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Our Pastor, James F. McIntire, can be reached by calling the church office, 610.446.3351 or his cell phone, 267-257-9541 or by Email at HopeUMCPastor@verizon.net. The church office hours regularly are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. All are welcome to join us at any service or special event.



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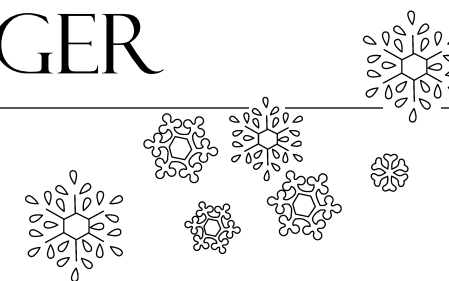
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Haiti Relief

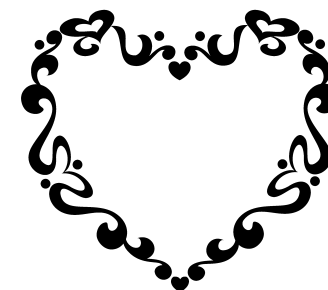


As of this Messenger’s publication date, we have received **\$3,758 for our Haiti Relief Offering** and we expect more will be coming in. This money will soon be sent to the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) which works throughout the world on our behalf and which lost several key executives in the earthquake in Haiti on January 12. In addition, after worship on **Sunday, February 7**, we are assembling at least 100 **Health Kits** to send to UMCOR using items that we will purchase in bulk in advance – please come help. Anyone with any interest in participating in a **UMC Volunteer in Mission (VIM)** trip to Haiti once the situation is stable enough to begin the rebuilding process, please let Pastor Jim know. This is not a commitment; we’re just collecting names of interested persons. A VIM trip would last for about 1 week and would be no sooner than Spring 2010.

Heeding God’s Call



Our congregation’s participation in gun violence prevention continues. On Saturday, January 2nd, 6 of our Hope family joined a group of 40 people demonstrating outside two gun stores in Northeast Philadelphia, **Mike & Kate’s** in Burholme and **Delia’s** in Tacony. In a recent Inquirer column, both stores were named by a former gun trafficker as easy places to purchase multiple guns and we will continue to press them to sign the Code of Conduct which calls on retailers to voluntarily police sales that they have reason to know are putting handguns in illegal hands. In addition, Heeding has begun negotiating with **The Shooter Shop** in Kensington and actions are being planned for that store as well. More information about opportunities to participate will be available soon.



FEBRUARY EVENTS & MEETINGS

- 9 Worship Committee Mtg. 7:00 p.m.
Prepare casseroles for St. John
Hospice 7:30 p.m.
- 15 Presidents Day – Church Office
Closed
Trustees Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 16 Finance Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 17 Ash Wednesday Services to be
announced
- 23 Administrative Council Meeting
7:00 p.m.
- 27 Annual Church Audit 9:00 a.m.

*Bible Study is held Thursday evenings
at 7:30 p.m. All are Welcome!*

CASSEROLES OR THE HOMELESS

The second Tuesday of each month casseroles for St. John Hospice are made in the Thomas Hall kitchen, thanks to Kathy Reisch and her helpers. Casseroles are prepared at 7:30 p.m., all volunteers are welcome.



SERVING IN FEBRUARY

LAY READERS

- 7 B. Engler
14 P. Cutillo
21 G. Geer
28 D. AmEisen

ACOLYTES

- 7 J. Hald
14 F. McCormick
21 J. Osborne
28 A. Osborne

USHERS

- 7 W. Irving, W. Molnar
14 J. Engler, R. Brunner,
M. Thomas,
L. Mattoon
21 M. Cosgrove,
R. Hoffmann,
C. Popow
28 W. Hoyle, W. Irving,
M. Thomas

GREETERS

- 7 Marge Kelleher
14 T.B.A.
21 Lois & Henry Scheck
28 C. Popow,
L. Mattoon,
Desire & Amber

NURSERY

- 7 C. Stango
14 L. Carlin
21 L. Osborne
28 L. Mattoon

OFFERING COUNTERS

- 7 J. Engler, C. Hoffmann
14 P. Jacobs, R. Brunner
21 M. Cosgrove,
L. Magro, D. AmEisen
28 L. Medica, S. Brunke,
H. Scheck

COMMUNION STEWARD

February 7, 2010
Jackie Engler

COMMUNION AID

February 7, 2010
Fran McCormick

PLEDGE CARDS

Pledge cards can be turned in at any time. There are additional cards in the Narthex if needed.
Any questions please contact Pastor Jim
Thank you.

Care to Care

Jeanette Matlack has a new address and would love to receive a card or visit from Hope members. She is in the Broomall Rehab and Nursing Home, 50 N. Malin Rd., Broomall, PA 19008, Room 3310. let's all cheer up Jeanette with a thinking of you card soon.

Grace Brown has not been driving recently, due to a problem with her eyes. She enjoyed Christmas at her daughter's home in Downingtown along with her other family members. Grace's two sons have taken over the family plastering business in Havertown. She enjoys the humorous notes that Hope member Bob Davis regularly sends to her.

Dottie Wolfe has been confined to her home during the cold weather, but hopes to be able to drive to church when warmer weather prevails.

Jeanette Miller is getting around her home with a walker and hopes to graduate to a cane soon. She

looks forward to the visits of Linda Martin, who stops by with church bulletins, calendar or her giving envelopes. She loves to read and would appreciate any magazines you like to share, especially "Home and Garden" ones.

Janet Barry celebrated her January birthday at her Newtown Square address. Belated cards may be sent to 34 Delmont Road, Newtown Square, PA 19073. She is still undergoing chemo treatments and we send Janet good wishes for 2010.

Ruth Matthews was recently on the East Coast, visiting her sister in Connecticut for the holidays. She enjoyed one day in the Philadelphia area as the sisters took her to the Grace Kelly exhibition at the Convention Center. She sends her love and best wishes to all her friends at Hope and hopes to see them the next time she visits from her home in California.



News from Outeach



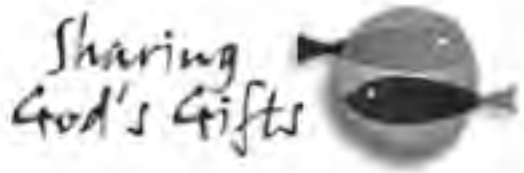
Town Hall Meeting with Bishop

The **Heifer Project** begins with the first Sunday in Lent (February 21st, 2010).

The Heifer Project is a project of Hope to environmentally transform small farming worldwide by passing on the Gift (farm animals, cattle, bees, etc.) and continuing a self-sustaining chain of life and hope. "Promises for Tomorrow" is our theme for helping families not just for today but for tomorrow.

Bishop Johnson will be conducting town hall meetings on each of the six districts regarding the goals and structure of the Eastern Pennsylvania Annual Conference. This will be an opportunity for candid discussion as to where God is leading the annual conference and are open to all United Methodists in the annual conference, laity and clergy. Our Central District meeting will be March 3, 2010, 7:00 pm, St. Matthews UMC in Valley Forge.

**ALL ARTICLES FOR THE MESSENGER ARE DUE IN
THE CHURCH OFFICE BY THE 15th OF EACH MONTH**



CONNECTIONAL GIVING IN 2010

For 2010, Hope's Administrative Council has decided that as part of our Stewardship Program, in each month that has five Sundays, the 5th Sunday will be dedicated to promoting our commitment to **Connectional Giving** within the United Methodist Church. Connectional Giving is how our local church financial giving impacts the larger church and enables us to be connected to the other 9 million United Methodists around the world in powerful and effective ways.

Here are some essential terms and concepts that we might hear yet not always understand:

Annual Conference The basic organizational body in the UMC. Each annual conference includes all churches in a geographic area and consists of an equal number of clergy and lay members.

Apportionment. The share each annual conference or local church pays to support international, national and regional (annual conference) mission. A formula defines how each local church or annual conference will share the responsibility for an approved budget.

Connectional Giving. A method of giving that involves an amount assigned to a local church, annual conference or other UM body by a proper church authority to be raised as its share of church funds.

General Conference. The highest legislative body in the UMC; voting membership consists of an equal number of clergy and lay delegates elected by the annual conferences;

convenes every quadrennium (four years) to determine the denomination's future direction. **General Benevolence Funds.** Funds approved by the General Conference for mission around the world through persons, agencies and institutions; e.g. World Service Fund.

For 2010, Hope UMC's budget includes **\$15,000** toward our apportioned part of the Eastern Pennsylvania Annual Conference budget, but this is **\$6,545 short** of our actual full share in the apportionment which is **\$21,545** and is divided like this:

Connectional Ministries ... \$12,410 ... supports the local ministry budget of our Annual Conference as we join together to have an impact on our region and the world.

World Service Fund ... \$4,826 ... helps build new churches and pay the salaries of missionaries and expand Bible studies and provide leadership for youth ministry, and more.

General Church Fund ... \$4,309 ... supports the larger ministries of the UMC including Africa University Fund, Ministerial Education Fund, Black College Fund, Episcopal Fund, Interdenominational Cooperation Fund, and General Administration Fund

While we will receive special offerings on these 4 designated Sundays (January, May, August, October) throughout the year, you may make a gift at anytime by using *envelopes available in the pews or by designating a check or envelope with your name and "2010 Apportionment Deficit"* noted clearly.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Note a change of address for Alexandra Gaustad, please correct your directories.

Miss Alexandra Gaustad
5-20 Wilde Avenue
Drexel Hill, PA 19026

God's Haiku:

Some think
I condone
the bombing
of my children.

They must not
know me.



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SERMON COPIES

Printed copies of each Sunday's sermon are available in the Sermon Archives box located near the church mailboxes outside the Office and outside Jones Chapel. Copies are usually available by Tuesday or Wednesday following the Sunday it was preached.



- 1 Evelyn Guest
- 2 Evelyn Eldridge
- 6 Elizabeth Reiley
Nathan Grob
- 7 Lily Stango
Brady Carlin
- 8 Jackie Engler
Miriam Billingsley
- 13 Sarah Sneddon
- 15 Brian Grob
- 16 Gene "Doc" Dougherty
- 17 Margaret Sierer
Gloria Downs
- 18 Andrew Molnar
- 22 Scott Joseph
- 27 Bob Kelleher
- 28 Nancy Redman



ANNIVERSARIES

February 14th
Robert and Cynthia Popow
40th Wedding Anniversary

February 18th
Michael and Patricia Cutillo
43rd Wedding Anniversary



Tidbits

Youth Group Coffee House

The Youth Group is planning a Coffee House in Thomas Hall on Friday, March 5, 6-10 pm with local bands and refreshments.

New Member FAQs Sessions

Two Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) sessions are planned for March for people who are considering church membership to gather together and ask whatever questions you might have about Hope and who we are and about what United Methodism is about. These will be held in the Pastor's Study on March 7 and 14 and we will be welcoming new members during worship on Palm/Passion Sunday, March 28. An invitation letter will be mailed on February 1st – if you do not receive one and are interested in attending, please let pastor Jim know.

Sign-Up Sheets in Narthex

There are sign-up sheets in the Narthex for Altar Flowers, Bulletins, Greeters, if you would like to be an Usher, or Lay Reader. There are many opportunities for Stewardship in the new year (2010).



VOLUNTEERS WELCOME

USHERS

We really do need ushers !!!! Ushers can be male, female or youth, if you fit in any of these groups and want to help, please contact Pastor Jim or the church office. Thank you for your support.

GREETERS

It only takes a few minutes of your time on Sunday morning to greet members and visitors attending Hope's worship service. The list is in the Narthex

Tools for Ministry 2010

A Conference-wide day of workshops to resource local church ministries is scheduled for **Saturday, February 27, 8:30 am - 3:30 pm.** Our Central District event is in Norristown at Haws Avenue UMC. Workshops include: Children Ministries, Evangelism, Church Treasurers/Finance, Stewardship, Trustees/Church Property, Youth Ministries, Church Vision, and SPRC. Cost is \$10 each; registration deadline is February 15.

Employment Opportunities

The U.S. Census Bureau is looking for people to help with the 2010 Census. There are jobs available in Chester and Delaware Counties, 20-40 hours per week at \$17.75 an hour. Call 866-861-2010 or www.2010censusjobs.gov.

Church Audit

The annual church audit is scheduled for Saturday, February 27, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. Contact Lyn Medica if you are not able to attend. Thank you.

but if you have any questions please contact the church office, 610-446-3351. Your stewardship of time is much appreciated.

READERS

Volunteers willing to be a Lay Reader for Sunday worship are invited to explore the possibility by contacting Pastor Jim or the Church Office. On the assigned day, Lay Readers lead the Opening Prayer and read one scripture lesson

Easter Flowers & Plants

ALL EASTER PLANT ORDERS MUST BE PLACED WITH MARY ANN MORRIS, IN THE CHURCH OFFICE BY SUNDAY, MARCH 28th, 2010. The cost this year is \$9.00 per plant. Please indicate your preference below. YOUR PAYMENT MUST BE INCLUDED WITH YOUR ORDER! ALL CHECKS SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO: HOPE U.M.C. AND MARKED "FOR EASTER PLANTS."

PLEASE FILL OUT THIS FORM COMPLETELY.
PLEASE NOTE THE DEADLINE!
Questions? Contact the church office (446-3351)

_____ of EASTER LILLIES x \$9.00 each = _____
(\$ amount)

_____ of HYACINTHS . . . x \$9.00 each = _____
(\$ amount)

_____ of TULIPS x \$9.00 each = _____
(\$ amount)

_____ of AZALEAS x \$9.00 each = _____
(\$ amount)

In addition to and/or instead of a plant,
please accept my donation to be used
toward decorations. _____
(\$ amount)

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

*** PLEASE INDICATE ***

PLEASE COMPLETE!

() I WILL PICK UP MY PLANT AFTER EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP

() PLEASE HOLD MY PLANT (S) FOR LATER PICK-UP

PLANT PRESENTED BY: _____

() IN MEMORY OF: _____

() IN HONOR OF: _____

Please note: Additional Easter Plant forms are available in the Narthex

