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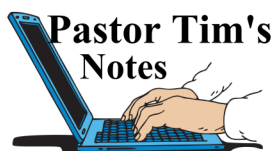
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KNOWING JESUS THE GOOD
SHEPHERD & SHARING THE
RISEN CHRIST WITH ALL.



Pastor Tim's Notes

WHAT IS A CHURCH?

One of the assignments for the Hand to Plow process I am engaged in is to re-read the Book of Acts. This is the history of the early church, and answers the question, "What is a church?" Many of us have a variety of ideas of what a church is and what its purposes are. These ideas drive the activities that a church engages in. As your Pastor, it is my "job" to teach you what the Word of God says.

In Acts 2:42-47 is a six verse snapshot of what the first century church was and what our church should be, since this is the Biblical model.

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe, and many wondrous and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to everyone as he had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. (NIV)

In this passage I find the five purposes of a church. Do these reflect **our** church?

- Corporate **worship** (what the early disciples did in the temple courts)
- Spiritual growth (devoting themselves to the apostles teaching); discipleship
- Community (commitment to "having everything in common"); fellowship
- Service ("...they gave to anyone who had need"); missions
- Extending the faith (evidenced by the new people who were "being saved" on a daily basis); evangelism

I believe God's preferred future for Cuba UMC includes all of these functions of a true church. Our challenge is to prayerfully study and discern how these functions will be happening in a unique way in and through the called out people called Cuba UMC.

Pastor Tim

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...

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.

Others to keep in prayer:

Chuck Brooks
Veronica Clayson
Braden Currier
Kenny Glass
Tyler Griffon
Norma Guinnip
Jeffrey Kellogg
Stephanie LaFever
Amber Lunn (2 yrs. old)
Jim Maxim
Bruce Metler
Mina (Doris Wyant's sister)
Nellie Moses
Wanda Pease
Keith Pierce
Harley Poore
Kelly Roberts
Cheryl Tanner
Judy Warner
Martha Wetzler
Lola Wilson



- 3 - Tim Kunz
- 8 - Tom Krott
- 9 - Sue Simmons
- 11 - Jeremy Wildrick-Cole
- 14 - Judy Krott
- 16 - Lisa Kellogg
Bruce Metler
- 17 - Joyce Amundson
- 22 - Ryan Morris
Logan VanNess
- 23 - Kelly Brickey



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



- 8 - Tom & Darcy Eastham
- 26 - Mike & Marjanne Kunz

**Cuba November Helping Hands**Ushers:

Dean & Cheryl Wildrick

Greeters:

- 11/2 *Harley & Shirley Poore*
- 11/9 *Open for you*
- 11/16 *Open for you*
- 11/23 *Open for you*
- 11/30 *Open for you*

Acolyte:

- 11/2
- 11/9
- 11/16 Austin Clement
- 11/23
- 11/30 Andrew Clement

Liturgists

- 11/2 Shelly Giczkowski
- 11/9 Teen from Confirmation Class
- 11/16 Sandy Tsujimoto
- 11/23 Jenny Gleason
- 11/30 Claire Morris

Junior Church

- 11/2 Mary Hupp
- 11/9 Mary Hupp
- 11/16 Mary Hupp
- 11/23 No Junior Church
- 11/30 Mary Hupp

Altar Guild

Sandy Tsujimoto



TEEN SUNDAY SCHOOL

We are well underway with our study of World Religions. This topic was suggested by last year's students and has proven to be interesting for me, as the facilitator, and I hope for the students. I have been using Reverend Adam Hamilton's book Christianity and World Religions for background information and to help frame discussions. Hamilton states, "...it is essential that Christians seek to understand the faiths of others—to know how these faiths are similar to and different from their own faith—and to use that understanding 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." Now the exciting part; I have put together a schedule of lessons that includes guest speakers knowledgeable about each religion. My hope is that this will add meaning to each religion discussed and deepen the learning for the students and for me.

In other news, we are enjoying a new dvd player and 30" flat screen TV in our classroom. Also, several students are bringing a small offering each week and will decide how to use the funds at some point. It is my privilege to work with these young people.

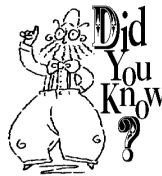
Michael Kunz



On October 26, Dr. Yogini Kothari spoke to our teen Sunday School students on Hinduism. We learned that Hinduism is a "way of life" more than a religion.

DYK:

Submitted by Dean Wildrick



Did You Know? Upper New York Camp & Retreat Ministries, in conjunction with the Episcopal Office and the Order of Deacons, will host the Conference's first *Confirmation Retreat* for youth who are preparing for the sacramental rites of confirmation, reception or reaffirmation of their baptismal vows.

The *Confirmation Retreat* will take place on Friday and Saturday, March 20 and 21, 2015, and be held simultaneously at Asbury, Casowasco, Findley, and Sky Lake Camp & Retreat centers."

Cuba Management Team Meeting Highlights

Submitted by Paul Tsujimoto



- ♦ West side of church roof has been re-shingled
- ♦ 2015 budget was approved
- ♦ New wireless microphones have been installed
- ♦ Kitchen oven/stove was repaired
- ♦ Looking into purchasing new stoves
- ♦ Carpets have been cleaned
- ♦ Preparing for trustee spaghetti dinner



Remember to set your clocks back Saturday night November 1

before going to bed. Daylight Savings Time Ends on Sunday November 2 at 2:00 am.

PLANNING CONFERENCE



Thank you to everyone who participated in our second annual planning conference. After discussing our progress in making disciples of Jesus Christ over the past year, we realized that we were in a different place as the body of Christ. Pastor Tim reminded us of the purpose of the church and the key functions that needed to be present for us to survive: Worship, ministry, evangelism, fellowship, and discipleship. With these in mind, as well as our weaknesses and opportunities as a congregation, we began setting our church's goals for 2015. The leadership and management team will be completing this important work, as well as beginning a visioning process to discern where God wants Cuba UMC to be in three years as it is fulfilling its mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Lost



Over a year ago, the UMW purchased two 9" X 13" metal cake pans and left them in the church kitchen to use for Bereavement Dinners. They have disappeared! Does anyone know where they are? Thanx!!

Cindy



The Altar Guild is missing one altar cloth with a cross embroidered on it. Please check your ironing basket etc.

Give thanks

Find the words that are missing from the verses below. Use the graph to find the letters. For example: 3, 11 = b.

1) "I 3,5 2,6 3,4 1,7 2,7 my 1,10 2,5 2,8 3,4 1,4 3,8 3,4 1,9 1,6 when I 2,9 2,4 3,9 2,4 3,9 3,11 2,4 2,9 you in my 2,10 2,9 3,4 1,9 2,4 2,9 1,6." (Philemon 1:4)

2) "Be 3,10 1,11 1,4 1,4 2,4 2,8 with the 1,6 2,10 1,11 2,9 1,11 3,5 ... always and for 2,4 3,6 2,4 2,9 1,9 3,5 2,6 1,11 1,7 1,8 giving 3,5 2,6 3,4 1,7 2,7 1,6." (Ephesians 5:18, 20)

3) "Give 3,5 2,6 3,4 1,7 2,7 1,6 in all 2,11 1,11 2,9 2,11 3,7 3,9 1,6 3,5 3,4 1,7 2,11 2,4 1,6." (1 Thessalonians 5:18)



Graph								
1	I	J	s	n	g	y	G	i
2	e	o	h	k	d	r	p	c
3	a	t	v	u	w	m	f	b
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	

SWEET POTATO SOUFFLE

Claire Morris

2 cups mashed sweet potato
 ½ stick oleo, salt to taste
 1 cup sugar
 3 eggs
 ¾ to 1 cup milk
 1 tsp. vanilla
 ¼ tsp. lemon extract
 ½ cup seedless raisins
 Marshmallows



Recipe
 FROM THE
 Cuba UMC
 Cook Book

Boil, peel, and mash sweet potatoes. While warm add other ingredients, top with marshmallows and bake in 350° oven until done, or brown. You may need to bake awhile before adding the marshmallows. I'm sure you do.

Cuba United Methodist Women News

Submitted by Judy Zayac



The United Methodist Women met in Wesley Hall on Saturday, October 11th.

The Trash & Treasures sale went well and we had **LOTS** of stuff. **Many thanks** to all who donated treasures and those who sorted, priced and worked so hard to make it a success. We are hoping to do another in the Spring.

The plan for November is to meet at Thela's home on Saturday, November 8th, to make children's fleece hats. Thela will have her sewing machine and some fabric and others will bring theirs.



SPECIAL EVENTS

- | | |
|---------------|---|
| Sun., Nov. 2 | All Saints Sunday |
| Tues., Nov. 4 | Election Day Dinner |
| Sun., Nov. 9 | Veterans Sunday – Special Offering – Strength for Service |



A long minute

Occasionally we come across a disaster in the making. For instance, a certain food editor for a newspaper received a call from a woman who wondered how long it took to roast a turkey.

Reaching for his chart which would tell him how long turkeys of various weights should be cooked, the editor said, "Just a moment." The woman on the phone said, "Thank you" and hung up.



The Annual Election Day Spaghetti Dinner
is Tuesday November 4
4:00 - 7:00 PM
in Wesley Hall

Adults - \$7.00
Children under 12 - \$4.00
Spaghetti and Meatballs
Tossed salad, Beverages, Rolls, Pies

Take Outs Available

Offering Envelopes



It is almost time to distribute offering envelopes for 2015. I will work from the list for 2014 so if you would like to be removed from the list or you did not have envelopes in 2014 and would like them, please contact me. We only used about 60% of our minimum order quantity in 2014 so there is plenty to go around.

Dean Wildrick, financial secretary
wild@eznet.net

CUBA LEADERSHIP TEAM



Leadership team members have been contacting inactive members of Cuba UMC, inviting them to rejoin our fellowship. We will be listening for reasons why inactive members may not be attending worship.

Ministry needs and plans were discussed including a Confirmation class organized by Pastor Tim, worship music that will appeal to all ages, and Crop Walk. Beginning this year, we will invite community youth to participate as an extension of Summer Shenanigans.

Plans were finalized for the Cuba UMC annual planning conference.



Making Cards & Austin Clement reading scripture for Children's Moment

Glory to the Newborn King!

The Houghton College Christmas Prism concert, "Glory to the Newborn King" will be presented on Saturday December 6, at the College. More than 200 students will explore the joy of Christmas through music, visual art, poetry and Scripture.

Last year, several members of CUMC attended this beautiful presentation together. Ticket prices this year are: \$10 adult – performance only; \$5 Senior Citizen and child – performance only; \$30 dinner and performance, all ages. The formal dinner is at 6pm, the performance is at 8pm.

If you would like to go as a group, let Cindy Dutton know by Monday November 10 and she will make reservations.



On October 12, the youth, under the direction of Marjanne Kunz, made a wooden pumpkin for display in front of the church.

Friendship UMC

Friendship United Methodist Women News

Submitted by President Vicki Baker



The UMW met at the church on Thurs. Oct. 9 at 7 pm. There were 6 members present. We held our business meeting and talked about the church craft sale in Nov. Vicki did a program on fall which explained how Christians relate to the colors of the leaves. There was a "quiz", "Going on a Nature Walk". It was on God's Creation, and what he did on each day. We ended with colorful fall refreshments from our hostess, Olive. Our next UMW Mtg. will be Nov. 13 at the home of Ann Wereley at 7:00 pm. This is the World Thank Offering and Pledge Service. Bring your Thank Offering's with you.



The Inter-Community Choir will present the Christmas Cantata, "The Winter Rose", by Joseph Martin. We hope you will come out and enjoy this beautiful presentation of readings and songs to celebrate the Christmas season. The presentations are the following dates, times, and locations:

Saturday, December 6th, 7:00 p.m. at the Cuba Methodist Church
 Sunday, December 7th, 4:00 p.m. at the Belfast Methodist Church
 Saturday, December 13th, 7:00 p.m. at the Friendship Methodist Church
 Sunday, December 14th, 4:00 p.m. at the Friendship Methodist Church

Friendship S/PPRC NEWS

At our S/PPRC meetings on Sept. 15th and Oct. 13th, we spent quite a bit of time discussing a number of responsibilities of the pastor. We prioritized these responsibilities based on the needs of our church at this time, and we came to consensus on six that Pastor Tim should focus on. Those six goals are:

- 1.) Leading worship and preaching
- 2.) A leader among leaders
- 3.) Personal and spiritual growth
- 4.) Visiting (shut-ins and those in hospitals)
- 5.) Administration
- 6.) Teaching

If you have any questions about these goals, please feel free to ask any member of the S/PPRC Committee and we will try to answer your questions.

Members of the committee are: Jackie Ward, Jean Bessey, Shirley Barber, Diane Langdon, Dolly Marks, and Sandy Golden.

Friendship UMC

November Birthdays

- 8 – Aimee (Golden) Glover
- 9 – Tiffany Craddock
- 10 – Charles Lagerstadt
- 19 – Sherry Budinger
- 25 – Ray Hoopes, Jr.
Ann Wereley
- 27 – Sheryl Hoopes
- 29 – Dean Bogart



Nellie Hoopes
Joyce Weatherly
Diana Langdon



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

November Anniversaries

- 2 – Cyril & Ronna Jordan
- 8 – Robert & Wilma Brigham

Craft Sale



The Craft Sale will be Friday, November 21, 2014, from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm. A new name for the event was developed. It is "Holiday Crafts & Treats Sale".

Muffin's and Beverage's are available all day and there will be a soup Lunch served. Treats and baked goods are good sellers. Sign-up sheets for workers will appear soon. Hopefully there are many hands busy making wonderful items to sell.

Election Night Supper

Election Day is November 4. Our Annual Dinner will be served from 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm. Cost will be \$8.00 for adults, \$4.00 for kids, and \$20.00 for families. Cindy Pierce and Penny Baxter will be chairing this event. Sign-up sheets are in the foyer.



Bee Mason passed away on September 29, 2014. A Celebration of her Life and Resurrection Service was held at Cuba UMC on Tuesday, October 7. Pastor Tim officiated.




"We're going to my Grandma's on Thursday to pig out ... and also be thankful."

November 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
2 Daylight Savings Time Ends UMW Food Pantry Collection <i>Cantata Practice</i> 4:00 pm	3	4 Election Day Cuba Spaghetti Dinner 4:00-7:00 pm	5 Friendship Choir 6:30 pm Cuba Choir 7:00 pm	6	7	1 Lunch On Us 11:30-12:30 8 Cuba UMW 10 a
9 <i>Cantata Practice</i> 4:00 pm	10 O.E.S. Mtg. 11:30 am	11 Cuba Clergy 11 am @ Baptist Church Council of churches @ 1:00 @ Baptist	12 Friendship Choir 6:30 pm Cuba Choir 7:00 pm	13 Community Choir Prac- tice @ Baptist 7 pm UMW Mtg. At Am's 7 pm	14	15 Kung Fu 6-8a Lunch On Us 11:30-12:30
16 Poinsettia Order Deadline <i>Cantata Practice</i> 4:00 pm	17 Dec. Newsletter Deadline Leadership Team 7:00 pm	18 PPRC Meeting @ Friendship 7:00 pm	19 Friendship Choir 6:30 pm Cuba Choir 7:00 pm	20 WTC Community Choir Prac- tice @ Baptist 7 pm	21 Friendship HOLIDAY CRAFTS & TREATS SALE 9 am - 6 pm	22 Kung Fu 6-8 a Trustee Break- fast Lunch On Us 11:30-12:30
23 <i>Cantata Practice</i> 4:00 pm	24 O.E.S. Mtg. 11:30 am	25	26 Friendship Choir 6:30 pm Cuba Choir 7:00 pm	27  thanksgiving	28	29 Kung Fu 6-8:00 am Lunch On Us 11:30-12:30
30 Rothfus Offering Community Thanksgiv- ing/Advent Service 6 pm North Park Wesleyan <i>Cantata Practice</i> 4:00 pm						

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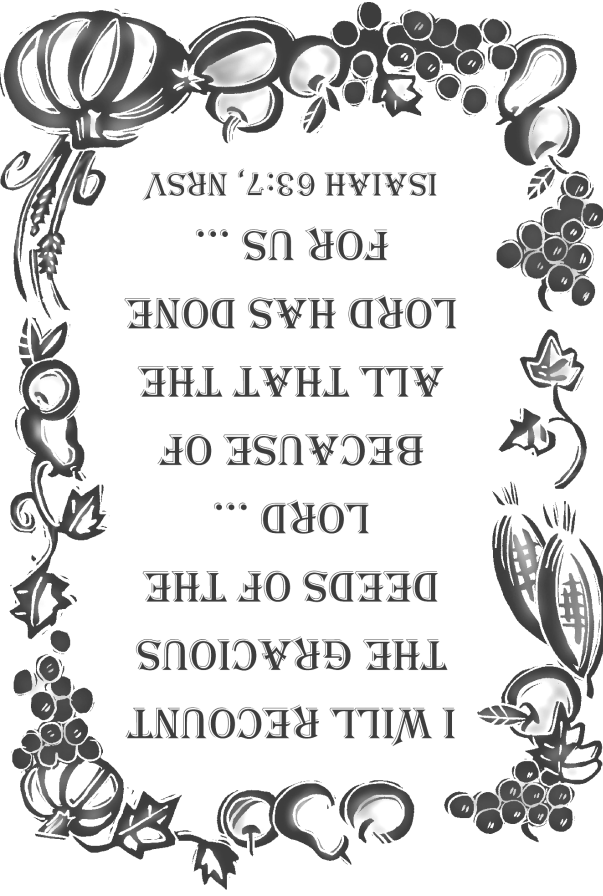
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