

THIS WEEK AT HOPE
7th SUNDAY AFTER THE
EPIPHANY
FEBRUARY 24, 2019

Sunday Worship Service at 9:30 a.m.
held in Jones Chapel
Pastor: Rev. Mary Jane Kirby
Blanket Sunday
Childcare is available.
Choir practice after Worship
GPCC 11:00 a.m. Service in Main
Sanctuary
Soup pickup after worship

MONDAY
Church Office is Closed on Mondays.

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

NEXT WEEK AT HOPE
LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE
EPIPHANY
MARCH 3, 2019

Sunday Worship Service at 9:30 a.m.
held in Jones Chapel
Communion Sunday
Pastor: Rev. Mary Jane Kirby
Childcare available
Choir practice after Worship
GPCC 11:00 a.m. service in Main
Sanctuary



BIRTHDAYS OF THE WEEK

Feb. 28 Nancy Redman
Mar. 2 Grayce Rinehimer
Kim Federowicz

ALTAR FLOWERS

Arrangements have been made with Kenny's Flowers in Media to provide fresh altar arrangements when requested. Each arrangement cost \$25.00. There is a sign-up sheet on the table outside of Jones Chapel.

BLANKET SUNDAY

We will be participating in this project on **February 17 and 24, 2019**, through Church World Service. Contributions to Blankets mean that Church World Service is there for the long haul as families recover from a disaster or struggle against grinding poverty. Through your contributions, you can make this ministry of hope a reality for people in need the world over.

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP
MARCH 6TH

Let us gather for Worship as we begin the season of Lent together. Members of Temple Lutheran, Hope UMC and Union UMC are invited and ALL are welcome. **The worship begins at 7:00 p.m.**

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT:

*"Commit your way to the Lord!
Trust him! He will act and will make
your righteousness shine like the dawn,
your justice like noon day?" - Psalm
37:5-6*

Commit your way to the Lord! That sounds like the best of advice to me, but how do you do that? Well, it happens when you feel a closeness to God; when you get acquainted and gain a sense of what would please (or *not* please) the Lord. We get to that closeness through regular, faithful, times of reflection. Take time to reflect! There is so much to distract you at every turn. Don't allow that to happen. We need these times of pause, when we can slow down, and pray and reflect. You know it – daily Bible reading, sharing thoughts and conversations with other people of faith, and prayer are essential. You will understand things in God's presence that you won't understand any other way. So, as you reflect, here are some questions to be asking of yourself and talking over with God: *"Am I growing personally and in my walk with Jesus? Am I strengthening my relationship with the people who matter in my life? Am I using the gifts and sharpening the skills that God has given me?"*

Believe me: reflecting on such things will change your life and you will find your way with the Lord to be rewarding and fulfilling. Take time to reflect.

Question for the Week ahead: *"Do I actually do that – each day, each week – do I set aside time to reflect and pray?"*

SAVE THE DATE!

You probably have sung her hymns in Church, in Sunday School, and in Fellowship Hall. Using familiar tunes, Carolyn Winfrey Gillett writes words that reflect the issues of our time. We have the privilege of hosing Carolyn on **Sunday, March 24th, for a Potluck Supper and Program.** She will share how she generates her ideas and what her process is for writing her hymns. And, of course, we will sing! This evening of music and merriment is sponsored by our Justice & Advocacy Team.

LAY READERS NEEDED

We are thankful for those who read scripture each Sunday in worship. We would love to have some others to take part in this ministry as well. Please speak to Pastor Mary Jane if you would like to become a Lay Reader or if you would just like to know more!

GRACE CAFE HOSTING -
March 10, 2019, at Arch Street UMC,
Philadelphia. Our Eastern Mainline Mission Connection will be serving 200 plus folks who are food insecure in Philadelphia at Grace Cafe on Sunday, March 10. Volunteers are asked to let Pastor Mary Jane know if you are interested in helping to serve. We should leave by 4 p.m. to arrive by 4:45 p.m. for orientation and preparations for the 6 p.m. meal. Union folks are asked to prepare desserts for the meal. We need a lot! Hope folks are asked to donate to help in covering the cost of the meatloaf, which will be prepared at Union on Friday, March 8, 1:00 p.m. Thank you everyone!