



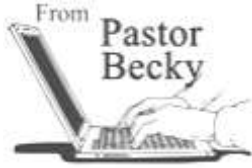
# The Shepherd's Messenger



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



## The Dangers of Drifting

As interesting as it may sound, it is somewhat commonplace to hear news stories about people who drift out to sea. Two such incidents made worldwide headlines. First, a woman in a swim ring drifted out to sea while swimming at a Japanese beach. She was rescued some 36 hours later, 50 miles out in the Pacific Ocean, and was lucky to have survived despite the dangers of the sea. Secondly, a Russian man was rescued after drifting in a small inflatable boat in one of the coldest seas in East Asia. Sixty-seven days earlier, he, his brother and nephew, set out on a whale-watching trip only to be left adrift after the boat motor failed. Unfortunately, his brother and nephew did not survive.

Just as these people experienced the life-threatening reality of drifting out to sea, we have the metaphorical warning found in Hebrews 2:1, **“So we must listen very carefully to the truth we have heard, or we may drift away from it.”**

Written to Christians, the author cautions believers to beware of slowly, subtly, drifting from the safe shores that are in Christ and becoming separated from God. Many things can be the cause of spiritual drifting. The desire for pleasure, the weariness of life, the familiarity of religious practice, and the influence of society can drag us away from the safe harbor of the Lord. However, spiritual drifting is preventable by paying attention to our position in the faith. The bible says that we must be diligent to make our calling within the gospel sure and steadfast (Heb. 4:11; 2 Peter 1:10), all-the-while keeping our eye on the shoreline, which is the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

How have you done in your journey with God over the past year or the past few months? Have you drifted? Now is the time to return. Call out to God before you are so far from the shore that you lose all sense of spiritual direction.

Blessings,

Pastor Becky

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



3 - Kameron Pierce  
5 - Andrew Clement  
9 - Brandon Cornell  
Mike Young  
14 - Brenda Wyant  
21 - Austin Clement  
23 - Doris Wyant  
27 - Kim Hall



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



The church was decorated with beautiful Spring plants on Easter Sunday. The Flower Cross was placed in front of the church to show that *Jesus Lives!*

### 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!*

### Statistics

Needed: \$1,934

Date	Worship	SS	Offering
3/30	38	12	\$2,368.00
		Gil's Hills	\$ 218.00
4/6	39	12	\$2,153.00
		Wyant Fire	\$ 200.00
4/13	44	12	\$2,478.00
4/20	48	10	\$1,458.00



**Tuesday, May 6, 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](http://www.cubamc.org)**

**Also on our Facebook Page**



Videos of Services are posted on  
our YouTube Channel



May  
Helping  
Hands

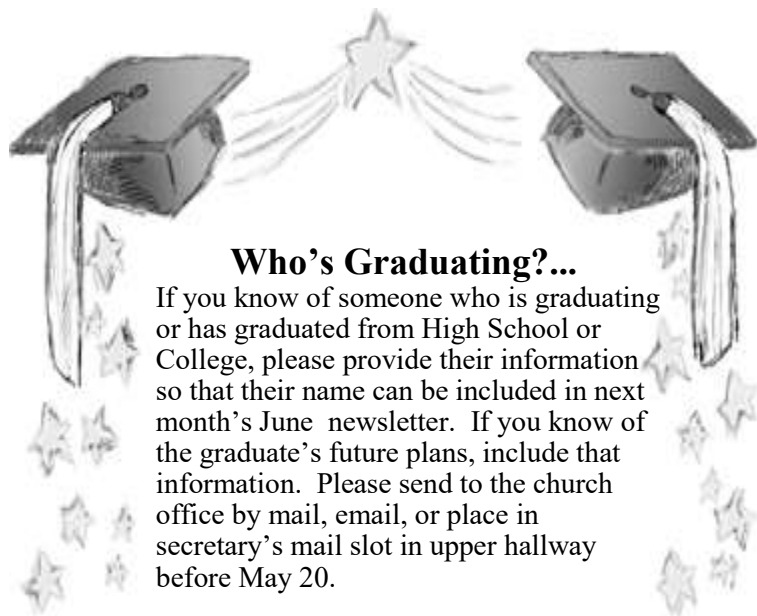


Power Point:  
Rob Cornell

Pianist:  
Holly Scoville

Altar Guild:  
Claire Morris





## Who's Graduating?...

If you know of someone who is graduating or has graduated from High School or College, please provide their information so that their name can be included in next month's June newsletter. If you know of the graduate's future plans, include that information. Please send to the church office by mail, email, or place in secretary's mail slot in upper hallway before May 20.

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.



# Puzzle!

Unscramble the names of these biblical mothers. Look up the verse if you need help. Then use the letters on the numbered blanks to complete the message below.

VEE (Genesis 3:20)

611

NNAHAH (1 Samuel 1:20)

14

RBAHEOD (Judges 5:7)

18-3

KREEHAB (Genesis 27:5)

16 8

EHLA (Genesis 30:14)

1

CLEHRA (Genesis 30:22)

12

MOIAN (Ruth 1:22)

16 17 18

RAAHS (Genesis 17:19)

122

AMR (Matthew 2:11)

377

**ZEBLEHATI (Luke 1:13)**

9 15 4

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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			G	F	F		G		
13	8	14	15	4	16	10	17	3	18

Answers: Eve, Hannah, Deborah, Rebekah, Leah, Rachel, Raoul, Aaron, Sarah, Mary, Elizabeth. A mother's love is a gift from God.

## QUICK FRUIT SALAD

Sandy LaFever

- 1 cantaloupe
- 1 small jar maraschino cherries (drained)
- 1 cup pineapple chucks (drained)
- 1 cup mandarin oranges (drained)
- 1 banana sliced
- 1 can (21 oz) peach pie filling



In a medium bowl, combine all fruit. Stir in peach pie filling, blend well. Chill at least one hour before serving. (Proportions of fruit can be varied without additional pie filling).



## **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 April 2025 Newsletter)

As you can see by the photos, March has brought about a change in the season. The snow has melted away revealing a monotone earth that is fully prepped for the new life which is already in its infancy beneath the surface. What an exciting time of year as we prepare to celebrate the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus, and the new life that is available to us only through Him.

March has indeed been a busy month as we had anticipated. We held 9 clubs attended by 55 different kids. We have now been able to gather some tree sap and have made just under a gallon of maple syrup. With the transition in weather, our time indoors vs. outdoors has been approximately 60/40. Praise God for the Ark (gym). It is truly a blessing when the weather keeps us indoors.

All club season long, things have been running really smoothly. The kids had been attentive and respectful. Well, March brought about several challenges in older and younger girls clubs, requiring corrective action. The incidents were addressed via letters sent. It is our hope that the approach taken will result in growth and transformation, therefore glorifying the Creator. We ask that you join us in praying God would move mightily in these young ladies' lives. Also, please continue to pray for Sherri, Luke and Molly as they traverse the challenges of life in a growing family.

May all we do here between the hills draw glory to Christ Jesus! Thank you for your continued prayers 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  
Chicken Noodle Soup  
Pudding Cups  
Canned Peaches  
Nacho Cheese Sauce  
Mini Chocolate Chips  
Taco Seasoning  
Chicken Nuggets  
Pancake Mix (not bisquick or  
gluten free)  
Little Debbie Snacks  
Breakfast Sausage  
Paper Bowls  
Salsa  
Tostitos/Doritos  
Mayo (no miracle whip)

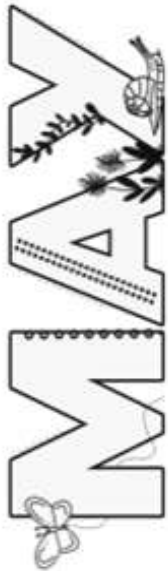
American cheese  
Mac n Cheese  
Ranch Dressing  
Ketchup  
Hot Dogs  
Oreos  
Tator Tots  
Tomato soup  
Syrup  
Taco Sauce  
Butter  
Salsa  
Dill Relish  
Spaghetti Sauce



**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	2	3 Kung Fu 6:00 - 8:00 am
4 GMW Food Pantry Collection Communion Sunday School 9:30a	5 Tai Chi 7:00 pm	6 Prayer Group 10:00 am Trustees Mtg. 6:00 pm Management Team 6:45 p	7	8	9	10 Kung Fu 6:00 - 8:00 am
11 Sunday School 9:30 am Hymn Sing	12 Tai Chi 7:00 pm	13 Prayer Group 10:00 am	14	15	16	17 Kung Fu 6:00-8:00 am Cleaning Day 9:00 am
18 Sunday School 9:30 am	19 June Newsletter Deadline - Noon Tai Chi 7:00 pm	20 Prayer Group 10:00 am	21	22	23	24 Kung Fu 6:00-8:00 am
25 Sunday School 9:30 am Gil's Hills Offering	26 Tai Chi 7:00 pm	27 Prayer Group 10:00 am	28	29	30	31 Kung Fu 6:00-8:00 am

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