



The Shepherd's Messenger



Easter Blessings



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



Greetings Friends!

As we come to the beautiful time of year called "Easter" or, as some may refer to it, "Resurrection Sunday," I want to remind you that the same power that raised Christ from the dead is available to us today.

The Bible tells us in Romans 8:11, "**And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.**"

I believe this life given to us is not only eternal life, but it is also life for NOW! We are truly living in very challenging days as so many lust after power and use all means of force and manipulation to obtain it.

Yet Jesus said the following in Matthew 20:26, "**Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant.**"

Think of it. The most amazing person to ever live on the face of this earth was Jesus Christ. He did nothing to force Himself on anyone, yet people willingly follow His teaching and example down through the ages and continue today.

He laid His life down willingly so that you and I would have the example of willing sacrifice and love for others.

We have seen the evils of "wars and rumors of wars" happening today as untold thousands of people have been displaced from one country to another. While that is another kind of "power" that will one day be dealt with by a just Judge, there is little doubt this kind of power produces anything but disdain and hatred for the oppressor.

Jesus came that we might have life and that it would be abundant life! We may not have all the answers of "why" on this earth, but we do know that Jesus understands the beginning to the end. He is Alpha and Omega!

Without the Resurrection, we have nothing, but with the power of the Resurrection, the Christian will ultimately prevail and overcome!

I want to encourage you to take advantage of the fact we can and will gather together for Easter and celebrate His Resurrection. It's more than ritual or tradition, but it's our living HOPE, and it is POWER!

Be sure to attend on April 5th at 11:00 am and invite a friend to attend with you!

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



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

Statistics Needed: \$1,944

Date	Worship	SS	Offering
3/1	37		\$3,733.00
		Gil's Hills	\$ 50.00
3/8	36	10	\$2,704.00
		Gil's Hills	\$ 50.00
3/15	34	9	\$1,584.00
3/22	34		\$1,260.00

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

April Helping Hands



Power Point:
Rob Cornell

Pianist:
Holly Scoville

Altar Guild:
Sandy Allen
Sue Huddleston



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)



Theo Crane, a Cuba Methodist Church member, passed away on March 15, 2026.

A Memorial Service was held at the Cuba Methodist Church on March 21, 2026. Pastor Becky officiated.

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.



Service

April 2, 2026 at 4:00 pm


Tuesday, April 7, 2026
Trustees Meeting 6:00 pm
Management Team 6:45 pm

SPINACH RICOTTA PIZZA

Sue Simmons



- 1 12” pre baked pizza crust
- 8 oz. Sorrento ricotta cheese
- 4 oz. mozzarella cheese, grated
- 1 package (10 oz.) frozen chopped spinach, thawed and drained
- 1 large tomato, sliced
- ½ cup chopped onion
- ¼ tsp. crushed red pepper flakes

Spread ingredients over baked crust and sprinkle with mozzarella cheese. Bake at 400° for 12-15 minutes.

Oh, give us pleasure in the flowers to-day;
 And give us not to think so far away
 As the uncertain harvest; keep us here
 All simply in the springing of the year.

Oh, give us pleasure in the orchard white,
 Like nothing else by day, like ghosts by night;
 And make us happy in the happy bees,
 The swarm dilating round the perfect trees.

And make us happy in the darting bird
 That suddenly above the bees is heard,
 The meteor that thrusts in with needle bill,
 And off a blossom in mid air stands still.

For this is love and nothing else is love,
 The which it is reserved for God above
 To sanctify to what far ends He will,
 But which it only needs that we fulfil.

Robert Frost

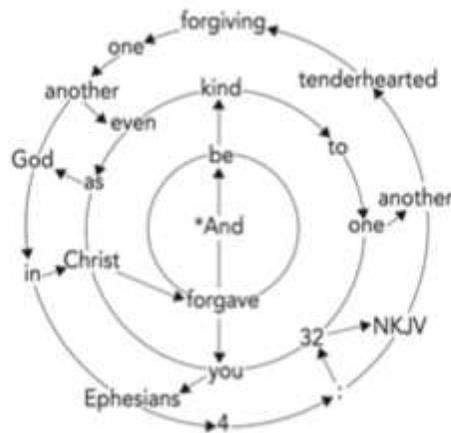
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Puzzle!

This Bible verse teaches an important lesson about how we should treat others — and why.

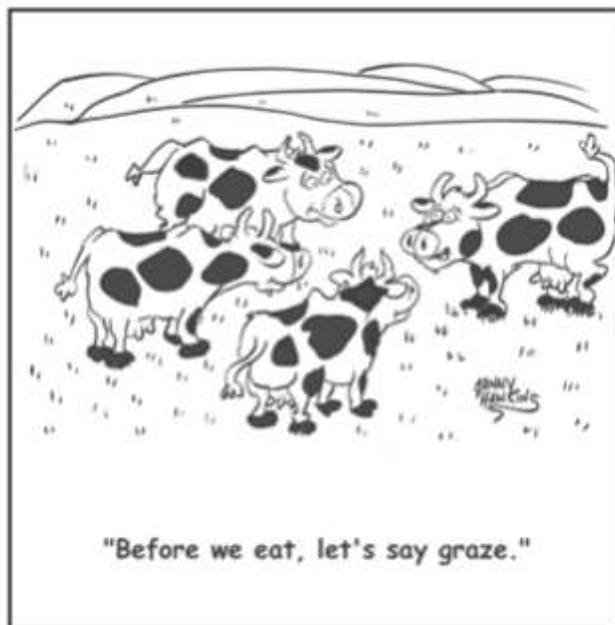


Start with the asterisk in the center circle and follow the arrows. Write the words in order on the blanks below.



*And _____

Answer: "And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you." Ephesians 4:32, NKJV



"Before we eat, let's say graze."

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 2026 Newsletter)

Because of you who pray for and support this ministry, Gil's Hills can share the gospel of Jesus Christ with the children and youth of Allegany County through friendship and service.

Let me just say, we are a blessed people, and our God is greater than the trials we face! While we have been in a season of challenge, not able to do ministry as normal, ministry has continued and God has shown Himself in mighty ways. We have continued to reach out to the regular club attenders families sharing encouragement and scripture and have received so much encouragement in return. Many kids have expressed how much they miss gathering and they, like us, are longing for the day we can get together again. In the meantime, I along with Sherri, or Megan or Jamie, paid visits over the course of 4 days to the regular club attenders. We brought along goodie bags full of reminders of what Gil's Hills is all about. During these visits God moved mightily opening opportunities to share gospel truths and pray with entire families. We've encountered opportunities to strengthen relationships with kids who were seemingly distancing themselves from God. We prayed with some families facing strained relationships, some facing environmental challenges, some seeking direction. As I said, God is good!

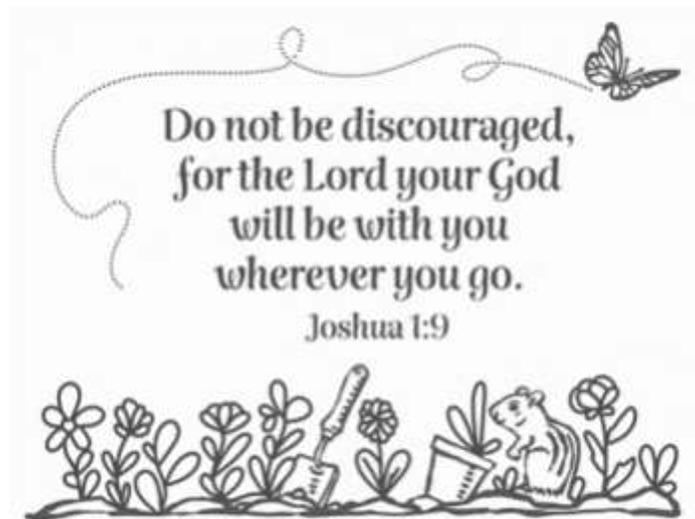
While I would not have chosen the ministries current insurance and electrical challenges, looking back I thank God for all He has done and is doing in it!

Blessings,

Scott M. Szalay
Executive Director

Gil's Hills Amazon Wish List

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



**SUNDAY
WORSHIP
SERVICE
11:00 AM**

All are welcome!

APRIL 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	4
5 <i>Easter Sunday</i> Food Pantry Collect Communion Sunday School Adults: 9:30 am Children: 11:00 am	6 Tai Chi 7:00 pm	7 Prayer Group 10:00 a Trustees Meeting 6:00 p Management Team 6:45 p	8	9	10	11
12 Sunday School Adults: 9:30 am Children: 11:00 am	13 Tai Chi 7:00 pm	14 Prayer Group 10:00 am	15	16	17	18
19 Sunday School Adults: 9:30 am Children: 11:00 am	20 Tai Chi 7:00 pm May Newsletter Deadline - Noon	21 Prayer Group 10:00 am	22	23	24	25
26 Girl's Hills Offering Sunday School Adults: 9:30 am Children: 11:00 am	27 Tai Chi 7:00 pm	28 Prayer Group 10:00 am	29	30		



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