

THIS WEEK AT HOPE
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 19, 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!

GPCC Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
UNION & HOPE FELLOWSHIP
DINNER AT HOPE 6:00 P.M.

MONDAY

Church Office is Closed on Mondays.

FRIDAY

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

NEXT WEEK AT HOPE
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 26, 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 this morning,
outdoor service.

Choir practice after Worship
GPCC 11:00 a.m.

Outdoor Memorial Sunday Worship
Service at Union combined with Temple
Lutheran & Hope UMC 10:00 a.m. No
Sunday School this morning.



BIRTHDAYS OF THE WEEK

May 22 Marion Fash
24 Tori Grob
25 Ann Eves
26 Mike Cutillo

VISITORS WELCOME TO HOPE

Please sign the visitors card in the pews.
Thank you

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.

FELLOWSHIP DINNER
FELLOWSHIP TOGETHER

Sunday 19th at 6:00 p.m.

Tonight is the Fellowship dinner for Union and Hope being held at Hope UMC, 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.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT:

“If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?” - Acts 11:17

God clearly has in mind a reordering of the world as Peter knew it. And, just as clearly, God has in mind a reordering of the world as we know it. Maybe you will want to read over Acts 11. We will hear it this morning. If so, ask yourself: How can meals be holy yet shared with people we have been taught are unclean? And the answer is: The people you have thought to be unclean are not unclean—simple as that. So God says. Peter with his own eyes has witnessed the reality that "God has given repentance to life (or perhaps "conversion that leads to life") even to the Gentiles" (11:18). The Holy Spirit is still doing its work of giving life, and it, and God, are no "respector of appearances."

Why can we not hear this amazing story? Why does it not inform daily our relationships with other religions, with people who are not like us? The answer to that is unfortunately simple: because we refuse to believe the fact that "God is no respector of appearances." Whenever we exclude anyone on the basis of "appearance," i.e. persons different in any way from us, we have stepped away from our Lord's witness through Peter and the lessons of the early church. And when we decide that our way is the only way, we laugh in the face of the Holy Spirit who is forever blowing its own way, reordering

our disordered world. Who are we to prevent God? Who indeed?

Question for the Faith Journey: *What prevents me from fully living the command of Jesus to love one another? How can I more fully live His love?*

UPCOMING EVENTS

MEMORIAL SUNDAY OUTDOOR
WORSHIP AND COMMUNITY
PICNIC MAY 26TH!

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!

COMMUNION STEWARDS

The beginning of each month on Communion Sunday, Communion Stewards are an important part of the service. They purchase and prepare the elements for Communion. This is a once a year commitment. Presently volunteers are needed for the month of July and September. If you are interested e-mail or call the Church office. 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.

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 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!

SUMER 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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

It’s not too early to start thinking of Vacation Bible School. Union will hold VBS beginning Tuesday July 9 thru Thursday July 11, 2019 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. The theme is “Who is My Neighbor?” Each evening begins with a light supper for the children and their families. Children ages 4 - 10 are invited.



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**