

THIS WEEK AT HOPE
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF
EASTER

JUNE 2, 2019

Sunday Worship Service at 9:30 a.m.
Communion Sunday
Pastor: Pastor Mary Jane Kirby
Childcare is available.
GPCC Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

MONDAY

Church Office is Closed on Mondays.

WEDNESDAY

GPCC Service 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY

Leadership Team Meeting 7:15 p.m.

FRIDAY

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

NEXT WEEK AT HOPE

PENTECOST SUNDAY

June 9, 2019

Sunday Worship Service at 9:30 a.m.
Pastor: Rev. Mary Jane Kirby
Sunday School will resume in the fall.
Childcare available
GPCC Service 11:00 a.m.



BIRTHDAYS OF THE WEEK

June 2 Pat Cutillo
5 Dianne Waxman
Heather Cottier

VISITORS WELCOME TO HOPE

Please sign the visitor's card in the pews.

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

BIBLE STUDY AT HOPE

You are 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.

LEADERSHIP TEAM COMMITTEE

MEETING

There will be a Leadership Team meeting on Thursday, June 6th at 7:15p.m. If you are unable to attend please contact Pastor Mary Jane or Paul Eves. Thank you.

CASSEROLES

Thank you to Kathy Reisch and her team for preparing casseroles for St. John

Hospice on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT:

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"About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them."

- Acts 16:25

It is quite a story in Acts 16, isn't it? Paul and Silas are in jail because they freed a slave girl from the evil spirit that had been holding her life captive. Now they are in jail, with their feet in stocks. I would not feel like singing! But they did. They sang something like "To God Be the Glory." I think of the scripture "In all things, rejoice!" How can we, when we are in peril or in difficult, heartbreaking situations. But Paul and Silas are good witnesses for us. And they became wonderful witnesses for the jailer and his family, who wanted the trust and assurance that they have. It does make my pause to ask myself, "What do I show the world?" Am I anxious, easily angered and feeling sorry for myself? Yes, sometimes, but I pray that I show a face of trust and assurance to the world, for we have a wonderful Lord who has called us to make Him known.

That Jesus wants us to live our lives in ways that bless others is a belief that we all hold dear. It is reaffirmed when we hear the words in John 17, a portion of scripture which many consider to be the real Lord's Prayer. This is a pray that Jesus prays on our behalf. That is why we

can sing! That is why we can live from day to day. We have a unity of purpose. We, you and I, are called to be the vessels through whom God brings new life into the world.

Question for the Faith Journey: *What do I have to give the Lord? Will I live my praise in ways that bring blessing to others?*

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 610-446-3351.

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

THURSDAY, JUNE 6

Union UMC is having their annual "Strawberry Festival" on June 6th from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Supper of hot dogs, side dishes, chips and strawberries and ice cream, there is a bake table and Gift Shop Table. All are invited to attend.



JAZZ VESPERS AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL AT UNION UMC

Featuring "The Sir John Spence Quintet"
"Celebrating Art Blakey of the Jazz Messengers @ 100!"

Sunday, June 23, 2019 at Union UMC,
200 Brookline Blvd. at 7:00 p.m All are
welcome!



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.

UNION BELL CONCERT, HYMN

SING, AND LUNCH: On **Sunday June 9 at 12 noon**, right after worship, the congregation is invited to stay for lunch in fellowship hall with the congregation of Ardmore UMC. After eating, everyone is invited to return to the sanctuary to see and hear the combined Ardmore and Union bell choir. They will be ringing six familiar hymns and inviting the congregations to sing the hymns after hearing the bells.

Union bells, which they have had since 1995, will be reconditioned during the summer, replacing any parts that are wearing out, and re-tuning them. The cost of this will be \$1200, if anyone would like to make a donation. Our bell rehearsals will start up again in the fall.

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 service for June will be held on Sunday June 23rd 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!



ITEMS OF GREATEST NEED:

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| Pasta sauce | Mustard |
| Ketchup | Oatmeal |
| Canned Fruit | Cold Cereal |
| <u>FOOD BANK</u> | |
| <u>CONTINUED NEEDS:</u> | |
| 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**