



The Shepherd's Messenger



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



Greetings in Christ!

1 Corinthians 13:13 says, **And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.**

Jesus says in Matthew 22:39, **“Love your neighbor as yourself.”** But we know that it's preceded by another and greater commandment. **“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself.”**

While we realize Valentine's Day's primary purpose is the expression of love between each other, the foundation for the kind of love God wants us to have is in the Word of God!

“Love your neighbor as yourself” is far more than an overused statement; it is something that we as God's people should take the lead on. We live in a world that needs the love of God expressed through His people more than ever before.

It seems we live in a world that is more divided than ever. Sadly, many churches across our nation and around the world have often become battle stations instead of “hospitals for the hurting”. I pray that God will help Cuba Methodist Church to set the tone in our community by being a people who love people! Loving people even when we may not fully and completely agree about everything is the way we need to be!

There should be one thing that unites us: the love that Jesus Christ had for us by coming to this world and dying on the cross for you and me. John 15:13 says, **Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.**

In reality, Jesus laid down His life for not only His friends but also those who treated Him with disdain and outright hatred.

We can learn so much from His example if we are open to learning more about the kind of love God wants us to have.

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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
Gary Enderle
Al Goodliff
Donna Hart
Joanie Haug
Judy Heron
Ruth Holden
Tommy Johnson
Kevin Kranock
Ann Meehan
Sandi Meyers
Helen Middaugh
Mark Middaugh
Keith Pierce
Derwood Say
Randy Snyder
Christina Torrey
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!



14 - Elroy Brickey III
15 - Kerigan Pierce
18 - John Hupp
- Linda Nelson
19 - Mark Morris
23 - Christopher Hupp



8 - Bill & Joyce Amundson
16 - Marshall & Sandra Allen

Statistics		Needed: \$1,934	
Date	Worship	SS	Offering
12/28	34	9	\$ 2,289.00
		Gil's Hills	\$ 130.00
		Christmas Eve	\$ 85.00
1/4	38	10	\$ 1,663.00
		Gil's Hills	\$ 50.00
1/11	39		\$ 1,749.00
1/18	38		\$ 1,717.00
1/25		Service was canceled due to the winter storm and below zero wind chills.	

February
Helping
Hands

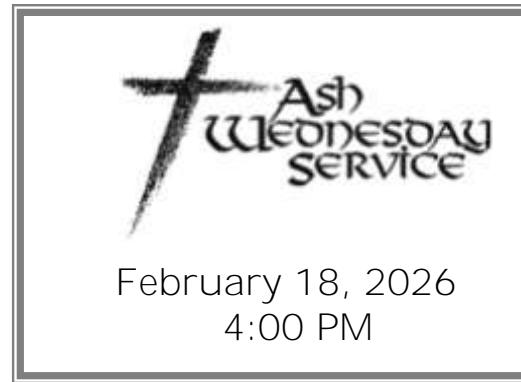


Power Point:
Rob Cornell



Pianist:
Holly Scoville

Altar Guild:
Linda Murphy
Holly Scoville



February 18, 2026
4:00 PM

**Sunday Worship Services are
streamed live at 11:00 am
on our website,
www.cubamc.org**

**Also on our Cuba Methodist
Church Facebook Page**

**Videos of Services are posted
on our YouTube Channel**

(Click on the icons at the top of
our website page)



We have a **Blessing Box** at the Green Street door.
It will be stocked with food, coats, hats, mittens
etc. for people who need assistance.
A list suggestions of food that can be donated for
the blessing box is on the windowsill and table in
back of the sanctuary.



meeting NOTICE

Tuesday, February 3, 2026

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

GREEN 'N' GOLD EGG BAKE

Doris Wyant



1 cup seasoned bread crumbs (divided)
2 packages (10 oz) frozen spinach
3 cups (24 oz) small curd cottage cheese
1/2 cup grated Romano or Parmesan cheese
5 eggs

Sprinkle $\frac{1}{4}$ cup bread crumbs into a greased 8" square baking dish. Bake 350° for 3-5 minutes or until golden brown. In a bowl, combine spinach, cottage cheese, Romano cheese, three eggs, and remaining crumbs. Spread over the baked crumbs. Beat remaining eggs, pour over spinach mixture. Bake uncovered at 350° for 45 minutes or until knife comes out clean. Let stand 5-10 minutes. About 9 servings.

(Pastor Becky's letter Continued from front page)

This kind of love leads us to pray as He did: Luke 23:34 says,

Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do." And they divided His garments and cast lots.

I want to invite you to join us for worship on Sunday mornings at 11:00 as we learn more of this excellent example of love Jesus lived.

Hope to see you in church!

In Christ,
Pastor Becky

Puzzle!

We see hearts everywhere and love sharing cards and greetings with friends and family.

Use the code to discover a special message from God — perfect for any day, any month.

CODE:

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Answers: 1. We loved you with an everlasting love.



"I know you believe you understand what you think I said, but I'm not so sure you realize that what you heard is not what I meant."

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



What's Happening "Between the Hills" (from the Gil's Hills January 2026 Newsletter)

In difficult and challenging times, we often turn our faces to God and ask *Why?* Why we endure this hardship? God, couldn't You make this easier? Why are you allowing this to happen—especially when we are striving to do Your work and share the Gospel?

Scripture reminds us of Job, who lost everything, yet remained faithful. God allowed great trials in Job's life, but Job endured and did not deny the Lord as his Savior. We are called to that same faithfulness. In our most difficult seasons, we are called to worship—to lift our voices in praise. Praising God in song is one of the ways He carries us through hardship, and it is one way we are built different from the world.

As many of you have heard, our ministry was recently dropped by our property and liability insurance carrier with very little warning. To ensure the safety of all participants, we made the difficult decision to pause all activities, including transportation services, until this matter can be resolved.

We are currently working closely with an insurance agent who is diligently seeking coverage with a new carrier. However, to secure a new policy, several critical upgrades must be completed. These include external and internal electrical upgrades, estimated to cost up to **\$30,000**. The projected completion date for this work is **May 1st**, though it may be finished sooner depending on weather conditions. We are partnering with a local electrician and National Grid to complete this work.

In addition, other necessary building maintenance projects may be required during this time, potentially adding up to **\$20,000** in addition costs. Unfortunately, insurance coverage cannot be reinstated until all required projects are completed.

Despite these challenges, we stand firm on the promise of Romans 8:28:

"And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose."

During this season, we are prayerfully seeking new ways to remain connected with youth and families of Allegany County, while also discerning how God is shaping the future of this ministry.

We are grateful for your continues prayers, encouragement, and support as we trust God through this season.

Gil's Hills Staff

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!



The Global 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.



SUNDAY
WORSHIP
SERVICE
11:00 AM
All are welcome!



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FE B R U A R Y

Sunday School
Adults: 9:30 am
Children: 11:00 am

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Food Pantry Collect Sunday School Adults: 9:30 am Children: 11:00 am	2 Tai Chi 7:00 pm	3 Prayer Group 10:00 a Trustees Meeting 6:00 p Management Team 6:45 p	4	5	6	7 Kung Fu 6:00 - 8:00 am
8 Communion Sunday School Adults: 9:30 am Children: 11:00 am	9 Tai Chi 7:00 pm	10 Prayer Group 10:00 a	11	12	13	14 Kung Fu 6:00-8:00 am
15 Sunday School Adults: 9:30 am Children: 11:00 am Fellowship Luncheon After Church	16 Tai Chi 7:00 pm March Newsletter Deadline - Noon	17 Prayer Group 10:00 am	18 ASH Wednesday Service 4:00 pm	19	20	21 Kung Fu 6:00-8:00 am
22 Sunday School Adults: 9:30 am Children: 11:00 am	23 Tai Chi 7:00 pm	24 Prayer Group 10:00 am	25	26	27	28 Kung Fu 6:00-8:00 am



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