

THIS WEEK AT HOPE

3rd Sunday in Lent

March 15, 2020

Sunday Worship Service at 9:30 a.m.
"I AM the Good Shepherd" Healing
Service - Lenten Worship Series
Pastor Mary Jane Kirby
Sunday School for children 9:30 a.m.
Childcare is available.
Choir practice after Worship
Gretna Glen Youth Group 2:30 p.m.
GPCC Service 11:00 a.m.

MONDAY

Church Office is Closed on Mondays.

WEDNESDAY

Lenten Study at Union UMC at 7:00
p.m. The series is for 5 consecutive
Wednesdays. "He Chose the Nails"

FRIDAY

Bible Study 1:30 P.M. New study based
on the book Christ in Crisis.
*GPCC Devotional 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. use
of Sanctuary & Thomas Hall

SATURDAY

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

NEXT WEEK AT HOPE

4th Sunday in Lent

March 22, 2020

Sunday Worship Service at 9:30 a.m.
Pastor Mary Jane Kirby
Sunday School for children 9:30 a.m.
Childcare available
Choir practice after Worship

Worship at Wesley Enhanced Living

2:00 p.m.



BIRTHDAYS OF THE WEEK

Mar. 17 Michael O'Donnell

22 Leah Mariani

WELCOME TO HOPE

Please sign the visitor's card in the
pews.

Please place visitor's card in the
offering plate. Thank you!

WESLEY ENHANCED LIVING

Pastor Mary Jane is glad to announce that she
will be leading a worship service at Wesley
Enhanced Living every 4th Sunday at 2:00
p.m. **The next Worship service will be held
on March 22nd, at 2:00 p.m.** The folks there
were looking for a Christian worship service
and we are so thankful that we could help get
this started. The first service was held on
April 28th. I would so appreciate it if a few
folks from Hope would be able to accompany
me to Wesley Enhanced Living to help with
wheelchairs and to provide support. Please let
me know if you can help. The Lord is always
giving us new opportunities. God is doing a
new thing!

CALENDAR FOR APRIL 10TH

The Good Friday Service will be held at
Presbyterian Church of Llanerch, 211
Lansdowne Road, Havertown, at 2:00 p.m.

BIBLE STUDY AT HOPE

Our current Hope Bible study is based on
the book Christ in Crisis by Jim Wallis.
Below is a summary.

In Christ in Crisis, bestselling author,
speaker, and Christian activist Jim Wallis
argues that our cultural and political crisis
largely stems from how the American
church has become disconnected from the
teachings of Jesus Christ. Wallis points to
eight radical questions central to Jesus'
teaching: the Neighbor Question, the
Image Question, the Truth Question, the
Power Question, the Fear Question, the
Caesar Question, the Peacemaker
Question, and the Discipleship Question.
By asking ourselves these questions, we
can measure whether we, as Christians, are
thinking and acting "in Jesus' name."
Anyone interested in this study is welcome
to join us on Fridays at 1:30 p.m.

2020 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Sunday offering envelopes for 2020 are on
the card table outside the Chapel. Please
pickup your envelopes as this helps the
Sunday Counters to apply your weekly
contributions to the correct account. If you
are able to deliver a box of envelopes to a
shut-in it would be appreciated.

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
with Sunday School. We are asking for two
persons for each Sunday. Please choose a
Sunday (first, second, or fourth) that would
work for you. We will help you prepare to be
a part of this vital ministry! Thank you.



WITH HEARTFELT SYMPATHY

*We wish to extend our condolences to
Michael, and Cassie Popky and the Popky
family in the death of Jay Popky, Michael's
brother and uncle to Mary Grace and Bobby
Popky.*

*Please keep the Popky family in your prayers
at this time.*

SUNDAY COUNTERS

Hope is looking for a volunteer(s) to count
Sunday contributions on the fourth (4th)
Sunday of each month. This request is only
once a month for about 1 hour of your time.
Please contact the church office, e-mail or
call: 610-446-3351.

SUNDAY LAY READERS NEEDED

If you are interested in being a Lay
Reader on Sunday morning please contact
the church office, e-mail or call 610-446-
3351. We would appreciate your help. A
copy of the Worship Bulletin and

Scripture is e-mailed on Thursday or Friday for you to go over. The schedule would be once a month or every other month, depending upon the number of volunteers.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT:

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.”
- John 10:11

The term “good” leaves us with questions. Yes, our Lord Jesus is good, but much more! Let’s just consider some ways Jesus is the good shepherd and how we respond, then, with lives that honor our Lord. Jesus brings health and wholeness into our lives. How are we passing this along? So, Jesus is the good shepherd because he the source of abundant life, first to the man born blind (see John 9), giving him a new existence, new life -- he is a new creation, a child of God. Jesus is the good shepherd because he *finds* the man born blind after the blind man has been thrown out (9:35) which the disciples need to hear because they too will be thrown out and which they need to remember because Jesus found them. Jesus is the good shepherd because he *knows* his sheep and he calls them by name. Think of Lazarus, who came forth from the tomb, or Mary Magdalene, called out of her nightmare. Jesus is the good shepherd because before he goes to the cross, he lays down his life by coming out of the garden, the fold, leaving his sheep protected and safe in the garden, giving himself up for the sake of his disciples, his sheep. Jesus is the good shepherd because

he will take up his life again in the resurrection AND the ascension, the resurrection being our promise of life here and now and the promise of life in our future; the ascension being the abiding place that Jesus prepares for the ones he loves.

*Question for the Faith
Journey: How am I passing along the healing touch of Jesus to others?*

YOUTH, Grades 6-12 are invited to join Pastor Brenda and Pastor MJ for an evening at Gretna Glen camp today **Sunday, March 15 for Free Youth Group Night**. We leave Union at 2:30 and will return about 8:30. It is a fun evening of camp activities, games, snacks, speaker, and song. Please let Pastor Mary Jane know if you can attend.



**HOPE UMC FOOD BANK
WISH LIST**

As of 1-2-2020

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| Jelly | Peanut Butter |
| Canned Pasta | Canned Fruit |
| Black Beans | Clothes Detergent |

Thank you for sharing your blessings with the food bank!

Sally Kiner

GRACE CAFE HOSTING

Our Eastern Mainline Mission Connection will be serving 200 plus folks who are food insecure in Philadelphia at Grace Cafe on Sunday March 29th, at Arch Street UMC, Philadelphia. Meat loaves will be made up at Union on Friday, March 27 at 1:00 p.m. All of our Mission Link churches will be sharing the cost of the meat. Volunteers are asked to let Pastor Mary Jane know if you are interested in helping to serve.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR
MARCH**

March 15th 3rd Sunday in Lent-Worship 9:30 a.m - “I Am Series” - Healing Service
Sunday School for Children
Gretna Glen youth leave 2:30 p.m from Union -Grade 6 and up for Youth Night.
See Pastor Mary Jane

March 18th Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Lenten Study at Union

March 21st Saturday - Family Youth Event - Bowling at Wynnewood Lanes 11:00 a.m. Please let Pastor Mary Jane know if you wish to attend. Please consider inviting others beyond he church walls to partake in wholesome and fun activities.

Food Bank 1:00 -3:00 p.m.

March 22nd 4th Sunday in Lent-Worship 9:30 a.m. - “I Am the Light of the World”
“I Am Series” Water Sunday
Sunday School for Children
Worship service at Wesley Enhanced Living 2:00 p.m.

March 25th Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Lenten Study at Union

March 29th 5th Sunday in Lent-Worship 9:30 a.m. -I Am the True Vine”
Sunday School for Children
Grace Cafe at 3:45 sponsored by United Methodist Churches.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH: We are going bowling at Wynnewood Lanes on Saturday, March 21! This is a free event and you are welcome to join us. We will meet at Union Church at 10:45 a.m. and travel to the Bowling Alley on the KnowledgePoints vans and then return to the church at 1:15 p.m. We will have a couple of games of bowling and pizza and a beverage. Please let Pastor MJ know that you can attend asap. We are thankful to Dave Martin and KnowledgePoints for help in sponsoring this fun event for the children and youth in our churches.

LENTEN STUDY

Pastor Mary Jane will be holding a Lenten Study at Union on Wednesday evenings beginning March 4 and continuing thru April 1st at 7:00 p.m. The study is “He Chose the Nails” (“What God Did to Win Your Heart”) It is a Max Lucado study