

**THIS WEEK AT HOPE**  
**4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER THE**  
**EPIPHANY**

**FEBRUARY 3, 2019**

**Sunday Worship Service at 9:30 a.m.**  
**held in Jones Chapel**  
**Pastor: Rev. Mary Jane Kirby**  
**Communion Sunday**  
**Childcare is available.**  
**Choir practice after Worship**

**MONDAY**

**Church Office is Closed on Mondays.**

**FRIDAY**

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

**NEXT WEEK AT HOPE**  
**5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER THE**  
**EPIPHANY**

**FEBRUARY 10, 2019**

**Sunday Worship Service at 9:30 a.m.**  
**held in Jones Chapel**  
**Pastor: Rev. Mary Jane Kirby**  
**Childcare available**  
**Choir practice after Worship**  
**Last day to place orders for soup.**

**ANNUAL HOME-MADE SOUP SALE**

The ladies of Wesleyan Circle are once again making their delicious soups. Pre-order your soup at \$8.00 a quart and give all soup orders to June Hoyle by Sunday February 10<sup>th</sup>. Pickup is Saturday February 23<sup>rd</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and Sunday after Worship.



**BIRTHDAYS**

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Feb. 6 Elizabeth Reiley  
Nathan Grob  
7 Brady Carlin  
8 Jackie Engler

**LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING**

The next Leadership Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 p.m.

**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. When disaster strikes, people need blankets - and much more. And as the recovery process unfolds, they need tools, training and other resources to help them rebuild their lives. 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.

**STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT:**

*"Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect." - Romans 12:2*

Today's Old Testament and Gospel lessons have to do with the discerning of God's call. There is Jeremiah, who wonders how God could call him, for he is yet young. There is Jesus who is the anointed Son of God, yet he struggles with rejection in his hometown. Both Jeremiah and Jesus discovered the truth that would help them live true to God's calling: to know what God wants, to know God's will, we must totally surrender to God's will. Our tendency is to make God's decisions for God. I have often said that I make up my own agenda of what seems right to me and then I ask God to approve it. It has to work the other way around.

Don't go to God with options and then ask God to choose one of your preferences. Go to God with empty hands – no hidden agendas, no crossed fingers, nothing behind your back. Go to God with an openness and a willingness to do what God places on your heart to do. As we give ourselves over to God's way, as good stewards of God's plan, our Lord will equip us with what we need to answer the call in a way that honors God and blesses God's people.

**Question for the Week ahead:** *Have I asked the Lord what I am to do? Have I given my days to God so that God will direct my paths?*

**FOOD BANK UPDATE**

Thank you for your continued support of our food bank. In January, we provided food for

112 individuals in 41 families. The next food bank is Saturday, February 16<sup>th</sup> 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

As usually, we will accept anything you would like to contribute, but we are low on the following items:  
dish detergent, cereal, paper towels, canned fruit, and coffee.

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

**CHURCH JUMBLE AT UNION, UMC**

**Saturday February 9<sup>th</sup>**  
**9 am to 1 pm**

Church Jumble (rummage sale) will be held at Union, UMC to raise money for the church. There will be books, household items, toys, holiday decorations, etc. for sale. During the event, the UMW will sell hot dogs and baked goods to raise money for their UMW mission work.

**GRETNA GLEN FREE YOUTH**

**GROUP NIGHT:** All youth, Grades 6-12 are welcome to travel with Pastor Mary Jane and a couple of youth from Union to a fun Youth Group Night at Gretna Glen Camp near Lebanon, PA on Sunday, February 17. We will leave from Union Church's driveway at 2:30 p.m. and return about 8:30 p.m. There are some outdoor camp activities (weather permitting), some games, snacks, music, and a speaker. It is a fun and inspiring time. Please let Pastor MJ know if you are interested. The only cost is if you would like to get something at the rest area on the way home.

Thank you!  
MJ