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NOVEMBER MESSENGER



Butterball established the Turkey Talk Line in 1981 to rescue the clueless from holiday mishaps of a culinary nature. A simple phone call will provide live assistance from trained experts--experienced not only with poultry but with nervous and overwhelmed cooks. When asked, "What is the most unusual call you ever received?" Without hesitation a Talk Line expert said, "We once received a call from someone who asked, 'How long can a turkey stay good when it is frozen in your freezer? I have a turkey which has been frozen for 23 years in the bottom of my freezer, and I want to know if it is still good.'" The expert paused, she said, "I'll check with my colleagues." In a moment she came back to the phone and reported, "If the turkey has actually been frozen for all this time, and has never thawed, it will still be good, although it will most likely have lost some of its taste." The woman who called the hotline said enthusiastically, "That's great! That's what I thought. I'll donate it to my church!" "Everyone wants to be generous. Most try to be generous. With wonderful intentions they offer to their churches broken appliances, worn-out furniture, 23 year-old turkeys, and whatever spare change may be left in their pockets at the end of the week...and the sad thing is that they expect the church to be grateful for these leftovers. There are in this world good, kind-hearted, church-going folk who treat God as if God were some beggar very happy to receive whatever scraps are left. But generous folks know that second best simply will not due! They give sacrificially...giving the best of what they have and the best of who they are.

I heard a story about a small girl, not more than 10 or 11 years-old, who was standing in a soup kitchen line in a very poor section of the city. She was the last one in the long line. Many people had shown up that day, quite a few more than usual. The volunteers preparing and serving the food that day realized that the food was starting to run short. The servers were concerned. The little girl did not seem to notice. Her attention was focused on three small children who were across the street, sitting and waiting for her in the shade under a big oak tree. The little girl continued to wait patiently in the line that day, but when she finally made it to the servers, the only thing left was one banana. Without complaint, she took the single banana joyfully. With a smile and a nod, she thanked the volunteer servers, and then she walked back across the street to join the three smaller children. I don't know who those children were, but what I do know is what the little girl did. Carefully, she peeled the banana. She broke it into three pieces, and she gave each of the other children one-third of the banana. Then, she sat down on the curb and licked the inside of the banana peel. A bystander who happened to witness that little girl's act of sacrificial love said later, "When I saw what she did that day, I saw the face of God."

Give your best. Always. Happy Thanksgiving!

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the church office, 610.446.3351 or by Email at Hopeumchavertown@verizon.net. The church office hours Tuesday thru Friday are 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

MESSENGER FOR NOVEMBER

NOVEMBER SCHEDULE

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- 4 Communion Sunday - All Saints Sunday
- 5 Leadership Team Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 13 Casseroles for St. John Hospice 7:30 p.m.
- 15 Sleeping Mat Project with Sally Kiner 10:00 a.m.
- 17 Food Bank 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
Rental of Thomas Hall - St. Paul's Episcopal Church 4:00 to 9:00 p.m.
- 18 Haverford Township Interfaith Thanksgiving Service 6:30 p.m. at Memorial Church
Of God in Christ, 747 Buck Lane, Haverford
Harvest Home

Preparation of casseroles for St. John Hospice is November 13th. 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

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!

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.

SERVING IN NOVEMBER

LAY READER

- 4 Communion Sunday
- 11 P. Cutillo
- 18 Andy Merrell
- 25 C. Bersheim

USHERS

- 4 WE NEED YOUR HELP TO USHER ON 1ST SUNDAYS. THANK YOU!
- 11 J. Engler, R. Brunner
- 18 B. AmEisen, K. Friedenber
- 25 W. Hoyle, J. Hoyle

OFFERING COUNTERS

- 4 J. Engler, C. Hoffmann
- 11 P. Jacobs, R. Brunner
- 18 M. Black, M. Kelleher
- 25 L. Medica

ACOLYTES FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

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

CHILD CARE: Miriam Gallagher

COMMUNION STEWARD FOR NOVEMBER: Kathy Cherwinski

Thank you one and all for volunteering.



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NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- Nov. 2 John Dunn
Steven Sneddon
5 Glen Downs
6 Sonja Kerr
7 Joan Cottier
9 Barbara AmEisen
Anna Mae Wren
18 Christopher Ehrhart
Linda Abrams
19 Keith Lipton
21 Richard (Rich) Carlin
26 Chase Elizabeth Carlin
28 Larry Sneddon
30 Leah Hatchigian

SLEEPING BAG PROJECT

Sally Kiner will be holding a workshop on Thursday, November 15th, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. Sally will give instructions on how she makes the sleeping mats for the homeless to use. What a unique idea.

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

The Haverford Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Service will be held on Sunday November 18th at the Memorial Church of God in Christ, 747 Buck Lane, Haverford at **6:30 p.m.** Please note service time changed to 6:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Bishop Peggy Johnson is pleased to announce the appointment of the Rev. Mary Jane Kirby to Hope United Methodist Church. Rev. Kirby currently serves the Havertown: Union United Methodist Church and will be serving both churches, effective January 1, 2019.

UPCOMING DATES

Mark your calendars to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas on Saturday, Dec. 1st at 10:15 or come when you can. Many Many hands are needed. Family and friends welcome too.

OUTREACH

The Guest of Connect by Night were housed in Thomas Hall for the month of October. We were able to supply them with beverages and snacks for most nights and they are grateful for our support. They have been annual guests at our church for a good many years and come to count on our support.

Many thanks to Don Roush for his generous donations to this cause each year. Also to Sacred Heart Church and the Girl Scouts who participated with donations of snacks.



COMMUNITY ACTION OF DELAWARE COUNTY TOY DRIVE

Each year the Outreach Committee has a toy barrel in the Narthex to collect toys for children in emergency shelters transitional housing and other homeless programs. This year we will have the barrel outside of Jones Chapel. The program begins Sunday November 19th through

December 21st. Thank you for your generosity in helping with this Outreach program. Any questions please contact Pat Cutillo. Thank you.



HOPE FOOD BANK

Below is a list of current Food Bank needs:

Paper towels
Laundry Detergents
Liquid Dish Detergent
Paper Towels
Toilet Tissue
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 and Toothbrushes, Toothpaste,
Deodorant,

Thank you all for your generous donations.

The Food Bank Team

Next Food Bank - 17, 2018 - 1:00 to 3:00 pm.

FOOD BANK INFORMATION CONTINUED

What is most needed: Laundry detergent, liquid dish detergent, paper towels, coffee (ground and instant), Tea, juice, fruit. Cereal, dried potatoes, peanut butter, jelly, Chef Boyardi canned pasta meals, canned tuna & chicken, rice, mustard, ketchup and mayo.

Personal Care: shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant.

REQUEST FOR FOOD BANK DONATIONS

The winds of change have arrived. The fall has come in cold and windy. And with that come more hungry families. October was a very busy month at the food bank. We had over 40 people. As you might guess, the shelves are BARE. The only thing we really have is canned mixed vegetables. Your continued support has helped us stay afloat. So if you could pick up one or two non perishable goods, we would be so grateful. (Detergents, shampoo, toothpaste, toilet paper always clear out as food card cannot be used for them.) Condiments, cereal, coffee, Chef Boyardee, tuna, nut butters, pasta also popular. No list this month as we are in need of whatever you would like to donate. We can't thank you enough for your help. Your donations make a huge difference to our families in need. Our families thank us profusely and we share their gratitude with you.

Drop off times - Tues. through Fri by 1:30 pm, church time 9:30 -11:30 Sun. a.m.

Elizabeth McKelvey

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.



The poinsettia orders for Christmas **MUST BE PLACED WITH THE CHURCH OFFICE BY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2018.** The cost this year is \$8.50 per plant. Indicate preference below. Payment **MUST BE INCLUDED WITH YOUR ORDER.** All checks made payable to "Hope United Methodist Church" designated "POINSETTIAS." Please **FILL OUT THE FOLLOWING FORM COMPLETELY!**

Numbers of RED POINSETTIAS _____ x \$8. 50 = \$ _____ (Amount)

Number of WHITE POINSETTIAS _____ x \$8. 50 = \$ _____ (Amount)

Number of PINK POINSETTIAS _____ x \$8.50 = \$ _____ (Amount)

() In addition to/or instead of a plant, please accept my donation to be used toward decoration.

PLEASE COMPLETE!

() I WILL PICK UP MY PLANT AFTER WORSHIP, CHRISTMAS EVE, Dec. 24th. There will be only one Christmas Eve Service at 7:30 p.m.

() PLEASE HOLD MY PLANT (S) FOR LATER PICK-UP. If possible please arrange to pick up your plants, as we do not have members available to deliver to shut-ins.

*****PLEASE FILL IN THE INFORMATION BELOW*****

WRITE IT AS YOU WOULD LIKE IT TO APPEAR IN THE CHURCH BULLETIN,

DECEMBER 24TH.

PRESENTED BY:

() IN MEMORY OF: _____

() IN HONOR OF: _____

If you have any question regarding your poinsettia order, please contact the church office 6101-446-3351.

ADOPT-A-SOLDIER PROGRAM

ADOPT-A-SOLDIER PROJECT: *Christmas/Hanukah support for troops abroad.*

We will send the next packages to **GySgt David E. Wilson**, our new contact for a group of Marine mechanics (15 men & 2 women) stationed in Kuwait who assist operation of an Osprey unit throughout Iraq and Syria. For some of the younger Marines this is their first deployment and being away from home for the holidays will be difficult. We will send 2 boxes with goodies for them by Dec. 6. They request snacks and various toiletries, and small flashlights. They reportedly live in barracks with a microwave and toaster oven, so they can prepare a few foods. The care packages are shared with all soldiers in the group, as needed, and all items are greatly appreciated.

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.

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 Dec. 6, so please place items in the basket by late November.

**Many thanks from the Outreach Committee,
Linda Gonzales**

CARE TO CARE

A long standing Ebenezer/Hope member Caroline Cosgrove who resides at Simpson Meadows has a change of information. If you wish to send her a Holiday greeting her current room number is 236. The complete address is as follows:

Mrs. Caroline Cosgrove

Simpson Meadows
101 Plaza Drive
Room #236
Downingtown, PA 19335



HARVEST HOME IS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2018

(toilet tissue, paper towels)

Please do not bring items packaged in glass.

Please bring to Church on November 18, 2018, any of the following items:

canned meat

canned soup

pasta, pasta sauce

canned pasta

peanut butter

jelly

cereal

dry milk

rice

dry beans

syrup

pancake mix

soap/detergent

paper products