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# The Shepherd's Messenger

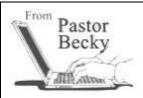




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KNOWING JESUS AS THE GOOD SHEPHERD & SHARING THE RISEN CHRIST WITH ALL.



#### **Becoming the Image of Christ**

There is a series of comical commercials for an insurance company that have become quite popular. The commercials feature mid-aged

adults who are seeking counseling to prevent taking on the traits of their parents. The commercial's hook line is, "We can't protect you from becoming your parents, but we can protect your home and auto." It is a fact of genetics that as we grow older, we may take on more and more of our parent's appearance and character.

Just as with physical maturity, Christians are to grow into the character of Jesus Christ. Romans 8:29 says that God predestined us to "be conformed to the image of His Son." As we live our lives for the Lord, there is a spiritual transformation into His image (2 Cor. 3:18) and this change is described in at least two ways. First, there is a transformation of the mind. "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus..." (Phil. 2:5) which moves us to humble submission and obedience to God. We will love God first, and humanity second. (Mark 12:29-31) Secondly, as our spirituality increases, we will pattern our conduct after Christ and "walk just as He walked." (1 John 2:6) We will become more caring and compassionate, just as Jesus when He saw the multitudes of people who followed Him. (Matt. 9:36) We will be honest, teaching the truth in love, and forgive those who do us wrong just as Christ forgave us. (Eph. 4:15, 32) We will be an example to others and be able to say, "Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ." (1 Cor. 11:1)

Finally, on that Great Day when Christ returns, as children of God, we will take on the heavenly nature of Christ. "Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is." (1 John 3:2)

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 Al Goodliff Julie Hawks
- 7 Dylan Cornell
- 15 Eric Young
- 18 Rinoa Lockwood (Casi's daughter)
- 19 Kevin Kranock





20 - Al & Marilyn Goodliff



Tuesday, June 3, 2025 Trustees Meeting 6:00 pm Management Team 6:45 pm



**Shannon Roat** was baptized at the May 18, 2025 worship service.



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







Thank you everyone for your healing prayers and thoughts. Thanks also for the beautiful get well cards. They mean so much to me.

Love, Julie Hawks





Power Point: Rob Cornell

<u>Pianist:</u> Holly Scoville









#### **College Graduate:**

Carley LaFever, granddaughter of Mike and Sandy LaFever graduated with honors from Pitt-Bradford. She will be teaching Biology in the Olean School District.



#### **BLUEBERRY PUDDING**

Doris Wyant

2 cups blueberries 1 TBS lemon juice



In a saucepan, combine berries and lemon juice. Mix sugar with flour, then add water. Bring to boil. Pour hot berry mixture into greased casserole.

½ cup sugar 3 TBS shortening ½ cup milk

Combine in order to make stiff batter. Drop batter on top of hot blueberry mixture – do NOT mix in! Bake 350° one hour.

# Puzzle!

#### A FATHER'S INSTRUCTION

Although babies don't come with instructions, God tells parents how to raise their children.

Directions: Fill in the blanks with letters, using the number grid to find the correct coordinates. The first number goes across, the second one goes down.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	a	L	d	1	1	9	t
2	m	ь	0	k	h	u	5
3	e	n	c	×	i.t.	р	f.

2,2 7,1 4,1 2,3 6,1 5,3 5,2 1,3 1,2

6,2 6,3 4,1 2,3 5,3 5,2 1,3

5,3 7,1 1,1 4,1 2,3 4,1 2,3 6,1 1,1 2,3 3,1

4,1 2,3 7,2 5,3 7,1 6,2 3,3 5,3 4,1 3,2 2,3

3,2 7,3 5,3 5,2 1,3 2,1 3,2 7,1 3,1

Ephesians 6:4, NIV

Answers. "... bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord." Ephesians 6/4, MIV



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## 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 May 2025 Newsletter)

Spring has sprung and new life has begun! He is Risen! In April, everything seems to come to life as we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Here between the hills, the vibrant spring colors have begun to return to grass, plants and trees. Sure, there is mud all around, but for the kids, me included, that just means more fun.

April has been less busy as there was along break in the middle. We follow the school schedule for the long after-school clubs. We held 5 clubs that were all well attended. With maple syrup season over, we have entered leek season. That's right, we have had the kids outdoors digging up leeks. It is amazing for the kids to see God's provision through His creation. Soon they will be able to reap the rewards of their efforts consuming leek dip for he next several weeks. That said, several kids did consume a few as we were harvesting them.

Thank you for the prayers regarding the challenges faced back in March. Things seem to have calmed, although we remain vigilant in our approach, to minimize the probability of reoccurrence. This month he kids have been attentive and respectful. We are still in prayer, and hopeful that several young ladies involved will take ownership of their wrongs and in turn ask for forgiveness, but we anticipate that this may take some time.

May all that 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

#### TRUSTEE NEWS

The Saturday Cleaning Day accomplished the following:

- Cleaned the outside of the church
- Cleaned the lights and fans in the sanctuary
- Cleaned the flower beds
- Cleaned the windows
- Trimmed the bush under good shepherd window

We have got a quote to replace roof on the steeple and add eavestrough to keep water off front of the steeple and the front doors.

We have placed an order for a dish washer that will arrive in a couple weeks.



SUNDAY WORHIP SERVICE 11:00 AM

All are welcome!



# 2025

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

Sat	<b>7</b> Kung Fu 6:00 - 8:00 am	14 Kung Fu 6:00 - 8:00 am	21 Kung Fu 6:00-8:00 am	28 Kung Fu 6:00-8:00 am	31 Kung Fu 6:00-8:00 am
Fri	9	13	20	27	
Thu	2	12	19	26	
Wed	4	<b>—</b>	18	25	
Tue	3 Prayer Group 10:00 am Trustees Mtg. 6:00 pm Management Team 6:45 p	70 Prayer Group 10:00 am	17 Prayer Group 10:00 am	24 Prayer Group 10:00 am	
Mon	<b>2</b> Tai Chi 7:00 pm	<b>9</b> Tal Chl 7:00 pm	16 Tai Chi 7:00 pm July Newsletter Deadline - Noon	<b>23</b> Tai Chi 7:00 pm	30 Tai Chi <i>7:</i> 00 pm
Sun	GMW Food Pantry Collection Communion Sunday School 9:30a	Sunday School 9:30a Pentecost Sunday	15 Sunday School 9:30 am Father's Day	Sunday School 9:30 am	29 Sunday School 9:30 am Gil's Hills Offering

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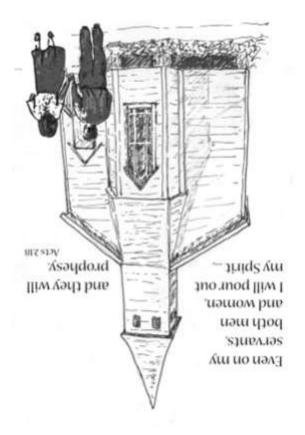
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