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# THE MESSENGER

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"The Messenger" is published 11 times a year by Hope United Methodist Church, located at Steel and Eagle Roads in Havertown. Worship each Sunday begins at 10:30 am and offers Childcare during the service. Each week, Adult Sunday School meets at 9:30 a.m.

Our Pastor, Maridel Whitmore, can be reached by calling the church office, 610.446.3351 or via her email at maridel329@aol.com. The church office hours weekly are 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. All are welcome to join us at any service or special event. Learn more about us at our website: [www.HavHopeUMC.org](http://www.HavHopeUMC.org)

Catch the spirit!



## From the Pastor's Desk

It feels as if we've been experiencing the same sort of seasonal transition Garrison Keillor ascribed to Lake Wobegon, his hometown out on the edge of the prairie: *After a long, skinny, chilly, spring, suddenly everything burgeoned forth and prospered—warm, sunny, and beautiful!* Yes friends, summer is upon us. Finally.

These last many summers, as an act of contrition for reading the Cliff Notes but never the book, I have begun all my summer reading with a literary classic that I should have read a long time ago but never did. One summer it was *The Scarlet Letter*, the next it was *Billy Budd*; I've got Faulkner's *The Sound and the Fury* under my belt and Nora Neale Hurston's *Their Eyes were Watching God* too. This year I will be finishing *Moby Dick*. Even if you haven't read that whale of a story (yet) you've surely heard its opening line: "Call me Ishmael." But then! Scarcely two sentences into the book, there is this gem...

*Whenever I find myself growing grim about the mouth; whenever it is a damp, drizzly November in my soul; whenever I find myself involuntarily pausing before coffin warehouses, and bringing up the rear of every funeral I meet; and especially whenever my hypos\* get such an upper hand of me, that it requires a strong moral principle to prevent me from deliberately stepping into the street, and methodically knocking people's hats off—then, I account it high time to get to sea as soon as I can.*

It is "high time" each summer. After a long, skinny, chilly spring...indeed it's high time! Ishmael loved the sea. What is it you love? Take some time this summer to celebrate the things and the people you love! Jesus got up very early in the morning to walk and to pray. He climbed mountains to be alone and to pray. Sometimes he went to the sea. Other

times he wanted to be with people. He invited his companions, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." And they went away in a boat to a deserted place by themselves. For Jesus, climbing a mountain, boating on the water, walking in the desert, or being alone with friends were all things he loved to do, and he found the time to do them. My goodness, it doesn't take a well-read pastor to know that if Jesus could find the time to do the things he loved, well then, you can too!

There was a rich captain of industry from the North visiting in the South where he was horrified to find a fisherman lying lazily in the sun beside his boat, smoking a pipe.

"Why aren't you out fishing?" he asked  
"Because I have caught enough fish for the day," said the fisherman.

"Why don't you catch some more?"  
"What would I do with them?" replied the fisherman.

"You could earn more money," was the industrialist's answer. "With that you could have a motor fixed to your boat and go into deeper waters and catch more fish. Then you would make enough to buy nylon nets. These would bring you more fish and more money. Soon you would have enough money to own two boats...maybe even a fleet of boats. Then you would be a rich man like me."

"What would I do then?" asked the fisherman.  
"Then you could really enjoy life."

The fisherman answered, "What do you think I am doing right now?"

*Have a terrific summer by celebrating those things you love!*

\*periods of depression, anxiety, boredom

# JUNE SCHEDULE

- 3 Communion Sunday
- 4 Leadership Committee Meeting  
7:00 p.m.
- 14 Pastor Maridel to attend the Annual Eastern Pennsylvania Conference, in Oakes, PA  
June 14 thru June 16
- 15 Annual Eastern Pennsylvania Conference
- 16 Annual Eastern Pennsylvania Conference
- 16 Food Bank 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Preparation of casseroles for St. John Hospice is May 8<sup>th</sup>. Casseroles are prepared every second Tuesday of the month in Thomas Hall Kitchen at 7:30 p.m. Volunteers are always welcome!

**GIRL SCOUTS**  
second Thursday of every month,  
7:00 to 9:00 p.m.  
Sunday School Room

## SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday Worship is held in Jones Chapel at 10:30 a.m.

## BIBLE STUDY

The Friday Adult Study/Prayer Group  
1:15 p.m.  
All are welcome to attend!

## CELEBRATION!

We celebrated May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018 the Confirmation of  
**T. J. Osborne and Bobby Popky.**

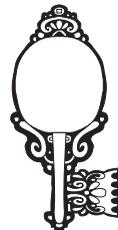
We are privileged to have these two young men join our Hope Family.



## FLEA MARKET



Thank you for your support and participation of the May 5<sup>th</sup> Flea Market. It was a great success.  
Cassie Popky



# SERVING IN JUNE

## LAY READER

- 3 Communion Sunday
- 10 A. Merrell
- 17 P. Cutillo
- 24 J. Cauffman

## USHERS

- 3 WE NEED YOUR HELP TO USHER ON 1ST SUNDAYS. THANK YOU!
- 10 J. Engler, R. Brunner
- 17 B. AmEisen, K. Friedenberg
- 24 W. Hoyle, J. Hoyle

## OFFERING COUNTERS

- 3 J. Engler, C. Hoffmann
- 10 P. Jacobs, R. Brunner
- 17 M. Black, M. Kelleher
- 24 L. Medica

## ACOLYTES FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE

B. Popky, M. G. Popky, T.J. Osborne

## CHILD CARE

Miriam Gallagher

## COMMUNION STEWARD FOR JUNE: Patricia Cutillo

## THANK YOU FOR VOLUNTEERING!



## CARE TO CARE

Henry Scheck has moved to Maris Grove. His new contact information is as follows:

**Mr. Henry Scheck**  
4 Newlin Pointe  
Glen Mills, PA 19342

New Land Line # 610-358-1910  
New Cell # 610-547-1241  
His e-mail address remains the same

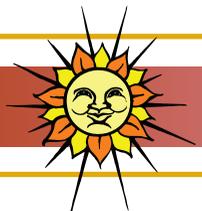
# June Birthdays

- 1 Elizabeth McElvey
- 2 Pat Cutillo
- 5 Heather Cottier  
Dianne Waxman
- 10 Linda Martin
- 11 Patricia Evans
- 14 Nancy Lewandowski  
Mary Grace Popky
- 15 Cris Burbage
- 18 Bridget Reagen Barry
- 19 Paul Eves
- 22 Ray Hoffmann
- 23 Mark Thomas
- 28 Christopher Hoyle  
Bill Hollingsworth



## Anniversary Wishes

- 6 Jodi Deegan & Sonja Kerr
- 28 Ron & Kathy Cherwinski



# TIDBITS

## ALTAR FLOWERS

Pastor Maridel has made arrangements with Kenny's Flowers in Media to provide a fresh altar arrangement each Sunday for \$20.00. There is a sign up sheet on the table outside the chapel for anyone who would like to dedicate an arrangement in honor of or memorialize a loved one.

## SUNDAY BULLETINS

Anyone interested in sponsoring the Sunday Bulletins the cost per month is \$30.00. Please indicate all information on the sign up sheet in on the table outside Jones Chapel. Thank you.

## SUNDAY LAY READERS NEEDED

If you are interested in being a Lay Reader on Sunday morning please contact the church office, e-mail or call 610-446-3351. We would appreciate your help especially during the summer months. The schedule would be once a month or every other month, depending upon the number of volunteers. Thank you.

## LEADERSHIP TEAM

There is an important Leadership Team meeting on Monday June 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00p.m. If you are unable to attend please advise Pastor Maridel. Thank you.



*There are many levels of judgment that people try to defend. If I am different from you in race, gender, income, status, IQ, success, maturity, or simply age, these qualities can be leveraged into judgments. When you are on the receiving end of a judgment, you can feel how unfair and arbitrary it is. The civil rights and feminist movements owe their success to a realization that denigrating judgments need to be abolished. But if God is to be taken seriously, the whole game of judgment needs to be abolished. Once the game is over, walls and barriers come down, along with war and violence. Us versus them thinking is seen as pointless, and therefore so is tribalism and nationalism.*

Deepak Chopra

**ALL ARTICLES FOR THE MESSENGER ARE DUE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE BY THE 15<sup>TH</sup> OF EACH MONTH  
ANY ITEMS RECEIVED AFTER THE 15<sup>TH</sup> WILL APPEAR IN THE FOLLOWING MONTH'S MAILING**

# FOOD BANK



## Next Food Bank - June 16, 2018 1:00 to 3:00 pm.

Some restocking information: We are well stocked with the following (more not needed now): canned green beans, canned corn, canned soups, pasta especially spaghetti.

What is most needed: Laundry detergent, liquid dish detergent, paper towels, coffee (ground and instant), Tea, juice, fruit. For more restocking information, keep checking Hope for the Week.

Below is a list of current Food Bank needs:

- Laundry Detergents
- Liquid Dish Detergent
- Paper Towels
- Toilet Tissue

- Canned Chicken (NO Tuna, thank you)
- Jelly in plastic containers
- Peanut Butter
- Juices
- Fruit
- Applesauce
- Coffee
- Cereal
- Rice

- Condiments:  
Mustard, Ketchup, Mayo

- Personal Care Items, especially:  
Shampoo and Toothbrushes,  
Toothpaste, Deodorant

Thank you all for your generous donations.  
The Food Bank Team



## ALTAR FLOWERS REQUEST FOR 2018

If you have missed the sign-up sheet in the Narthex for Altar Flowers please fill out this form and either mail/or bring to the Church Office.

DATE REQUESTED: \_\_\_\_\_

PRESENTED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

IN MEMORY OF: \_\_\_\_\_

IN HONOR OF: \_\_\_\_\_

If the Altar is not available for the date you request, the Church Office will contact you for an alternative date. The cost of flowers is \$20.00 unless notified otherwise.