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Good News Letter

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Just a short time ago in May I had a wonderful week's vacation. I traveled down to Georgia to visit a very close friend, and we spent three glorious days together. She had moved there from New England about three years ago. I loved staying in her new home. The guest room was especially comfortable and appointed in my favorite colors – red and beige! I am an earlier riser than my friend, so I had ample opportunity to make the bed and then spend some time in quiet prayer and meditation. As I was making the bed that first morning I remembered making the bed at another friend's home where I had also been a guest. What suddenly occurred to me was that all three of us seemed to love pillows!

We each had two sets of pillows: one set covered in pillow shams with the other set placed behind them with just the pillow cases on. In front of these sets were three accent pillows. How funny that we would all arrange our beds in the same way! Oh, but there was an exception.

When I had visited my other friend some years ago I noticed that she arranged the pillow-cased set differently. Rather than place the pillows with the opening of the cases outwardly, she placed the open ends next to each other, forming a finished edge at the bedside. It looked so much nicer than I had ever arranged my pillows. So, since I had returned from that visit, I have been doing the same. And when I visited my Georgia friend, I made her guest bed up "my" way. And this got me to thinking. . .

I never told my other friend how her way had influenced me, and, as I was making my Georgia friend's bed, I wondered if she would notice and then do the same. Here's the thing: we may never really know how our small acts affect or influence others, but they do!

During these beautiful summer months, I will make an effort to be more mindful of how my actions and ways of being affect and influence others. I challenge you to join me! Let us pray that others can see all the more clearly Christ's light, love and blessing in our lives, even in the small things that we may never know about!

Matthew 5:16 “. . . let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.”

In Christ's love,

Pastor Lynn

Grief Support Group

Our group has been meeting for over a year now and it has become an important part of the lives of many. Some people come regularly (every month), others – only when they are feeling the effects of their situation more than normal.

The group is open to any adult in the area. It is a Christian group that offers an opportunity to share (or not share) with others who are experiencing the throes of a life-changing event. Although many are dealing with the loss of a loved one; anyone facing divorce, job change or any event that affects a person emotionally, physically and/or spiritually share similar feelings. The group meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 1pm in the church lounge. Meetings generally last an hour or so and are completely confidential.

If you are, or know someone who is dealing with a tough time. Please consider joining the group. There is no shelf life on grief. Some members of the group are new to their situation; others have been dealing with these feeling for a long time. Regardless, all are welcome.

In March, the group will meet on **June 6th** (Wednesday) and **July 11th** (note change due to the holiday) at 1pm in the church lounge. All are welcome.



"Songs of Faith, Hope & Inspiration" is hosted by the Cuba Council of Churches on Thursday, June 14 at 6:00 PM, presented by The Palmer Event Center.

"Songs of Faith, Hope & Inspiration" features many local talented musicians performing uplifting and hopeful music produced by Nettie Productions. Admission by Donation. Proceeds to benefit the Cuba Council of Churches Scholarship Fund. Refreshments will be available.

Pencils and Crayons from Heaven – Year 7



Once again Cuba First Baptist is pleased to sponsor a collection of school supplies for needy children grades Pre-K – 5 attending Cuba-Rushford. Supplies may be dropped off from June 1 – Aug. 8th in a collection tub at the Cuba First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. Donations of cash or checks made payable to Cuba First Baptist Church memo to read "Pencils and Crayons from Heaven" will be accepted at Cuba First Baptist Church, 17 South Street, Cuba NY 14727.

We thank you for your contributions of: Boxes of 24 Crayola crayons, **Fiskars** student scissors, #2 pencils, yellow highlighters, soft and hard case pencil boxes, colored pencils, pencil top erasers, Crayola markers, **WIDE RULE** composition notebooks [marbled cover – any color], Clorox disinfecting wipes and packages of **WIDE rule** filler paper.

ABMen News



All men are invited to gather Sunday, June 3 before service from 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. We will share in coffee and doughnuts while discussing state convention plans and upcoming service projects. The **Annual ABMen's State Conference will be held August 10-12 at Keuka College** on Keuka Lake, registration info will be coming out in the next few months. Please consider

setting apart a weekend to attend this event, there will be food, fishing, and fun along with encouraging speakers and men from all over the state who share our love for Christ. Details will be released soon concerning exact dates, times, and cost. Our men's fellowship will be open to all men, be encouraged to invite friends from other churches and your friends from the community. Thank you to everyone who helped with the Ladies Breakfast!

ABWM News



The women of the church family continue to strive to provide for the needs of Cuba First Baptist. In doing this, we are blessed to have the support of the entire congregation. By offering opportunities for every age to participate, our ladies hope to not only assist the church and community, but also to give our women a part in the church's existence and growth.

One possible way to help is to volunteer in the **Rummage Rooms**. The coordinators are always looking for people to sort items, move inventory (season to season) and to staff the "store" on Fridays and Saturdays from 9am-12pm. Anyone who is interested in helping (it can be occasionally or on a regular basis) should contact Melody Hayward, or Claudia Little. Along those lines, the ladies are always looking for gently used clothing and household items. The Rummage room no longer accepts any electronics, or any upholstered furniture. Everyone (including men and youth) is welcome to be involved in this endeavor that serves not only the church, but also the community.

Another mission that the women offer is the **Table Ministry**. Through this undertaking, food is offered to anyone who is experiencing a time of grief or

illness, in a rough place, or just having a "bad day". When a need is identified, containers of soups, casseroles, muffins, breads etc. are delivered to the home. We're always looking for people to help deliver items, and also for donations of food items. The next time you find yourself eating that casserole or soup for the third time this week....consider contributing some to the Table Ministry. Containers and lids are available in the church kitchen at all times. Items do need to be labeled and dated, and then can be left in the refrigerator in the church kitchen. Organizers appreciate a "heads-up" when you leave your contribution.

Interested in sharing with others? Why not pick up a Love Gift box from the court, and share your blessings. **Love Gift** is an ongoing offering that is above and over your normal giving. Our gifts go to domestic and international missions.

In addition to all the projects listed, the ABWM also supports a scholarship girl through ABWM of NYS, National American Baptist women and a yearly project that is designated by the state organization. The 2018-19 project is for Murrow Indian Children's Home in Muskogee, Oklahoma. You'll be hearing more about this in the coming months.

June will host an anniversary celebration for Bob and Sandy Beard. **Kids in the Kitchen** will be held on June 8th from 3:15-5pm. Coordinators are looking for adults to help the kids with their cooking. Plans are underway for at least 4 menu items, so a few more hands would be great. It's also a great way to get to know our terrific kids, and for them to spend some time with some really great adults. Thank you too for all the contributions of housewares to make this group's cooking time easier.

The **Erie/Niagara ABWM Conference** will be held on June 8 & 9, 2018 at Houghton College, Houghton, NY. This year's theme is Psalms 100:1 "Make a Joyful Noise unto the Lord". The cost is \$55.00 or \$50 for first time attendees. Registrations are available on the court table.

The ABWM does not meet in the summer months, but will resume their meetings on September 16th at 12:15 with a light lunch and a "Kitchen Shower" Please watch upcoming bulletins and newsletter for a list of needed items.

As always, the women thank the entire church family for their support and love. Without all of you, none of these outreach projects could be accomplished, nor the physical, spiritual and financial support that the women so generously give to the church.

Youth Ministry Updates and Opportunities:

There are ways for Christians of all ages and abilities to enjoy the blessing of service in our youth ministries. For these programs to continue to be successful we need helping hands in many areas. From camp counselors, drivers, game leaders, kitchen staff, and decorators. Please contact Bill Beck or Melissa Grover to see where you might fit into the team! And please pray for our programs and volunteers.

Camps



Remember to pick up your summer camp registrations on the special table in the court. We are happy to offer 3 camping opportunities for youth this season our long relationship with Camp Vick continues, this year will mark our 35th season with Camp JYC, and we are happy to add Bliss Summit Camp to our lineup this season. Any questions can be directed to Bill Beck @ 585.307.4792 and remember there is assistance available to ensure that all children who want to go to camp can enjoy that experience.

Camp Vick will host campers for 3 weeks this year, camps will be held in late July and early August. Grab a schedule today and check out the dates and themes for 2018!

Bliss Summit Bible Camp will be a new to us offering in the camping ministry. Bliss, NY is located about 35 miles north of Cuba and you can visit them on the web at blisssummit.com. Registrations will be offered for any families who may like to send youth to this camp. Bliss Summit has been in the camping business for many years and this season 5 camps will be offered during the month of July.

“*Jesus is my Banner!*” will be out **Camp JYC** theme this year as we celebrate 35 years of camping fun and friendships. Camp will be **August 3-5** at a registration fee of **\$65 per child**. JYC remains a 100% volunteer camp staffed by our First Baptist family and friends, if you are interested in joining the team please contact Bill or Maghen Beck. There are positions available for overnight duties, days only help, and with the kitchen staff. There is always a need for contributions to the overhead costs of camp in the way of monetary donations or supplies for meals and crafts for those who might not be able to join us in person.

*** Remember scholarships are available for campers to all camps. ***

Church Family Fun



On June 3rd immediately following service you are invited to join the fun at Chamberlain Park. The Board of Christian Education will be throwing a party to celebrate another season of small group ministry. Everyone is invited to attend, even if you have not been to a small group. Picnic style lunch will be provided by donation, please see Carrie Fredrick for food needs. Games and prizes for members of all ages! Bring your family and friends, please RSVP with size of party in the court, with the office, or on our Facebook page.

Dairy Days and Penny Carnival



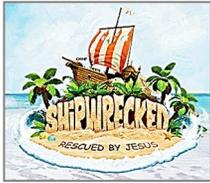
The Board of Education in partnership with our Deacons will be hosting a Penny Carnival with lemonade stand on Saturday, June 16. Encourage your friends, neighbors, and most skilled gamesmen to try their luck at several games. There are opportunities to assist and best of all you do not have to be a board member to help! Come one come all both big and small, there will be games for everyone short or tall! Carnival will run from 10:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Dads and Grads

Join us for "Dads & Grads" on Sunday, June 17 for **Donuts with Dad** at 9 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall then for **Cake with Grads** with our two graduating seniors, Kelsey pierce and Jonah Williamson, at 11:15 a.m.



VBS



Grab your life jacket this August and get ready to cast away with us! Vacation Bible School will present "**SHIPWRECKED**" from Group publishing August 13-17. All children from Pre-K to Grade 5 are invited to join us each morning for fun songs, silly games, creative crafts, and exciting Bible stories. Pre-register online, by phone, or at the church. Volunteer opportunities available for youth and adults, contact Melissa Grover for info.

Trip - Report

"Bunk with Beasts", an overnight lock-in at Seneca Park Zoo of Rochester, was a great success. 24 kids and 9 adults attended. This program offered a unique experience including two private tours of the zoo (one in the evening and the other in the morning), meeting the animals (including special animals the public doesn't get to see like the hissing cockroaches from Madagascar, a cane toad, Madame Scurry, the hedgehog, and Garrett, the baby Burmese Python), and a sleepover with the sea lions! We are hoping to attend again in the fall after significant renovations are completed and new exhibits open. Thanks to all the youth - you guys are amazing! Thank you to all the parents who transported and stayed overnight with our kiddos - you rock!



Something's happening in the kitchen!



On Wednesday, June 6 at 3:15 p.m., "**Kids in the Kitchen**" will be making some delicious treats for fellowship hour and also some items for the Table Ministry. (And if course, there will be some snacking too). Youth (boys and girls) in grades 4-12 are invited to join together to mix, stir, create, bake and cook several recipes that will not only be fun to make, but offer an opportunity to serve their friends, the church and the community. Organizers are also in search of a couple of adult helpers.

All are welcome and kids are invited to bring their friends to join the fun. In order to prepare, participants are asked to sign up in the court or contact Claudia Little (585-968-3061) or email at claudialittle7@icloud.com.

This cooking session will end at 5pm. Parents are invited to come in and see what the kids have "cooked up"!

A reminder that coffee and a treat will be available both **BEFORE and AFTER** the service. Why not have that second cup of coffee at church, while enjoying some fellowship with others? Arriving to church for pre worship duties, singing in the choir, or just an early bird? Please enjoy a cup of coffee or tea beginning at **9am**. Coffee time at the conclusion of the service will continue as normal. Please consider these opportunities to spend some time with your church family.



Musings of a Church Mouse



Summer means lots of things at Cuba First Baptist. It's a busy time that sees, old faces (I mean familiar faces) returning, lots of special celebrations like Mother's Day, Father's day, Graduation and Memorial day. It also means that Sunday school will soon be over until the fall. I will miss the sounds of the happy youth and adults as they fellowship after church.

Early in the month, there was a very special Sunday. 3 people were baptized. It was a wonderful service with great music and a moving message. After worship, everyone went down to the Fellowship Hall for communion and a great meal. About 50 people enjoyed a meal together as they welcomed the new members. Things like this make me feel proud to be a part of this church.

One Sunday in May something really strange occurred. There were MEN in the kitchen! That's right, the men came in early and fixed breakfast for the women. The guys did great and the women were so happy to be able to sit down and enjoy a nice meal. I'd love to fix breakfast for my mom, but she lives a long way away. Maybe some time, she can come and have a meal with me here at church. For those who are concerned...she doesn't eat much.

The very next Sunday, the ladies served appetizers to over 50 people during a progressive dinner. I wasn't sure what that was, but I hear it's where you go from one place to another to get a complete meal. Even I am not sure how anyone could eat that many times,

but they looked happy when they left CFB to go to the next stop.

The Blood Mobile was here again. I've finally figured out that people come in and give their blood so it can be used for other people who are hurt or sick. It took me awhile to comprehend this whole process. Understandable when you realize my viewing places. It's a wonderful thing that the American Red Cross does, and it's really good that we have such a great place for them to have it.

I did hear a very strange tale about our kids going to the zoo and spending the night! 24 youth and 9 adults went to the Seneca Park Zoo (it's in Rochester) and got to see the animals, and help feed some of them. They even spent the night and came home with some great stories. Now, I'm just saying that if anyone wants to spend the night here with this mouse, I would be delighted.

The kids also came and watched a movie called Peter Rabbit. I really enjoyed that one. Lots of animals and also, the kids are not always really neat with their snacks (yum).

The Memorial Day service was nice too. I'm glad that we can remember those who have been such a part of the church for years.

I'm hearing lots of plans for a picnic, camp JYC, and VBS; so I know that my summer will be fun. I'm excited and again, so happy to be a part of CFB. I'll be sure to keep you updated about all the upcoming activities.

As Always, Your church mouse.

Prayer Requests:

Prayer Requests - **Health Concerns:** Harry Hardman, David Halstead, Don White, Candy Parish (Nettie's sister-in-law), Pat Robinson (ABWM member), David Freidly, Sue Hillman, Ian Snopkowski, Brooke Snopkowski, Fred and Linda Goldthwait, Keith and Vyrna Brown (Kim Gleason's parents), Gene Case, Marolyn Shaffer Parker (Gary Shaffer's sister), Duke and Sheila Burnett, JoAnne Hoagland **Continuing Prayers:** Twin infant daughters (Anneke Joyce and Morgan Naomi) of Casie Stein (grandparents are Pat and Wayne Lewis), Lindsay Scott, Sandy Beard, Michael Hayes (nephew of Alice Resch and Katy Harbeck), Susan Stoddard (Sallie Miller's sister), Sandy Lathrop, Bert & Mickie Tidlund, Skip Wilday's college friend's son, Stephen Berichon, is still missing abroad

Remember in Care Facilities

Cuba Memorial Hospital - Gene Case, Doc Gilroy
Batavia VA- Dennis Chamberlain
Eden Heights- Helen Swift, Betty Parker
Highland Healthcare (Wellsville) - John Hoagland
Livingston Cty. Center for Nursing & Rehab. - Katie Hamilton
Hamilton Manor Hills (Wellsville) - Elva Gross
Pines (Olean) - Connie Battistoni
Wellsville Manor- Flora Prentice, JoAnne Hoagland
St. Luke Health Services (Oswego) - Beverly Abbott

Special Interest Missionaries

David and Joyce Reed, IberoAmerica and Caribbean
Dan and Sarah Chetti, Lebanon

***All those serving in the military, police, and firemen.**

***All those in and outside of our congregation who may not be listed but need the healing power of the Spirit.**

June Birthday's

1st – Delores Cross, Steve Wise
7th – Al Mohilewsky
9th – Joshua Grover
14th – Elizabeth “Lizzie” Linn
16th – Bryanna Beard
17th – Sue Ball
18th - Ann Gross

19th - Marian Clark
21st - David Karst
25th - Mary Wheaton
26th - Sherry Campbell
29th - Brooke Snopkowski, Tom Ball
30th - Larry Lathrop

June's Anniversaries

15th - William & Maghen Beck
22nd - Ken & Marion Freer
22nd - Bob & Sandy Beard

27th - John & Nettie White
25th - Bruce and Diane Sheldon
26th - Eric & Melissa Grover



The Rummage Rooms is in need of summer items for men, women, children, and infants. Infants and children's items of any type are always in short supply and welcome. We ARE the Hands and Feet of Jesus. The Rummage Rooms are open every Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. - 12 noon.

Please keep the Food Pantry in mind as you shop. Don't know what to get? There is a shopping list on the table in the Court for your convenience. If you would like to give a monetary donation, please make checks payable to "Cuba Food Pantry" and mail to North Park Wesleyan Church Attn: Pastor Megan Cusumano 32 Spring St. Cuba, NY 14727. Thank you!

