



# The Shepherd's Messenger



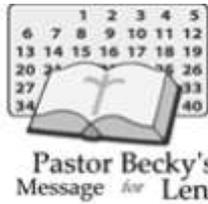
Begins March 8 at 2:00 am.  
 Remember to turn your clocks ahead one hour Saturday night March 7.



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



## Prayer and Meditation Encouragement During Lent

Greetings Friends!

Even though I'm a fan of technology, it seems like there's no escaping it, even if you wanted to. In our modern digital world, it's easy to work around the clock: our cell phones are always on, and everyone expects their text messages and emails to be answered instantaneously. You might even crawl into bed with your phone, checking out your Facebook updates or playing a game to "wind down." It's safe to say that for most of us, our work and our technology can consume our days and our nights.

Citizens of the ancient world saw no such conveniences, of course. They entertained themselves in other ways, usually in groups: true face-to-face fellowship at its finest. Even still, they managed to be distracted from the ways of the Lord.

God wants our attention. God wants to be He who consumes your thoughts every day and every night. It might seem impossible; after all, how many of us are living in monk-like settings?

The psalmist writes:

**"But they delight in the law of the Lord, meditating on it day and night."  
 —Psalm 1:2**

He who is close to the Lord is the same one who meditates on holy things night and day. How can that translate for us, in our world, with all of our distractions and responsibilities? As we ready ourselves for Christ's death and resurrection, we should turn ourselves to prayer.

Lent is a prime time for investigating God's word, spending time in prayer, and meditating on Scripture. Ask God to help you carve out more time to spend in His holy presence, and He will. Even though you may not lead a monk-like lifestyle, the more we spend time talking to God and (even more importantly) listening to God, the more our thoughts return to Him and His ways. Through regular prayer and reflection on Scripture, we become more like Him, and it becomes possible to spend our days and nights thinking godly things.

This Lenten season, I invite you to join me as we dedicate more time to God through quiet times of prayer, meditation, and reflection.

Blessings in Christ,

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
- Gary Enderle
- Al Goodliff
- Donna Hart
- Judy Heron
- Ruth Holden
- Tommy Johnson
- Kevin Kranock
- Ann Meehan
- Sandi Meyers
- Helen Middaugh
- Family & friends of Mark Middaugh
- Keith Pierce
- Derwood Say
- Randy Snyder
- Christina Torrey
- JoAnn Viglietta
- Clint Wilder
- Doris Kellogg Wyant



- 2 - Gary Enderle
- 4 - Claire Morris
- 12 - Helen Middaugh
- 14 - Peggy Pearce
- 19 - Derwood Say
- 21 - Rachel Holden
- 23 - Rob Cornell
- 25 - Todd Young



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

Statistics		Needed: \$1,944	
Date	Worship	SS	Offering
2/1	39	6	\$3,356.00
		Gil's Hills	\$ 165.00
2/8	26	3	\$1,010.00
		Gil's Hills	\$ 300.00
2/15	35		\$1,359.00
2/22	21		\$ 995.00
		Gil's Hills	\$ 204.00

March  
Helping  
Hands



Power Point:  
Rob Cornell

Pianist:  
Holly Scoville

Altar Guild:  
Linda Murphy



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!

Sunday Worship Services are  
streamed live at 11:00 am  
on our website,  
[www.cubamc.org](http://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)



**Mark Middaugh** passed away on February 1, 2026 at Erie County Medical Center in Buffalo. A funeral service was held on February 6, 2026 at Letro-McIntosh-Spink Funeral Home. Pastor Becky officiated.





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

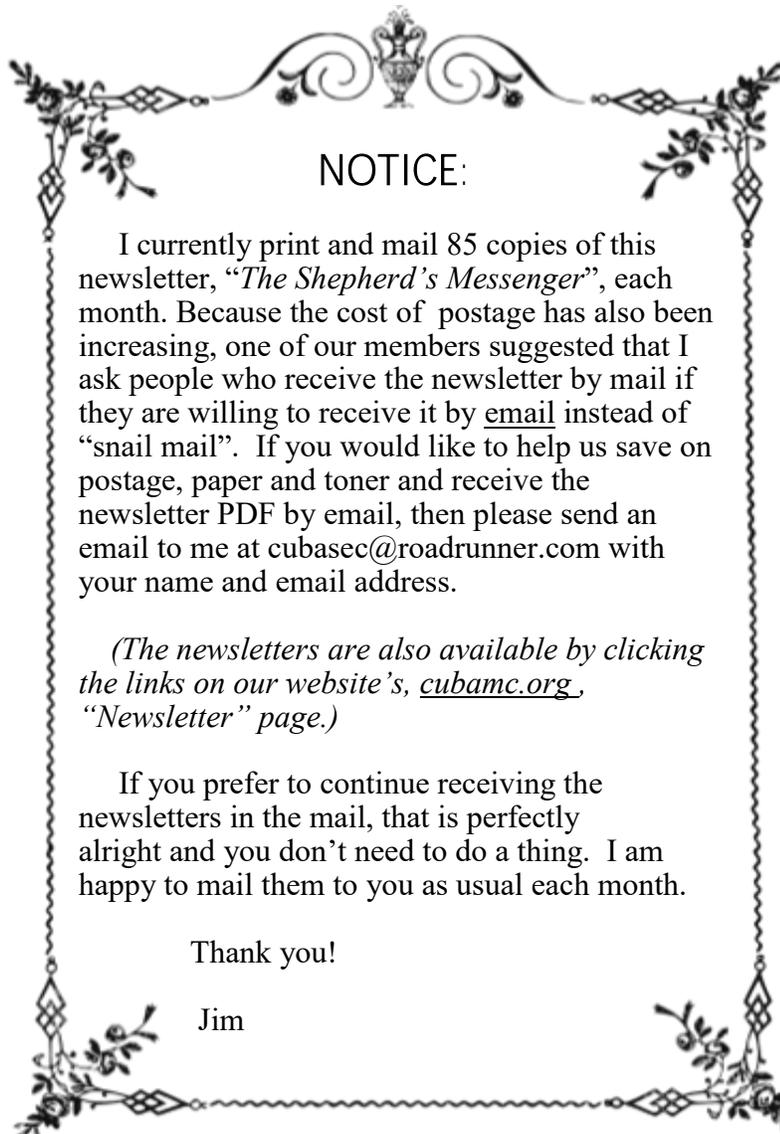


**What’s Happening “Between the Hills”**  
(from the Gil’s Hills February 2026 Newsletter)

To be honest, I believe this has been the most challenging season here since I have been a part of the ministry. That says a lot considering just a few years back we went through the whole Covid thing. This club season we had such an amazing thing going with the Build Different series. God really seemed to be taking root in the kid’s hearts. I am not sure what God’s plan is in this pause in programming but am trusting He will use it for good. While we have not been able to gather as normal, we are thanking God for His goodness and provision. The electric work is progressing well with Phase 1 completed ahead of schedule. With the blistering weather we are facing, Phase 2 is still estimated to be completed end of April to early May. Praise God, there is an end in sight, and it looks like summer camps will be unaffected. Camp applications are currently available online. In the meantime, we reach out to regular club attenders and their families bi-weekly following the club schedule, sharing updates along with scriptures and encouraging words. It has been a blessing to share God’s love in this manner. We have seen Him use it in powerful ways. Currently we are putting together goodie bags that Sherri and I will be delivering to the regular club attenders. We are hopeful these deliveries will enable us to better minister to the kids and their families with face-to face interaction. We thank you for your continued prayers and support. Without you, we could not do what we do!!!

Blessings,

Scott M. Szalay



**NOTICE:**

I currently print and mail 85 copies of this newsletter, “*The Shepherd’s Messenger*”, each month. Because the cost of postage has also been increasing, one of our members suggested that I ask people who receive the newsletter by mail if they are willing to receive it by email instead of “snail mail”. If you would like to help us save on postage, paper and toner and receive the newsletter PDF by email, then please send an email to me at [cubasec@roadrunner.com](mailto:cubasec@roadrunner.com) with your name and email address.

*(The newsletters are also available by clicking the links on our website’s, [cubamc.org](http://cubamc.org), “Newsletter” page.)*

If you prefer to continue receiving the newsletters in the mail, that is perfectly alright and you don’t need to do a thing. I am happy to mail them to you as usual each month.

Thank you!

Jim

**CHURCH TRUSTEES**

- Robbie Cornell, Chair, Treasurer
- John Hupp, Vice President
- Jim Travis, Secretary
- Marshall Allen
- Sylvia Clement
- Allison Goodliff
- Judy Krott
- Linda Murphy



**MANAGEMENT TEAM**

- Linda Murphy, Chair
- Marshall Allen
- Sylvia Clement
- Rob Cornell
- Butch Holden
- Mary Hupp
- Judy Krott



**SUNDAY  
WORSHIP  
SERVICE  
11:00 AM**

All are welcome!

# MARCH

# 2026

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

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

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