

The Shepherd's Messenger

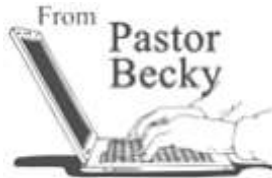


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KNOWING JESUS AS THE
GOOD SHEPHERD & SHARING
THE RISEN CHRIST WITH ALL.

Return to the Lord



Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love. (Joel 2:13)

Summer is soon coming to an end. Time to close the pools, stop the vacations, and say goodbye to the sunshine. The month of September often means a “return” to many things. Children return to school. Parents return to a regular routine. The church is no different. With the start of September, the church returns for Sunday School. For some, the month of September is also a return to church.

During the Summer, our schedules are often more flexible. We take time off to enjoy vacations and other activities. Nothing wrong with this, it’s fun to do. Often, a casualty of Summer, though, is church attendance. Unfortunately, we may think, and even speak, of taking a “break” from Church during the Summer months. It is sad, but this is often the case. Good for us, though, is this fact – God does not take a break from you!

The prophet Joel once spoke to the people and reminded them who God is. God is “merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.” These are truly some of the most wonderful qualities of our God. We especially see these qualities fully displayed in the life of Christ, who suffered, died, and rose again from the dead all for us. Because our God is merciful, the prophet Joel encourages us to return to Him. Because our God is slow to anger, we should return to Him knowing He will never turn His back on us. Because our God is abounding in steadfast love, even when we return to Him at our very lowest, He will still receive us; that is just who our God is!

September is a time of year to return. We return to more regular schedules. We return to school.

And because of the nature of our God (merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love) we can also return to Him, not just in September, but in every moment of every day to receive forgiveness, life and salvation.

See you in church on Sunday and bring a friend!

Blessings,

Pastor Becky

PLEASE PRAY FOR:
Our World situation



- 4 Sarah Krott
- 8 Marilyn Goodliff
- 14 Ashton Hawks
- 17 Veronica Clayson
- 18 JoAnne Hupp
Derek Morris
- 19 Delain Pierce
- 20 Betty Edwards
- 21 Mary Ellen James
Eve Kuhn
- 25 James Burdick
- 27 Fran Young
- 28 Jessica Holden
- 29 Marie Willer



Others to keep in prayer:

- Brad Allen
- Todd Baxter
- Bob Beard
- Wayne Botens
- Frank Calcagno
- Hazel Cornell
- David Edwards
- Don Hall
- David Halstead
- Donna Hart
- Bernie Hawks
- Andrew James
- Katie Kellogg
- Kevin Kranock
- Helen Middaugh
- Mark Middaugh
- Nellie Moses
- Justin Murphy
- Keith Pierce
- Shirley Poore
- Family & friends of Laroy Spateholts
- JoAnn Viglietta
- Clint Wilder

Please keep our prayer list up to date.

If someone should be added or removed from the prayer list, please submit their name in writing.
Thank you!



Finnegan Ward Hulburt, son of Ben and Dani Hulburt was baptized at the worship service on Sunday, August 6, 2023.



- 19 Mike & Sandy LaFever
- 26 Robbie & Rhonda Cornell



Allison & Marilyn Goodliff and Jim Travis became members by Profession of Faith at the Worship Service on August 13, 2023.



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**.

Statistics Needed: \$1,970

Date	Worship	SS	Offering
7/2	34		\$2,500.00
		Gil's Hills	\$ 150.00
7/9	38		\$2,105.00
7/16	34		\$ 933.00
7/23	37		\$ 875.00
7/30	34		\$2,555.00
		Gil's Hills	\$ 255.00
8/6	50		\$2,145.00
		Food Pantry	\$ 50.00
8/13	26		\$ 795.00
		Gil's Hills	\$ 50.00
8/20	49		\$2,076.00
		UMCOR Hawaii Fires	\$ 150.00
8/27	33		\$1,100.00
		Gil's Hills	\$ 367.00



Laroy (Larry) Spateholts Jr., a long time attendee of the Cuba UMC, passed away at his home on August 22, 2023.

Visitation will be at the Mark F. Rinker Funeral Home & Memorial Service, Inc., 9 Bull Street, Cuba, on Sunday, October 1, 2023 from 1:00 -3:00 P.M. with a Celebration of Life Service beginning at 3:00 P.M. Pastor Becky will officiate.

September
Helping
Hands



Power Point:
Rob Cornell

Pianist:
Holly Scoville

Altar Guild:
Thela Snow




 meeting
 NOTICE

Next Meetings:
 Wed. Sept. 6, 2023


Adult Sunday School Room

Trustees Meeting 6:00 pm
Management Team 6:45 pm



SWEET & SOUR PORK SAUSAGE BALLS
 Sue Simmons

Meatballs: 1 pound bulk pork sausage 1 slightly beaten egg 1/3 cup fine bread crumbs 1/2 tsp sage	Sauce: 1/2 cup catsup 2 TBS brown sugar 1 TSB vinegar 1 TBS soy sauce
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Mix sausage, egg, bread crumbs and sage. Shape into about 2 dozen 1 1/2" balls. In ungreased skillet, brown balls slowly on all sides, about 15 minutes. Pour off grease. Prepare sauce and pour over meatballs. Cover and simmer 30 minutes, stirring occasionally to coat meatballs. Make smaller meatballs if using them as appetizers.



Thanks for the scholarship from the Camping Fund that was granted for me to attend Family Bible Camp at the Camp at Findley in July. I was blessed with good fellowship and with 3 wonderful speakers for: Bible Hour, Discipleship Hour, and the Preacher for Evening Worship!

It was a great week!


Sincerely, Stan Scoville




**Sunday Worship Services
are streamed live
on our website,
www.cubaumc.org**

Also on our Facebook Page
<https://www.facebook.com/Cuba-United-Methodist-Church-533879670015081>



The United Methodist Women collect for the Cuba **Food Pantry** on the first Sunday of each month. Please place your Food Pantry donations in the bin in the Green Street Foyer.



September 10th at 9:30!

YOU are invited to join us in the Adult Sunday School class on Sunday morning at 9:30 beginning on September 10th. Our class will meet until 10:20 so that choir members can practice BUT those who remain can discuss the lesson further, pray and share in fellowship with each other! At this class we will share ideas of what would be the most helpful way to study the Scriptures so that each member can continue to grow in his/her walk with the Lord.



Here are some verses that can get us started.... Directions: Can you find something (a word or idea) that all of these verses share?

Matthew 28: 19,20

Philippians 4:13

Romans 3:22,23

I Peter 5:7

Ephesians 6:18

Hoping to see you in the Adult Sunday School Class on September 10, 2023 at 9:30!

In Christ's love and service,

Holly Scoville

Another Successful Rummage Sale (albeit the final one.....)



By Deb Battistoni

For decades, the United Methodist Women have run rummage sales, and this year was not an exception. Our three day sale netted over \$1,050 along with a generous donation. It was 3 weeks of work, working around our family commitments and tired knees and backs, but it's always fun to watch the people waiting patiently for the doors to open the first day and heading downstairs to see what goodies we have.

I remember my early days helping many decades ago. Zelda would have cookie sheets with bits of masking tape all marked with prices of 5 and 10 cents, and every item that was for sale had a price tag on it! After the sale, the ladies would carefully pack up what didn't sell, and they would save them for the next sale 6 months later.

Later, Virginia and I became the Rummage Queens. We still did 2 sales a year, but we simplified by having set pricing on clothing items. We still marked every kitchen and domestic item.

Probably about 4 years ago we got to the point of 1 sale a year, and went to a by the bag sale – you fill it for \$5, \$3, or \$2, depending on what day you shopped.

This years sale would not have been successful without all the generous donations of saleable goods.

The Kung Fu Group – Paul, Rob, Deneen, and John, set up the tables and helped carry out the totes for us to unpack! The bulk of setting up Wesley Hall, the choir area, and 3 Sunday School rooms was done by Fred and Peggy, Holly, Claire, Thela and myself. We got help selling from Janet, Lew and Ruth, Linda, Sue, and Marilyn along with us that set up.

It's sad that we had to decide that the end had come – but we have helped many charities and local families from our efforts.



CROP Walk Sunday, October 1st at 1:00 PM

The CROP Walk provides an opportunity to serve others who lack sufficient food or have other needs. Everyone can participate by choosing to walk or to sponsor a walker. Walking requires just a one hour commitment of walking at your own pace on the streets encompassing Chamberlain Park. (This year walkers will, also, have the option of walking on their own at a time and location of their choice.). If you can't, or choose not to walk, please consider sponsoring someone. Even small donations are very helpful to the cause. In addition to providing for the needy around the world, we receive a percentage of the proceeds for our own Food Pantry. Last year we received over \$1,000. Help us to make a difference to those who are in need! Contact Ann Gross at 585-968-2773 for more information.

Labor Day Thoughts

There is a deep insight in the words of Genesis that tell of the lord planting a garden in Eden. Then “the Lord took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and take care of it” (Genesis 2:15).

God intended for people to have meaningful work. “The earth is the Lord’s,” as the psalmist says, but God has turned the care of the earth over to us. Think of this beautiful world as God’s gift to us. Think also of God’s intention that we be good stewards of the earth. It is in protecting the environment, is conserving earth’s natural resources, using the fruits of the earth wisely to “work and take care of” what belongs to the Lord.

To Adam, God said in essence, “I have a job for you to do. You are my garden keeper. You will find meaning in life by doing the work I need for you to do.”

On Labor day we would do well to recall that work, meant to be fulfilling and satisfying, should help provide us a reason for living. Wise Ben Franklin said, “The man who achieves makes many mistakes, but he never makes the biggest mistake of all: doing nothing.”

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Been “thumped” lately?



When a potter bakes a pot, he checks its solidity by pulling it out of the oven and thumping it. If it “sings”, it’s ready. If it “thuds,” it’s placed back in the oven. The character of a person is also checked by thumping. Been Thumped lately?

Late-night phone calls. Grouchy teacher. Grumpy moms. Burnt meals. Flat tires. “You’ve got to kidding” dead-lines. Those are thumps. Thumps are those irritating inconveniences that trigger the worst in us. They catch us off guard. Flat footed. They aren’t big enough to be crises, but if you get enough of them, watch out! Traffic jams. Long lines. Empty mailboxes. Dirty clothes on the floor... Thump. Thump. Thump. How do I respond? Do I sing? Or do I thud? Jesus said that out of the nature of the heart a man speaks (Luke 6:45). There’s nothing like a good thump to reveal the nature of a heart. The true character of a person is seen not in momentary heroics, but in the thump-packed humdrum of day-to-day living.

—Max Lucado in *On the Anvil*

**SUNDAY
WORSHIP
SERVICE
11:00 AM**


All are welcome!



SEPTEMBER

2023

**Sunday School is at
9:30 am in the Adult
Sunday School room.
Begins Sept. 10**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 Communion UMW Food Pantry Collection	4 	5 Prayer Group 10:00 am Barbershoppers 6:30-8:30 pm	6 Trustees Meeting 6:00 pm Management Team Meeting 6:45 pm	7	8	9 Kung Fu 6:00-8:00 am
10 Sunday School 9:30 am	11 Tai Chi 7:00 pm	12 Prayer Group 10:00 am Barbershoppers 6:30-8:30 pm	13	14	15	16 Kung Fu 6:00-8:00 am
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