

THIS WEEK AT HOPE
FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 10, 2019

Sunday Worship Service at 9:30 a.m.
held in Jones Chapel
Pastor: Rev. Mary Jane Kirby
Childcare is available.
Choir practice after Worship
Daylight Savings Time- Set Clocks
Ahead 1 hour.
GPCC 11:00 a.m. Service in Main
Sanctuary

MONDAY
Church Office is Closed on Mondays.

TUESDAY
Casseroles for St. John Hospice 7:30 pm.

WEDNESDAY
Lenten Study 7:00 p.m. at Union UMC
“Seven Mile Miracle”

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
SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 17, 2019

Sunday Worship Service at 9:30 a.m.
held in Jones Chapel
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Childcare available
Choir practice after Worship
Youth Trip to Gretna Glen See Pastor



BIRTHDAYS OF THE WEEK

Mar. 10 Alex Merrell
Cynthia Popow
11 Jackie Martin
Lisa Osborne
Amelia Wojnovich
Don Roush
Erica Oslak
14 John Emmett
16 Jodi Deegan
17 Michael O'Donnell

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the Mckelvey family on the birth of Karalyn Elizabeth McKelvey daughter of Dale and Sara Mckelvey and the proud grandmother, Elizabeth McKelvey. All are doing fine.

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. would like to become a Lay Reader or if you would just like to know more!

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT:

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“Lord, teach us to pray.” - Luke 11:1b

You and I are stewards of many things. We have responsibility for our bodies, our properties, our gifts and resources of every kind. I think that we are also stewards of our thoughts and actions and, of course, of our life of prayer. With this in mind, I invite you in this Lenten season to renew your prayer commitment. I think that the following suggestion may be helpful in this:

I invite you to close your hands—making a tight fist if you can. Lent became a time of giving up something as a sign of penitence in the middle ages. This season we will contemplate what we need to give up in order to let justice roll down, to let justice prevail in our lives, in our church, in our world. I invite you to think about those who you find difficult to love as children of God—perhaps even yourself. Or maybe it was a prejudice you grew up with that, despite your best efforts, keeps playing in the background of your beliefs. Perhaps it is a particular trait in others that rubs you the wrong way and compassion is just more difficult for you to feel. Perhaps it is someone that has wronged you. Now slowly open your hands, letting go of the tension there and imagine that cool water is flowing into and over them. Amen!

Question for the Faith Journey: *“Will I renew my prayer life this Lent?”*

GRETNA GLEN FREE YOUTH GROUP
NIGHT
MARCH 17TH

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 at Gretna Glen Camp near Lebanon, PA **Sunday March 17th**. 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!
Mary Jane

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.

COMMUNITY DINE-AROUND

Haverford Township Community Dine-Around is an event with fellowship, friendship and good food. The next luncheon a St. Patrick's Celebration will take place on March 11, 2019 at Annunciation BVM Church. The cost is \$7.00 per meal. Please contact Helen Connell of Annunciation BVM at 610-449-7385 if you plan to attend.

APRIL 27TH FLEA MARKET

We will have our flea market on Saturday April, 27th. Advertised 8-1, set up starting at 6:45 thru 7:45 a.m. We will then close the lot for all vehicles until 1:00 p.m.

The price will be \$15.00 per parking spot. When you respond please make sure I have your first and last name, a good contact # and how many spots you would like reserved. You may mail checks or drop off cash to the church, the number to the church is 610-446-3351 for hours to drop off Money.

IMPORTANT:

Checks should be made out to Cassie Popky with "Flea Market" in the memo. We will not be able to do a "pay at door" this time. There were too many people that were no shows at the last few. We will not hold spots that are not paid for upfront.

As in the past, if it is a rainout I will either choose a rain date (TBD) or meet you in front of the church the day of to return your money.

Please remember this is church grounds, so no alcohol, guns or illegal items may be sold. We ask everyone to stay on the lot until 1:00 p.m., we can not have cars driving in and out when there are people walking around.

Thank you,
Cassie

LENTEN SERIES

This Lent we will begin a Worship Series entitled "Roll Down, Justice!" beginning Ash Wednesday and continuing through Easter Day. May we, as a family of faith, grow in love and faithfulness together. Lent is a time to remind ourselves who we

are called to be in this world. This Lenten series is inspired by Amos, a prophet whose message is that God calls us to let "justice roll down like waters." Worship without justice is not acceptable, for worship must move us to action on behalf of the oppressed. We will find inspiration this Lent as we sing and pray and live tuned in to the heart of the Gospel – proclaiming God's love for all people.

LENTEN WORSHIP SERIES:



Wednesday, March 6: ASH WEDNESDAY:
"Make Me an Instrument of Peace"
Amos 5:211-24

(AT UNION UMC: 7:00 P.M.)
Sunday, March 10: LENT 1 –
"Child of God, Naming Each One"
Romans 8:31-39

Sunday, March 17: LENT 2 – "How Long: Renouncing Evil" Psalm 13

Sunday, March 24: LENT 3 "Christ's Representatives" Matthew 25:31-40

Sunday, March 31: LENT 4 – "I Choose Love: Communities of Forgiveness"
Luke 23:32-43

SMALL GROUP STUDIES: Dear Church Family, the study of God's Word and the discussion and insight that follows which creates, as Wesley would say, "Holy Conversation" is so vital to our strength and growth as a Family of Faith.

I am so thankful for the Friday afternoon Study which is led by Ann Eves. Thank you, Ann! Please join them when you can.

I would also be so glad to hold seasonal Bible Studies here at Hope on an agreed upon day and time. Please let me know of your interest! Union has a Lenten Study coming up starting next week, a study just right for Lent. I am including the invitation here in case any of our Hope family would like to attend. (If we have several interested here, I would be glad to offer this on Thursday evening. Please let me know if you would like to attend.)

LENTEN STUDY: Wednesdays at 7 p.m. at Union, starting March 13 and continuing through April 17. Seven-Mile Miracle: Journey into the Presence of God through the Last Words of Jesus. It will be a meaningful journey.



It's Good Friday. The Son of God is giving up his life. What does he want to say to us in His final hours? What does He tell the people standing at the foot of the cross, to

pass down to the ages? He speaks only seven short statements. Words of forgiveness, salvation, relationship, abandonment, distress, triumph, and reunion. Seven statements that mean everything. This study will help us to consider how Jesus's last words offer mile markers for our journey in relationship with God.

SUNDAY SCHOOL IS COMING BACK TO HOPE!

Thanks to the planning and commitment of a committee of Elizabeth McKelvey, Andy Merrill, and Brittany Welding, and the prayers of you all, we are pleased to announce that Sunday School for Children ages 3-12 will begin on March 31 during the worship hour at 9:30 a.m. The children will stay through the Children's Time and then begin Sunday School.

Please spread the word! All welcome!



DEEP BLUE:

Be with God
Love God and Neighbor
Understand themselves as Children of God
Explore Faith and the Bible

TEACHERS AND SUPPORT TEACHERS NEEDED!

Please see Pastor Mary Jane if you would be willing to help with Sunday School as a teacher or a support person to help at times.