



The Shepherd's Messenger

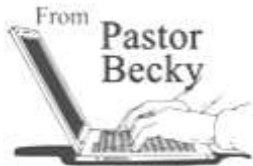


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KNOWING JESUS AS THE
 GOOD SHEPHERD & SHARING
 THE RISEN CHRIST WITH ALL.

Return to the Lord



Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love. (Joel 2:13)

Summer is soon coming to an end. Time to close the pools, stop the vacations, and say goodbye to the sunshine. The month of September often means a “return” to many things. Children return to school. Parents return to a regular routine. For some, the month of September is also a return to church.

During the summer, our schedules are often more flexible. We take time off to enjoy vacations and other activities. Nothing wrong with this, it’s fun to do. Often, a casualty of summer, though, is church attendance. Unfortunately, we may think, and even speak, of taking a “break” from church during the summer months. It is sad, but this is often the case. Good for us, though, is this fact – God does not take a break from you!

The prophet Joel once spoke to the people and reminded them who God is. God is “merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.” These are truly some of the most wonderful qualities of our God. We especially see these qualities fully displayed in the life of Christ, who suffered, died, and rose again from the dead all for us. Because our God is merciful, the prophet Joel encourages us to return to Him. Because our God is slow to anger, we should return to Him knowing He will never turn His back on us. Because our God is abounding in steadfast love, even when we return to Him at our very lowest, He will still receive us; that is just who our God is!

September is a time of year to return. We return to more regular schedules. We return to school. And because of the nature of our God (merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love) we can also return to Him, not just in September, but in every moment of every day to receive forgiveness, life and salvation.

I hope you all had a wonderful summer my friends and I hope to see you in church on Sunday at 11:00 am. Sunday School starts at 9:30. And bring a friend!

Blessings,
Pastor Becky

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Our World Situation
Gil's Hills Ministries

Others to keep in prayer:

Family & friends of Bill Allis

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



8 Marilyn Goodliff
17 Veronica Clayson
18 JoAnne Hupp
Derek Morris
19 Delain Pierce
20 Betty Edwards
21 Mary Ellen James
27 Fran Young
28 Jessica Holden



26 Robbie & Rhonda Cornell

Statistics**Needed: \$1,944**

Date	Worship	SS	Offering
6/28	34	6	\$1,253.00
		Gil's Hills	\$ 250.00
7/5	32	7	\$1,808.00
7/12	33	6	\$2,896.50
7/19	30	2	\$1,323.00
		Gil's Hills	\$ 50.00
7/26	35	5	\$1,883.00
		Gil's Hills	\$ 268.00
8/2 (in Park)	31		\$ 560.00
8/9	27		\$2,409.50
8/16	34		\$2,070.00
8/23	36		\$1,540.00

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!

September Helping Hands

Power Point:
Rob Cornell

Pianist:
Holly Scoville

Altar Guild:
Sue Huddleston
Linda Murphy



William "Bill" Allis, a member of Cuba Methodist Church, passed away on August 13, 2026. A service was held on August 22 at Rinker Funeral Home.

We are in need of donations for our blessing box at the Green Street door. People are using it and it is sometimes empty. Lists of suggestions are on the back window sill in sanctuary. Some are Jello, fruit and pudding cups, applesauce, soups with zip tops, Tuna Creations, small boxes of cereal, tooth paste. Also, blankets, clothing, scarves, hats, baby items etc. are appreciated.

John Wesley Quotes

- ◆ "Do all the good you can,
By all the means you can,
In all the ways you can,
In all the places you can,
At all the times you can,
To all the people you can,
As long as ever you can."
- ◆ "We should be rigorous in judging ourselves and gracious in judging others."

meeting NOTICE

Tuesday, September 8, 2026

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



Our Church Picnic and Worship in Chamberlain Park was held on Sunday, August 2. Holly played the keyboard. The rain held off until after the picnic. A large variety of delicious food and fellowship was enjoyed by 31 people.



Puzzle!

BEATITUDES

Fill in the blanks below to complete the crossword. Answers are based on Matthew 5:1-13, NIV.

ACROSS

2. _____ and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.
 5. Blessed are the _____, for they will see God.
 6. Blessed are those who _____ and thirst after righteousness.
 7. Blessed are the _____, for they will receive mercy.
 8. Blessed are the _____, for they will inherit the earth.
 9. Blessed are those who hunger and _____, for they will be filled.

DOWN

1. Blessed are the _____, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
 3. Blessed are those who are _____ for righteousness' sake.
 4. Great is your _____ in heaven.
 7. Blessed are those who _____, for they will be comforted.

Answer key: 2 Across: Rejoice; 5 Across: pure in heart; 6 Across: hunger
 7 Across: merciful; 8 Across: meek; 9 Across: thirst; 1 Down: poor in spirit
 3 Down: persecuted; 4 Down: reward; 7 Down: mourn



**Cindy Kottwitz and
 Mark Holbrook**
 became members by
 Profession of Faith
 at the Cuba Methodist Church
 Worship Service on
 August 16, 2026.

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 August 2026 Newsletter)

The 2026 summer camp has been such a blessing! We ended up with a total of 92 campers! Praise God! He has been doing amazing things, and it has been a joy to witness His work in the lives of so many children. Throughout the summer, we've heard powerful stories from campers who have shared how Gil's Hills has made a lasting impact on their lives. Seeing their growing faith, renewed hope, and confidence has been an incredible encouragement to our entire team.

These moments serve as a beautiful reminder of why we continue this ministry. While the past couple of years have brought many challenges and difficult seasons, God has remained faithful through it all. Hearing firsthand how He is using Gil's Hills to change lives reminds us that every challenge has been worth it. We are deeply grateful for the opportunity to serve and to watch God work in ways that only He can.

We want to thank all of the hardworking and faithful staff, volunteers, counselors, and general helpers who made this summer to be one to remember. For all of our supporters, thank you for your prayers, encouragement, and support. You are a vital part of this ministry, and we are thankful to partner with you as we continue sharing God's love with every child who comes through our doors.

- Gil's Hills Staff

Frequently needed items at Gil's Hills:

Ditaliano Bread	Cases of water
Chicken Noodle Soup	Mac n Cheese
Pudding Cups	Ranch Dressing
Canned Peaches	Ketchup
Nacho Cheese Sauce	Hot Dogs
Mini Chocolate Chips	Oreos
Crystal Light Powder	Snack Bag Chips
Drink Mix	Tator Tots
Chicken Nuggets	Tomato soup
Pancake Mix (not bisquick or gluten free)	Syrup
Little Debbie Snacks	Taco Sauce
Breakfast Sausage	Butter
Paper Bowls	Dill Relish
Salsa	Spaghetti Sauce
Tostitos/Doritos	Hot Sauce
Mayo (no miracle whip)	
Baked Beans	

Gil's Hills Amazon Wish List

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



Gift Cards to Tops or Giant

SUNDAY
WORSHIP
SERVICE
11:00 AM

All are welcome!

September 2026

Sunday School is at
9:30 am for Adults
and 11:00 for
children

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Prayer Group 10:00 a Bible Study 11:00 am	2	3	4	5 Kung Fu 6:00-8:00 am
6 Food Pantry Collect Communion Sunday School Adults: 9:30 am Children: 11:00 am	7 	8 Prayer Group 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Trustees Meeting 6:00 p Management Team 6:45 p	9	10	11	12 Kung Fu 6:00-8:00 am
13 Sunday School Adults: 9:30 am Children: 11:00 am	14 Tai Chi 7:00 pm	15 Prayer Group 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am	16	17	18	19 Kung Fu 6:00-8:00 am
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