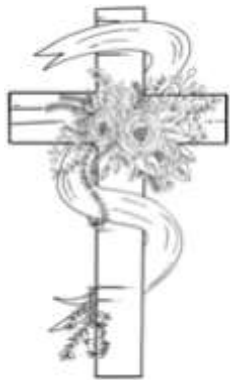


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KNOWING JESUS AS THE GOOD SHEPHERD & SHARING THE RISEN CHRIST WITH ALL.

Jesus Never Abandons Us



Jesus cares greatly for this creation; He made it. Jesus cares even more greatly for us; He made us. And Jesus never abandons what He creates. Jesus never abandons those He loves. We see this especially during the Easter season.

The first time Jesus raised someone from the dead almost seemed to happen on a whim. One time, Jesus was entering a town with His disciples, and He saw a funeral procession. A widow was crying. She was burying her only son. The procession was carrying his body through the streets on what would look like a stretcher to us. Jesus said to the woman, "Do not weep." Then Jesus touched the stretcher and said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." The man sat up and began to speak (Luke 7). Jesus never abandons His creation, or us. He loves us too much.

The second time Jesus raised someone from the dead it was a little girl twelve years old. She was sick for a while, but it was too much, she died. Jesus entered the house with her family and neighbors wailing in grief. Jesus took hold of the dead girl's hand and said, "Child, arise." Her spirit returned, and she got up at once (Luke 8). Jesus never abandons His creation, or us. He loves us too much.

The third time Jesus raised someone from the dead seemed almost impossible. When Jesus arrives to Lazarus, it is the fourth day since he died. This is the day many Jews would regard as hopeless, no chance of any life again. Decay has set in. The body bloats, the body smells. Death has won, or so it seems. Jesus never abandons His creation, or us. He loves us too much. When Jesus arrived at Lazarus' tomb, the Scriptures say this, Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone" . . . he cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out" (John 11).

Jesus is deeply moved by what we all go through in this life. He was so deeply moved He was willing to die on a cross in our place for our sins, so we won't die on a cross for our sins. And Jesus is so deeply moved by the creation He has made, and us whom He loves, that when He returns again, He will do the same thing for us as He did for Lazarus. Deeply moved, Jesus will stand above our remains, and He will say the same words He has said for so many years, "Do not weep . . . child arise . . . come out!" and we will all live again. Jesus will never abandon His creation. And Jesus will never abandon us, He loves us too much. Amen.

Blessings,

Pastor Becky

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

MARCH Birthdays

- 2 - Gary Enderle
- 3 - Casi Lockwood
Desi Burdick
Elisabeth Lockwood
- 4 - Claire Morris
- 12 - Helen Middaugh
- 14 - Peggy Pearce
Lincoln Nelson
- 19 - Derwood Say
- 21 - Rachel Holden
- 23 - Rob Cornell
- 25 - Todd Young

Statistics		Needed: \$1,837	
Date	Worship	SS	Offering
1/21	31	2	\$2,071.00
1/28	37	2	\$1,846.00
1/28		Gil's Hills	\$ 255.00
2/4	36	2	\$3,528.00
2/4		Gil's Hills	\$3,528.00
2/11	32		\$1,110.00
2/18	32		\$1,464.00
2/25	36		\$1,258.00
2/25		Gil's Hills	\$ 283.00

Others to keep in prayer:

- Brad Allen
- Wayne Botens
- Frank Calcagno
- Hazel Cornell
- David Edwards
- Mary Jane Gerstung
- Carolyn Hale
- Kim Hall
- Don Hall
- David Halstead
- Donna Hart
- Family & friends of Bernie Hawks
- Andrew James
- Katie Kellogg
- Kevin Kranock
- Helen Middaugh
- Mark Middaugh
- Nellie Moses
- Justin Murphy
- Keith Pierce
- Kelly Schmidt
- JoAnn Viglietta
- Clint Wilder
- Doris Kellogg Wyant



MARCH Anniversaries

- 18 - Arnold & Linda Nelson
- 28 - Mike & Fran Young




Daylight Saving Time Begins Sunday, March 10 at 2:00 am.
Turn clocks ahead one hour Saturday March 9 night (so you aren't late for church).



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!




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.**



Bernie Hawks, a member of Cuba UMC, passed away on January 27, 2024. A Celebration of Life Service was held on January 31, 2024 at Rinker Funeral Home.

March Helping Hands




HELPING HAND MINISTRY

Power Point: Rob Cornell

Pianist: Holly Scoville

Altar Guild: Linda Murphy



Flowers for Resurrection Sunday!



We are still waiting for confirmation of prices at the time of this writing! It seems to be that Easter Sunday has been sneaking up on many this year...as it did with the early disciples! The women went to the tomb to anoint the body of Jesus ...on the first day of the week...the third day! The early disciples had difficulty grasping the idea of the resurrection, something new that had not happened before except when Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead! Why do we have so much difficulty believing what God has shared with us in His word, the Bible? As children of God, as followers of Christ, may we indeed ...Rejoice at the Good News of Resurrection Sunday!

As soon as prices are available, we will share those during the Sunday morning worship and welcome your order. If you choose to purchase flowers from somewhere else, please bring your plant to church at 9 a.m. on Saturday, March 30th so it can be arranged with the others to beautify the sanctuary for Easter.

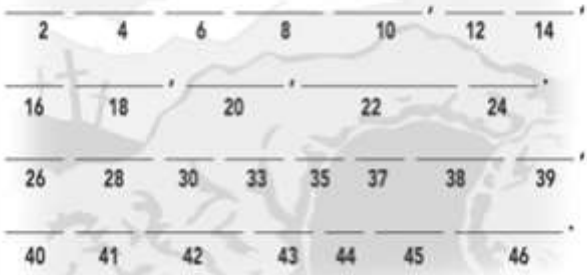
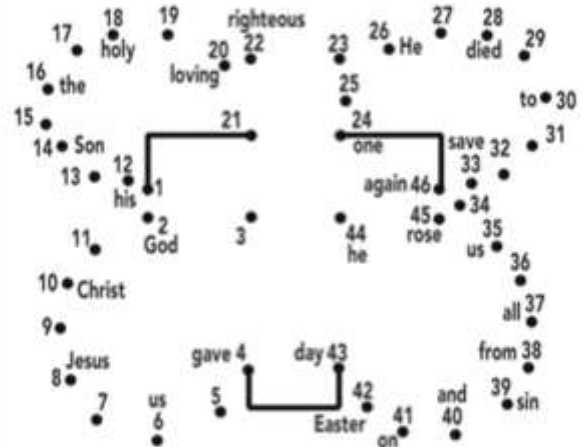
As in the past, we will also have the flower cross in the sanctuary during Sunday morning worship -that is shared with the community following the service. Bring your cut flowers to place on the cross. With Easter falling before April, we will have cut flowers available at church from which you may select if your garden is still in its winter sleep!

Rejoice! Jesus is indeed risen and working in the world today!

Submitted by Holly Scoville

Puzzle!

Connect the dots to find two symbols of Easter. Then write the words in the correct blanks to complete an Easter poem.



Answer: God gave us Jesus Christ, his Son, the holy, loving, righteous one, who died to save us all from sin, and on Easter day he rose again.

CALICO BEANS

Sandy LaFever



- 1 pound bacon
- 1 can red kidney beans
- 1 large can pork & beans
- 1/3 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 cup ketchup
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 pound hamburger
- 1 can butter beans
- 1/3 cup white sugar
- 2 TBS vinegar
- 2 TBS mustard

Brown bacon & hamburger. Drain and add kidney beans & butter beans. Add undrained pork & beans. Mix sugar, vinegar, ketchup, mustard and salt. Add to meat and beans. Bake at 350° for 20 min. or cook in crock pot.



A Call to Prayer; News from the Adult Sunday School Class

We are a small class in numbers, but we are learning and sharing. Praying is essential! The more we desire to spend time in prayer the more there are distractions demanding our time! You are invited to join us at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday morning. Paul encourages us in Ephesians 6: 10-20 to “Put on the full armor of God...” In verse 18, “And pray in the spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.” During this Lenten season, may you take this opportunity to reflect and give thanks and PRAY!

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



Located in Wellsville, **Gil’s Hills** specializes in serving children and youth who are in need of special attention in some way. The staff & volunteers at Gil's Hills are serious about helping kids by communicating the love of God while providing friendship, counseling, and service.

Their website is: www.gilshills.org

What is happening “Between the Hills”

Here “Between the Hills” we seem to have settled in to the “regular attenders.” Club sizes remain stable with an average club size of 11-12 campers per club. These kids seem to be really enjoying all the food, games, and crafts and most have been respectful and well-focused during bible lesson. It has been on our hearts to express the importance of reading the bible and we have been challenging the kids to do so. A few are, but most are not. Please pray the Holy Spirit would move in each of these kids, bringing them a desire to spend time with God in His word!

We have yet to be able to take full advantage of winter weather, as the weather has not aligned well with our scheduling, and the snow didn’t stick around long. We are hopeful that will change, but we are also in preparation for the upcoming maple syrup season. There is never a dull moment around here! Please pray we will get some time enjoy more winter before the Spring arrives.

Please, also join us in this “month of love,” in praying for the kid’s hearts to be opened to feel and be moved by the Love of Jesus! Thank you all for your prayers and support! Without you we could not do what we do!!!

For His Glory,

Scott M. Szalay
Executive Director
Gil’s Hills Ministries

Frequently needed items at Gil’s Hills:

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|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Chicken Noodle Soup | Mac n Cheese |
| Pudding Cups | Ranch Dressing |
| Canned Peaches | Ketchup |
| Nacho Cheese Sauce | Hot Dogs |
| Mini Chocolate Chips | Oreos |
| Crystal Light Drink Mix | Tator Tots |
| Chicken Nuggets | Pancake Mix |
| Little Debbie Snacks | Syrup |
| Breakfast Sausage | Taco Sauce |
| Paper Products | Plastic Silverware |
| Chips | Butter |

Gift Cards to Tops or Giant

With Much Appreciation

Thank you to all of our church family for thoughts, prayers, cards and flowers. Bernie loved the Lord and felt bad when he couldn't come to church because of his health. He looked forward to Mike and Sandy driving by after church and blowing their horn every Sunday.

Thank you also for the use of Wesley Hall after the service. A big thanks to all who prepared and served the meal. It was greatly appreciated.

Love,
Julie Hawks and family

Wednesday, March 6, 2024

Trustees Meeting - 6:00 pm

Management Team - 6:45 pm

Sunday School is at
9:30 am in the Adult
Sunday School room.

MARCH 2024

**SUNDAY
WORSHIP
SERVICE
11:00 AM**

All are welcome!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 Communion UMW Food Pantry Collection Sunday School 9:30 am	4 Tai Chi 7:00 pm	5 Prayer Group 10:00 am	6 Trustees Meeting 6:00 pm Management Team Mtg 6:45 pm	7	1	2 Kung Fu 6-8 am
10 Sunday School 9:30 am Daylight Saving Time begins	11 Tai Chi 7:00 pm	12 Prayer Group 10:00 am	13	14	15	16 Kung Fu 6:00-8:00 am
17 Sunday School 9:30 am	18 April Newsletter Deadline - Noon Tai Chi 7:00 pm	19 Prayer Group 10:00 am	20	21	22	23 Kung Fu 6:00-8:00 am
24 Palm Sunday Sunday School 9:30 am	25 Tai Chi 7:00 pm	26 Prayer Group 10:00 am	27	28 Maundy Thursday Service 6:00 pm	29 Good Friday	30 Kung Fu 6:00-8:00 am
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