



The Shepherd's Messenger



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



“Christ is risen! He is risen indeed, alleluia!”

These are the words we start Easter with. Our entire Easter season is peppered with these words, salted with them so we may never forget. Jesus Christ truly has risen from the dead. Because we have been baptized **into Christ, united to Christ through baptism, we will also rise from the dead** (Romans 6). It is very right

and fitting we shout, **“Christ is risen! He is risen indeed, alleluia!”**

We need to say these words. We desperately need to be reminded of the reality of Christ's resurrection from the dead, because the reality we see around us is so often very different looking. We see our parents die, we see our spouses die, our friends, our family, even our children. We see the cold reality of death staring us in the face all the time. This is why we need the warm reality of the resurrection being shouted into our ears.

Paul understood what Christians like us go through. The church in the city of Thessalonica had Christians who were worried about the resurrection. They saw their loved ones die, just like we do. They saw spouses, friends, and children die as well. Seeing them die was just as hard for them as it is for us. Paul wrote to them, and you as well, saying:

¹³ And now, dear brothers and sisters, we want you to know what will happen to the believers who have died so you will not grieve like people who have no hope. ¹⁴ For since we believe that Jesus died and was raised to life again, we also believe that when Jesus returns, God will bring back with him the believers who have died.

¹⁵ We tell you this directly from the Lord: We who are still living when the Lord returns will not meet him ahead of those who have died. ¹⁶ For the Lord himself will come down from heaven with a commanding shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet call of God. First, the believers who have died will rise from their graves. ¹⁷ Then, together with them, we who are still alive and remain on the earth will be caught up in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Then we will be with the Lord forever. ¹⁸ So encourage each other with these words. (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)

The reality of death we see around us is hard, it is bitter, it is heartbreaking. But the Easter proclamation **“Christ is risen! He is risen indeed, alleluia!”** can soften the blow of death, comfort the sadness, and soothe the bitterness of death.

We do grieve, but we do not grieve as those without hope. May we shout it out loud and remind ourselves constantly, **“Christ is risen! He is risen indeed, alleluia!”**

Blessings,
 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
Ruth Holden
Bob Huddleston
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!



6 - Marshall Allen
9 - Keith Pierce
15 - Robert Huddleston
- Sandra LaFever
- Mark Middaugh
22 - Sue Feldbauer
27 - Brian Hawks
28 - Mary Hupp

Statistics Needed: \$1,934

Date	Worship	SS	Offering
3/2	40	13	\$2,535.00
			Gil's Hills \$ 50.00
3/5	Ash Wednesday	16	
3/9	42	9	\$2,258.00
			Wyant Fire \$ 490.00
3/16	41	15	\$1,641.00
			Wyant Fire \$ 650.00
3/23	39	12	\$1,503.00
			Gil's Hills \$ 50.00



14 - Kenneth & Brenda Wyant
27 - Elroy & Kelly Brickey



Tuesday, April 8, 2025
Trustees Meeting 6:00 pm
Management Team 6:45 pm



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

Also on our Facebook Page



Videos of Services are posted on
our YouTube Channel



**Easter Flower Order
Deadline
Sunday, April 6, 2025**

Order forms on windowsills
in sanctuary.
Give forms and money to Claire.

April
Helping
Hands



Power Point:
Rob Cornell

Pianist:
Holly Scoville

Altar Guild:
Sandy Allen
Sue Huddleston



Consider the lilies

“Why are you anxious...?” asked our Lord. Then he said, Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these” (Matthew 6:28-29).



His point was that just as God sees to it that the lilies of the field always come forth in their wholeness and beauty, so God can be counted on to provide for us. People of faith come to understand that marvelous reality. In words that follow, a poet reminds us of the reliability of God as seen in familiar flowers that now are bursting forth in their glorious beauty:

God does not send strange flowers every year,
When the Spring wind blows o’er the pleasant
places,
The same dear things lift up the same fair faces,
The violet is here.

— Adeline Whitney

Puzzle!

First, write the word that fits each definition. Then transfer those letters to the correct numbered lines below, completing John 20:17 (NIV). Finally, unscramble the circled letters to complete the sentence at the bottom.

1. Water that falls from the sky 1 2 3 4
2. Birds lay these in a nest 5 6 7 8
3. A newly hatched hen 9 10 11 12 13
4. These bloom in spring 14 15 16 17 18 19 20
5. A caterpillar transformed 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29
6. Dirt mixed with water 30 31 32

J 5 8 31 20 8 2 3 32 "I" 2 30
2 20 12 25 4 32 11 4 6 24 16 30 29
 F 2 23 10 18 26 2 4 32 29 16 22 1
 F 2 24 10 25 19 23 16 30 29 G 16 32
2 4 32 29 16 31 1 G 16 32"

John 20:17, NIV

Jesus has _____!

Answer: rain, eggs, chicks, flowers, butterflies, mud. Jesus said, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." (John 20:17, NIV) Jesus has risen!

BAKED HASH BROWNS AU GRATIN

Claire Morris

- 4 ½ cups (15 oz.) shredded loose-packed frozen potatoes
- 2/3 cup Carnation Nonfat dry milk powder
- 1 cup water
- ¼ tsp. lemon pepper
- 1 tsp. dried parsley flakes
- 1/3 (1 ½ oz.) shredded Kraft reduced-fat Cheddar cheese.



Preheat oven to 375°. Spray 8x8" baking dish with cooking spray. Arrange potatoes in prepared dish. In small bowl, combine dry milk powder, water, lemon pepper and parsley flakes. Evenly pour milk mixture over potatoes. Bake for 45 minutes. Evenly sprinkle Cheddar cheese over top. Continue baking for 5 to 7 minutes or until cheese melts. Place baking dish on wire rack and let set for 5 minutes. Divide into 4 servings.



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 March 2025 Newsletter)

What a blessed winter we are having! We know that many people don't embrace the cold snowy winter conditions and would prefer it to end before it starts. Here “between the hills” we embrace those conditions and all the opportunities for fun they present. The kids have had a good time out in God's creation having snowball fights, building snow structures and doing a lot of sledding.

Worship on Wheels was a great success with over 70 in attendance rocking and rolling to worship music. Early in February we did take time to tap some trees, however with the below normal temperatures, we have yet to collect any sap. It seems the month of March is going to be when we build the supply of maple syrup that we use throughout the club and camp seasons. We trust God will provide as He always does, in His timing.

As you can see looking at the club schedule, March is going to be a busy month. We are excited to see all that God is going to do throughout the month. Many of the activities are uncertain, depending upon the weather, but one thing that is certain is we will continue to dig into God's word!

Please pray that all we do here between the hills would draw glory to Christ Jesus! Also, be in prayer for Sherri and her husband Luke as God has blessed them with the birth of their daughter Molly on February 27th.

Thank you for your continued payers and support! Without you we could not do what we do!!!

Blessings,
Scott M. Szalay
Executive Director

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	Salsa
Salsa	Dill Relish
Tostitos/Doritos	Spaghetti Sauce
Mayo (no miracle whip)	

Gil's Hills Amazon Wish List

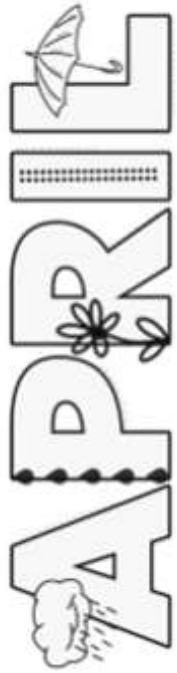
Please check out this QR Code for a direct link to our Amazon Wish List of items needed ranging from office supplies to summer camp equipment!



Gift Cards to Tops or Giant





**SUNDAY
WORSHIP
SERVICE
11:00 AM**

All are welcome!



2025

Sunday School is at
9:30 am for both
Adults and Children.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Prayer Group 10:00 am	2	3	4	5 Kung Fu 6:00 - 8:00 am
6 GMW Food Pantry Collection Communion Easter Flower Order Deadline Sunday School 9:30a	7 Tai Chi 7:00 pm	8 Prayer Group 10:00 am Trustees Mtg. 6:00 pm Management Team 6:45 p	9	10	11	12 Kung Fu 6:00 - 8:00 am
13 Sunday School 9:30 am 	14 Tai Chi 7:00 pm	15 Prayer Group 10:00 am	16	17  Service 6:00 pm	18 	19 Kung Fu 6:00-8:00 am
20 Sunday School 9:30 am 	21 May Newsletter Deadline - Noon Tai Chi 7:00 pm	22 Prayer Group 10:00 am	23	24	25	26 Kung Fu 6:00-8:00 am
27 Sunday School 9:30 am Gil's Hills Offering	28 Tai Chi 7:00 pm	29 Prayer Group 10:00 am	30			

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