

**HOPE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**1108 STEELROAD**  
**HAVERTOWN, PA 19083**

JUNE & JULY, 2019

## THE MESSENGER

### FROM THE PASTOR:

*"I love to tell the story.....of Jesus and His love."* (Hymn by Katherine Hankey - #156)

Dear Church Family and Friends,

We got a puzzle to put together the other day. It had been a long time since I enjoyed putting a puzzle together, but it seemed to me a good project for those moments when you wanted and needed to take a break from the usual routine. It has been fun to get it started. It is a beautiful Thomas Kincade picture of a quaint seaside village. Now that one corner is completed, I am very eager to get it all assembled, wanting to fill in what is missing so that the picture is complete.

It seems to me that life is a bit like that. Bit by bit we gain a clearer picture. Oh, sometimes the pieces seem scattered and we aren't sure that they will ever fit together, but patience and perseverance always help. The pieces come together for me best when I can step back and reflect, when I get someone else's perspective, when we can all celebrate and share some excitement and anticipation for that which is unfolding.

Okay, I think I am taking this analogy a bit far, but I do feel the truth of it. I am hoping and praying that over the summer we will have some pause to look at the bigger picture. I am hoping and praying that we will find some greater connections. Over the last year I have talked with the Worship Team at Union about the blessings of hearing from one another about the moments and events in life that make you sit up and recognize the presence of God. We sometimes call these "God moments" or "God winks." I think of them as nudges from Jesus that remind me that he loves me and has given me love to share.

I will be starting a sermon series in July on Jesus' Promises and I am going to include the opportunity for folks to share some God moments that have touched their lives. Church Family, I am asking that you begin anew to recognize the grace of God in every day, the blessing of each moment. Yes, some days are filled with sorrow and hurt. This is part of life. Our Lord is with us in those days, too...maybe especially then. As the hymn I mentioned above reminds us – we all have a story to tell. Let's be willing to tell this story. The more we share our faith the clearer the picture becomes of a Lord who loves us and calls us to share that love with our community and our world. There are so many in our world who need our stories and this unfolding, beautiful picture of God's love and grace for all because the world has given them a very different picture. What is your story of God's grace? Will you tell it?

"The Messenger" is published eleven times a year by Hope United Methodist Church which is located at 1108 Steel Road, Havertown, PA 19083. Worship each Sunday, begins at 9:30 a.m. Youth Sunday School September thru June. Adult Sunday School meets at 9:45 a.m. and Youth Sunday School at 11:15 a.m.

Our Pastor, Mary Jane Kirby can be reached by calling the church office, 610-446-3351 or by Email at [HopeUMChavertown@verizon.net](mailto:HopeUMChavertown@verizon.net).

The church office hours Tuesday thru Friday 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Church Office hours during summer 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 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)





**MESSENGER FOR JUNE**  
**JUNE SCHEDULE**

**JUNE**

- 2 Communion Sunday
- 5 GPCC Service 7:30 p.m.
- 6 Leadership Team Committee Meeting 7:15 p.m.
- 9 Pentecost Sunday
- 11 Casseroles for St. John Hospice 7:00 p.m.
- 13 Pastor Mary Jane to attend annual EPC at Greater Philadelphia Expo Center in Oaks, PA  
Girl Scouts 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. meeting in Sunday School Room
- 14 Pastor attending Annual Conference
- 15 Food Bank 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
- 16 Trinity Sunday
- 17 Pastor will be away continuing education, June 17<sup>th</sup> thru 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- 19 GPCC Service 7:30 p.m.
- 23 Service at Wesley Enhanced Living at 2:00 p.m..  
GPCC Service 11:00 a.m.
- 30 GPCC Service 11:00 a.m.

Preparation of casseroles for St. John Hospice is June 11<sup>th</sup>. Casseroles are prepared every second Tuesday of the month in the Thomas Hall Kitchen at 7:00 p.m. by Kathy Reisch and her helpers. Volunteers are always welcome!

Girl Scouts, second and fourth Thursday of every month, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. - Sunday School Room

**BIBLE STUDY**

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

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

Arrangements have been made with Kenny's Flowers in Media to provide a fresh altar arrangement for \$25.00. 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 WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**Sunday Worship is held in Jones Chapel at 9:30 a.m**  
**SERVING IN JUNE**

**LAY READER**

- 2 A. Merrell
- 9 D. Welding
- 16 K. Friedenberg
- 23 P. Cutillo
- 30 J. Cauffman

**USHERS**

- 2 **WE NEED YOUR HELP TO USHER ON 1ST SUNDAYS. THANK YOU!**
- 9 J. Engler, R. Brunner
- 16 B. AmEisen, K. Friedenberg
- 23 W. Hoyle, J. Hoyle
- 30 J. Engler, D. Molnar  
J. Hoyle, P. Cutillo

**OFFERING COUNTERS**

- 2 J. Engler
- 9 P. Jacobs, R. Brunner
- 16 M. Black, M. Kelleher
- 23 L. Medica
- 30 M. Black, M. Kelleher

**ACOLYTES FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE & JULY**

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

**CHILD CARE: Miriam Gallagher**

**COMMUNION STEWARD FOR JUNE Linda Gonzales**

**Thank you one and all for volunteering.**



**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

Blessings to Ron and Kathy Cherwinski celebrating their Wedding Anniversary on June 28<sup>th</sup>.

**WELCOME**

Blessings and welcome to our new members Jim and Jamie Rosson and their daughter, Sara who was baptized at Hope on April 28, 2019.



**JAZZ VESPERS & ICE CREAM SOCIAL  
UNION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
200 Brookline Blvd.  
Havertown, PA**

**JUNE 23, 2019  
7:00 P.M.**

**Featuring: “The Sir John Spence Quintet”  
“Celebrating Art Blakey of the Jazz Messengers @ 100!”**

**All are welcome to attend!**

**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 when Sunday School resumes in September.

**COMMUNION STEWARDS**

The beginning of each month on Communion Sunday, Communion Stewards are an important part of the Sunday Worship 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.

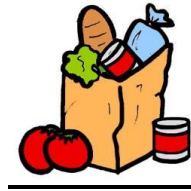


**JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

June 1 Pat Cutillo  
5 Heather Cottier  
Dianne Waxman  
10 Linda Martin  
11 Pat Evans  
14 Nancy Lewandowski  
Mary Grace Popky  
15 Cris Burbage  
18 Bridget Barry  
19 Paul Eves  
22 Ray Hoffmann  
28 Christopher Hoyle  
Bill Hollingsworth

**STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL**  
**THURSDAY, JUNE 6<sup>TH</sup>**

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



**ITEMS OF GREATEST NEED:**

Pasta sauce	Mustard
Ketchup	Oatmeal
Canned Fruit	Cold Cereal

**FOOD BANK**

**CONTINUED NEEDS:**

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!**



**LOOKING AHEAD**

**JULY BIRTHDAYS**

July 1 June Hoyle  
Gregg Hoffmann  
4 Heather Wren  
12 David Eves  
18 Jane Federowicz  
21 Sandy Young  
23 John Stager  
24 David Sears, Jr.  
26 Sue Hoffmann  
27 Mike Cosgrove  
Aaron Hill  
Doug Engler  
28 Bob Davis Celebrating his 96<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
Lyn Medica  
29 Caroline Cosgrove Celebrating her 93<sup>rd</sup> Birthday



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**BLESSINGS & HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:**

John and Jane Stager celebrating their 58<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on July 19<sup>th</sup>.

## UPCOMING JULY EVENTS

### SAVE THE DATE

#### **NEW EVENING BIBLE STUDY THIS SUMMER COMING UP!**

A six week study will begin in July on Wednesday evenings, exact location to be announced soon. Union and Hope are **invited to attend and, of course, you are welcome to bring a friend!** The study is **“Taste and See: Discovering God Among Butchers, Bakers, and Fresh Food Markets.”** I think it will be fun and we will also consider God’s good plan for healthy eating and exercise. The study will be held on July 3, July 17, July 24, July 31, and August 7 and 14, 7 p.m. Please prayerfully consider participating! Please let Pastor MJ know if you will attend.

#### YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRIES:

A trip to the Please Touch Museum is being planned for our children on July 20. Much more information is to come, but please make note of the date and let’s plan to have a special field trip for the youngest members of our family. Thank you to Pastor Brenda for arranging this

#### PEACE WITH JUSTICE SUNDAY

On June 16 we will observe Peace with Justice Sunday with an offering that supports grants to churches and groups working to promote peace and justice in our world. Half the money goes to the General Board of Church and Society, which gives grants around the world, and half the money stays in Eastern PA, where the Church and Society team provide grants to local groups.

#### 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. Bell rehearsals will start up again in the fall all are welcome.

#### WESLEY ENHANCED LIVING

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 service for June will be held on Sunday June 23<sup>rd</sup> 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!

#### COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE

There will be a combined Worship Service of Union and Hope at Hope on July 7<sup>th</sup>, Communion Sunday. More information to follow.

#### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Union UMC will hold a Vacation Bible School for children July 9 - 11, Tuesday through Thursday from 6:00 p.m. 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. Contact Union’s church office 610-789-1700.

#### THOUGHTS.....

Life isn’t about waiting for the storm to pass.  
It’s about learning to dance in the rain.

Coincidence is when God chooses to remain anonymous.

God promises a safe landing, not a calm passage.

Peace starts with a smile.