



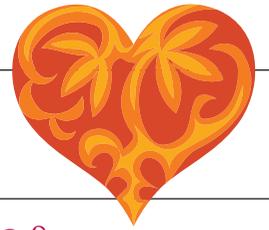
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THE MESSENGER



February 2019

From the Pastor

*“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways trust in him, and he will make your paths straight.”
Proverbs 3:5-6*

A lady named Grace in the church I served at Honey Brook spoke the above words to me without hesitation and with a sense of joy when I asked what her favorite Bible verse was. It has been one of my favorite verses ever since. There is, after all, something just right about trusting the Lord with all your heart, and realizing that we really don't have to lean on our own understanding, which, I've found, can get a bit confused at times. So, let's always remind one another that we are leaning on the Lord. It is where we need to begin as we embark upon a new and exciting venture as God's people at Hope. It is good to be together and to know that God is doing a new thing right in our very midst!

I invite each one of you at Hope to be personally committed and connected with the spiritual journey that we have embarked upon together. It takes each one of us, growing and worshipping, fellowshiping and serving, to be the church. As I mentioned last week in worship, every one of us has a story to tell. Each one of us has connected with a meaningful verse or two or three of scripture that helps tell of our life of faith. We all have gifts of the spirit that God has amply equipped us with so that we may honor God and bless God's people. Wonderful things happen

when we start looking at our life with thankfulness and joy and know that we are part of God's answer to a world in need.

There's one more verse that has been a bit of a "nudge" for me over the years. Here it is (I Peter 3:15) from the NIV: "Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect."

Always be prepared. That means that every day begins with a time of devotion, set apart with the Lord. That means that I ask for God's grace and direction at every turn. That means that I remain alert to the people and their needs around me. Always prepared. It's not too much to expect. It is what happens when we live out of a vital connection with Christ.

Church Family, you have welcomed me so graciously and I am thankful for you all. There are many more folks to meet and I am glad to be partnering with you in the Gospel. Please don't ever hesitate to be in touch with me. My cell number is: 610-609-6703. Blessings to you, each one.

Pastor Mary Jane



"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 9:30 am and offers Childcare during the service.

Our Pastor, Mary Jane Kirby, can be reached by calling the church office, 610.446.3351. 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!



February Schedule

- 3 Communion Sunday
- 10 Last day to order Wesleyan's
Homemade Soup
- 11 Leadership Team Meeting
7:15 p.m.
- 12 Casseroles for St. John
Hospice 7:30 p.m.
- 16 Food Bank 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
- 17 Blanket Sunday
- 23 Soup pickup
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- 24 Soup pickup after
Worship Service
Blanket Sunday



Preparation of casseroles for St. John Hospice is February 12th. 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

Serving in February

LAY READER

- 3 K. Friedenberg
- 10 P. Cutillo
- 17 A. Merrell
- 24 K. Friedenberg

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

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

CHILD CARE

- Miriam Gallagher

COMMUNION

- STEWARD
Jackie Engler

*Thank you for
Volunteering!*



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.

HOPE FOOD BANK

Below is a list of current Food Bank needs:



Paper Towels • Laundry Detergents

Liquid Dish Detergent

Jelly in Plastic Containers • Peanut Butter

Canned Chicken (NO Tuna, thank you)

Juices • Fruit • Applesauce

Coffee • Cereal • Rice

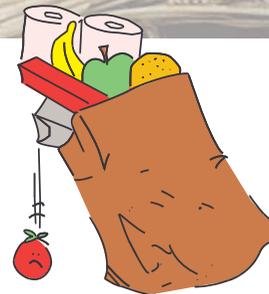
Condiments

Mustard • Ketchup • Mayo

Personal Care Items, especially

Shampoo • Toothbrushes • Toothpaste • Deodorant

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



Thank you for your continued support of our food bank. In January, we provided food for 112 individuals in 41 families. The next food bank is Saturday, February 16th 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

As usually, we will accept anything you would like to contribute, but we are low on the following items: dish detergent, cereal, paper towels, canned fruit, and coffee.

Thank you for your continued support of this Outreach project to the community.

*Sally Kiner
Food Bank Coordinator*

February Birthdays

- 1 Evelyn Guest
- 6 Elizabeth Reiley
- Nathan Grob
- 7 Brady Carlin
- 8 Jackie Engler
- 13 Sarah Sneddon
- 15 Brian Grob
- 17 Gloria Downs
- 18 Andrew Molnar
- 21 Michelle Sears
- 28 Nancy Redman



Anniversary Wishes

Michael & Pat Cutillo
will be celebrating their
52nd Wedding
Anniversary
on February 18th

**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 letter.



CHURCH JUMBLE AT UNION, UMC

Saturday February 9th • 9 am to 1 pm

Church Jumble (rummage sale) will be held at Union, UMC to raise money for the church. There will be books, household items, toys, holiday decorations, etc. for sale. During the event, the UMW will sell hot dogs and baked goods to raise money for their UMW mission work

In a circle of true Friends each man is simply what he is: stands for nothing but himself. No one cares twopence about anyone else's family, profession, class, income, race, or previous history. Of course you will get to know about most of these in the end. But casually. They will come out bit by bit, to furnish an illustration or an analogy, to serve as pegs for an anecdote; never for their own sake. That is the kingliness of Friendship. We meet like sovereign princes of independent states, abroad, on neutral ground, freed from our contexts. This love (essentially) ignores not only our physical bodies but that whole embodiment which consists of our family, job, past and connections. At home, besides being Peter or Jane, we also bear a general character; husband or wife, brother or sister, chief, colleague, or subordinate. Not among our Friends. It is an affair of disentangled, or stripped, minds. Eros will have naked bodies; Friendship naked personalities.

C.S. Lewis

Altar Flowers Request for 2019

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 \$25.00.

Places to go...



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. They meet the second Monday of selected months at noon.

The next luncheon a St. Patrick's Celebration will take place on March 11, 2019 at Annunciation BVM Church.

The cost is \$7.00 per meal. Please make reservations ahead by calling Annunciation at 610-449-1613.

All are welcome to attend.



GRETNA GLEN FREE YOUTH GROUP NIGHT

All youth, Grades 6-12 are welcome to travel with Pastor Mary Jane and a couple of youth from Union to a fun Youth Group Night at Gretna Glen Camp near Lebanon, PA on Sunday, February 17. We will leave from Union Church's driveway at 2:30 p.m. and return about 8:30 p.m. There are some outdoor camp activities (weather permitting), some games, snacks, music, and a speaker.

It is a fun and inspiring time. Please let Pastor MJ know if you are interested. The only cost is if you would like to get something at the rest area on the way home.

Thank you!

SLEEPING MAT PROJECT

Thank you for supporting the sleeping mats for the homeless project. We have an abundance of bags to the extent that the storage space is overflowing. Please do not bring additional bags to donate at this time. Thank you.

BLANKET SUNDAY

We will be participating in this project on February 17 and 24, 2019, through Church World Service. When disaster strikes, people need blankets - and much more. And as the recovery process unfolds, they need tools, training and other resources to help them rebuild their lives. Contributions to Blankets mean that Church World Service is there for the long haul as families recover from a disaster or struggle against grinding poverty. Through your contributions, you can make this ministry of hope a reality for people in need the world over.

Thank you, Pat Cutillo

Wesleyan SOUP Sale!

The ladies of Wesleyan Circle are once again making their delicious soups. Pre-order your soup at \$8.00 a quart



All soup orders to June Hoyle by Sunday, February 10th

PICKUP DATES IN THOMAS HALL

Saturday February 23rd 10:00a.m. to 12:00p.m.

Sunday February 24th after Worship



Hope United Methodist Church.
(Steel and Eagle Roads)
Wesleyan Circle



Annual Home-Made Soup Sale

Pre-order soup at \$8.00 quart

Give soup orders to June Hoyle by Sunday, February 10th

- _____ Chicken Noodle
- _____ Split Pea w/Ham
- _____ Vegetable Beef
- _____ Broccoli Cheese

Name _____

Ph# _____

Things to do...

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday Worship is held in Jones Chapel at 9:30 a.m.

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

BIBLE STUDY

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

LEADERSHIP MEETING

The next Leadership Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 11th at 7:15 p.m.

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. A copy of the Worship bulletin and Scripture is e-mailed on Thursday or Friday for you to go over. The schedule would be once a month or every other month, depending upon the number of volunteers.

Thank you