



# The Shepherd's Messenger



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



Greetings in Christ,

The Bible says in Jeremiah 29:11, **For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.**

Now, I realize, of course, the context of this Scripture applies to the Nation of Israel, yet I do believe that we serve a God who is "the same yesterday, today and forever."

As we look ahead into the year 2026, there's not a person among us who can be sure of what the future holds. For that matter, there's not a person among us who can even say for sure that God will give them another breath to breathe!

Yet, for those of us who have put our full trust and hope in God, either way, we come out on the winning side! For those of us who know Jesus, we look forward to His return, and while it may sound a bit cliché, we've read the end of the book, and we win!

We must know and understand that God has great things planned for those who love Him and serve Him. We don't need to live in fear, even in those times we may not understand God's ways.

The Bible says in Matthew 6:33-34 <sup>33</sup> **Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.** <sup>34</sup> **"So don't worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring its own worries. Today's trouble is enough for today.**

When Jesus gave these words, it wasn't for people who were living in the "lap of luxury." These words were for people who were under the oppression of Roman rule. They were often quite concerned about their safety and provision for their families. Yet, Jesus reminded them to put Him first, and He would take care of them.

God has great things for Cuba Methodist Church in 2026! He also has great things for you and your loved ones in 2026! Yet, I believe it is vital that we look forward in faith, not in fear!

2 Timothy 1:7 says, **For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.**

If God knows the plans, then surely, He knows how to lead us in the days ahead! May you have a Happy New Year!

Pastor Becky

PLEASE PRAY FOR:  
Our World Situation  
Gil's Hills Ministries

Others to keep in prayer:

Craig Buckley  
Sandy Burdick  
Frank Calcagno  
Hazel Cornell  
Randy Crane  
Theo Crane  
Donna Hart  
Judy Heron  
Ruth Holden  
Katie Kellogg  
Kevin Kranock  
Ann Meehan  
Sandi Meyers  
Helen Middaugh  
Mark Middaugh  
Keith Pierce  
Derwood Say  
JoAnn Viglietta  
Clint Wilder  
Doris Kellogg Wyant



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!*



15- Vanessa Bowen  
17 - Amanda (Clayson)  
Ryder  
18 - Janet Enderle  
19 - Butch Holden  
25 - Peter Simmons  
30 - Pastor Becky Worth



### Statistics

Needed: \$1,934

Date	Worship	SS	Offering
11/30	36	6	\$1,928.25
		Gil's Hills	\$ 390.00
12/7	41	9	\$3,656.00
		Gil's Hills	\$ 305.00
12/14	24		\$1,360.00
		Uganda Fund	\$ 500.00
12/21	45		\$1,884.75
		Uganda Fund	\$1,751.00

January  
Helping  
Hands



Power Point:  
Rob Cornell

Pianist:  
Holly Scoville

Altar Guild:



You can watch  
**live streaming  
of Worship  
Services** on our  
website,

[www.cubamc.org](http://www.cubamc.org),  
and also on the Cuba MC  
Facebook & YouTube pages.

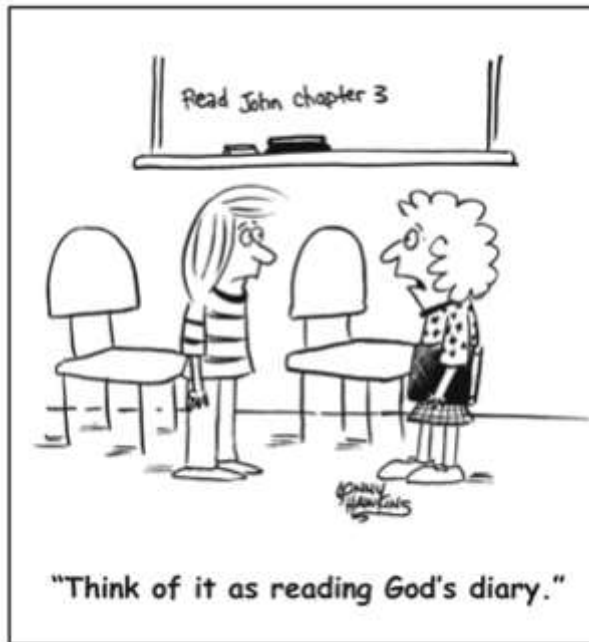


Decorated for Christmas 2025

# meeting NOTICE

**Tuesday, January 6, 2026**

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



## MONKEY BREAD

Judy Krott

8-10 Maraschino cherries (placed around bottom of bunt pan, optional)

½ cup chopped walnuts or pecans

2 tsp. cinnamon

1 stick butter

1 cup sugar

3 cans biscuits (10 oz)



Place cherries on bottom of bunt pan. Top with the chopped nuts. Cut the biscuits into quarters and shake in the cinnamon and sugar mixture. It's easier to do one can at a time. Pour remaining cinnamon and sugar over biscuits in bunt pan. Melt the stick of butter and pour over the biscuits. Bake at 350° for 40 minutes. Cool about 5 minutes, then turn onto platter.

# Puzzle!

In the New Testament, followers of Christ are called by many names. Use the hints to fill in the blanks. Need help? Check an NIV Bible for the missing letters.

D \_\_\_\_\_ s  
(Acts 6:7)



C \_\_\_\_\_ n P \_\_\_\_\_ e  
(1 Peter 2:9)



S \_\_\_\_\_ s of C \_\_\_\_\_ t  
(1 Corinthians 4:1)

C \_\_\_\_\_ s  
(Acts 11:26)

B \_\_\_\_\_ s and S \_\_\_\_\_ s  
(1 Thessalonians 4:9-10)

B \_\_\_\_\_ s  
(Acts 5:14)

W \_\_\_\_\_ s  
(Acts 1:8)



Answers: Disciples; Chosen People; Servants of Christ; Christian; Brothers and Sisters; Believers; Witnesses



## **We take an offering for Gil's Hills Ministry on the last Sunday of each month.**

Between the Hills  
(from the Gil's Hills December 2025 Newsletter)



As we prepare to say goodbye to 2025, our hearts are filled with hope and prayer that this past year has been full of God's blessings for every child and for all who visited Gil's Hills. Thank you to all who have supported the ministry. We enjoyed a wonderful year—one filled with laughter, fun and meaningful moments of teaching how and why we believe in Jesus.

It is our sincere desire to be set apart from the ways of the world, even as we recognize that we do not always get everything right and may sometimes falter. Yet when we look outside and see the snow-covered hills wrapped on a pure white blanket, we are reminded of how Jesus covers our iniquities and how He promises to rejoice over His people with singing.

Your sister in Christ,

Sherri Dewitt  
Assistant Director  
Gil's Hills Ministries

### **Frequently needed items at Gil's Hills:**

Ditaliano Bread	American cheese
Chicken Noodle Soup	Mac n Cheese
Pudding Cups	Ranch Dressing
Canned Peaches	Ketchup
Nacho Cheese Sauce	Hot Dogs
Mini Chocolate Chips	Oreos
Taco Seasoning	Tator Tots
Chicken Nuggets	Tomato soup
Pancake Mix (not bisquick or gluten free)	Syrup
Little Debbie Snacks	Taco Sauce
Breakfast Sausage	Butter
Paper Bowls	Dill Relish
Salsa	Spaghetti Sauce
Tostitos/Doritos	
Mayo (no miracle whip)	

### **Gil's Hills Amazon Wish List**

Please check out our CR Code for a direct link to our Amazon Wish List of items needed ranging from office supplies to camp equipment!



### **Gift Cards to Tops or Giant**


SUNDAY  
WORSHIP  
SERVICE  
11:00 AM

All are welcome!



2026

Sunday School is at  
9:30 am for Adults  
and 11:00 for  
children

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 	2	3 Kung Fu 6:00 - 8:00 am
4 Communion Food Pantry Collect Sunday School Adults: 9:30 am Children: 11:00 am	5 Tai Chi 7:00 pm	6 Prayer Group 10:00 a Trustees Meeting 6:00 p Management Team 6:45 p	7	8	9	10 Kung Fu 6:00-8:00 am
11 Sunday School Adults: 9:30 am Children: 11:00 am	12 Tai Chi 7:00 pm	13 Prayer Group 10:00 am	14	15	16	17 Kung Fu 6:00-8:00 am
18 Sunday School Adults: 9:30 am Children: 11:00 am	19 Tai Chi 7:00 pm February Newsletter Deadline - Noon	20 Prayer Group 10:00 am	21	22	23	24 Kung Fu 6:00-8:00 am
25 Sunday School Adults: 9:30 am Children: 11:00 am <b>Girl's Hills Offering</b>	26 Tai Chi 7:00 pm	27 Prayer Group 10:00 am	28	29	30	31 Kung Fu 6:00-8:00 am



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

### The Month After Christmas...

"Twas the month after Christmas,  
and all through the house  
Nothing would fit me, not even a blouse.  
The cookies I'd nibbled, the eggnog I'd taste  
At the holiday parties had gone to my waist.  
When I got on the scales there arose such a number!  
When I walked to the store  
(less a walk than a lumber).  
I'd remember the marvelous meals I'd prepared;  
The gravies and sauces and beef nicely rared,  
The wine and the rum balls, the bread and the cheese  
And the way I'd never said, "No thank you, please."  
As I dressed myself in my husband's old shirt  
And prepared once again to do battle with dirt---  
I said to myself, as I only can  
"You can't spend a winter disguised as a man!"  
So--away with the last of the sour cream dip,  
Get rid of the fruit cake, every cracker and chip  
Every last bit of food that I like must be banished.  
"Till all the additional ounces have vanished.  
I won't have a cookie--not even a lick.  
I'll want only to chew on a long celery stick.  
I won't have hot biscuits, or corn bread, or pie,  
I'll munch on a carrot and quietly cry.  
I'm hungry, I'm lonesome, and life is a bore---  
But isn't that what January is for?  
Unable to giggle, no longer a riot.  
Happy New Year to all and to all a good diet!

~Author Unknown