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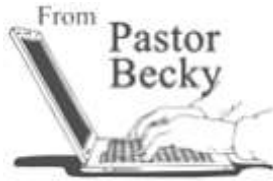
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KNOWING JESUS AS THE
GOOD SHEPHERD & SHARING
THE RISEN CHRIST WITH ALL.



We Are in a Spiritual Battle

For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. (Ephesians 6:12).

It is important to remember that we are in a spiritual battle. Satan and His forces are out to take from us what the Lord has graciously given to us. In the rest of this passage Paul tells us to put on the armor of God and STAND. Our job is not to "fix things" it is to hold the ground that we have already been given.

Satan will work hard to distort truth, (the first piece of God's armor). He will try to rob our joy and diminish our witness. He cannot take us from the Lord, but He can keep us from taking others with us. Our strength is in Him . . . not in us! It is not up to us to "fix" the world or others. Our job is to preach the Word of God . . . to point to Him! To stand on the truth of the gospel.

Since we are fighting a spiritual battle, we must remain close to our spiritual strength. Paul tells us to clothe ourselves in the righteousness of Christ, the precious truth of our salvation because of Jesus, the peace of God which we hopefully extend to others, the shield of faith . . . trusting God to give us the tools we need and to make right what is wrong (He will do a much better job than we can do). We are to take on the sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God, and we should do all of it in the spirit of prayer.

The smart soldier remains with his fellow soldiers. We are a much easier target when we are alone than when we are together. Let's not shoot our fellow soldiers but instead rely on each other for wisdom, encouragement, and support.

Blessings,

Pastor Becky

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



- 3 - Kameron Pierce
- 5 - Andrew Clement
- 9 - Brandon Cornell
Payton Nelson
Mike Young
- 14 - Brenda Wyant
- 21 - Austin Clement
- 23 - Doris Wyant
- 24 - Zea Ann Dutton
- 27 - Kim Hall



- 13 - Pete & Sue Simmons
- 20- Jeremy & Dawn
Wildrick-Cole
- 28 - Mark & Claire Morris

Statistics Needed: \$1,837

Date	Worship	SS	Offering
3/28	Maundy Thursday	12	
3/31	41	2	\$2,509.00
			Gil's Hills \$ 256.00
4/7	35	3	\$3,683.00
			Gil's Hills \$ 125.00
4/14	37		\$1,853.00
4/21	31		\$1,410.00
			Gil's Hills \$ 100.00

Others to keep in prayer:

- Brad Allen
- Frank Calcagno
- Hazel Cornell
- David Edwards
- Mary Jane Gerstung
- Kim Hall
- Don Hall
- Donna Hart
- Bob Huddleston
- Katie Kellogg
- Kevin Kranock
- Helen Middaugh
- Mark Middaugh
- Nellie Moses
- Justin Murphy
- Keith Pierce
- JoAnn Viglietta
- Clint Wilder
- Family & friends of Dean Wildrick
- 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!



Next Meetings:
Wed. May 1, 2024
in Adult Sunday School Room

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



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.**



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

Also on our Facebook Page




Services are archived on our website and on Facebook.



Dean E. Wildrick passed a way at Olean General Hospital on April 17, 2024. A Funeral Service was held at Rinker Funeral Home on April 21, 2024.


May Helping Hands



Power Point:
Rob Cornell

Pianist:
Holly Scoville

Altar Guild:
Claire Morris



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



What is happening "Between the Hills"

2024 is one quarter done. The snow has melted, and spring has sprung! The first part of the year passes by so fast, but we pray the connections made, for a lifetime will last. We saw several new faces and the return of some old, with most listening intently to the Truth that was told! It's been a pleasure to share God's love with these kids. It's our hope Jesus will claim them all to be His!

by: Scott Szalay

In the first quarter we held 21 clubs where we provided transportation to and from, as well as at each. The clubs were attended by 56 different kids, and we have maintained communication with 134 kids (and/or their families) in total. We also held an overnight event as well as an outdoor Winterfest back in February. Since the start of the new year, we have been emphasizing the importance and the power of God's word. We have distributed bibles to each of the kids and have been teaching them how and why we read the bible. We are seeing kids grow in their faith, with several non-church going kids and families beginning to attend bible believing churches. We are in awe at the kingdom work that God does in and through this little ministry in Allegany County. He is so good!

Thank you for your continued prayers and support!

Scott M. Szalay, Executive Director

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

Update from the Adult Sunday School Class from Holly Scoville

We have been using the book A Call To Prayer; A Season of Harvest to guide our study in class this year. It is 111 pages long. We have completed less than half so far! The Table of Contents will provide you with some insight into why it has been such a slow journey!!



"The Power of Prayer, The Model Prayer, Hindrances to Prayer, Pray for Revival, Prayer as Intimacy with God, The Ultimate Strategy, 'My House Will Be Called a House of Prayer', Deepening Your Prayer Life, A Concert of Prayer, Resources on Prayer, A Prayer Covenant"

No matter how long you have been a follower of Jesus Christ, there is always so much more to learn from the Scriptures. Are we done? NO! As we continue walking daily with the Lord, it is so important to continue to listen and respond to the promptings of the Holy Spirit as we pray and continue to learn. Jesus gave us The Lord's Prayer when the disciples asked Him to teach them how to pray. They saw a difference ...not just rote recitation but communication with God, the creator of all! Join us at 9:30 Sunday morning in the adult Sunday school classroom if you are able. Above all....continue to grow in your prayer life as you walk closer to the Lord! Peace and grace!

Trustees News



- ◆ The leaky hot water heater in the kitchen has been replaced.
- ◆ Getting quotes on fixing the sticking front doors
- ◆ Getting quotes on replacing boilers


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

2024



**SUNDAY
WORSHIP
SERVICE**
11:00 AM

All are welcome!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5 Communion UMW Food Pantry Collection Sunday School 9:30 am	6 Tai Chi 7:00 pm	7 Prayer Group 10:00 am	8 Trustees Meeting 6:00 pm Management Team Mtg 6:45 pm	9	10	11 Kung Fu 6:00 - 8:00 am
12 Sunday School 9:30 am Mother's Day	13 Tai Chi 7:00 pm	14 Prayer Group 10:00 am	15	16	17	18 Kung Fu 6:00-8:00 am
19 Sunday School 9:30 am	20 June Newsletter Deadline - Noon Tai Chi 7:00 pm	21 Prayer Group 10:00 am	22	23	24	25 Kung Fu 6:00-8:00 am
26 Sunday School 9:30 am Gil's Hills Offering	27 	28 Prayer Group 10:00 am	29	30	31	

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