



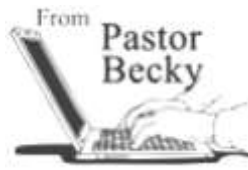
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KNOWING JESUS AS THE GOOD SHEPHERD & SHARING THE RISEN CHRIST WITH ALL.



Evening Prayer . . . A Great Way to End the Day!

Martin Luther wrote an Evening Prayer that could be a great way to end the day! If you are unfamiliar with Luther's Evening prayer, it reads as follows:

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

As Christians, we never know what a day is going to have in store for us when we wake up. However, when we are going to bed at night, we can think back on the day and know exactly how that day went. It could have been a good day, or the opposite could have been true. We sinned against God, we commit errors against each other, even our health may have taken an unexpected turn. We could have had a very bad day!

So, there we are going to bed at night with a bad day in our rear-view mirror. What do we do with that? Are we lying in bed stewing over what we did, and what we didn't do? Are we laying there staring at the ceiling with regret thinking, "If only I had said that just a little bit differently." As we are unable to sleep, are we thinking about what tomorrow is going to bring, afraid it might be worse than today?

What I love most about the Evening Prayer is not only do we ask God to forgive us of any sins we committed that day, but even more so, we pray this, "**For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things.**" As we are preparing to close our eyes and rest for the night, we are resting not just into a bed, but even more so, we are resting in the loving embrace of our Savior Jesus Christ who will always order our days and our deeds with His peace. In this prayer, we are literally saying to Jesus, "Forgive me of my sins, turn the troubles of this life from woes into blessings, and allow me to receive a rest that you and you alone can give." There is truly no greater way to rest at night, than to do so knowing we are always resting in the arms of our loving Savior, Jesus Christ.

Blessings,

Pastor Becky

PLEASE PRAY FOR:
Our World situation

Others to keep in prayer:

Craig Buckley
Sandy Burdick
Frank Calcagno
Hazel Cornell
Randy Crane
Gary Enderle
Donna Hart
Judy Heron
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



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!



- 2 - Michael Hupp
- 4 - Judy Heron
- 5 - Rita Say
- 6 - James Luckey
- 16 - Katelyn Torrey
- 17 - Lucinda Pierce
- 22 - Stan Scoville
- 23 - Jim Travis
- 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
5/31	29	5	\$ 923.00
		Gil's Hills	\$ 230.00
6/7	35	8	\$3,763.00
		Gil's Hills	\$ 50.00
6/14	31		\$1,461.00
6/21	41	9	\$1,418.00

July
Helping Hands

Pianist:
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.



SUNDAY SCHOOL for both adults and children will continue throughout the Summer.

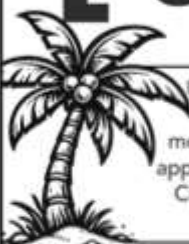


John Wesley Quotes

- ◆ “Light yourself on fire with passion and people will come from miles to watch you burn.”

- ◆ “I want to know one thing, the way to heaven; how to land safe on that happy shore. God Himself has condescended to teach the way; for this end He came from heaven. He hath written it down in a book. Give me that book! At any price give me the Book of God!”

Puzzle!



Use the Scripture verses below to locate the places in the puzzle. (If a verse mentions more than one place, only one appears in the puzzle, so choose carefully.) Circle each place as you find it.
Answers go: → ↓ ↘

Genesis 2:15	Isaiah 23:1	Luke 24:13
Genesis 11:9	Isaiah 23:2	John 2:1
Genesis 35:1	Isaiah 23:3	Acts 8:5
Exodus 13:18	Jonah 1:2	Acts 11:22
Ruth 1:1	Matthew 3:6	Acts 17:16
1 Kings 18:19	Matthew 4:18	Romans 1:15
1 Chronicles 11:4	Matthew 26:36	

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Answers: Garden of Eden, Tower of Babel, Bethel, Red Sea, Bethlehem, Mount Carmel, Jerusalem, Tyre, Sidon, Nile, Nineveh, Jordan River, Sea of Galilee, Gethsemane, Emmaus, Cana, Samaria, Antioch, Athens, Rome




A big Thank You to Mark Morrison for the great job of planting all the flowers around the church! They are beautiful!

August
Helping Hands

Pianist:
Holly Scoville

Power Point:
Rob Cornell

Altar Guild:
Sue Huddleston




21 - Stan & Holly Scoville



- 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

Why Indendence Day is a Good Day for Christians

By Zack DeBerry *Journey Church - July 5, 2017*

There are several holidays through the year that can carry weight for a follower of Jesus Christ. Easter, Christmas, and...Independence Day? At Christmas, we celebrate the birth of our Savior and King. At Easter, we celebrate the end of the reign of death and sin for the believer. And **Independence Day can be a great reminder of the freedom that we have as followers of Christ.**

We celebrate our independence as a country on July 4th every year. It is a time to celebrate the sacrifices that have been made to keep us free from tyranny; it is a time to gather with family and friends; it is a time to reflect on what it means to be a citizen and have certain rights that others in the world long for. I want to propose that as great as Independence Day is for us as Americans, it can also give us **a deeper appreciation for what it means to be free from sin and death.**

There are many parallels between Independence Day and the freedom that Jesus Christ gives us as followers of Christ. Just as we celebrate and honor the sacrifices that keep our country free, **we should also take time to celebrate and honor God** for the ultimate sacrifice that Jesus gave to give us freedom from sin and death. Just as we celebrate the rights we have as Americans, we should also **celebrate the incredible power and rights we have as followers of Christ.** Just as we celebrate with family and friends with cookouts and fireworks, we should **celebrate the fact that we have been adopted into an everlasting family through the work of Jesus Christ.**

One of the more popular verses of scripture as it pertains to freedom in Christ is found in Galatians Chapter 5. As we enter into a study of Galatians as a church, it's important to remember that even as we have been set free from sin and death, many folks still live as though they are still trapped in the bondage of slavery. The church of Galatia was caught in this trap. Rather than **celebrate the freedom that existed because of the work of Jesus Christ**, they continued to strap weights on bondage through rules and regulations. Paul goes on a teaching tirade about what Christ really did, and begins to close his thoughts in Chapter 5. Verse 1 of Chapter 5 is timely for us on this Independence Day. Paul writes, *"So Christ has truly set us free. Now make sure that you stay free, and don't get tied up again in slavery to the law."*

So, let's celebrate our freedom as Americans today, but more importantly, let's never forget the ultimate freedom we have in Jesus Christ. **Happy Independence Day...from sin and death.**



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 2026 Newsletter)

It has been so good to hear the sounds and see the smiling faces once again here "Between the Hills!" We held a couple movie nights that were well attended showing movies with many biblical principles and life lessons built in.

Before the movies we had time to play in the gym, do an "ice breaker" name game, pray together (several kids had specific prayer requests). We look forward to seeing all God is going to do in the Month of June and of course in July as we head into camp season!

Please be in prayer that God's love would penetrate the hearts and minds of the kids we service, and they would come to know "we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them." Eph 2:10. BUILT

Blessings,

Scott M. Szalay

Gil's Hills Amazon Wish List

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



**Sunday, August 2, 2026
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 will be in the church sanctuary.



**Tuesday, September 8, 2026
Trustees Meeting 6:00 pm
Management Team 6:45 pm**

July 2026

SUNDAY
WORSHIP
SERVICE
11:00 AM

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 
5 Food Pantry Collection Communion	6 Tai Chi 7:00 pm	7 Prayer Group 10 am Bible Study 11 am	8	9	10	11 Kung Fu 6:00-8:00 am
12	13 Tai Chi 7:00 pm	14 Prayer Group 10 am Bible Study 11 am	15	16	17	18 Kung Fu 6:00-8:00 am
19	20 Tai Chi 7:00 pm	21 Prayer Group 10 am Bible Study 11 am	22	23	24	25 Kung Fu 6:00-8:00 am
26 Gil's Hills Offering	27 Tai Chi 7:00 pm	28 Prayer Group 10 am Bible Study 11 am	29	30	31	

August 2026

**SUNDAY
WORSHIP
SERVICE
11:00 AM**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Kung Fu 6:00-8:00 am
2 Worship & picnic in Chamberlain park 11 am	3 Tai Chi 7:00 pm	4 Prayer Group 10 am Bible Study 11 am	5	6	7	8 Kung Fu 6:00-8:00 am
9	10 Tai Chi 7:00 pm	11 Prayer Group 10 am Bible Study 11 am	12	13	14	15 Kung Fu 6:00-8:00 am
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30 Gill's Hills Offering						

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