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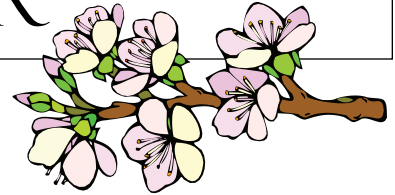
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THE MESSENGER

May 2018



From the Pastor's Desk

In his Sunday school class a young boy was asked by his teacher, "What is faith?" "Faith," he said, "is believing what you know isn't true." He speaks for many, but the faith we profess is hardly something untrue. Our Christian Faith is rooted and grounded in something which is eternally true, because it has something to do with the reality of God's power and God's love in our lives and in the life of our world. Faith, if we are to understand it in the same dynamic way Jesus understood it, lived it, and taught it, means: LETTING GO — AND — LETTING GOD!

Donald McCullough has written a book with a most thought-provoking title: "The Wisdom of Pelicans." In that book he tells of jogging near a cliff outside Edinburgh, Scotland, when he came upon a panic-stricken woman paralyzed with fear, her face covered with despair. She was transfixed on someone stuck half-way up that cliff. Don realized immediately it was her boyfriend. Her boyfriend, scaling the cliff, had lost his footing, and now was desperately hanging onto a ledge. His cheek pressed against the rock, his feet dangled and groped unsuccessfully for a foothold.

Don wondered what he could do. He whispered a prayer for the boyfriend then finally saw police and rescue workers lowering a rope to him. They shouted, "Hang on!" as they lowered the rope to

him, first three feet away, then two feet away, then a foot, at last only a few inches. That young man knew, as that rope came closer and closer it was his salvation. He also knew that to grab hold of it went against every instinct in his body. His grip, tenuous as it was, was keeping him alive. In order to take hold he would have to let go of the rock and grab for the rope. He had to risk dropping to his death to reach for life.

Don McCullough said that as he prayed for this young man, he was amazed at how long it took him to find the courage and decide to let go and grab the rope. Finally, finally, in a single motion the young man let go of the ledge, took hold of the rope, and was pulled to safety.

Ask yourself a question: Are there some things you should be letting go of in order to grab onto whatever it is that can save you? Is there a risk you aren't willing to take, blocking the way forward? Well, it was so for the disciples as well. They had to let go and let God show them a new and different way. They let go of comfortable traditions, familiar daily habits, old friends and even some family ties in order to grab hold of a new post-Easter existence.

As together we move forward—a community of Faith on a shared journey—we too must find the courage to let go and take hold of God's future.

"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

Catch the Spirit!



May Schedule

- 3 National Day of Prayer - Rose Tree Park, Media
- 5 FLEA MARKET - 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.-
See Cassie Popky for space
- 6 Communion Sunday -
Guest Preacher: Rev. John Bhajjan
- 8 Leadership Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 9 Pastor Maridel will be vacation thru Friday, May 18th
- 19 Food Bank 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
- 20 Confirmation - T.J. Osborne and Bobby Popky

Preparation of casseroles for St. John Hospice is May 8th.
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

FALL/WINTER 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!

**ALL ARTICLES FOR THE MESSENGER ARE DUE IN THE
CHURCH OFFICE BY THE 15th OF EACH MONTH**
Any items received after the 15th will appear in the following month's mailing



Leadership Team

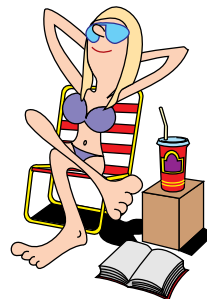
There is an important
Leadership Team meeting on
Tuesday May 8th at 7:00 p.m.

If you are unable to attend
please advise Pastor Maridel.
Thank you

Vacation Information

Pastor Maridel will be taking vacation
beginning Wednesday May 9th thru
Friday, May 18th. Reverend Bronwyn
Yocum will be the Guest Preacher on May
13th at Worship.

The church secretary will be on vacation
Tuesday May 1st thru Wednesday May 9th.



Serving in May

LAY READER

- 6 Communion Sunday
- 13 P. Cutillo
- 20 C. Bersheim
- 27 J. Cauffman

USHERS

- 6 WE NEED YOUR HELP
TO USHER ON IST
SUNDAYS. THANK YOU!
- 13 J. Engler, R. Brunner
- 20 B. AmEisen, K. FriedenberG
- 27 W. Hoyle, J. Hoyle

OFFERING COUNTERS

- 6 J. Engler, C. Hoffmann
- 13 P. Jacobs, R. Brunner
- 20 M. Black, M. Kelleher
- 27 L. Medica

ACOLYTES

B. Popky, M.G. Popky,
TJ Osborne

COMMUNION STEWARD

Marge Kelleher

CHILD CARE

Miriam Gallagher

Thank you for volunteering!

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 arrange-
ment 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 on
the table outside Jones Chapel. Thank you.

May Birthdays

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



Invitation to Old St. Georges May 6th

Pastor Maridel will be taking the Confirmation
class to Old St. Georges on May 6 for Worship at
10:00 a.m. and a tour of the Oldest First
Methodist Church in America after worship. If
anyone is interested in attending, to carpool be
at Hope by 9:00 a.m. Reverend John Bhajjan will
be the Guest Preacher at Hope for Worship
Service at 10:30 a.m.



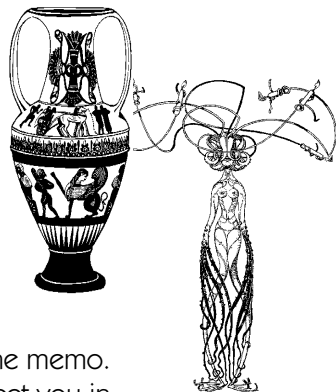
Flea Market

We will have our flea market on Saturday, May 5th as advertised from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Set up will begin at 6:45 a.m. thru 7:45 a.m. We will then close the lot for all vehicles until 1:00 p.m. The price will be \$15.00 per parking spot. When you respond please make sure I have your first and last name, a good contact # and how many spots you would like reserved. You may mail checks or drop off cash to the church, 610-446-3351 for hours to drop off money.

Checks should be made payable to Cassie Popky with "Flea Market" in the memo. As in the past, if it is a rainout I will either choose a rain date (TBD) or meet you in front of the church the day of, to return your money. Please remember this is church grounds, so no alcohol, guns or illegal items may be sold. We ask everyone to stay on the lot until 1:00 p.m., we can not have cars driving in and out when there are people walking around.



Thank you,
Cassie



*Many folks
want to
serve God,
But only
as advisers.*

FOOD BANK

Below is a list of current Food Bank needs:

Paper Towels
Laundry Detergents
Liquid Dish Detergent
Paper Towels
Toilet Tissue

Personal Care Items
especially:
Shampoo
Toothbrushes
Toothpaste,
Deodorant

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

Condiments:
Mustard, Ketchup, Mayo

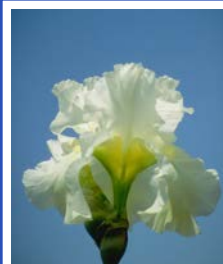


**NEXT FOOD BANK
MAY 19, 2018
1:00 TO 3:00 PM.**

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.

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.