

November 2015

The Shepherd's Messenger



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

FROM
Pastor
Burt



"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

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

Lamentations 3:22-23

"Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; Great is your faithfulness."

Well I don't know about you, but it seems to me this year has flown by. November is here and the Thanksgiving holiday will soon be upon us! Wow!

Thanksgiving - one day we set aside in a year that is filled with so many things to be thankful for everyday!

One of my favorite hymns of this harvest season is "Great is Thy Faithfulness." (Words by Thomas O. Chisholm, music by William Runyan).

Chisholm was born in a log cabin in Kentucky. He was converted to Christianity by evangelist H.C. Morrison. Chisholm was a very sickly man. His health was up and down throughout his life. Despite this, Chisholm discovered new blessings from God every morning. Lamentations 3:22-23 became precious to him and after 30 years of serving Christ he wrote these words:

"Great is thy faithfulness, O God My Father, there is no shadow of turning with thee, thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not; as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be!

Chorus - Great is thy faithfulness!

Great is thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed thy hand hath provided;
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!"

My prayer for you this Thanksgiving season is that you might reflect on these thoughts from Chisholm and give THANKS TO GOD!

Enjoy your family, friends, food and football, all the time reflecting on God's faithfulness to you and yours.

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...

Brandon Snyder - 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:

Barb & John Brant
Chuck Brooks
Veronica Clayson
Virginia Clayson
Ray Climie
Jan Congdon
Braden Currier
Sid Emmons
Joyce Enderle
Art Higby
Jeffrey Kellogg
Stephanie LaFever
Bruce Metler
Wanda Pease
Keith Pierce
Kerigan Pierce
Family & Friends of Harley Poore
Leroy Sherwood
Muriel Small
Laroy Spateholts
Judy Warner
Ken Wyant



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

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

Date	Worship	SS	Offering
9/27	20	9	\$1,731.65
9/27		Rothfus	\$ 163.00
10/4	31	10	\$1,438.00
10/11	32	7	\$1,170.00
10/18	55	12	\$1,119.00
10/25	56	20	\$2,105.00
10/25		Rothfus	72.00

Cuba November Helping HandsUshers:

Dean & Cheryl Wildrick

Greeters:

11/1 *Open for you*
11/8 *Open for you*
11/15 *Open for you*
11/22 *Open for you*
11/29 *Open for you*

Acolyte:

11/1 Austin Clement
11/8
11/15
11/22
11/29

Altar Guild

Cindy Dutton & Holly Scoville

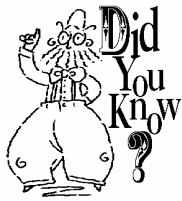


If you have a need for
prayer, call the prayer
chain.

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



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

DYK:*Submitted by Dean Wildrick*

On Sept. 23rd the Cortland, NY Hands of Hope HUB brought a 16 foot truck loaded with supplies to Mission Central. There were medical supplies; shoes; UMCOR kits : 897 health kits, 124 flood buckets, 289 school kits, 97 layette kits, 36 birthing kits; and 10 heaters that were donated by the NY Red Cross for UMCOR for use in shower trailers at disaster response sites. The value of their load was estimated at \$100,000.



Christmas Prism at Houghton College

Saturday Dec 5, Dinner at 6:00 pm and musical program "Celebrate the Prince of Peace!" At 8:00 pm. Tickets are on sale now....Contact Cindy Dutton by Nov 1 if you want to go...we will have our own CUMC table for dinner....I don't have a dinner price yet.

CUBA UMW MEETING

Submitted by Shirley Poore

The November meeting will be November 21 at 10:00 AM. Shirley will provide refreshments We will be completing the school kits.

Rummage sale was a success-made \$381.00 Thanks to all who helped. Have some Recipe books left-\$5:00, would make a good Christmas Gift.



"I don't know where Cain and Abel went for Thanksgiving, Son. I just know they didn't go to Grandma's."



The Boys Junior Choir
sang at the Oct. 25 Worship Service







A Bible Time Feast

We celebrate important events and holidays by gathering for meals – for feasts! The disciples and other people who lived in Bible times did the same. “Breaking bread” together was, and is, an important part of our lives. The early Christians often met for an Agape meal – a time of friendship and fellowship.

We might enjoy ham or turkey or lasagna and pumpkin pie or cheesecake. What would a menu from an early Christian Agape meal look like?



Look up each Scripture reference to complete the menu below.

Grilled _____ (Matthew 7:10)		_____ (Ezekiel 4:12)
_____ (Deuteronomy 23:24)		_____ (Leviticus 2:4)
Loaf of _____ (1 Chronicles 16:3)		_____ (Numbers 11:5)
_____ (2 Samuel 23:11)		_____ (Job 10:10)
		_____ (Deuteronomy 28:40)
_____ (Genesis 25:30)	M	_____ (Numbers 11:5)
O _____ (Numbers 11:5)	Cake of _____ (1 Chronicles 16:3)	
		

(or pottage), melons, onions, cake of dates (or raisins), fish, barley cake, grapes, cakes, loaf of bread, cucumbers, lentils, cheese, olives, stew

Adult Sunday School Class



Meets at 9:50 am in Adult Sunday School Room.

A Time of learning about God's Big Picture.

What was, what is, and what will be.

EASY PUMPKIN ROLL

Judy Zayac



Recipe
FROM THE
Cuba UMC
Cook Book

1 cup sugar
3 eggs
2/3 cup pumpkin
3/4 cup flour
1/2 tsp. Cinnamon
1 tsp. Salt
2 tsp. Baking soda
3/4 cup chopped walnuts

Cream together sugar and eggs. Add pumpkin. Add dry ingredients (soda last). Spray bottom and sides of jelly roll pan with Pam spray. Line with wax paper or parchment paper. Spread the batter on the pan and sprinkle 3/4 Cup Chopped Walnuts on the top. Bake at 350° for 10-15 minutes (dough should spring back when pressed lightly).

Sprinkle dish towel (low nap or linen) with powdered sugar. Flip the baked pumpkin roll onto the towel. Gently peel away the wax paper. Roll up in the towel end to end.

Let cool to slightly warmer than room temperature and un-roll the towel so cake is flat.

Cream Cheese Filling

8 oz. cream cheese (room temperature)

2 TBS. butter (room temperature)

1 tsp. vanilla extract

1 cup powdered sugar

Cream all ingredients together thoroughly and spread filling evenly across the pumpkin roll. Re-roll without towel and chill before serving. Slice and serve.



Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday morning, Nov. 1. Turn your clocks back one hour Saturday night Oct. 31.





Pastor Burt & Children's Moment



Dedication of Sunday School & Teachers
at October 18 Worship Service



Submitted by Sandra Allen

**"In the depths of who I am I rejoice in God my Savior."
Luke 1:47**

The elementary Sunday School class is diving deep into the Bible. The Bible is a gift to us from God and we are learning how to "dive deeper" into it to live for Jesus.

We started our Sunday School year at the beginning of the Bible, Genesis 1, where we have learned about God's creation. We made a bulletin board and invite you to come to our room to see it.

Thank you to our church family for supporting our children and especially to the parents for bringing your children.



ANNOUNCEMENTS



Confirmation Class - Sunday Mornings
9:45 - 10:30 with Pastor Burt
Sunday Nov. 8 - Veteran's Day Service
Saturday Nov. 14 10:00 am Church/Charge
Conference at Christ UMW Olean
Sunday Nov. 15 - Service of Healing
Sunday Nov. 22 - Thanksgiving Sunday
Prayer Group begins Nov. 3 10 AM - 11 AM at church

ADVENT MISSION PROJECT
Africa 360 is coming

THANKSGIVING IS A WAY OF LIFE

True thanksgiving is not a mere matter of verbal acknowledgement, or of some formal ascription of praise, or of some beautiful song rejoicing because of benefits received.

True thanksgiving is an acknowledgement of a debt received from the Divine Source, plus an effort to help repay that indebtedness by service directed toward doing the will of God upon earth. Doing of God's will can be achieved largely by sharing with all persons everywhere the gifts -- physical and spiritual -- which God has placed under our control but not necessarily for our sole and selfish consumption.

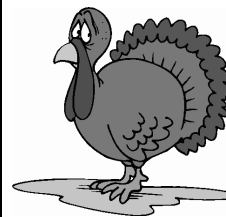
The truly thankful Christian, like Paul of old, centers his life and his faith in thankfulness; he acknowledges a debt to a Power higher and greater than self; and tries, in some small way, to pay that debt by sharing. Thankfulness becomes a way of life.

—The United Methodist Church
Mogadore, OH

A stanza for Veterans Day

As we remember America's veterans on November 11, we would do well to read again the third stanza of Katherine Lee Bate's *America the Beautiful*:

O beautiful for heroes proved
In liberating strife,
Who more than self
Their country loved,
And mercy more than life!
America! America!
May God thy gold refine,
Till all success be nobleness,
And every gain divine!



Whew!

On the Sunday before Thanksgiving, a Sunday school teacher asked her class of children what they would be thankful for during the coming celebration. One of the boys eagerly responded, "I'll be thankful I'm not a turkey."

... AND THEY GAVE THANKS

Jesus stood in the midst of 5,000 hungry people with only one sack lunch. He could have panicked or complained. Instead, He looked up and gave thanks.



This same Jesus sat in a room with the twelve disciples. It seemed at this time that everything was lost and nothing had been gained. He might have become bitter. Instead, the Bible tells us, "He took bread and gave thanks." (Luke 22:19)

A ship, loaded with 276 people, was caught in the midst of a raging storm at sea. For two weeks they had been tossed about and it seemed inevitable that they would be dashed on the rocks. It was a terrifying situation. Then Paul stood up, "took bread, and gave thanks to God!" (Acts 27:35)

Nearly half the small band had died during the preceding winter. They were thousands of miles from family surroundings. But in spite of their hard experience, they knelt to thank God for their blessings.

"... and they gave thanks."

HOW ABOUT YOU?




—Northeast Park Baptist Church



WORSHIP SERVICE
SUNDAY 11:00 AM

2015

SUNDAY SCHOOL
10:00 AM
ADULT: 9:50 AM
CONFIRMATION CLASS
9:45 am - 10:30 am

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1  Daylight Savings Time Ends UMW Food Pantry Collection	2	3 Prayer Group 10 am- 11 am @ Church	4 Choir Practice 7:00 pm	5	6	7
8 Veteran's Day Service	9	10 Prayer Group 10 am- 11 am @ Church	11  Choir Practice 7:00 pm	12	13	14 Charge Conference 10:00 am Christ UMC- Olean
15 Service of Healing	16	17 Prayer Group 10 am- 11 am @ Church	18 Choir Practice 7:00 pm	19	20	21 UMW 10:00 am Wesley Hall
22 Thanksgiving Sunday Holy Baptism	23	24 Prayer Group 10 am- 11 am @ Church	25 Choir Practice 7:00 pm	26  <i>thanksgiving</i>	27	28
29 1st Sunday of Advent Rothfus offering	30					

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