

**THIS WEEK AT HOPE**  
**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**MAY 5, 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 Service 11:00 a.m.**

**MONDAY**

**Church Office is Closed on Mondays.**  
**Pastor Mary Jane will be on vacation**  
**thru Sunday May 12<sup>th</sup>.**

**FRIDAY**

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

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

**Childcare available**  
**Choir practice after Worship**  
**Mothers Day**

**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.



**BIRTHDAYS OF THE WEEK**

- May 2 David Sears  
6 Carolyn Shaw  
Jessica (Eves) Williams  
8 Elizabeth Brunner  
10 Brian Cherwinski

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

Pastor Mary Jane will be on vacation the week of May 6<sup>th</sup> thru Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>. In case of an emergency please contact the church office, 610-446-3351.

**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:**

*"Simon, son of John, do you love me?"*  
*"Feed my sheep."* - John 21:16b,17b  
(CEB)

May we never forget our call to follow Jesus in all circumstances. We look at our empty buildings and shrinking congregations and wonder what in the world is going on. Where did we go wrong? What happened to the days when people flocked to worship and spent hours each week in church-related activities? It is a different time but the call is still so imperative. We realize that Jesus calls us to something different. Instead of a shore breakfast, we gather today for Holy Communion. Instead of doing things the way we always have done them as "church," Jesus calls us to cast our nets on the other side of the boat, to take some risk and follow him into this new reality and a new way of being God's people in the world.

Just as Jesus asked Simon Peter three times "Do you love me," so Jesus asks us to respond in love by loving others—by tending and feeding God's people. He does not give us a step-by-step manual to sure success, but asks only if we love him. With our response of yes, Jesus calls us to concrete action. Love's action is not always glamorous, or successful, or even fun. It can be repetitive, disappointing, and unrecognized. We are called into love's ordinary and everyday ways for the sake of the gospel. This is our stewardship call. We are bearers, especially today, of the good news. Here again the words of Jesus: "Do you love me?" Answer with your hands, your feet, and your heart, indeed with every fiber of your being. Amen.

Question for the Faith Journey: *What does Jesus call to feed and tend the lambs and sheep mean to me? How will I live my love for my Lord?*

**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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup>**. **(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

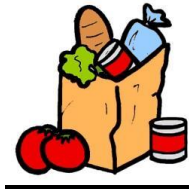
**SUNDAY SCHOOL IS BACK AT HOPE!**

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.



**ITEMS OF GREATEST NEED:**

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|---------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Pasta sauce</b>  | <b>Mustard</b>     |
| <b>Ketchup</b>      | <b>Oatmeal</b>     |
| <b>Canned Fruit</b> | <b>Cold Cereal</b> |

**FOOD BANK**

**CONTINUED NEEDS:**

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

**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!**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

Pastor Mary Jane is glad to announce that she will be leading a worship service at Wesley Enhanced Living every 4<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup>. 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!

**UNION UMW FLEA MARKET**  
**MAY 11, 2019**

From 8-2 on Saturday, we will hold our Spring Flea Market to raise money for our Pledge to Mission. Tables with all kinds of interesting things plus lunch and a bake table will be the highlights of the day. You can help by making vegetable soup, baking desserts, making side dishes such as potato salad and macaroni salad to go with the hot dogs, serving lunch, coming to eat or purchase items, or coming on Friday afternoon to set up starting at 1 pm.

**SPRING FLING SENIOR ADULT**  
**DAY AT GRETNA GLEN:**

**May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019, 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**  
Cost: \$20.00 per person...Spring Fling is planned just for adults with exceptional programs, snacks, a hot lunch, bingo,

crafts, and an opportunity to stroll around camp to observe nature, birds, or spring flowers. Join us for a spring day filled with fun activities, special entertainment, and sharing laughter with friends. Please tell Pastor Mary Jane if you would like to attend!

**HEART GIFTS**

It's not the things that can be bought  
That are life's richest treasure,  
It's just the little "heart gifts"  
That money cannot measure...  
A cheerful smile, a friendly word,  
A sympathetic nod  
Are priceless little treasures  
From the storehouse of our God...  
They are the things that can't be bought  
With silver or with gold,  
For thoughtfulness and kindness  
And love are never sold...  
They are the priceless things in life  
For which no one can pay,  
And the giver finds rich recompense  
In GIVING THEM AWAY.

Helen Steiner Rice