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THE MESSENGER

February 2018



From the Pastor's Desk

Listen to what a church in England was doing some years back to make its church services more accommodating and relevant to today's culture: Since people like to sleep in on Sundays, services were held on Tuesday nights. To get around the church's stodgy moral image, smoking and drinking were permitted during the service. Since today's generation feels uncomfortable in a traditional church building, they met in a pub. Since no one sits in rows anymore, they sit around tables. Since people don't do group singing anymore, there are no hymns. Since people are not used to being talked at, there is no sermon. Since people today do not recognize authority figures, there is no minister. They sit around and decide for themselves what they would like to discuss.

Should our goal be to change the music or the worship style in order to be more attractive to the world? Or is our purpose to change lives, to transform the world in light of, and in response to, the remarkable claim of Jesus Christ?

We cannot understand the world until we are transformed into persons who can use the language of faith to describe the world right. Everyone does not already know what we mean when we speak of prayer. Everyone does not already believe that he or she is a sinner. We must be taught that we sin. That is, we must be transformed by the vision of a God who is righteous and just, who judges us on the basis of something more significant than merely what feels right for us. (Resident Aliens, Willimon and Hauerwas; p.28)

How their church service is different from what goes on anyway in a London pub is not clear. The group, known as "Holy Joes," was started by David Tomlinson, who argues that the church must adapt to the new postmodern culture. In response to Mr. Tomlinson I wish to borrow a memorable line someone once said: "Alas, in leaning over to speak to the modern world, you have fallen in!"

I suppose my point is this: in all our attempts to translate the Gospel into something comfortably postmodern—tasty on all palates and digestible to every stomach, we must be very careful not to distort or transform it into something it never claimed to be. A comfy place. A good feeling. Some interesting ideas.

We preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. (1Cor. 1:23)

Should the Church become preoccupied with accommodating itself to whichever trend or whim of modern culture happens to collect itself Sunday morning in the pews? Or would the Church do better, if instead, it learned to accommodate itself to the Gospel?

God bless and keep us in our shared ministry in Havertown and all the world.

"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!



February Schedule

- 4 Communion Sunday
- 11 Pulpit Exchange with Union UMC
- Reverend Mary Jane Kirby is
Guest Preacher.
- 13 Casseroles for St. John's Hospice-
Thomas Hall kitchen
- 14 Ash Wednesday - Service will be
held at Union United Methodist
Church 7:00 p.m.
- 15 Girl Scout meeting 7:00 - 9:00
p.m. in Sunday School Room
- 17 Food Bank 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
- 18 Adult Sunday School & Lenten
Study 9:00 a.m.
- 19 Presidents Day - Holiday
- 24 Wesleyan Circle Soup Sale -
Soup pickup day in Thomas Hall
- 25 Pick up soup in Thomas Hall after
Worship Service
- 26 Leadership Meeting 7:00 p.m.

The Friday Adult Study/Prayer Group

1:15 pm • Roush Room
All are welcome to attend!

Girl Scout Troop

Meet every second Thursday
of the month in first floor
Sunday School Room



Serving in February

Lay Readers

- 4 Communion Sunday -
No Lay Reader
- 11 A. Merrell
- 18 A. 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. Friedenberg
- 25 W. Hoyle

Offering Counters

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

Acolytes

- B. Popky
- M. G. Popky
- TJ Osborne

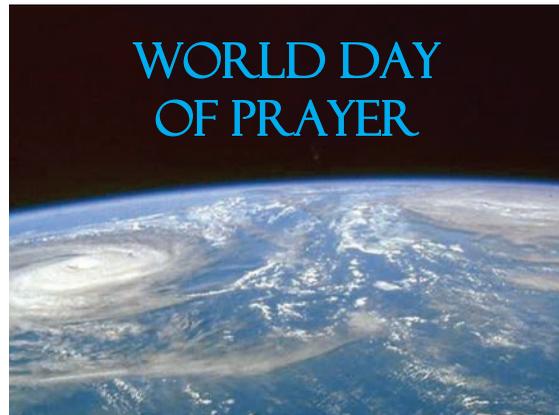
Child Care

Miriam Gallagher

Communion Steward

Jackie Engler

Thank you for Volunteering!



Annunciation BVM Church will host
World Day of Prayer being held Friday, March 2, 2018
at 1:00 p.m. Anyone interested in participating in
the service please contact Helen Connell of
Annunciation Church, 610-449-7385.

Thank you.

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

The Food Bank has been extremely busy the last few months. As always we thank the congregation for all of your support.

We received \$1,000 and \$500 from two Havertown residents who do not belong to Hope. We also received food donations from Haverford High School, Chatham Park Elementary School, Western Pest Control and two additional Havertown residents who are not Hope members. Llanerch Presbyterian Nursery School donated generously. The Malvern School also collected donations.

These contributions helped us serve over 50 families monthly from September through the holidays. We were able to give out \$10 gift cards at Thanksgiving and five pound canned hams at Christmas.

In January, 30 families received 3 bakery items each due to Giant and Panera's generosity. They also received produce that we buy every month.

As the new year starts we are thankful that we receive such support from the community and from our Hope family. As we continue to do God's work, we bless you for your continued support.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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



Anniversary Wishes

Michael & Pat Cutillo
will be celebrating their
51st Wedding
Anniversary
on February 18th

UPDATE ON THE SCHECKS

Thank you so much for your prayers and visits and phone calls to my parents. This has been a tough time. It really helps my Dad to have people calling him and the visits also boost their spirits.

Lois has been moved from Crozer Hospital to Kindred Long Term Acute Care, Room 323
2000 Old West Chester Pike • Havertown, PA 19083

In this way she'll continue to have doctors present to help with her medical complications, but there will be a more focused team on rehab.

Henry has been moved from Taylor Hospital to Naaman's Creek Country Manor, Room 116
1194 Naamans Creek Road • Garnet Valley, PA 19060
Phone: 610-558-7840

Henry Scheck, Jr.

*Please continue to keep Lois and Henry Scheck in your prayers.
It will take some time for a complete and speedy recovery.*

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 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.

Various & Sundry

and stuff....

NOTES OF HEARTFELT APPRECIATION

Many thanks to Ann Eves our Choir Director, Karen Karosas our organist, and the Hope Chancel Choir for the preparation and practice that goes into planning the weekly and the Christmas Eve Service.



It takes many helping hands to organize and make the holiday season an inspiring religious experience. Thanks to the volunteers who helped beautify the Sanctuary with Christmas decorations, ushers, acolytes, lay readers, arrangement of poinsettias, and Christmas party. Thanks also to all the volunteers who helped take the decorations down on January 13th.

A heartfelt appreciation to one and all.
Gloria Downs
Worship Committee



To Our Hope Family,

The Hope Staff are most appreciative for the monetary Christmas gifts given by the Church. We also want to express our gratitude for the cards and greetings received and your kindness extended to us throughout the year. You are a loving and caring congregation. May God richly bless each of you in 2018.

Hope Staff

MANY THANKS

Thanks to Bill & Jackie Engler and Sandy Young for purchasing the new flag for the flagpole.

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.

SUNDAY GIVING ENVELOPES

Envelopes are available for pick-up in the back of the Chapel. If you are able to deliver envelopes to shut-ins or anyone you know that does not attend services regularly we would be most grateful. Envelopes are used so all contributions can be recorded and credited to your end of year contribution statement. Thank you.

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.



Wesleyan
SOUP
Sale!

Pre-order forms for Wesleyan Circle's famous "Soup" are attached. All soup orders to June Hoyle by Sunday, February 11th

PICKUP DATES IN THOMAS HALL
Saturday - February 24th -
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Sunday - February 25th
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 orders to June Hoyle by Sunday, February 11th
Cash or check payable to Hope UMC Wesleyan Circle

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

Name _____

Ph# _____

Coming Up....

FALL/WINTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday Worship is held in Jones Chapel at 10:30 a.m.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Union United Methodist Church will host the Ash Wednesday Service, February 14th at 7:00 p.m. Pastor Maridel will be partaking in the planning of the service. All are welcome to attend.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adult Sunday School and Lenten Study with Pastor Maridel will begin on February 18th at 9:00 a.m.

LEADERSHIP MEETING

The next Leadership meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 26th at 7:00 p.m.

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.