

# “STRIVING TO BE THE HANDS AND FEET OF JESUS”



February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Worship 10 a.m.

We don't always see the ripples in the water that extend, but we must have faith that they are there because it is the Lord that begins the good work inside you..He's the first ripple – in your weaknesses or strengths – He is with you. And those ripples radiate through you – and they extend and they grow bigger with your life.

Prelude	“Open Our Eyes/Be Thou My Vision/Oh, How He Loves” <i>(arr. Mark Hayes)</i>	Phillip Higgins
Welcome		
Life of the Church		
Reading	“Spiritual Breath”	No. 140
* Song of Spiritual Longing	“Better Is One Day”	See insert
Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer		
* Hymn of Mission	“We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations”	No. 524
Tithes and Offerings		
Offertory	“Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross” <i>(arr. David Schwoebel)</i>	Phillip Higgins
*Doxology		No. 623
Prayer of Dedication		
Scripture	Philippians 4:5	Cari Matejka
Sermon	“Ripples Extend Through You”	
* Hymn of Response	“O How He Loves You and Me!”	No. 254
The Ministry of The Lord’s Table	(All who seek to follow Christ are welcome at His table)	
Preparation/Invitation		Bill Beck
The Bread and the Cup		
* Song of Fellowship	“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”	No. 138 v. 1, 4
Benediction		
Postlude	“Blessed Redeemer” <i>(by Avis Christiansen and Harry D. Loes)</i> <i>Please feel free to stay and enjoy the postlude</i>	Phillip Higgins

**A special thank you to Cari Matejka for leading our worship today.**

**\*Stand as you are able**

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### **Welcome Cari Matejka!**

Literacy of Love, Inc. (LoL) was started by founder and CEO Cari Matejka. Cari traveled to Uganda in 2012. Her heart and mind were captured after her visit to a village school. Over the years, she developed a personal relationship with many children, and she took an active part in ensuring many were provided for and remained in school. She couldn't unlearn their difficulties and great needs, and that weight of responsibility paired with her deep love is what motivated her to create Literacy of Love in 2016. Cari travels to Uganda as one of the parents of over 60 children and lives in the children's home, Home of the Heart, LoL maintains.. In America, Cari is an active member of her church. She has spoken as a guest at various organizations about her missions as well as preached at a few partnering churches both in the states and abroad.

### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

*(Bold indicates new requests. Please call the office if you would like to add or remove anyone from this list.)*

**Lori Little**; Lindsay Scott; “Ted” Boyer (Sallie Wild's father); Esther Knapp; Shirley Shelley; Marcia Swenson; Hope Benjamin; Tammy Keesler (niece of Linda Goldthwait); Bob Beard; Celia Kellogg; David Halstead; Matthew Snyder (friend of Penny Greene); Peg Baker; Mary Botens; Sue Ball; Josie Luce (Yvonne Radloff's cousin); Carol Shaffer; Walt & Ida Hibbard; Gabby Kranock; Penny Greene; Jeffery Berry and Jason Flippin (Patty Hibbard's sons); LuAnne Shipley Foster; Brandon Hewitt (Penny Green's friend's son); Dick Gleason (Andrea Wise's uncle).

An update on our friends/family. Lindsay Scott, Marcia Swenson and Hope Benjamin are at Cuba Hospital. Shirley Shelley is at Wellsville Manor and Tammy Keesler continues at the Cleveland Clinic. Bob Beard is in The Pines in Olean.

### **REMEMBER IN CARE FACILITIES**

**Batavia VA – (222 Richmond Ave, Batavia, NY 14020) Dennis Chamberlain**

**Cuba Memorial Hospital – (140 W Main St, Cuba, NY 14727) Pauline Comes; Stephen Wise**

**Field of Dreams – (3260 N 7<sup>th</sup> St, Allegany, NY 14706) Joanne Guild; Doreen Scott-Vedder; Sharon**

**Matteson, Connie Stolberg Mcentire**

**The Pines – (2245 W State St, Olean, NY 14760) Helen Swift; Bob Beard**

**Bolivar Manor – (351 North Main St, Bolivar, NY 14715) Rev. Bert & Mickie Tidlund**

### **FRIENDS OF THE WEEK**

**Joan Kottwitz – (8 Spring Street, Cuba, NY 14727)**

**Walt Hibbard – (9472 Keller Hill Road, Cuba, NY 14727)**

Let's help celebrate Joan and Walt's upcoming birthdays!

### **SPECIAL INTEREST MISSIONARIES**

David & Joyce Reed, IberoAmerica & Caribbean

Peter & Sarah McCurdy, Mexico

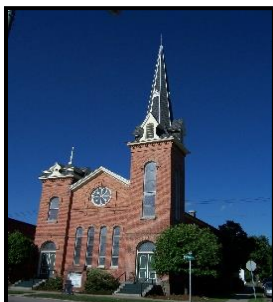
Dan & Sarah Chetti, Lebanon

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### Announcements

- The Diaconate asks that you prayerfully consider donating to the America for Christ Offering. Thank you for supporting this ministry.  
Thanks to America for Christ (AFC) Offering contributions, American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS) supported communities distressed by the devastations that swept our country and Puerto Rico. We helped families who lost homes to floods, wildfires and storms, along with children living on the edge because of poverty, and seminarians preparing to devote their lives to sharing the Good News. These are just a few of the ways we minister to those in need; there are many more.
- We have been gifted some size 10 hearing aid batteries. They will be available in the church office for anyone who may need them. Please call the office during business hours or ask for them any Sunday before or after church.
- Just a friendly reminder to all those in and out of the church. Please verify that lights are off and doors securely locked.
- A huge thank you to all who helped, furnished, worked and supported the meals for the Clark family followed by the annual meeting lunch. CFB is blessed to have so many wonderful and giving people to keep us going, Claudia.
- As you begin your spring cleaning, or just want to decrease clutter...please remember the Rummage Rooms. We are in dire need of gently used Children's clothing (any season). There is also a need for gently used adult clothing, housewares, linens, small appliances, cookware, games and jewelry. You can now drop off donations on Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays - between 9:30-11:30. ITEMS MUST BE BROUGHT INSIDE. Anything left outside cannot be accepted. Should you have a large donation, please call Melody Hayward at 585-968-3606 or Claudia Little at 585-307-8821. Special arrangements are available if necessary.  
The mission of the Rummage Rooms is to serve the area with affordable clothing and household goods at extremely affordable prices. Under the coordination of the ABWM, the proceeds support missions and the life of Cuba First Baptist.
- From now until March 10th the students at CRCS will be raising money for "Bald for Bucks" to support Roswell Park Cancer Center. I am challenging the students in our church to join the fight against cancer and if they raise over \$200 I will have my head shaved at the Elementary School assembly on 3/10. Students will need to register with the school first and then let the church they are raising money to fight cancer. Any CRCS student who registers with the church will receive a gift from the church as a thank-you for helping this charity event. Stay tuned to find out which students are participating. Let us support these kids with prayer, encouragement, and of course if you can give even a small amount it helps. Together we are the hands and feet of Jesus, Bill Beck.
- There will be a brief, but important business meeting immediately after the service. We will be doing a written ballot vote on the exchange of land with Alco in our parking lot. Please plan to stay and vote. According to our constitution, voters must be members of legal age.

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[cubafirstbaptist.org](http://cubafirstbaptist.org)

<https://www.facebook.com/cubafirstbaptist/%20>  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2IDwDLkFIQro0P7Tfd1y9A>

### Looking into the week of February 5<sup>th</sup> – February 12<sup>th</sup>.

Today	2/5	Worship – “Ripples Extend Through You” Cari Matejka Nursery – Jr. Church – Fellowship and coffee time 11 a.m. - Congregational vote on land exchange 11:15 a.m. – ABWM Meeting
Monday	2/6	9 - 1 p.m. – Sec. in Office 8:15 – 9 a.m. - Exercise Group 3:30 p.m. – Youth Group
Tuesday	2/7	9 - 1 p.m. – Sec. in Office 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. – Music Lessons
Wednesday	2/8	9 - 1 p.m. – Sec. in Office 8:15 – 9 a.m. - Exercise Group
Thursday	2/9	9 - 1 p.m. – Sec. in Office 5 p.m. – Playground Committee
Friday	2/10	9 - 1 p.m. – Sec. in Office 9 – noon - Rummage Rooms open
Saturday	2/11	9 – noon - Rummage Rooms open
Sunday	2/12	<b>Souper Sunday!</b> 10 a.m. Worship – Bill Beck 11:15 a.m. – Meetings for the Diaconate; Trustees; Board of Christian Ed.

Thank you to our greeters, our tech team, court monitor(s), and ushers for assisting in today's worship service.

Also a thank you to Lay Ministers: Mrs. Claudia Little, Mr. Bill Beck and our Staff: Mae Earl (Secretary); Bev Ritter (Custodian); Phillip Higgins (Director of Music).

Last week's Attendance: 40 in person; 4 Facebook Live.

\*Weekly Current Expense Offering Goal \$2434: 1/8 \$3,307; 1/15 \$1,815; 1/22 \$1,082; 1/29 \$2,205.

\*Includes ABWM contribution.