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The Shepherd's Messenger





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

Pastor Is This Your Dog?

As you cruise through social media, you're sure to run across a photo of a dog or two with the caption, "Is this your dog? This poor baby looked

lost, and we just couldn't leave him alone." Well-meaning folks post photos of dogs they find at shopping centers, on the side of the road, or in the rain. Their heart-felt sympathy and concern is poured out on the poor unfortunate pooch who may be abandoned or separated from its family. Being a long-time dog parent, I understand how we humans can feel such compassion for our furry friends. Oh, that we would have as much compassion on people who are spiritually lost!

Jesus said that **He came to seek and save the lost.** (Luke 19:10) When He sent out seventy disciples to evangelize, He said, "The harvest is great, but the workers are few. So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields. (Luke 10:2) So important was the mission of evangelism, it was one of the last things the Lord instructed His followers to do. Just before He ascended back to heaven, He told the Apostles, "And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." (Acts 1:8). Now, some two thousand years later, the Holy Spirit inspired words of the Apostles are available around the world.

The bible says that we are to develop the character of Jesus, to walk just as He walked, following in His steps. (1 John 2:6; 1 Peter 2:21) As you read the story of Jesus in the Gospels, you see time and time again the Savior's demonstrations of compassion for the lost. If we think about the massiveness of humanity, we may become discouraged about evangelism. But please recall the story of the shepherd who searched for the single lost sheep (Luke 15:4-7) and that we can help that one lost friend, stranger, or family member come to Christ, causing joy in heaven.

Blessings,

Pastor Becky

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Our World situation

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

Derwood Say JoAnn Viglietta Clint Wilder Doris Kellogg Wyant

<u>Please keep our prayer list</u> up to date.

If someone should be added or removed from the prayer list, please submit their name in writing.

Thank you!



- 2 Michael Hupp
- 4 Judy Heron
- 5 Rita Say
- 6 James Luckey
- 16 Katelyn Torrey
- 17 Lucinda Pierce
- 22 Stan Scoville
- 23 Jim Travis
- 24 Mike LaFever
- 28 Debra Enderle



- 5 James & Marilyn Luckey
- 14 Doug & Lynnette Clayson
- 17- Becky and Bill Worth
- 20 Lewis & Cheryl Holden, Jr.

Statistics Needed: \$1,798

Date Worship SS Offering 6/1 39 8 \$2,388.00 Global Methodist Humanitarian \$50 6/8 36 5 \$1,157.00 Gil's Hills \$ 50.00

6/15 38 9 \$1,452.00 Global Methodist Humanitarian \$1,000 6/22 38 6 \$1,902.00

> July Helping Hands

<u>Pianist:</u> Holly Scoville



Power Point: Rob Cornell

Altar Guild: Sandy Allen Sue Huddleston



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.





Recipe Cuba UMC Cook Book

GREEK SALAD

Sue Simmons

Rub bowl with garlic. Toss all ingredients.

1 head lettuce, broken into pieces.

5 green onions, cut

1 cucumber, sliced

1 TBS. parsley, chopped

3 tomatoes, quartered

1 large green pepper, cut thin

1 carrot, shredded

10 ripe black olives

1 cup Feta cheese or Ricotta cheese, crumbled

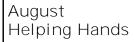
Salt and pepper to taste

GREEK SALAD DRESSING

½ cup olive oil ¼ cup vinegar 1 TBS. oregano 1 tsp. sugar

Beat all together until thick. Put on salad.





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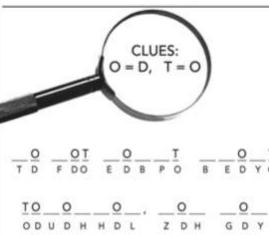


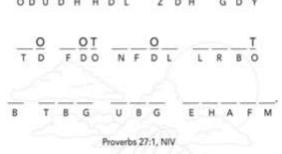


- 17 Brian & Tammy Hawks
- 21 Stan & Holly Scoville
- 24 Larry & Veronica Clayson



For this cryptogram, use the clues to decode Proverbs 27:1, NIV.





Answer: Do not boast about somerow, for you do not know what a day may bring



- 3 Sylvia Clement
- 4 Joshua Enderle
- 12 Cheryl Wildrick Sid Wildrick-Cole
- 14 Lisa Hawks
- 17 Derek Clement
- 28 Holly Scoville
- 30 Dawn Wildrick-Cole
- 31 Brian Krott Arnold Nelson

Who Packed Your Parachute? Author Unknown



Charles Plumb was a US Navy jet pilot in Vietnam. After 75 combat missions, his plane was destroyed by a surface-to-air missile. Plumb ejected and parachuted into enemy hands. He was captured and spent 6 years in a communist Vietnamese prison. He survived the ordeal and now lectures on lessons learned from that experience!

One day, when Plumb and his wife were sitting in a restaurant, a man at another table came up and said, "You're Plumb! You flew jet fighters in Vietnam from the aircraft carrier Kitty Hawk. You were shot down!"

"How in the world did you know that?" asked Plumb.

"I packed your parachute," the man replied. Plumb gasped in surprise and gratitude. The man pumped his hand and said, "I guess it worked!" Plumb assured him, "It sure did. If your chute hadn't worked, I wouldn't be here today."

Plumb couldn't sleep that night, thinking about that man. Plumb says, "I kept wondering what he had looked like in a Navy uniform: a white hat; a bib in the back; and bell-bottom trousers. I wonder how many times I might have seen him and not even said 'Good morning, how are you?' or anything because, you see, I was a fighter pilot and he was just a sailor." Plumb thought of the many hours the sailor had spent at a long wooden table in the bowels of the ship, carefully weaving the shrouds and folding the silks of each chute, holding in his hands each time the fate of someone he didn't know.

Now, Plumb asks his audience, "Who's packing your parachute?" Everyone has someone who provides what they need to make it through the day. He also points out that he needed many kinds of parachutes when his plane was shot down over enemy territory - he needed his physical parachute, his mental parachute, his emotional parachute, and his spiritual parachute. He called on all these supports before reaching safety.

Sometimes in the daily challenges that life gives us, we miss what is really important. We may fail to say hello, please, or thank you, congratulate someone on something wonderful that has happened to them, give a compliment, or just do something nice for no reason. As you go through this week, this month, this year, recognize people who pack your parachutes.

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



What is happening "Between the Hills"

(from the Gil's Hills June 2025 Newsletter)

Well, this is it, in May we reached the official end of the after-school club season. It has been remarkably busy month holding clubs as we pushed heavy into summer camp preparations. The weather was a bit challenging, as we encountered substantial amounts of rain. Praise God for the "Ark" (indoor gymnasium)! We held six clubs that were all well attended and ended the season with all clubs enjoying field trips to McDonald's for a milkshake. The kids really enjoyed that adventure.

As we go forward into June, we ask that you would be in prayer for the ministry and its leaders as we prepare for summer camps. Pray that God would align the necessary volunteer staff that is vital in putting together a quality camp. Pray that His Holy Spirit would guide us in all program planning from messages, to meals, music, games, adventures, and crafts. Pray the staff is guided by Godly wisdom with cabin assignments and staff selection. Pray that God will keep us efficient in our movements so all will be in place for the startup of camps.

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



Tuesday, August 26, 2025 Trustees Meeting 6:00 pm Management Team 6:45 pm



Sunday, July 20, 2025 Chamberlain Park

We will have a short church service starting at 11:00 am. Hot dogs & Hamburgers will be provided. Please bring your own plates and silverware and a dish to pass.

A sign-up sheet is in the church sanctuary.

SUNDAY WORHIP SERVICE 11:00 AM



2025

	Sat	Kung Fu 6:00-8:00 am	Kung Fu 6:00-8:00 am	Kung Fu 6:00-8:00 am	Kung Fu 6:00-8:00 am	
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	Thu	3	10	17	24	31
	Wed	2	6	16	23	30
1.4	Tue	Prayer Group 10 am	8 Prayer Group 10 am	15 Prayer Group 10 am	22 Prayer Group 10 am	29 Prayer Group 10 am
	Mon		7 Tai Chi <i>7</i> :00 pm	14 Tal Chi 7:00 pm	21 Tai Chi 7:00 pm	28 Tai Chi 7:00 pm
	Sun		6 Food Pantry Collection Communion	13	20 Service & Picnic in Chamberlain Park 11:00 am.	27 Gil's Hills Offering

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