

The Shepherd's Messenger

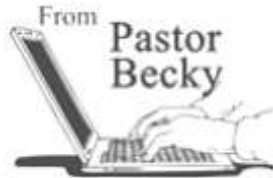


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KNOWING JESUS AS THE
GOOD SHEPHERD & SHARING
THE RISEN CHRIST WITH ALL.

What is the Bible Really?



You may have heard of the Berean Jews who were "more noble than those in Thessalonica" because they "received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so" (Acts 17:11). The Jews in Thessalonica were especially malicious, following Paul to Berea and running him off (Acts 17:13).

While not everyone in Thessalonica believed, those who did believe were also quite admirable. Paul writes that when they heard the word from Paul, they "accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God." Because of that, the Word of God was at work in them as believers.

This raises two important questions for reflection:

(1) what is the Bible really? Do you really believe that the words of Scripture (either written or spoken) were breathed out by God or do you believe that they are a production of men that are, at best, a clever and wise creation and at worst, intended to deceive? What we truly think on this matter can be quickly proved by the way we live our life. Is there fruit of our faith in God's word? If we really believe it, others will see it. If others can't see it, do we really believe it?

The second question is this: is the Word of God at work in your life? Hebrews 4:12 says, "For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart." One of the ways that the Word works in us is by weighing our hearts. It forces us to look at ourselves and consider whether we have been living a righteous and obedient life in God.

But not only that, the Word should produce obedience, remorse for sin, and the fruits of the Spirit. If there is no change in ourselves, are we really allowing the Word to work on our hearts?

So, what really is the Bible for you? Is it a nice book to read here and there to pick up some useful things? Is it something you hear once a week in church and go about your life otherwise? Or is it a life-changing, divinely inspired Word that pierces into our very being and brings about permanent change that leads to salvation? I hope that in your case, it is the latter so that you may be like the Thessalonians who benefited from the working of the Word.

Blessings,

Pastor Becky

PLEASE PRAY FOR:
Our World situation

Others to keep in prayer:

- Brad Allen
- Todd Baxter
- Bob Beard
- Wayne Botens
- Frank Calcagno
- Derek Clement
- Hazel Cornell
- David Edwards
- Mary Jane Gerstung
- Don Hall
- David Halstead
- Donna Hart
- Bernie Hawks
- Andrew James
- Katie Kellogg
- Kevin Kranock
- Helen Middaugh
- Mark Middaugh
- Nellie Moses
- Justin Murphy
- Keith Pierce
- Shirley Poore
- JoAnn Viglietta
- Clint Wilder



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- Deb Battistoni
- 4- Marilyn Luckey
Dwane Wildrick
- 11- Doug Clayson
- 12- Ruth Holden
- 17- Lynnette Clayson
- 18- Fred Pearce
- 28- Cheryl Holden
- 31- Elroy Brickey Jr.



- 10- Fred & Peggy Pearce
- 16- Tom & Judy Krott
- 21- Derwood & Rita Say
- 27- Andy & Emily Nelson

Statistics Needed: \$1,970

Date	Worship	SS	Offering
9/3	36	-	\$2,387.00
			Gil's Hills \$ 50.00
9/10	35	2	\$2,285.00
9/17	42	4	\$1,859.00
9/24	31	4	\$1,605.00
			Gil's Hills \$ 170.00
			Crop Walk \$ 200.00



CHURCH KEYS

If anyone has an entrance key to the church and no longer needs it, please return it to the church secretary office. At the time this is published, there are only two extra keys to the church left in my office.

Thank you!
Jim



Sue Simmons is the UMW's **Cheer Person.** If you know of someone who needs a note of cheer, please call her at **585-968-1135.**

October
Helping
Hands




Power Point:
Rob Cornell

Pianist:
Holly Scoville

Altar Guild:
Holly Scoville




 meeting
 NOTICE

Next Meetings:
Tue. October 17, 2023

Adult Sunday School Room

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



Puzzle!

Use the clues to discover the names of some Old Testament prophets. Then unscramble the circled letters to describe what prophets are.

I was called to preach to the people of Nineveh but ran from God instead. (My book is #32 in the Bible.)

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I spoke God's message when the temple was being built. (My book is #37.)

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Israel's unfaithfulness to God is compared to my unfaithful wife. (My book is #28.)

_ _ _ _ _

My book predicts punishment for wickedness and promises comfort. (It is #23.)

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I had dreams and visions. (My book is #27.)

_ _ _ _ _

Because of my predictions, I was often in danger and angered officials. (My book is #24.)

_ _ _ _ _

I was a shepherd from Judah who called people to turn to God and leave their selfish lives. (My book is #30.)

_ _ _ _ _

My book contains descriptions of strange visions. (It is #26.)

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PROPHETS ARE _ _ _ _ _

Answers: Jonah, Haggai, Hosea, Isaiah, Daniel, Jeremiah, Amos, Ezekiel, Messengers

APPLE BREAD

Sue Simmons
 (In memory of mother Ruth Galente)

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|----------------------|----------------------|
| ½ cup shortening | 1 cup sugar |
| ½ tsp. salt | 1 tsp. vanilla |
| 2 eggs | 4 TBS. milk |
| 1 cup chopped apples | ¼ cup chopped nuts |
| 2 cups flour | 2 tsp. baking powder |



Cream shortening, sugar, salt, and vanilla until light. Add eggs and beat well. Add milk, apples and nuts. Stir. Mix in flour and baking powder. Put in greased loaf pan, bake at 350° for one hour. When cool, pour glaze over bread and let drip down sides.

GLAZE

Combine ½ cup confectioners sugar, 2 TSB. Melted butter, 1 TSB. Water.

Live Stream

 Ministry

**Sunday Worship Services
 are streamed live
 on our website,
 www.cubaumc.org**




Also on our Facebook Page
<https://www.facebook.com/Cuba-United-Methodist-Church-533879670015081>


TRUSTEES
NOTES


 Church Trustees

- Treads have been installed on the front steps to make them safer and more visible in bright sunlight.



COUNCIL OF CHURCHES NEWS
Submitted by Peggy Pearce


 Council of Churches

Members of the Cuba Council of Churches met on September 10th at the United Methodist Church. Reports were given as follows:

- ◆ The Community Center is averaging ten people for the noon meals, but there are only four **Meals on Wheels** deliveries in the village at this time.
- ◆ A large donation from the Cuba Lake population has helped to restock the **Food Pantry** shelves. The on-going generosity of our church congregations was noted with appreciation.
- ◆ Carol Jahnke was appointed **treasurer** to replace Mike Kunz.
- ◆ The annual **Thanksgiving-Advent Service** will be held at the North Park Wesleyan Church on Sunday, November 26 starting at 6 p.m. Father John Cullen of Our Lady of Angels RC Church will deliver the message, and refreshments will follow the service.
- ◆ Tentative plans for a **seasonal music** event to be held at the Palmer Opera House in December were made.

Area church news included:

- ◆ **Christ Episcopal Church** continues to hold services the second and fourth Sundays. They also hosted the Sixth Sunday service in July for the Cuba, Angelica and Wellsville congregations.
- ◆ The search for a pastor continues at **Cuba First Baptist**. The Baptist women will hold a Holiday Market this year.
- ◆ The summer VBS at **North Park Wesleyan** had 46 students attending. Fifteen teens and six adult leaders made a trip to the Ark Encounter at the end of the school year.
- ◆ **Our Lady of Angels** congregation is holding a Thursday morning Bible Study, making prayer shawls and updating registrations.

The Council will meet again on November 12th at the North Park Wesleyan Church.

Something to Think About



The Visitor

One day, a man went to visit a church. He arrived early, parked his car, and got out. Another car pulled up near him, and the driver told him, "I always park there. You took my place!"

The visitor went inside for Sunday School, found an empty seat, and sat down. A young lady from the church approached him and stated, "That's my seat! You took my place!"

The visitor was somewhat distressed by this rude welcome, but said nothing. After Sunday School, the visitor went into the church sanctuary and sat down. Another member walked up to him and said, "That's where I always sit. You took my place!"

The visitor was even more troubled by this treatment, but still said nothing. Later, as the congregation was praying for Christ to dwell among them, the visitor stood, and his appearance began to change.

Horrible scars became visible on his hands and on his sandaled feet. Someone from the congregation noticed him and called out, "What happened to you?" The visitor replied, "I took your place."

- Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. --1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

- But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me.-- 2 Corinthians 12:9

From: 2good2lose.com/thoughts



MISSIONS

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

Located in Wellsville, **Gil's Hills** specializes in serving children and youth who are in need of special attention in some way. The staff & volunteers at Gil's Hills are serious about helping kids by communicating the love of God while providing friendship, counseling, and service.



Their website is: www.gilshills.org



News from Gil's Hills:

God blessed us here at Gil's Hills this summer camp season. He showed up and reminded us that He is a faithful God who loves us through all our troubles. God showed us the way to be connected to Him through the One True Vine, Jesus. (John 15:1-8)

As we held 4 summer camps and 1 high adventure hiking trip, we were able to serve over 100 kids in the 5 weeks from July 10th through August 13th. We had our activities including crafts, hiking, water fun, worship, games, treasure hunts, and more all revolve around the theme "Attached to the Vine" (John 15:1-8). There were times when the schedule did not go as planned. God used those times as an opportunity to allow for so many questions. Questions about who Jesus is or how or why He died on the cross. God provided just what we needed and that included the enthusiasm (did someone say enthusiasm?) necessary to carry us through any exhaustion and trials we encountered.

Week 4 of camp was smaller, allowing us to take a field trip to Stoney Brook State Park where we enjoyed hiking and swimming. The annual Adirondack's trip was a huge success as 2 staff along with 2 board members, 9 girls and 4 boys worked together to conquer Cascade Mountain. It was amazing to see God work in the "King's Kids" as they were helpful and kind showing His Love to one another. We certainly saw the entire Body of Christ working together.

This summer season one young man accepted Jesus as Lord and several kids have expressed a desire to be baptized.

Thank you to everyone who made my first "official" summer as Assistant Director one to remember.

In Christ Alone,
 Sherri DeWitt Assistant Director
 Gil's Hills

Things they could use at Gil's Hills this month:

Canned Peaches, Nacho Cheese Sauce, Hot Dogs, Tater Tots, Chicken Nuggets, Little Debbie snacks, Oreo's, Paper Bowls, Chips, Doritos/Tostitos, Mini chocolate chips, Breakfast sausage, Crystal Light Drink Mix, Pancake Mix, Syrup, Taco Sauce, Plastic Cutlery, Tuna fish, Gift Cards to Tops or Giant

**SUNDAY
WORSHIP
SERVICE
11:00 AM**

All are welcome!

OCTOBER 2023

Sunday School is at
9:30 am in the Adult
Sunday School room.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 World Communion Sunday UMW Food Pantry Collection	2 Tai Chi 7:00 pm	3 Prayer Group 10:00 am Barbershoppers 6:30-8:30 pm	4	5	6	7 Kung Fu 6:00-8:00 am
8 Sunday School 9:30 am	9 Tai Chi 7:00 pm	10 Prayer Group 10:00 am Barbershoppers 6:30-8:30 pm	11	12	13	14 Kung Fu 6:00-8:00 am
15 Sunday School 9:30 am	16 Tai Chi 7:00 pm November Newsletter Deadline Noon	17 Prayer Group 10:00 am Trustees Meeting 6 pm Management Team Meeting 6:45 pm	18	19	20	21 Kung Fu 6:00-8:00 am
22 Sunday School 9:30 am	23 Tai Chi 7:00 pm	24 Prayer Group 10:00 am Barbershoppers 6:30-8:30 pm	25	26	27	28 Kung Fu 6:00-8:00 am
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