

December 2013

The Shepherd's Messenger



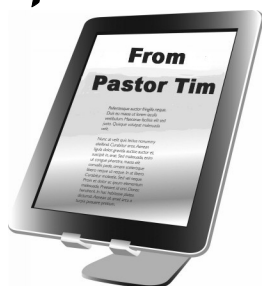
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KNOWING JESUS THE GOOD
SHEPHERD & SHARING THE
RISEN CHRIST WITH ALL.



CHRISTMAS TRIVIA (ANSWERS IN JANUARY NEWSLETTER)

- Name the missing reindeer: Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet,.....,Doner and Blizen.
- How many gifts would you receive if you received all of the gifts in the song "The Twelve Days of Christmas"?
- Whose patron Saint is St. Nicholas?
 - children and scholars
 - merchants and sailors
 - women without dowries
 - all of the above
- Reveillon is a meal eaten after.....in France and Canada.
 - Midnight Mass
 - Sunday Sermon
 - The Day of the Dead
 - Boxing Day
- For people who live in the Canadian prairies the Christmas season traditionally begins with a shipment of Japanese.....

Rice wine
Oranges
Teas
Dolls
- In Sweden, the "tomte" is a
 - seasonal dessert
 - Christmas elf
 - table centerpiece
 - Christmas gnome
- In the 1800's, German settlers in Pennsylvania became the first in our country to decorate their homes with.....for Christmas.
 - Holly
 - wreathes
 - stockings
 - fir trees

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Wishing you a Blessed Christmas!

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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

CUBA CMH

Henny van der Horst
Lucille Wildrick

WATERS OF WESTFIELD

Dawn Durkee

EDEN HEIGHTS - OLEAN

Evelyn Steen

Military personnel and their families...

*All the people on our Military
Prayer List have returned to
the states!!!*



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. Gatherings are held on Monday's at 7 p.m. at Our Lady of Angels Roman Catholic Church at 50 South Street in Cuba. All are welcomed to attend. For more information, call Sandy Lathrop at 585-968-1531.

Others to keep in prayer:

Tim Bushnell
Chuck Brooks
Terry Bush
Clair (Sandy T.'s friend)
Veronica Clayson
John Culbert
Mike Gibbons
Tyler Griffon
Norma Guinnip
Bernie Hawks
Karen Hessney
Diane Karle
James Kellogg
Amber Lunn (2 yrs. old)
Rolly Miles
Mina (Doris Wyant's sister)
Shirley Mosher
Harley Poore
Kelly Roberts
Judy Roth
George Schneider
Michael Small
Lola Wilson



3 - Robert Amundson
4 - Rhonda Cornell
8 - Elyse Petroni
9 - Jared Battistoni
12 - Lucille Wildrick - 101
13 - Phyllis Hodge
15 - Pamela Higby
16 - Virginia Clayson
18 - Patti Metler
23 - Caitlin Metler
25 - **Jesus Christ**
Zachary Metler
28 - Sandra Allen

Statistics Needed: \$1,657.75

Date	Worship	Offering
10/27	39	\$1,532.00
11/3	47	\$2,148.50
11/10	40	\$1,284.00
11/17	46	\$1,556.00
11/24	43	\$1,477.25
11/24	Rothfus	\$ 112.00

December Helping HandsUshers

Dean & Cheryl Wildrick

Greeters

12/1 Open for You
12/8 Open for You
12/15 Open for You
12/22 Open for You
12/29 Open for you

Acolyte

12/1 Andrew Clement
12/8 Dominic Berardi
12/15 Nik Berardi
12/22
12/24
12/29

Children's Moment

Marjanne Kunz

Altar Guild

Sandy Tsujimoto



**Call Sandra Allen
for Prayer Chain
968-2137**

December Anniversaries

2 - John & Mary Hupp
15 - Alan & Judy Zayac
26 - Art & Jean Higby
28 - Jerry & Donna Burdick
Dean & Cheryl Wildrick

Anniversaries
Celebrate



Many Hands make Light Work. Won't you please consider volunteering. We need greeters, liturgists, nursery helpers, Coffee Hour Hosts, Communion servers. Please sign up on the clipboards at the front entrance if you can help. Thank You!



“The Door Shall be Opened Unto You”

Advent Candlelight Breakfast and Reflection

Saturday December 7, 10am

Our Lady of the Angels Church, Cuba

Breakfast Strata by Donna,

followed by Reflection: Father David Tourville

RSVP ASAP (by Dec. 2)

to Sister Julie 585-968-5776 or

juhrich@roadrunner.com

Seating is limited; adults only; \$4 donation

Cuba Rushford Holiday Assistance Program

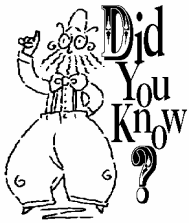
The Cuba Rushford Holiday Assistance Program, working with Toys for Kids, needs help on setting up Tuesday morning, December 17 at 9am – to arrange food bags

Volunteers are also needed for the distribution on Thursday December 19, starting at 8:15am.

Needed for the Cuba Holiday Assistance Program: boxed potato and macaroni meals, canned meats, soups and juices, peanut butter and jam...NOT needed: canned vegetables, especially “unusual” vegetables. If your kids won’t eat it, no one else’s will eat it either!

Cash gifts are also welcome as each family with children is given a \$50 voucher for Giant and \$35 per child for Family Dollar or the two Cuba Drug Stores (for gifts, toiletries). Families with no school age children, or single adults are referred to the Cuba Cultural Center for food assistance.

DYK: *Submitted by Dean Wildrick*



The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) approved a grant to provide emergency food, water, and water purification tablets to 7,500 people (about 1,500 families) in Tacloban City, Leyte Province, which was devastated by Super Typhoon Haiyan when it barreled across the Philippines on Nov. 8.

Administrative Council Notes:

Submitted by Paul Tsujimoto

Key Points of Meeting:

- ♦ New Church Management Structure
- ♦ Church Charge Conference
- ♦ Year End Documentation

Next Meeting Monday, December 16 at 7:00



Cuba United Methodist Women News

Submitted by Judy Zayac



The UMW is again hoping to help four families for Christmas again this year. We will accept donations from the congregation until December 9th and the UMW supplements. Last year we were able to give four \$250.00 WalMart gift certificates to help four deserving families with children have a merrier Christmas. We choose Wal-Mart so that they have the option of purchasing clothing, toys or food for the holiday season depending on their need. The Cuba Rushford School gives us the list of families in need. Please help us if you are able.

The UMW is now meeting quarterly, so don’t forget, the next meeting is Saturday, January 4th at noon in Wesley Hall. We will have a homemade soup and sandwich lunch and meeting, and we will also have a speaker from the Comfort House in Wellsville update us on the good work they are doing for Allegany County.

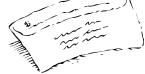
All women are welcome.



Sunday School for grades K-5 meets weekly in the nursery after Worship Service.

Teen Sunday School meets after Worship Service until 11:00 AM. In the Sr. High Sunday School room.

Offering Envelopes



Cuba UMC

2014 church offering envelopes.. If you do not have them this

year and would like them for 2014, please contact Dean Wildrick. We have ample supply due to minimum order quantity."

Christmas - it's that time when even the strongest of men get emotional over family ties - especially if they have to wear them.



Crop Walk News

CUMC's Jean Higby turned in the third highest pledge in this year's Cuba Crop Walk, raising over \$300. Yea Jean! The Crop Walk brought in \$3040; about half of that goes to the Cuba Food Pantry.

Cuba Trustees Meeting Notes:

Submitted by Paul Tsujimoto



Key Points of Meeting:

- Bat Abatement
- Organ Maintenance
- Cushions for Pews
- Painting of Wesley Hall

Community Thanksgiving/Advent Service

At Cuba United Methodist Church
Sunday December 1, 6pm

Participant clergy are Father Dennis Mancuso, Sister Julie Uhrich and Pastors Tim Gleason, Megan Cusumano, Bob Beard, Carol Stewart and Jon Ward, who will deliver the message, "Dressed and Ready to Go." There will be music by Chorduroy Barbershop Quartet and the Cuba Community Choir directed by Nettie White.

Each Church will furnish cookies. CUMC will provide cookies, set up, punch and coffee. Please let Cindy Dutton know how you will help ...585-968-3224.

The Cuba Community Choir will practice on Sunday, Dec. 1 at 5pm, at the Cuba Methodist Church.

LAYERED TACO DIP

Thela Snow



Recipe
FROM THE
Cuba UMC
Cook Book

Mix: 8 oz. cream cheese, softened
½ cup sour cream
1 TBS Worcestershire sauce

Place in pie plate or other serving pan
Spread with ½ small bottle of taco sauce

Layer: shredded lettuce, chopped onions, fresh
chopped tomatoes.

Mexican blend cheese
green olives

Pour rest of taco sauce on top and serve with corn
chips for dipping.

The Interfaith Community Choral Group presents

"The Wondrous Story"

A Cantata for Christmas

Four Presentations ~ Free Admission

Sunday, December 1 - 5:00 p.m. - Belfast United Methodist Church

Sunday, December 8 - 5:00 p.m. - Cuba United Methodist Church

Saturday, December 14 - 7:00 p.m. Friendship United Methodist Church

Sunday, December 15 - 5:00 p.m. - Friendship United Methodist Church

CUBA UMC BUDGET

ID1	ID2	ID3	Account	2013 Budget 2pt Charge Jan-Dec	2013 Anticipated Spend	2014 Budget 2pt Charge	
A	1		Pastor Salary	\$21,441	\$ 21,441	\$ 22,084	3.0%
A	3		Utilities, Housing	\$5,360	\$ 2,000	\$ 5,521	3.0%
A	4		CRSP	\$3,752	\$ 3,752	\$ 3,589	-4.3%
A	5		Comprehansive Protection Plan	\$804	\$ 804	\$ 828	3.0%
A	8		Continuing Education	\$750	\$ 400	\$ 500	-33.3%
A	9		Travel Reimbursement	\$2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	0.0%
A	11		Heath Insurance	\$5,700	\$ 5,700	\$ 6,000	5.3%
B	1		Christian Education	\$200	\$ -	\$ 200	0.0%
B	2 b		Music - Supplies	\$250	\$ -	\$ 250	0.0%
B	2 c		Music- Organist	\$0	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,000	#####
B	3		Chruch Programming	\$600	\$ 475	\$ 600	0.0%
B	6		Pulpit Supply	\$450	\$ 90	\$ 450	0.0%
B	7		Council of Churches	\$50	\$ 100	\$ 50	0.0%
B	8		Annual Conference	\$1,500	\$ 950	\$ 1,200	-20.0%
C	1		Church Secretary	\$5,500	\$ 5,500	\$ 5,665	3.0%
C	2		Church Sexton	\$2,800	\$ 2,800	\$ 2,884	3.0%
C	4 a		Office - Supplies - Postage	\$2,700	\$ 1,350	\$ 2,000	-25.9%
C	4 b		Office - Equipment Lease	\$2,100	\$ 2,165	\$ 2,100	0.0%
C	4 c		Office - FICA and Medicare	\$1,000	\$ 760	\$ 1,000	0.0%
C	4 d		Office - Workman's Compensation	\$600	\$ 600	\$ 650	8.3%
C	5 a		- Insurance (multi peril)	\$3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,300	10.0%
C	5 b		- Sexton's Supplies	\$300	\$ 175	\$ 250	-16.7%
C	5 f		- Utilities	\$9,500	\$ 6,500	\$ 7,000	-26.3%
C	6		Pastor Moving Fund	\$500	\$ 500	\$ 500	0.0%
D	2		Retiree Subsidy	\$1,211	\$ 1,211	\$ 1,247	3.0%
D	3		Shared Ministries	\$14,108	\$ 14,108	\$ 12,697	-10.0%
Total/Yr				\$86,676	\$ 57,440	\$ 84,066	-3.0%
Total/Wk				\$ 1,657.75		\$ 1,616.65	

Meals on Wheels News



The MoW Coordinator from the Cuba Council of Churches reports that the Office for the Aging says that the Cuba Meals on Wheels Program is the best organized and least worrisome in Allegany County! Delivering Meals on Fridays during the last two quarters: Ray Climie, David and Deb Battistoni, Dale and Cindy Dutton, Mike Kunz, Louis Petroni, Sandy and Josh Tsujimoto and Dean and Cheryl Wildrick. Thank you!!

"Christmas Trivia" (Continued from page 1)

8. What was grandma drinking when she got run over by a reindeer?
9. The poem "Twas the Night Before Christmas", written by Clement Moore, was originally known as
 - a. "Sleigh Bells in the Distance"
 - b. "Visions of Sugar Plums"
 - c. "A Visit from Saint Nicholas"
 - d. "Footsteps on my rooftop"
10. How do you say "Merry Christmas" in Spanish?
 - a. Felipe Nachos
 - b. Feliz Navidad
 - c. Feliz Nativity
 - d. Fuego y Feliciano
11. Traditionally, German children are not allowed to see the Until Christmas Eve.
 - a. Christmas stockings
 - b. Christmas tree
 - c. plum cake
 - d. Christmas wreathes
12. How does Santa travel on Christmas Eve in Hawaii?
13. How do you say "Merry Christmas" in Hawaiian?

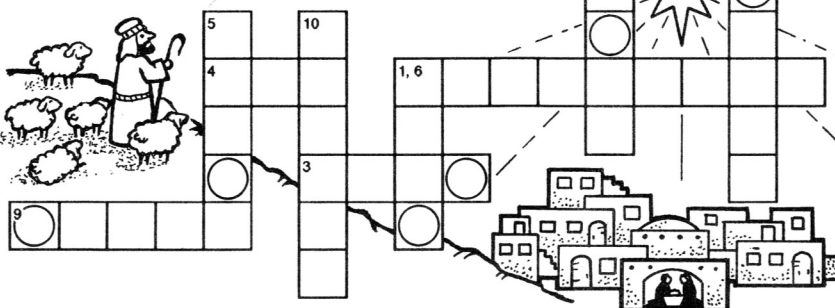
Who am I?

Choose a word from the list below to finish each line. Fit it into the correct squares in the puzzle. Unscramble the circled letters to find the answer to the question.

inn born kinds animal Joseph
star Mary angels knees Bethlehem

1. I made an important journey from Nazareth to _____.
2. I walked beside a kind man named _____.
3. I carried a young woman named _____.
4. I was patient when there was no room at the _____ and we had to keep looking for a place to stay.
5. I stood with many _____ of animals in a stable on that special night.
6. I watched as Jesus was _____!
7. I saw the bright _____ in the sky.
8. I heard the _____ singing.
9. I met the shepherds and their sheep as they got on their _____ by the baby in the manger.
10. I am a very gentle and strong _____.

Who am I? I am the _____!



The Cuba UMC Christmas
Eve Candle light Service is
at 6:00 pm

Christmas Eve Service



Please join us in decorating the Cuba UMC on Thursday, December 5
5:00 - 8:00 pm . "Many hands make light work !."



It's a wonderful life



I love that movie. Jimmy Stewart represents all our dreams and Lionel Barrymore is a first class villain, the devil in the flesh. What's more, I believe in its message, that we do not know how our lives touch others, nor can we see all the good we do. Is that all there is to wonderful life? Look deeper into the message and you see what's wonderful. The Lord hears our prayers. He is always with us surrounding us with his grace and uplifting us in any situation, even if we don't know it. Standing on that rock is what makes mine, and yours, a wonderful life.

-Mike Bell

First United Methodist Church, Willard, OH

CUBA UMC EVENTS CALENDAR



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Worship 9:00 a.m. Communion Sunday School 10:15 am Community Thanksgiving/Advent Service 6:00	2	3	4	5 Decorate Church 5:00- 8:00 pm	6	7 Kung Fu 6-8:00 am
8 Worship 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 am Christmas Cantata 5 pm @CUMC	9 Deadline for UMW Family Christmas donations	10	11 Choir Practice 7:00 pm	12	13	14 Kung Fu 6-8:00 am
15 Worship 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 am	16 Ad Council 7:00 pm Jan. Newsletter Deadline	17 Holiday Assistance Program Set-up 9 am - Baptist Church	18	19 Holiday Assistance Distribution Starting 8:15 am @ Baptist Church Salvation Army Bell Ringing @ Giant Noon - 7 pm	20	21 Kung Fu 6-8:00 am
22 Worship 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 am	23	24 Christmas Eve Service 6:00 pm		26	27	28 Kung Fu 6-8:00 am
29 Worship 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 am Rothfus Offering	30	31				UMW lunch & Meeting January 4 Noon

Friends in Christ UMC



The Fillmore Community Food Pantry has served forty-six households during the month of November. Because the generous donation from Houghton College students, we were able to offer a turkey to family units of three or more. Households with one or two people had a choice between a chicken or small ham. Foodlink of Rochester provided us with bags of fresh produce for each family. In addition to this holiday food, each household also received the regular monthly food allotment.

After distributing this food, our stock is depleted. We are now beginning to gather food for the December distribution. We are off to a good start with the Fillmore Central School food drive, which will be delivered to us this week.

We are thankful for these organizations and the volunteers who work each month to stock and distribute food. We have also been blessed by contributions from Fillmore Pharmacy, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, and many private individuals.

Trustee Report for November 2013

Submitted by Don Fegley, Chairman



Unfortunately, this report was omitted in the November newsletter, so here is a summary of the trustee news.

- ♦ Three main church projects have been accomplished - new basement ceiling installed and painted, new basement flooring installed, and new electric service almost completed. We have gone from 60 amps to 200 amps and now have several outlets in kitchen area, which should prevent future breaker blowing. All kitchen plugs are in one box.
- ♦ An ungrounded hot wire was discovered and remedied.
- ♦ Our valuable organ has surge protection and both pianos have been serviced.
- ♦ The handicap ramp has been newly painted.
- ♦ New energy efficient lighting has been installed in the Williams room.
- ♦ The recent plumbing problem has been solved.

Future agenda items for consideration are: replacing old kitchen stoves with energy efficient restaurant type 6 burner, with appropriate hood and ventilation, recommended lightning rods on church roof, power washing building siding, cleaning gutters, and painting sanctuary.

Christmas Cantata



Christmas Cantata

"Night of the Father's Love" The Awe and the Mystery of God with Us, by Pepper Choplin.

Performances will be: Saturday Dec. 14th @ 7:00 pm at Friends in Christ UMC, Sunday Dec. 15th @ 11:00 am. at Friends in Christ UMC, and Sunday Dec. 15th @ 3:00pm at Caneadea UMC.

CHRISTMAS

EVE

The Friends in Christ UMC Christmas Eve Service is at 8:00 pm

Friends in Christ UMC

United Methodist Women's Community Christmas Dinner



December 9th 5:30 pm - gathering time, 6:00 pm - Dinner (Bring a dish to pass), Men of the Church will service and do dishes. 7:00 pm - Christmas Program put on by UMW. All women of the church and surrounding community are welcome. Come and enjoy an evening of Spiritual Blessing.



Come and decorate the Church for the Holidays and get into the Spirit of the Season on December 8th right after Worship Service. We will enjoy a light lunch before starting.



Greeters and Ushers - December 2013

Dec. 1st - Warren & Connie Emerson
 Dec. 8th - Lorna Vedder & Theda Smith
 Dec. 15th - Margaret Huey & Jane Stenzel
 Dec. 22nd - Sherry & Josh Ballard
 Dec. 29th - Kathy Wolfer & Betty Luckey
 Jan. 5th - Ruth Reda & Shirley Evans



If you can not serve on the above date, please try to switch with someone. Thank you.



UMW Tastefully Simple Party

On Nov. 2nd about 22 women enjoyed sampling many tasty treats to help raise money for our FCS Scholarship Fund. These women along with 17 other outside orders raised a Grand Total of \$411.95. Congratulations and kudos to everyone.

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