



# *The Shepherd's Messenger*



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

## Pastor Becky's Thanksgiving Message



### **Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good!**

Thanksgiving will soon be upon us, and along with it, a lot of work. Thanksgiving means picking up family from airports, car rides, large meals, family gatherings (maybe many family gatherings) food shopping, and soon enough, planning for Christmas. Your list could probably go on and on.

Sometimes the “busy-ness” of our holidays and lives is unavoidable. But we do not have to harbor in our hearts an unrelenting “busy-ness.” During this time of year, especially as we prepare for Advent, we should remember the story of Mary and Martha. You may remember, Martha was running around preoccupied with all her busy preparations while Mary was sitting at Jesus’ feet and listening to Him. Jesus told Martha that it was Mary who had chosen what is best (Luke 10:38-42).

It is inevitable that we will have busy moments in our lives. That is normal. However, as Christians, we do not have to allow the busy moments to take our focus off Christ. As we begin our celebrations of Thanksgiving, let’s remember the One to whom we are giving thanks, Christ Jesus our Lord. As we take the leap into Advent and Christmas, let’s not forget the reason for these celebrations; our Lord is coming to do great things for us! Like Martha, it can be so easy for us to get wrapped up in OUR plans, and all the work WE have to do, that we can completely forget that this time of year our thoughts should especially be turned to our Lord Jesus who has worked so hard for us.

As we begin our preparations for Thanksgiving and Christmas, may we always remember the preparations our God made for us in the suffering, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus.

Blessings,

**Pastor Becky**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

Our World Situation  
Gil's Hills Ministries

**Others to keep in prayer:**

Family & friends of Jean Bowers

Craig Buckley  
Sandy Burdick  
Frank Calcagno  
Hazel Cornell  
Randy Crane  
Theo Crane  
Donna Hart  
Judy Heron  
Ruth Holden  
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.



5 - Clayton Reed Torrey  
8 - Tom Krott  
9 - Sue Simmons  
14 - Judy Krott  
17 - Joyce Amundson  
20 - Suzanne Huddleston  
22 - Ryan Morris  
23 - Kelly Brickey  
30 - Linda Murphy



**Jean Bowers**, a former long time member of Cuba UMC, passed away on October 17, 2025. Her complete obituary may be accessed by clicking the link on our cubamc.org website.



**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



**Remember to turn  
your clocks back one  
hour Saturday,  
November 1 night.  
Daylight Saving Time  
ends at 2:00 am  
Sunday, November 2.**

**Statistics****Needed: \$1,934**

| Date  | Worship | SS          | Offering   |
|-------|---------|-------------|------------|
| 9/28  | 39      | 9           | \$1,921.00 |
|       |         | Gil's Hills | \$ 330.00  |
| 10/5  | 39      | 7           | \$2,406.00 |
|       |         | Crop Walk   | \$ 140.00  |
| 10/12 | 35      |             | \$1,573.00 |
| 10/19 | 33      |             | \$1,435.00 |
| 10/26 | 38      |             | \$1,963.00 |
|       |         | Gil's Hills | \$ 287.00  |

**November  
Helping  
Hands**



Power Point:  
Rob Cornell

Pianist:  
Holly Scoville

Altar Guild:  
Holly Scoville  
Sue Huddlestone



**Our church is filling Samaritan's  
Purse Operation Christmas Child  
Shoe Boxes.**

The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world. Through this project, Samaritan's Purse partners with the local church worldwide to share the Good News of Jesus Christ and make disciples of the nations.

Most of the shoeboxes for our church have been taken and are being filled.

The deadline for dropping off completed shoeboxes at a drop off location in Olean or Allegany is November 17-24, and we would like to have our church's boxes ready by October 31.



Chill if very soft. Roll on floured board, fairly thick (1/2")  
Cut with round cutter. Bake on ungreased cookie sheet at  
375° for 10-12 minutes. Sprinkle with granulated sugar, or  
press a little jam or jelly in center.

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

### Between the Hills

#### Fall Update

(from the Gil's Hills October 2025 Newsletter)

The harvest season is upon us here *Between the Hills*, and we are thankful for the cool, crisp mornings that mark this time of year. As the seasons change, so do our activities—shifting from summer campfires and mowing grass to afterschool clubs, tractor work in the woods, trail improvements, and preparing food plots to support youth hunting opportunities.

We are especially excited to kick off our afterschool clubs once again! We warmly invite all youth who are ready to live differently from the world around them. In today's culture, choosing to live God's way *is* different. But we believe that God calls us to stand apart, and that the Bible is the true foundation for a life of purpose.

Through our programs, we share God's Word and teach His way—a way that leads to a life worthy of His calling. We are forever grateful for the many ways God uses to bless the children of Allegany County.

Please continue to keep us in your prayers. We truly could not do what we do without your ongoing support. May Jesus Christ be glorified in and through it all!

Your sister in Christ,  
Sherri DeWitt, Assistant Director  
Gil's Hills Ministries

The badly worn **shingles have been replaced on our church steeple** and an eavestrough was installed. The eavestrough will prevent rainwater from coming down on the area of the front doors and damaging the doors. It will also prevent ice from building up on the steps in front of the doors in the winter. New lights that illuminate the cross on top of the steeple were replaced while the roofers were working up there. An 80 foot lift was required to reach the steeple. The work was done by State Line Construction.



Photos by State Line Construction

**SUNDAY  
WORSHIP  
SERVICE**  
11:00 AM

*All are welcome!*

# November

# 2025

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

| Sun                                                                                                                        | Mon                                                                    | Tue                                                                                     | Wed       | Thu                                                                                              | Fri       | Sat                                                           |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                                                                            |                                                                        |                                                                                         |           |                                                                                                  |           | <b>1</b><br>Kung Fu<br>6:00 - 8:00 am                         |
| <b>2</b><br>GMW Food<br>Pantry Collection<br>Communion<br>Sunday School 9:30a<br>Dalight Savings ends<br>All Saints Sunday | <b>3</b><br>Tai Chi 7:00 pm                                            | <b>4</b><br>Prayer Group<br>10:00 am<br>Trustees Mtg. 6:00 pm<br>Management Team 6:45 p | <b>5</b>  | <b>6</b>                                                                                         | <b>7</b>  | <b>8</b><br>Kung Fu<br>6:00 - 8:00 am                         |
| <b>9</b><br>Sunday School<br>Adults: 9:30 am<br>Children: 11:00 am                                                         | <b>10</b><br>Tai Chi 7:00 pm                                           | <b>11</b><br>Prayer Group<br>10:00 am<br>Veterans Day                                   | <b>12</b> | <b>13</b>                                                                                        | <b>14</b> | <b>15</b><br>Kung Fu<br>6:00-8:00 am                          |
| <b>16</b><br>Adults: 9:30 am<br>Children: 11:00 am                                                                         | <b>17</b><br>Tai Chi 7:00 pm<br>December Newsletter<br>Deadline - Noon | <b>18</b><br>Prayer Group<br>10:00 am                                                   | <b>19</b> | <b>20</b>                                                                                        | <b>21</b> | <b>22</b><br>Kung Fu<br>6:00-8:00 am                          |
| <b>23</b><br>Adults: 9:30 am<br>Children: 11:00 am                                                                         | <b>24</b><br>Tai Chi 7:00 pm                                           | <b>25</b><br>Prayer Group<br>10:00 am                                                   | <b>26</b> | <b>27</b><br> | <b>28</b> | <b>29</b><br>Kung Fu<br>6:00-8:00 am<br>Decorate church 10 am |
| <b>30</b><br>Adults: 9:30 am<br>Children: 11:00 am<br>Gil's Hills Offering<br>Thanksgiving -Advent<br>Service here 6:00 pm |                                                                        |                                                                                         |           |                                                                                                  |           |                                                               |

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