



The Shepherd's Messenger



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

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 AM 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

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

Others to keep in prayer:

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.

Thank you!



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



12 John & Mary Hupp



DECORATE
the Church

**Saturday
November 29
10:00 am**

Statistics

Needed: \$1,934

Date	Worship	SS	Offering
11/2	36		\$2,856.00
		Gil's Hills	\$ 75.00
11/9	40	7	\$1,045.00
11/16	39	9	\$1,570.00
		Samaritan Purse (boxes)	\$ 60.00
11/23	45	9	\$1,185.00

December
Helping
Hands



Power Point:
Rob Cornell

Pianist:
Holly Scoville

Altar Guild:
Holly Scoville
Sue Huddleston



You can watch
**live streaming
of Worship
Services** on our
website,

www.cubamc.org,
and also on the Cuba MC
Facebook & YouTube pages.



Wed., Dec. 24, 5:30 pm



meeting NOTICE

Tuesday, January 6, 2026

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



Puzzle!

The Christmas Story

Unscramble each set of letters to form a word from the Christmas story. One letter in each set doesn't belong. Write each extra letter below, on the line above the correct number. Then answer the question: What did we all receive at Christmas?

- (1) TGLBEHHEME _____
- (2) NEAGLO _____
- (3) NRMEDAG _____
- (4) ODEKSNY _____
- (5) AMGYR _____
- (6) OHESJIP _____
- (7) EFJSUS _____
- (8) ITEENMSW _____
- (9) SPHHDSREEO _____
- (10) EMCFAL _____
- (11) TLSRA _____
- (12) CSSNUEO _____
- (13) HEVSPE _____
- (14) ENIN _____



1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
9 10 11 12 13 14

Answer: Bethlehem (G), Angel (O), Manger (O), Donkey (D), Mary (C), Joseph (I), Jesus (F), Wise men (T), Shepherds (O), Camel (F), Star (S), Census (O), Sheep (N), Inn (E), God's gift of love



The Council of Churches
**Thanksgiving - Advent
Service** is
Sunday, November 30
at 6:00 pm at our church.

CRACKER SPREAD

Claire Morris

- 2 TBS Miracle Whip
- 1 tsp. horseradish
- ½ pound shredded cheese
- 2 TBS BACOS or crumbled bacon

Mix and spread on Ritz crackers. Bake at 350° for about 8 minutes, until bubbly.



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

Between the Hills

(from the Gil's Hills November 2025 Newsletter)

With most of the leaves on the ground and cool wet weather of the mid stages of Fall upon us, the 25/26 after-school club season has officially begun. In October we held 7 clubs providing meals, crafts, transportation, games and lessons in biblical Truth for 55 of the "Kings Kids". We also had several kids participate in the youth hunt over Columbus Day weekend, each experiencing God's provision with successful harvests. Praise God!!!

This Season God has given the leadership a vision for a series called "Build Different" that will run throughout the entirety of the club season and culminate at Summer Camp 2026. The goal is to help kids recognize the brokenness of the world, and to find stability in Christ Jesus (the Word), as they navigate through life. It is our hope and prayer that this will help enable these young men and ladies to be equipped to go and make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit!

Please be in prayer that all we do here would draw glory to Jesus! Thank you for all your prayers and support. Remember, without you we could not do what we do!!!

Blessings,

Scott M. Szalay
Executive Director

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
Taco Seasoning	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	
Mayo (no miracle whip)	

Harvest Dinner

A **harvest dinner** was held on Sunday, November 23 after the Worship Service. Fellowship and a large variety of delicious food, including turkey, ham and stuffing, was enjoyed!



More photos are posted on the cubamc.org website.


Photos by Pastor Becky

**SUNDAY
WORSHIP
SERVICE
11:00 AM**

All are welcome!



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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Tai Chi 7:00 pm	2 Prayer Group 10:00 am	3	4	5	6 Kung Fu 6:00 - 8:00 am
7 Communion Food Pantry Collect Sunday School Adults: 9:30 am Children: 11:00 am	8 Tai Chi 7:00 pm	9 Prayer Group 10:00 am	10	11	12	13 Kung Fu 6:00-8:00 am
14 Sunday School Adults: 9:30 am Children: 11:00 am	15 Tai Chi 7:00 pm January Newsletters Deadline - Noon	16 Prayer Group 10:00 am	17	18	19	20 Kung Fu 6:00-8:00 am
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