



HOPE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH MAY MESSENGER

“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. and includes Childcare and Children’s Sunday School. Each week Adult Bible Study meets Friday 1:30 p.m. in the Conference Room.

Our Pastor Mary Jane Kirby, can be reached by calling the church office, 610-446-3351.

The church office hours Tuesday thru Friday 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. All are welcome to join us at any service or special event. Learn more about us at our website: www.HavHopeUMC.org



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FROM THE PASTOR:

Dear Hope Family and Friends,

It is wonderful the way that our Lord works among us and in our hearts! I am thankful for new spiritual friendships in Christ and for the warmth of our relationship in Him. I feel that the Lord is calling us to walk anew as Easter people and to open our eyes to the blessing that new relationships bring to our journey and our shared ministry.

I have served now five congregations over my 39 years of ministry and can say that the blessing of relationship and, as Wesley would say, our holy conversations, are the source of great insight and growth. We are so glad to welcome Jamie and Jim Rosson and their daughter, Sara, to the Hope Family. We are blessed with their presence among us. Welcome, Jamie, Jim, and Sara! Serving as Pastor of both Hope and Union UMCs here in Havertown, I am looking forward to our two congregations getting better acquainted with one another. We have a great opportunity to do that on Sunday evening, May 19. Hope will host a Covered Dish Dinner at 6 p.m. as we welcome members and friends of Union. This gives us a chance to be supportive of one another and to celebrate the ministry in Havertown and our shared witness to the community that is at the heart of who we are as United Methodists.

Please, everyone, plan to come out on May 19 and be a part of this special evening together. We have the sense of beginning anew in this season of our lives. Let’s make the most of it, by the grace of God, and renew our own commitment to support Christ’s church. I look forward to being with you!

Blessings in the name of our Risen Lord!

Pastor Mary Jane

MESSENGER FOR MAY
MAY SCHEDULE

MAY

- 2 Leadership Team Committee Meeting 7:15 p.m.
- 5 Communion Sunday
GPCC Service 11:00 a.m.
- 9 Girl Scout Meeting 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Sunday School Room
- 12 Mother's Day
- 14 Casseroles for St. John Hospice 7:30 p.m.
- 15 GPCC Service 7:30 p.m.
- 18 Food Bank 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
- 19 Fellowship Dinner with Union at Hope 6:00 p.m.
GPCC Service 11:00 a.m.
- 26 10:00 a.m. Memorial Sunday Outdoor Worship & Community Picnic **at Union**
GPCC Service 11:00 a.m.
- 27 Memorial Day

Preparation of casseroles for St. John Hospice is May 14th. Casseroles are prepared every second Tuesday of the month in the Thomas Hall Kitchen at 7:30 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 to attend!

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 MAY

LAY READER

- 5 K. Friedenberg
- 12 P. Cutillo
- 19 J. Cauffman
- 26 B. Welding

USHERS

- 5 WE NEED YOUR HELP TO USHER ON 1ST SUNDAYS. THANK YOU!
- 12 J. Engler, R. Brunner
- 19 B. AmEisen, K. Friedenberg
- 26 W. Hoyle, J. Hoyle

OFFERING COUNTERS

- 5 J. Engler, C. Hoffmann
- 12 P. Jacobs, R. Brunner
- 19 M. Black, M. Kelleher
- 26 L. Medica

ACOLYTES FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

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.


**Birthdays
of the Month**

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- May 2 David Sears
6 Carolyn Shaw
Jessica (Eves) Williams
8 Elizabeth Brunner
10 Brian Cherwinski
14 Cassie Popky
Peter Jacobs
15 Ron Cherwinski
18 Audrey Johnson
22 Marion Fash
24 Tori Grob
25 Ann Eves
26 Mike Cutillo
27 Donna Parson
30 Doris Peabody
Janice (Cutillo) De Franco
31 Lillian Magro



WITH 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 hard work, it is very much appreciated.

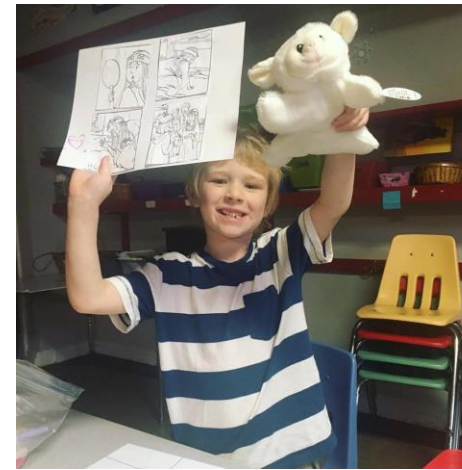


DEEP BLUE:

- 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 Are 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR MAY

FELLOWSHIP DINNER

FELLOWSHIP TOGETHER

A Fellowship dinner for Union and Hope will be held at Hope UMC, 1108 Steel Road on Sunday, May 19 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.

UNION 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 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!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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!

UNION UMW FLEA MARKET

MAY 11, 2019

From 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 11th, Union will hold their Spring Flea Market to raise money for their Pledge to Mission. Tables with all kinds of interesting things plus lunch and a bake table will be the highlights of the day. We will be selling vegetable soup, baked desserts, side dishes such as potato salad and macaroni salad to go with the hot dogs. Come for lunch or purchase flea market items to help Union's Mission Project. All are welcome.

SPRING FLING SENIOR ADULT DAY AT GRETNA GLEN:

May 14th, 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!

COMMUNITY DINE-AROUND

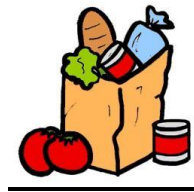
Haverford Township Community Dine-Around is an event with fellowship and friendship, good food and meaningful programs that bring people of the community together. The luncheon "Spring Picnic" will be held on Monday, May 13th at St. James Church of Christ. Cost is 7:00. Reservations are a must: contact the church secretary, Aileen Dunlap at 610-446-3036.

SUMMER 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. Scholarship help is provided.

SAVE THE DATE

Union will hold Vacation Bible School 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. Let's spread the word!



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!

OUTREACH

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**