows above the forest call;
Tomorrow they may form and go.

O hushed October morning mild,
Begin the hours of this day slow.

Make the day seem to us less brief.
Hearts not averse to being beguiled,

Beguile us in the way you know.
Release one leaf at break of day;

At noon release another leaf;
One from our trees, one far away.

Retard the sun with gentle mist;
Enchant the land with amethyst.

Slow, slow!

For the grapes' sake, if the were all,
Whose leaves already are burnt with frost,

Whose clustered fruit must else be lost—
For the grapes' sake along the all.

Robert Frost