

November 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 Golden Ladder of Stewardship"

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



When I was a younger pastor, I had this idea of how I was going to preach on Stewardship. I secured a 6 ft. wooden ladder and spray painted it gold. Each Sunday I preached on a step of the ladder. Each step represented a stage in our growth to Wholistic Stewardship.

As I recall, it went something like this:

Step 1 - Infancy is marked by non-giving demonstrated by the man in Luke 12:16-18.

Step 2 - Impulse Giving such as Zacchaeus in Luke 19:8.

Step 3 - Legalistic Giving described in Luke 11:42

Step 4 - Christians at a secondary level of maturity - give in keeping with the stewards honest management - Luke 21:1-4

Step 5 - Love Giving - demonstrated by the poor widow in Luke 21:1-4

Step 6 - The Level of Faith Giving - based on Luke 12:28 - persons who give sacrificially, gladly and by faith, trusting God to meet their needs.

Well, this is something to think about as we approach the Thanksgiving holiday.

We are given so many blessings! What rung of the ladder do you find yourself on? Are you ready to step up in faith to the next rung? God keeps his promises! Step up and see!!!

Pastor Burt

Happy
THANKSGIVING!

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:

Tom Bean
Laroy Spateholts
Thela Snow
Alice Sweet
Ken Wyant

**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



8 - Tom Krott
9 - Sue Simmons
14 - Judy Krott
16 - Bruce Metler
17 - Joyce Amundson
22 - Ryan Morris
Logan VanNess
23 - David Battistoni



8 - Tom & Darcy Eastham

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

Date	Worship	SS	Offering
10/2	42		\$2,137.80
10/2		Naomi	\$ 235.00
10/9	45	16	\$1,312.00
10/16	54	18	\$1,433.00
10/23	58	21	\$4,028.00

November Helping HandsUshers:

Dean & Cheryl Wildrick

Pianist:

Christine Berardi

Organist:

Jonathan Denham

Altar Guild:

Holly Scoville
Linda Nelson



Ruth Coats, Claire Morris' Mother, passed away on Oct. 7, 2016. Her Funeral was held at Scio UMC on Oct. 22.

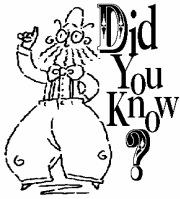


Sue Simmons is the UMW's **Cheer Person**. If you know of someone who needs a note of cheer, please call her at **585-968-1135**.



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*

The October issue of Upper New York's Media Resource Center newsletter is now available for download. The Media Resource Center - a free lending library supported through your shared ministry dollars - publishes the monthly newsletter, which features new resources that are currently available or coming soon along with assorted pieces of information about the resource center from Director Diane Miner.

U M W Meeting October 15, 2016*Submitted by Shirley Poore*

United
Methodist
Women

Refreshments were provided by Thela & Cindy.
Thela opened meeting with prayer.
Minutes from last meeting were read & accepted.
Treasure report was given & accepted.

Officers vote-

President-Thela
Vice President-Janet
Treasurer-Holly
Secretary-Shirley
Cheer Chair Person-Sue

Going to subscribe to the Response Magazine
& start the reading program, Cindy has a list of books.
Were 6 who signed up to do it.
Anyone else interested call Sue Simmons.
Also save Giants receipts for her.

Thela had samples of material for Curtains,
we decided on 1, she will make them.

We need new flat ware for dinners.
Knives, forks & spoons - 40 pieces of each.
Also some new Coffee Carafes.

Getting gift card for Pastor Burt for Pastor
Appreciation Day.

Next Meeting November 19 10:00 AM
Ruth will call everyone to remind them.
All Ladies welcome.

Everything I need to know about life, I learned from Noah's Ark

One: Don't miss the boat.

Two: Remember that we are all in the same boat.

Three: Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.

Four: Stay fit. When you're 600 years old, someone may ask you to do something really big.

Five: Don't listen to critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.

Six: Build your future on high ground.

Seven: For safety's sake, travel in pairs.

Eight: Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.

Nine: When you're stressed, float a while.

Ten: Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic by professionals.

Eleven: No matter the storm, when you are with God, there's always a rainbow waiting.

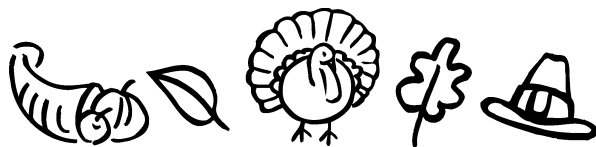
APPLE BREAD

Sue Simmons (In memory of mother Ruth Galente)

- ½ cup shortening
- ½ tsp salt
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup chopped apples
- 2 cups flour
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 4 TBS. milk
- ¼ cup chopped nuts
- 2 tsp. baking power



Cream shortening, sugar, salt and vanilla until light. Add eggs and beat well. Add milk, apples and nuts. Stir. Mix in flour and baking powder. Put in greased loaf pan, bake at 350° for one hour. When cool, pour glaze over bread and let drip down sides.



SO MANY BLESSINGS

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)

(Numbers 11:5)

O _____

(Numbers 11:5)

Cake of _____

(1 Chronicles 16:3)

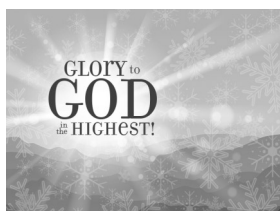


Council of Churches Christmas Assistance Program

The return date for applications for the Christmas Assistance Program students/families in need is November 10th. Donation drop off day will be Monday, December 12 at Cuba First Baptist Church. Sorting day will be Tuesday, December 13th beginning at 8:30 a.m. at Cuba First Baptist Church.

Distribution date will be on Thursday, December 15th from 8:30-11:00 a.m. and from 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.

Many volunteers are needed on sorting and distribution days.



The Houghton College Christmas Prism Concert will be Saturday, December 3 at the College Chapel. Tickets are ...concert only: \$10 adult, \$5 Seniors, \$5 children; dinner (which has always been excellent) and concert is \$30. I am happy to get tickets for us all so we can sit together...how about if you have your money to me by Sunday November 13. Our organist Jonathan Denham performed last year and I expect he will this year also...It is an **awesome** event! Please **contact Cindy Dutton**.



Adult Sunday School Studies with Cheryl

PROPHECY #11: The Babylonian Empire

In the Old Testament, God told Daniel that four world empires would arise in the future, and they did. The Babylonian Empire was named after the city of Babylon which had always been associated with rebellion against God. (Genesis 11:1-9)

There are several prophecies concerning the Babylonian Empire.

1. The empire of Babylon would later be defeated by the Medes and Persians. (Isaiah 13:17-19) And it was defeated in 539 B.C. (Jeremiah 50:1-3, 9)
2. Babylon would be destroyed completely in the End Times. (Rev. 14:8) (Rev. 18:1-2) Babylon in the future will pervert Biblical religion.

— The prophecy of the fall of the Babylonian Empire came true.

PROPHECY #12: The (Mede and) Persian Empire

There are several prophecies concerning this empire.

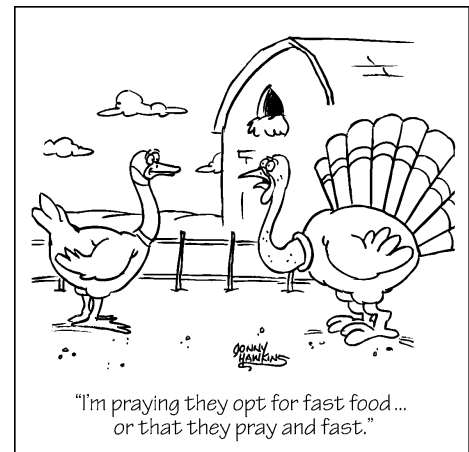
1. The combined empire of Media and Persia is described in prophecy as the “ram with two horns”. (Daniel 8:3-4) This is because the empire would be ruled by two countries. But, Persia was stronger than Media.
2. The empire of Greece is described as a goat with one horn. (Daniel 8:5) Alexander the Great destroyed the empire of Medo-Persia. (Daniel 8:6-7)

— The prophecy of the fall of the Medo-Persian empire came true.

During this historical period, the Jews (led by Ezra) were allowed to return to Judah and rebuild the temple in Jerusalem. Later more Jews (led by Nehemiah) returned and rebuilt the wall around Jerusalem.



Daylight Savings Time
ends early Sunday
morning, Nov. 6.
Remember to turn your
clocks back one hour
Saturday night, Nov. 5.



DUDLEY TAILS

Hi, it's Dudley again. Since Cuba Memorial has two floors of residents, I have more experiences to tell you about.

The first time that I rode in the elevator, I was a little scared. The doors closed me within a small room. And then, the room moved! All of a sudden the doors opened, so I ran out.

My nose led me to the big dinning room where I found a few good crumbs on the floor. I went over to a small group of ladies who were making blankets with ties around the edges. The all smiled at me and petted me.

As I trotted down the hall, I rushed into the first room I came to. My master stopped me, and knocked on the open door. She asked the resident if he would like a visit. When we are invited into a room, we enter. Some people are not "dog people" and we move on.

A little white-haired woman always sits by her door. She smiles a lot and talks very gently. I like her. The lady sitting next to her gets very excited when she sees me. She carries on a conversation with me, looking only at me.

Nurses and visitors walk by, each with a compliment for me.

Next, I enter the room of a young-looking woman who is in a wheel chair. She calls my name and I trot over to her. She is a "regular" who always likes to see me. So does the woman across the hall who invites me to come up on her bed. Oh, good. I can rest awhile while she talks with my master. Before we leave, she gives me a hug.

Down the hall we enter the room of a lady who is not a "dog person". So I lay down while she talks to my master. It sounds like she does not know who my master is, but she is very lonely and talks of days gone by.


Next we find a man in his bed. He loves dogs, and invites me up. He talks about the dogs he had, but are now gone.

We greet more ladies who are sitting in the hall. Then we are invited into the room of a man who is younger than my master. He is in bed, and I happily get up there. After a while, the man notices that I am hot. My tongue is hanging out. He gets up and gets me a cup of water!

My good friend was in a room at the end of the hall. He always said we should wake him up if he was sleeping when we came to visit. He let me onto his bed and played with me. And, he always gave me dog treats. Sometimes he hid them (close by) for me to find. Sometimes we spent twenty (or more) minutes talking with him. I looked forward to it.

Dudley




So, in memorial, we say: Good bye Tom. And good  to others we have called friends: David, Faye, Art, and Sally. We will miss you. And we look forward to seeing you again when we go to live with our Master. Amen.

WORSHIP
SERVICE
SUNDAY
11:00 AM

November 2016

SUNDAY SCHOOL
9:45 AM
For All Ages

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Prayer Group 10 am- 11 am Bible Study 11:am Grief Support Group 12:30 am	2 Management Team 6:30 pm Choir Practice 7:30p	3	4	5
6 Naomi Mission Collection UMW Food Pantry Collection Daylight Saving Ends	7	8 Prayer Group 10 am- 11 am Bible Study 11:am - 12:30 p	9 Bible Study 5-6:30 p Choir Practice 7pm	10	11	12
13	14	15 Prayer Group 10 am- 11 am Bible Study 11:am	16 Bible Study 5-6:30 p Choir Practice 7 pm	17	18	19 UMW Meeting 10:00 am
20	21	22 Prayer Group 10 am- 11 am Bible Study 11:am	23 Bible Study 5-6:30 p Choir Practice 7 pm	 thanksgiving	25	26
27 Rothfus Collection	28	29 Prayer Group 10 am- 11 am Bible Study 11:am	30 Bible Study 5-6:30 p Choir Practice 7 pm			

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