



# The Shepherd's Messenger



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## Keep Christ First



Luke 2:12,16 says,  
**This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger. So, they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger.**

In all of the activities and events of this Christmas season, the verses above give us a sense of the very first Christmas morning. A time of excitement, yet serenity, a time of anticipation, the realization of the most blessed Gift that could ever come to humanity, Jesus Christ, the Son of God!

We are living in a day when it seems that the word "Christmas" is constantly under attack as we as Christians are encouraged to feel somehow "guilty" when it comes to this particular time. Well, let me say in as loud a "voice" as I can type... "I'M NOT ASHAMED OF THE GOSPEL." Romans 1:16 says, **For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile.**

I want to sincerely encourage you to remember to keep Christ first in all you do and say while going through your Christmas activities. It is important to remember that great ministry opportunities exist at this time of year. Many people struggle with depression and loneliness as memories of what "used to be" fill their minds.

By keeping Christ first, we can be sure to reach out to those around us (yes, even those who are rude) with the true message of Christmas, and that is that Jesus Christ came to earth to seek and to save that which was lost. He came to serve, not be served!

Take time as well to be faithful to church, as well as remember to pray and read the Word, and you will be ready in ways you never dreamed possible.

Be sure to invite a friend to church! Christmas is one of the best times of the year to invite someone to attend church with you. Ask the Lord to help you think of a few people right now to invite so they too can hear the message of Christ at Christmas!

May God richly bless you!

Pastor Becky



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



PLEASE PRAY FOR:  
Our World situation  
Gil's Hills Ministries

Others to keep in prayer:

- Bob Beard
- Craig Buckley
- Sandy Burdick
- Frank Calcagno
- Hazel Cornell
- David Edwards
- Mary Jane Gerstung
- Don Hall
- Kim Hall
- Donna Hart
- Ruth Holden
- Bob Huddleston
- Katie Kellogg
- Kevin Kranock
- Ann Meehan
- Sandi Meyers
- Helen Middaugh
- Mark Middaugh
- Justin Murphy
- 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!*



- 4 Rhonda Cornell
- 20 Janet Calcagno
- 25 **Jesus Christ**
- 28 Sandra Allen



- 12 John & Mary Hupp



**Saturday  
November 30  
9:00 am**

Statistics                      Needed: \$1,837

| Date  | Worship | SS                 | Offering         |
|-------|---------|--------------------|------------------|
| 11/3  | 41      | 11                 | \$3,000.00       |
|       |         | <b>Gil's Hills</b> | <b>\$ 125.00</b> |
| 11/10 | 42      | 13                 | \$2,145.50       |
| 11/17 | 45      | 11                 | \$1,821.30       |
| 11/24 | 42      | 12                 | \$2,038.00       |
|       |         | <b>Gil's Hills</b> | <b>\$ 280.00</b> |



The Council of Churches  
**Thanksgiving Advent Service**  
is December 1 at 6:00 pm at Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church.  
Pastor Becky will preach the message.



**Sat. Nov. 30, 2014  
Trustees & Management  
Team meeting  
after decorating church**

**Global Methodist Women  
Sat. Dec. 7, 2024, 10:00 am**



**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



**Our Christmas Eve  
Candle Light Service is at  
6:00 pm. Tuesday, Dec. 24**

December  
Helping  
Hands



Power Point:  
Rob Cornell

Pianist:  
Holly Scoville

Altar Guild:  
Holly Scoville





We have had another successful fundraiser for Church World Service. Together the 5 local churches raised \$5,826 with over \$1,400 going to our local food pantry. While much of the work of CWS involves fighting world hunger, they are, also, at work in the U.S. CWS is currently assisting with hurricane recovery in the south.

Many thanks to all who walked and sponsored to make this possible. You are doing God's work in helping to care for the needs of others. Your efforts are appreciated.

Ann Gross

# Puzzle!

Write the answer to each clue in the correct circle. Then jot down the first letter of each answer and unscramble those letters to form a word about this season. Write that answer at the bottom of the tree.



**CLUES**

1. You trim this at Christmas.
2. One who governs
3. The first word of a popular carol, it means "Listen!"
4. You burn this to make the air sweet.
5. "For unto us is born this day a \_\_\_\_\_"
6. She was betrothed to Joseph.
7. Shepherds heard them sing.
8. A Christmas song
9. 'Tis the \_\_\_\_\_ to be jolly!"

Answers: 1. tree, 2. ruler, 3. hark, 4. incense, 5. Savior, 6. Mary, 7. angels, 8. carol, 9. season; Christmas



You can order poinsettias to help decorate the sanctuary for Christmas. Order forms are in back of the sanctuary. Cost is \$9.00 each. Give order form and money to Claire Morris, 9198 East Main St., Cuba NY 14727 **no later than Saturday, December 7.** Make checks payable to Claire Morris.

## CREAM CHEESE & DILL DIP

Sue Simmons

- 1 can crescent rolls
- 1 (8 oz) block cream cheese
- 1 TBS dill weed



Roll out crescent rolls on cookie sheet. (do not separate). Sprinkle dough with dill. Place cream cheese on center and sprinkle with dill. Wrap roll dough over cheese, pinching to seal. Bake 350° for 15 minutes. Cut open in center and serve with crackers for dipping.



"Very few people realize this, but the cornerstone of this church is actually a fruitcake given to me by Ethel Mabeline during the Christmas of '72."

# 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 November 2024 Newsletter)

It is hard to believe the year is almost over and we are already in the middle of fall. We are thankful for clubs starting back up in October. We have had opportunity to meet with all four clubs through various activities and have focused on digging into God's Word.

We took the younger boys on an extended field trip to Elk County in PA. We were fortunate to see some Elk from a distance at the very end of our visit. We had a few youths join Scott in the October Youth Hunt over Columbus Day Weekend. They were unsuccessful for a harvest but were able to share God's love in the beauty of His creation.

We ask that you join us in praying over the children and families we serve. We strive to share God's love with each one, that they might know that God loves them and that they can depend on Him when hard times are upon them. We shared last month from Romans 5, that by faith we can have peace with God, we can rejoice in sufferings, and know Christ loved us while we were still sinners.

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

### Frequently needed items at Gil's Hills:

- |                                           |                    |
|-------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Ditaliano Bread                           | American cheese    |
| Chicken Noodle Soup                       | Mac n Cheese       |
| Pudding Cups                              | Ranch Dressing     |
| Canned Peaches                            | Ketchup            |
| Nacho Cheese Sauce                        | Hot Dogs           |
| Mini Chocolate Chips                      | Oreos              |
| Crystal Light Drink Mix                   | Tator Tots         |
| Chicken Nuggets                           | Tomato soup        |
| Pancake Mix (not bisquick or gluten free) | Syrup              |
| Little Debbie Snacks                      | Taco Sauce         |
| Breakfast Sausage                         | Plastic Silverware |
| Paper Products                            | Salsa              |
| Butter                                    | Dill Relish        |
| Mayo (no miracle whip)                    | Spaghetti Sauce    |
| Tostitos/Doritos                          |                    |

### Gift Cards to Tops or Giant



*Global Methodist Women*

The Global Methodist Women met on November 9th for their monthly meeting.

Holly Scoville, treasurer, reported that she has not received new account from the bank yet. A donation of \$100.00 had been sent to Henderson Holler in Kentucky to help with their mission work.

Janet Calcagno, president, reported that Global Methodist does not require us to raise money. We were in agreement that we would do our best to have money to do community projects to continue to show love and serve others in Jesus Christ's name.

Marilyn Goodliff reported that she will be sending out Thanksgiving cards. Also, she had contacted Cuba Memorial Hospital about giving gifts to residents. We made plans to give gift bags to 46 men and women. Claire Morris will help Sunday School make ornaments to include in bags.

The Women's Group will have a coffee hour after worship on December 8th.

Our next meeting will be December 7th to wrap gifts and pack bags. We welcome all woman of the church to join us.

Sandra Allen


**SUNDAY  
WORSHIP  
SERVICE  
11:00 AM**

All are welcome!



# 2024

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

| Sun                                                                                                                          | Mon                                                                   | Tue                                                                       | Wed                                                                                               | Thu       | Fri       | Sat                                                                                           |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>1</b><br>GMW Food<br>Pantry Collection<br>Communion<br>Sunday School 9:30 a<br>Thanksgiving Advent<br>Service 6:00 at OLA | <b>2</b>                                                              | <b>3</b>                                                                  | <b>4</b>                                                                                          | <b>5</b>  | <b>6</b>  | <b>7</b><br>Kung Fu<br>6:00 - 8:00 am<br>Poinsettia Order<br>Deadline<br>GMW meeting 10:00 am |
| <b>8</b><br>Sunday School<br>9:30 am<br>Coffee Hour after<br>Worship Service                                                 | <b>9</b><br>Tai Chi 7:00 pm                                           | <b>10</b><br>Prayer Group<br>10:00 am                                     | <b>11</b>                                                                                         | <b>12</b> | <b>13</b> | <b>14</b><br>Kung Fu<br>6:00 - 8:00 am                                                        |
| <b>15</b><br>Sunday School<br>9:30 am                                                                                        | <b>16</b><br>Tai Chi 7:00 pm<br>January Newsletter<br>Deadline - Noon | <b>17</b><br>Prayer Group<br>10:00 am                                     | <b>18</b>                                                                                         | <b>19</b> | <b>20</b> | <b>21</b><br>Kung Fu<br>6:00-8:00 am                                                          |
| <b>22</b><br>Sunday School<br>9:30 am                                                                                        | <b>23</b><br>Tai Chi 7:00 pm<br>Tai Chi 7:00 pm                       | <b>24</b><br>Prayer Group<br>10:00 am<br>Christmas Eve Service<br>6:00 pm | <b>25</b><br> | <b>26</b> | <b>27</b> | <b>28</b><br>Kung Fu<br>6:00-8:00 am                                                          |
| <b>29</b><br>Sunday School<br>9:30 am<br>Gil's Hills Offering                                                                | <b>30</b><br>Tai Chi 7:00 pm                                          | <b>31</b><br>Prayer Group<br>10:00 am                                     |                                                                                                   |           |           |                                                                                               |

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FOR TO US A CHILD IS BORN,  
TO US A SON IS GIVEN,  
AND THE GOVERNMENT  
WILL BE ON HIS SHOULDERS,  
AND HE WILL BE CALLED

WONDERFUL

COUNSELOR

MIGHTY

EVERLASTING

FATHER

PRINCE OF

PEACE

ISAIAH 9:6, NIV