

**THIS WEEK AT HOPE**  
**THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT**  
**MARCH 24, 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**  
**GPCC Service 11:00 A.M. Main**  
**Sanctuary**

**MONDAY**  
**Church Office is Closed on Mondays.**

**WEDNESDAY**  
**7:00 p.m. Lenten Study at Union UMC**  
**“Seven-Mile Miracle”**  
**GPCC Service at 7:30 p.m.**

**THURSDAY**  
**Leadership Committee Meeting 7:15**  
**p.m.**

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

**NEXT WEEK AT HOPE**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**  
**MARCH 31, 2019**

**Sunday Worship Service at 9:30 a.m.**  
**held in Jones Chapel**  
**Pastor: Rev. Mary Jane Kirby**  
**HOPE SUNDAY SCHOOL begins-**  
**Ages 3 to 12 years - All children are**  
**welcome!**  
**Childcare available**  
**Choir practice after Worship**

**BIRTHDAYS OF THE WEEK**

Mar. 26 Dorothy Wolfe  
27 Tom Reisch, Jr.  
29 John Schott, Jr.  
30 Daniel Mariani

**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!

**CAMP**  
**JOB OPPORTUNITIES**

Gretna Glen, Pocono Plateau and Innabah's s mission for the summer staff team is to provide opportunities that will bring out your God-given talents, strengthening you through training and hands on experiences. Spend your summer spreading Christ's love, and being a role model. To find out more information regarding summer job opportunities at the campsite: <http://www.gretnaglen.org> [www.poconoplateau.org](http://www.poconoplateau.org) and [www.innabah.org](http://www.innabah.org)

**STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT:**

*“We're Christ's representatives. God uses us to persuade men and women to drop their differences and enter into God's work of making things right between them.” - II Corinthians 5:20a*

At our baptism, we promise to nurture others and are reminded that we are to “serve as Christ's representatives in the world.” Today we ask the question, “do we as the church look and act like Jesus?” Our understanding of God's desire for justice invites us to dream of a church where justice is flowing and hope and peace are growing. We dream of a church where all are welcome and where God's love is poured out into the community in ways that bring new life and joy at the gift of life. We dream of a church that celebrates everyone's gifts and finds ways to bless the world in the name of our Savior through those gifts united in service. Yes, we dream of representing Christ our Lord and Savior in this world. What is your dream for the church? How do you live the love of Christ?

**Question for the Faith Journey:**  
*What thoughts and behaviors do we need to shed in order to make room for hope and peace to grow in and through our lives and this church?*

**THE HYMNS OF CAROLYN**  
**WINFREY GILLETTE**  
**Sunday, March 24 at Union UMC,**  
**Havertown**

You probably have sung her hymns in worship. Using familiar tunes, Carolyn Winfrey Gillette writes words that reflect the issues of our time. Union has the privilege of hosting Carolyn on **Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, for a Dinner and Program.** Please come as our guest. The meal will begin at 6 p.m. and the program at 7 p.m. If you can join us for dinner, please call the church office at 610-789-1700 to let us know for planning purposes. If you prefer to just come for the program at 7 p.m., please join us then!

Carolyn 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 Union UMC's Justice & Advocacy Team.



**EASTER FLOWERS**

Enclosed is a form for Easter Flowers to beautify the Chapel for Easter. **All orders should be in the church office by Sunday April 14<sup>th</sup>.** The price for plants: Tulips and Hyacinths \$9.00 per plant and Easter Lilies are \$10.00. Any questions please see Gloria Downs on Sundays or contact the church office 610-446-3351.



### APRIL 27<sup>TH</sup> FLEA MARKET

We will have our flea market on Saturday April, 27<sup>th</sup>. 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:



(AT UNION UMC: 7:00 P.M.)

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

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.

#### BIBLE STUDY AT HOPE

You are also very welcome to be a part of Bible Study right here at Hope on Friday afternoons at 1:30 p.m. in the Conference Room. In this Lenten season the group is studying in a harmony of all of the Gospels and walking with Jesus through Holy Week. You will be blessed to journey with them!



#### DEEP BLUE:

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

#### 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!*

#### 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.

#### FOOD BANK UPDATE

Thank you so much to all who have once again served those facing special needs with food insecurity this week at Hope as the Food Bank blessed many families. Our Coordinator, Sally, tells us that 93 individuals in 41 families were served. **THANK YOU ALL!**