

THIS WEEK AT HOPE
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 12, 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

HOPE SUNDAY SCHOOL

Ages 3 to 12 years - All children are welcome!

Happy Mother's Day

MONDAY

Church Office is Closed on Mondays.

TUESDAY

Casseroles for St John Hospice 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY

Adult Bible Study/Prayer Group 1:15 p.m. All are welcome!

SATURDAY

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

NEXT WEEK AT HOPE
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 19, 2019

Sunday Worship Service at 9:30 a.m.

Pastor: Rev. Mary Jane Kirby

HOPE SUNDAY SCHOOL Ages 3 to 12 years - All children are welcome!

Childcare available

Choir practice after Worship

GPCC 11:00 a.m.

Fellowship Dinner with Union UMC

at Hope UMC 6:00 p.m.



BIRTHDAYS OF THE WEEK

May 14 Cassie Popky

Peter Jacobs

15 Ron Cherwinski

18 Audrey Johnson

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 APPRECIATION

Many thanks to Linda Gonzales for all the work she did to make the courtyard presentable for Easter and spring. She weeded, mulched the courtyard flower beds and planted flowers under the sign on the corner. Thank you for all your work, it is very much appreciated.

COMMUNITY DINE-AROUND

Haverford Township Community Dine-Around is an event with fellowship and friendship, good food and meaningful programs that bring people of the community together. The next luncheon "Spring Picnic" will be held on May 13, at

St James Church of Christ. Cost is \$7.00. Reservations a must: 610-446-3036.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT:

"Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity." - Acts 9:36

On this Mother's Day consider Dorcas. You can read about her in Acts 9:36-43. She certainly acted as mother to her community. She was devoted to charity and good works. She could sew. Her community was devastated when she died. This is a brief account in scripture but these things we know: Dorcas inspired her friends and her influence continued long after her life. Her name has lived on in Dorcas Societies (and in UMW gatherings – Dorcas Circles) founded by Christian women who desired to serve the poor.

I found this painting by Edwin Long which imagines a gathering of women in the sixth century. Near the center a woman wearing a white cloak gives away a garment to a kneeling woman. The other women to the right appear to be the next recipients. The women in the left half of the composition have gathered to cut fabric, thread their needs, compare stitches and craft garments to be given to those in need. I felt inspired by this painting. There is such a blessing that comes to us when we pass on our love for Christ and for others. It compels each one of us to do what God has gifted us to do - love and give and share in the name of Christ.



Sir Edwin Long. A Dorcas Meeting in the Sixth Century. 1873-77. Oil on canvas.

Question for the Faith Journey: *How will I honor my mother and those who care for others this day?*

How can I "pass this love on"?

UPCOMING EVENTS

FELLOWSHIP DINNER
FELLOWSHIP TOGETHER
MARK YOUR CALENDARS

A Fellowship dinner for Union and Hope will be held at Hope UMC, 1108 Steel Road on Sunday, May 19th at 6:00 P.M. This is a way to get to know our Brothers and Sisters from Union and enjoy a time of Fellowship together. Everyone is encouraged to attend and bring your Favorite Covered dish.

**MEMORIAL SUNDAY OUTDOOR
WORSHIP AND COMMUNITY
PICNIC!**

A great opportunity to witness to our community worship out in nature, and affirm our unity with our sister churches—please join us for CommUNITY Worship with Temple Lutheran Church, Hope, and Union. This service will be held on the lawn at Union at **10:00 a.m. on Sunday, May 26th**. (Please note the change in time for this Sunday only and that there is no Sunday School this day.) We will move from worship to fellowship with a Picnic - hot dogs and hamburgers will be grilled. **Folks are asked to bring a side dish or a dessert to share.** Thank you!



DEEP BLUE:

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL IS BACK AT 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 began 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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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 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!

SUMMER CAMP!

There are wonderful opportunities for children and youth at the four Conference Camps. Camping brochures are available on the table outside the Jones Chapel. A week or even three days at camp will bring so much blessings to the children. Please check it and consider sending your child.



ITEMS OF GREATEST NEED:

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| Pasta sauce | Mustard |
| Ketchup | Oatmeal |
| Canned Fruit | Cold Cereal |

FOOD BANK

CONTINUED NEEDS:

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| Peanut Butter | Canned Chicken |
| Canned Tomatoes | Canned Potatoes |
| Pasta | Canned Tuna |
| Dish Soap | Paper Towels |
| Coffee | Tea |
| Shampoo | Dish Soap |
| Deodorant | Laundry Detergent |
| Toilet Paper | Bath Soap |

NO CANNED BEANS PLEASE

***Please leave the items by the food closet door or in the cart outside the church office.**

Thank you for sharing your blessings with the food bank.

ADOPT-A-SOLDIER PROJECT

Summer support for troops abroad.

We will send the next packages to **SSG Reagan Q. Cruz** (Civil Affairs NCO), our recent contact for a large group of Army soldiers stationed in Afghanistan (200 men & 55 women) who provide logistical support of troops, equipment, food, etc. For some of the younger soldiers this is their first deployment and being away from home is difficult. They request snacks and various toiletries, and small flashlights. The care packages are shared with all soldiers in the group, as needed, and all items are greatly appreciated.

We mailed 3 boxes just before Easter, and we received a very nice thank you letter from one of the soldiers, expressing gratitude for being remembered by caring strangers----

The letter is in the basket in the lobby for all of you to read.

Requested items include: **toiletries** (chapstick, sunblock, foot spray, deodorant, toothpaste, body wipes, lotion, eye drops etc.), **snacks** (nuts, sunflower seeds, cookies, crackers, ramen, granola bars, jerky, coffee & filters, fruit cups, **flavoring for water (Mio, Crystal Light)**, tea bags, peanut butter, cough drops, etc.), as well as laundry pods, paperback books, magazines, small games, postcards, pocket multi-tools, and white or black crew socks.

Thank you to everyone for continuing such generous support to bring a bit of home comfort to our troops deployed abroad.

Boxes will be sent by July 1, so please place items in the basket by late June.

**Many thanks from the Outreach Committee,
Linda Gonzales**