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Hope THE MESSENGER UMC



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From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Church Family,

September has arrived! I write that and I am thankful for the new beginning of our church program year and yet, I have to admit, I experience that thought with a bit of a sigh. I love summer and it is always hard to let it go. Yet, there are so many good things about September. Have you thought of that? September was given this name because the Latin root of the word (septem) means seven. Now, we aren't in the 7th month of the year. The calendar changed but the name of this 9th month did not. But that's okay. The number seven has special significance for Christians. Genesis tells us that God made the world in 7 days. From that point on the number seven has been sort of a foundation, a holy number for God's people. We think of God's plan for completeness, wholeness, and perfection. We want to be part of that plan. We desire to draw near to God and to find ourselves complete in the Lord. This is our desire for God's church, too. We know that it is only by God's good plan and God's great grace that our lives and our world will find the fulfillment we need. So we pray and we serve.

All of these thoughts lead me to be very thankful for the ministry and service for other that we share, the studies we take together, the worship times that form us as a community of faith that is growing stronger in God's love, not weaker. Celebrate these things and celebrate September, a perfect month to begin a renewed walk with the Lord.

There are youth activities planned and Sunday School returning. Look for information in this newsletter from Pastor Brenda about activities for children, youth, and families. We are thankful for Pastor Brenda and we keep her in prayer during this tender time. She has had shoulder surgery and experienced the passing of her Mom over the summer. Many of you have had times of sorrow or health concerns or distress in these recent months; all are in our prayers. You, dear church family, are continually in my prayers. I am thankful for you and I am here for you.

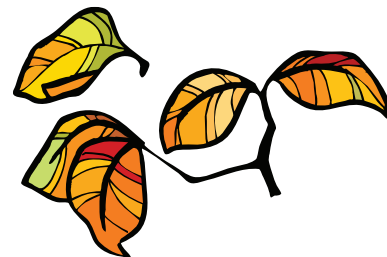
Let us experience a completely inspiring and fulfilling time of renewal together this September!

"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. Youth Sunday School September thru June.

Our Pastor, Mary Jane Kirby can be reached by calling the church office, 610-446-3351 or by Email at HopeUMChavertown@verizon.net.

The church office hours Tuesday thru Friday 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Church Office hours during Summer 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 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!



We offer a very big THANK YOU to Lyn Medica for many faithful years as Hope UMC's Treasurer. We are thankful for your dedication, Lyn, and your witness as a member of our Family of Faith. We appreciate what you have done to bless this ministry over the years.

As we thank Lyn we also welcome Dan Welding who is our new Treasurer. Thank you, Dan, for moving into this position and for the many ways you bring blessing to your church family here at Hope.

The Church is a people and we are blessed with each one in the Body of Christ.

September Schedule

- 1 Combined Worship at Trinity Lutheran with Union & Hope 9:30 a.m.
Children's Sunday School begins 9:30 a.m.
GPCC Service 7:30 p.m.
- 8 Rally Day, Holy Communion, "Begin Anew", Jeremiah 18:1-11
- 10 Casseroles for St. John Hospice 7:00 p.m.
- 14 Rental - GPCC Training Workshop 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- 15 "Lost is Found", Luke 15:1-10
Appreciation and Dedication of Teachers
Grace Cafe- Those helping will leave from church at 4:00 p.m.
Rental - H-Can - Use of Chapel 2:00 p.m.
- 17 Leadership Team Committee Meeting 7:15 p.m.
- 21 Food Bank 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
- 22 Service at Wesley Enhanced Living at 2:00 p.m.
GPCC Service 11:00 a.m.
- 29 Healing Service during as part of Sunday Worship.
GPCC Service 11:00 a.m.

Preparation of casseroles for St. John Hospice is June 11th. . Casseroles are prepared every second Tuesday of the month in the Thomas Hall Kitchen at 7:00 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!

LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING

The next Leadership Team committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday September 17th at 7:15 p.m.

Calendar Updates for September

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

Rev. Brenda Del Rosario will bring the message at Hope. Please be present as we worship and to welcome Pastor Brenda. She is serving as Coordinator of Youth, Family, and Outreach Ministries at Union and joins with Union in welcoming our Hope children and youth to events for children and youth. These fall into winter events will be listed in our September newsletter.

COMBINED WORSHIP SEPTEMBER 1st!

Please mark your calendar and remind our sisters and brothers at Hope that our Sunday worship on September 1 will be at Temple Lutheran Church, 501 Brookline Blvd, at 9:30 a.m. We join with Union and Temple Lutheran Church several times during the summer to celebrate our unity in Christ and we choose the summer holidays to do this. There will not be a 9:30 a.m. worship service here (at Hope) that day. Please plan to participate in Community worship!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Rally Day, Holy Communion Sunday
"Begin Anew", Jeremiah 18:1-11

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

"The Lost is Found", Luke 15:1-10
Those helping at Grace Cafe will leave from church at 4:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

"Prayer", I Timothy 2:1-7
2:00 p.m. Worship at Wesley Enhanced Living

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Healing Service as part of our Sunday worship
We seek the Lord's healing touch...



Food Bank

We are thankful once again to the Oakmont Civic Farmer's Market for issuing to Hope' Food Bank a grant of \$500.00 for the summer months of 2019. This enables Hope to provide fresh fruits and vegetables to our clients.

We also wish to thank Jackie Engler for her time and energy in selecting and bagging the produce from the Farmer's Market each month.

Below is a list of current Food Bank needs:

- Paper Towels • Toilet Tissue
- Laundry and Liquid Dish Detergents
- Jelly in Plastic Containers • Peanut Butter
- Pasta Sauce • Canned Fruit • Soup as a Meal
- Canned Chicken and Tuna
- Coffee • Hot & Cold Cereal
- Potato, Rice, Pasta Products

Condiments

- Mustard • Ketchup • Mayo

Personal Care Items, especially

- Shampoo • Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste • Deodorant • Bath Soap

Next Food Bank - September 21, 2019 1:00 to 3:00 pm.

- * No green beans, corn, or mixed vegetable, please. We have a surplus of those items.
- *Please leave the items by the food closet door or in the cart outside the church office.
- * No glass, please.

Thank you for sharing your blessings with the food bank!
Sally Kiner

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 unless notified otherwise.



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

FAMILY * MINISTRIES

SEPTEMBER

- 9/1 Combined worship at Temple Lutheran on Brookline, 9:30 a.m.
- 9/8 RALLY DAY, Sunday School begins during worship
- 9/15 TEACHER APPRECIATION & DEDICATION
- 9/20 Family Game Night at Union - 7PM-9PM GAMES: Mexican Train, Boggle, Wii, or bring a game! Popcorn, fruit, and lemonade & water.
- 9/28 PLEASE TOUCH MUSEUM All ages. Tickets \$10ea* Meet there at 10:30AM Address: 4231 Avenue of the Republic, Philadelphia, Pa. 19131

OCTOBER

- 10/12 UNION FLEA MARKET
- 10/18 Family Game Night at Union - 7PM-9PM GAMES: Mexican Train, Boggle, Wii, or bring a game! Autumn treats, apple cider, lemonade, & water.
- 10/20 GRETNA Glen YOUTH NIGHT Expect to leave by 2:30PM and return around 8:30PM – Please speak to Pastor MJ if interested
- 10/26 Harvest HAYRIDE All ages. \$6 ea*. Other attractions (additional charges) Barn Animals, Pumpkin Land, Face Painting. Address: Linvilla Orchards 137 West Knowlton Road, Media, PA 19063

NOVEMBER

- 11/17 GRETNA Glen YOUTH Expect to leave by 2:30 and return around 8:30PM
- 11/23 COLONIAL PLANTATION All ages. Ages 0-3 FREE, 4-12 \$6*, 13 and up \$10* Address: 3900 North Sandy Flash Dr. Newtown Square, PA 19073

DECEMBER

- 12/21 CHILDREN/YOUTH MINISTRY: Christmas Carols at Nursing Homes Expect to leave at 11AM
- 12/21 CHILDREN/YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY Following Christmas Carols (at Union Church)
- * Church assistance is available toward cost of entry ticket charge and transportation. Please see Pastor Mary Jane or Pastor Brenda.
- ** Please consider inviting others beyond our church walls to partake in wholesome and fun activities.

As the Pastor for Youth, Family and Outreach, let us remember that we are a Christ-Centered church that is dedicated to loving God with all our heart, mind and soul and to loving our neighbor as ourselves inside and outside the church walls. Let us share our joy and be glad in it!!! Brenda Del Rosario

IF ANY ARE INTERESTED IN THESE ACTIVITIES (Please touch museum, Harvest Hayride, and Colonial Plantation), please indicate to Pastor MJ or call the office so we can plan accordingly.

All Are Welcome ~ Thank You!



Care to Care

Please keep Ann Manzi in your prayers. She has been in remission for 8 years from brain cancer. The doctors have found more growth and Ann will begin treatment on August 23rd.

Andy Merrell recently had pacemaker surgery and all is going very well. He had two follow up appointments and the results are very promising. He should be able to resume all aspects of his life without restrictions by the end of August.

Please keep the Manzi and Merrell families in your prayers.

Serving in September

LAY READER

- 1 B. Welding
8 P. Cutillo
15 J. Cauffman
22 K. Friedenberg
29 J. Cauffman

OFFERING COUNTERS

- 1 J. Engler
8 P. Jacobs, R. Brunner
15 M. Black, M. Kelleher
22 L. Medica
29 M. Black, M. Kelleher

USHERS

- 1 WE NEED YOUR HELP TO USHER ON 1ST SUNDAYS. THANK YOU!
8 J. Engler, R. Brunner
15 B. AmEisen, K. Friedenberg
22 W. Hoyle, J. Hoyle
29 J. Engler, D. Molnar, J. Hoyle, P. Cutillo

ACOLYTES

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

CHILD CARE:

- Miriam Gallagher

COMMUNION STEWARD:

- T.B.A.

Thank you for Volunteering!



LINDA & JOHN DUNN
23rd Wedding Anniversary
September 15

BILL & JACKIE ENGLER
54th Wedding Anniversary
September 18th

Spread the Word ~ Flea Market!



Hi All,

We will have our flea market on Saturday Oct. 26th. Advertised 8-1, set up starting at 6:45 thru 7:45 AM. We will then close the lot for all vehicles until 1PM.

The price will be \$15 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, The number to the church is 610-

446-3351 for hours to drop off money. Checks should be made out 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.

Thank you
Cassie Popky

September Birthdays

- 3 Ken Thomas
6 Mary Anne Geer
Dottie Hey
10 Kennedy Anne Carlin
15 Scott Cobb III
16 Bobby Popky
17 Dave Engler
18 Debbi Molnar
21 Tish Schott
Patty Thomas
Steven Geer
Reid Barry
24 Sean Fash
MacKenzi Ehrhart
27 June Kozak
Verla Jacobs
29 Bill Hollingsworth, Sr.

Grace Café

Our Mission Link is hosting the evening meal at Grace Café in Arch Street UMC on Sunday, September 15. We must arrive by 4:45 to get ready to serve, so if you would like to help (much appreciated!) please plan to arrive at Union Church by 4 p.m. for a ride or to follow

The menu is Meatloaf, macaroni and cheese, green bean casserole, rolls and butter, beverages and desserts! If you would like to help make the Meatloaf, we are meeting at Union's kitchen on Friday, September 13 at 1 p.m. Each of our five churches (Radnor, St. Luke, Ardmore, Hope, and Union) are asked to contribute toward the cost of the meatloaf. Union and Hope are invited to bring desserts. (Pies, cakes, cookies, etc.) Thank you for keeping this important ministry to the homeless and food insecure in your prayers and in your service!

Wesley Enhanced Living

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 next Worship service will be held on September 22nd 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!

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.

Small Study Groups

The Wednesday morning prayer and study resumes September 4 at 10 a.m. as we finish the Gospel of Luke. This group studies biblical texts for the message we gain for living today. All are welcome. This group meets in the Lounge at Union.

The Friday afternoon group meets each week at Hope at 1:30 p.m. You are welcome to join this group for study and meaningful discussion.

A New Study for the Fall

An evening study (7:00 p.m.) will be held on four Wednesdays in September to October: September 18 and 25, October 9 and 16. The study: Why? This is a study put together by Pastor Adam Hamilton. We will use it as a base for our sessions but also we will be led by our thoughts and discussions as we share on this topic concerning our life and God's will and plan. The location is yet to be announced. But, please plan to attend and more information will be forthcoming. We would like to get this study out into the community!

Bishops Night on the South District

Wednesday, October 2 ~ 6:30 p.m.
Location: Valley Forge: St. Matthew's

Outreach - Connect by Night

Thank you to all for your support in responding to all Outreach Programs. Especially many thanks to you for the abundance of snacks and drinks you donated to the guest of Connect by Night. As you know this request was short notice and without your support it would not have been a success.

Sunday School will be Starting Soon for Our Children!

Those who are willing to help with Sunday School, following the lesson outline prepared and assisting with the children, are asked to let Pastor MJ know when you can help. We are asking for two persons for each Sunday. Please choose a Sunday (first, second, or fourth) that would work for you. We will help you prepare to be a part of this vital ministry! Thank you.

Sunday School begins September 8.

Teachers & 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 when Sunday School resumes in September.



Baptism

In Baptism we welcome Karalyn Elizabeth Mckelvey to our Hope Family. Karalyn is the daughter of Dale and Sara McKelvey and granddaughter of Elizabeth Mckelvey.

Communion Stewards

The beginning of each month on Communion Sunday, Communion Stewards are an important part of the Sunday Worship Service. They purchase and prepare the elements for Communion. This is a once a year commitment. Presently volunteers are needed for the month of July and September. If you are interested e-mail or call the church office. Thank you.

With Much Appreciation



The courtyard grounds look phenomenal thanks to the hard work by Linda Gonzales and Kathie Friedenber on one of the hottest days of the month!



Thank you to Ron Brunner, Paul and Ann Eves for cutting back the bushes and cleaning the debris after all the bushes on church property were trimmed. Thank you!



Thank you to Pat Cutillo for organizing the Connect by Night ministry and we express our appreciation to all for your support of the snacks for our guests who have been with us each evening and overnight during this month of July. Let us continue to keep them in our prayers.

