

**THIS WEEK AT HOPE**  
**1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY AFTER THE**  
**EPIPHANY**

**JANUARY 13, 2019**

**Sunday Worship Service at 9:30 a.m.**  
**held in Jones Chapel**  
**We welcome Hope's new pastor**  
**Rev. Mary Jane Kirby**  
**Childcare is available.**  
**Choir practice after Worship**

**MONDAY**

**Church Office is Closed on Mondays.**  
**Leadership Team Meeting 7:15 p.m.**

**FRIDAY**

**Bible Study 1:30 p.m. in the Conference**  
**Room.**

**SATURDAY**

**Food Bank 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.**

**NEXT WEEK AT HOPE**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY AFTER THE**  
**EPIPHANY**

**JANUARY 20, 2019**

**Sunday Worship Service at 9:30 a.m.**  
**held in Jones Chapel**  
**Welcome to Hope's new Pastor Rev.**  
**Mary Kirby**  
**Childcare available**  
**Choir practice after Worship**

**REMINDER:**

**Leadership Team meeting on Monday,**  
**January 14<sup>th</sup>. Contact Paul Eves if you**  
**are unable to attend. Thank you.**



**BIRTHDAYS**

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Jan. 14 Kate Fleming (Reisch)  
17 Cynthia Mariani

**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT**

*Dear Hope Family and Friends,*  
*It is so good to be with you and I am*  
*excited about the partnership in ministry*  
*that we will share here in Havertown. I*  
*am thankful for Rev. Maridel Whitmore's*  
*ministry with you and join you in wishing*  
*her many blessings in her retirement! The*  
*first Sunday that I will be present with you*  
*in worship is January 6 - Epiphany! It is a*  
*good beginning day. Please know that you*  
*are always welcome to contact me. Just*  
*call Mary Ann in the office and she will be*  
*able to reach me easily. Our ministry*  
*together and each one of you are in my*  
*prayers as we enter in 2019.*  
*Pastor's cell#610-609-6703*

**2019 OFFERING ENVELOPES**

Envelopes for 2019 are on the card table  
outside of Jones chapel. Using your  
Sunday envelopes helps the counters in  
recording contributions to the correct  
contributor.

**Please check to see if anyone accidentally**  
**picked up offering envelopes marked #5**  
**with the label marked Ron Brunner.**  
**Kindly return to the church office.**

*Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I*  
*have called you by name; you are mine"*

For those of us who embrace our life in  
Christ, Isaiah 43:1-7 ought to be a  
profound encouragement. God says, "*Do*  
*not fear, for I have redeemed you...*"  
(Isa. 43:1). Perhaps you also have days  
when you ask yourself, "What am I doing  
with my life?!" God responds, "*I have*  
*called you by name, you are mine*"  
(v.1). There are other days when I ask,  
"*Why is this happening to me?*" God  
responds, "*When you pass through the*  
*waters, I will be with you*" (v. 2).

You might be thinking: "Well, those are  
nice words, but do they really mean  
anything?" History tells us that they do.  
God did work to deliver Israel from  
Egypt. He did work to give them a land of  
their own. He did work to bring them out  
of Babylonian exile. And most  
significantly, he did work by sending  
them, and us, a Messiah and Savior in  
Jesus. In another of this week's passages,  
Luke 3:15-22, the heavens opened, the  
Holy Spirit descended on Jesus in the  
bodily form of a dove, and God said, "*You*  
*are my Son ... with you I am well pleased*"  
(Luke 3:22). For those of us who believe,  
just as God was well pleased with his Son,  
so is he well pleased with all whom His  
Son calls friends.

**Question for the Week ahead:**

*How would I live differently today if I*  
*knew that God was well pleased with me?*

Friends, God *is*. God is well pleased ...  
with *us*. Let us live this out!

**FOOD BANK**

The next Food Bank is Saturday, January  
19, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. We have been  
blessed with generous donations over the  
past month, but many clients have visited  
the food bank and there are items that we  
need to restock. We do, of course,  
appreciate any items you wish to donate,  
but the items in greatest need as of January  
1, 2019 are laundry detergent, coffee,  
jelly, peanut butter, shampoo, deodorant,  
tooth paste, ketchup, and pasta sauce  
(please no glass jars).

Thank you for your continued support of  
this outreach project to the community.  
Sally Kiner  
Food Bank Coordinator

**YOUTH, Grades 6-12:**  
**Gretna Glen Camp and Retreat**  
**Center's Free Youth Group Night is**  
**Sunday, January 20.**

We will leave from Union church by 2:30  
p.m. and return about 8:30 p.m. Please let  
Pastor Mary Jane know of any youth that  
would like to attend. She would be glad to  
help with transportation as needed. It is  
always a fun time at Gretna; an evening of  
faith building, fun activities, music, and  
snacks! Please call Pastor Mary Jane,  
610-69-6703, for more information or to  
indicate interest!