

## From the Pastor's Desk

When was the last time you accepted a meal, a ride, a gift of someone's time or money? When was the last time you asked for help of any kind? Fred Craddock (one of the finest preachers, and teacher of preachers of our time) tells this story from his life:

*My mother took us to church and Sunday school; my father didn't go. He complained about Sunday dinner being late when she came home. Sometimes the preacher would call, and my father would say, "I know what the church wants. Church doesn't care about me. Church wants another name, another pledge, another name, another pledge. Right? Isn't that the name of it? Another name, another pledge." That's what he always said.*

*Sometimes we'd have a revival. Pastor would bring the evangelist and say to the evangelist, "There's one now, sic him, get him, get him," and my father would say the same thing. Every time, my mother in the kitchen, always nervous; in fear of flaring tempers, of somebody being hurt. And always my father said, "The church doesn't care about me. The church wants another name and another pledge." I guess I heard it a thousand times.*

*One time he didn't say it. He was in the veteran's hospital, and he was down to 73 pounds. They'd taken out his throat, and said, "It's too late." They put in a metal tube, and x-rays burned him to pieces. I flew in to see him. He couldn't speak, couldn't eat. I looked around the room, potted plants and cut flowers on all the window sills, a stack of cards 20 inches deep beside his bed. And even that tray where they put food—if you can eat—on that was a flower. And all the flowers beside the*

*bed, every card, every blossom, were from persons or groups from the church. He saw me read a card. He could not speak, so he took a Kleenex box and wrote on the side of it a line from Shakespeare.*

*If he had not written this line, I would not tell this story. He wrote: "In this harsh world, draw your breath in pain to tell my story." I said, "What is your story, Daddy?" And he wrote, "I was wrong."*

Asking for help—sharing our troubles with people who care—why is it so difficult? It is foundational to our faith that we learn to ask for and to receive help, because when we do, we learn humility. We learn how much we need God, and we learn how much we need the People of God to survive in this world.

Each of us was born hungry. The very first thing we learned as newborns was to cry for food. When our stomachs are full, and our hearts are satisfied, we imagine we need no gift, and so that's what we get—nothing at all. How important it is for each of us to be hungry! Before we can be fed, before we can eat, we have to be hungry! It is no coincidence that Jesus did his best teaching during meals.

Once He said, *Blessed are you that hunger now, for you will be filled.* How will you be filled, if you can never admit you are hungry? Do you remember who ate with Jesus? It was sinners, some were prostitutes, some were church leaders, some knew they were sinners, some didn't. The only requirement was and still is—to know you're hungry.

"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](http://www.HavHopeUMC.org)



*perspective....*

*Catch the Spirit!*

# September Schedule

- 2 Communion Sunday
- 9 Baptism Connor MacAfee
- 12 Pastor Maridel to attend the South District Clergy Meeting "A Time for Prayer Dialogue"
- 15 Food Bank 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
- 16 District Superintendent to meet with Congregation after worship
- 23 Rental of Chapel
- 29 Flea Market 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Preparation of casseroles for St. John Hospice is September 11<sup>th</sup>. Casseroles are prepared every second Tuesday of the month in Thomas Hall Kitchen at 7:30 p.m. by Kathy Reisch and her helpers. Volunteers are always welcome!

Girl Scouts, second Thursday of every month, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. - Sunday School Room

## ANNUAL CHARGE CONFERENCE

Wayne United Methodist Church is hosting the Annual Charge Conference this year on Tuesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. All committee reports should be in the church office by October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Thank you.

## JOB OPPORTUNITY

If you know of any person that would be interested in a Very Part-Time Sexton position at Hope to do light repairs and general upkeep, please contact Pastor Maridel. Thank you.

**ALL ARTICLES FOR THE MESSENGER ARE DUE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE BY THE 15<sup>th</sup> OF EACH MONTH**

**Any items received after the 15th will appear in the following month's mailing**

# 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.

## 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.

## 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.

# Serving in September

## LAY READER

- 2 Communion Sunday
- 9 K. Friedenberg
- 16 A. Merrill
- 23 P. Cutillo
- 30 C. Bersheim

## USHERS

- 2 WE NEED YOUR HELP TO USHER ON 1ST SUNDAYS. THANK YOU!
- 9 J. Engler, R. Brunner
- 16 B. AmEisen, K. Friedenberg
- 23 W. Hoyle, J. Hoyle
- 30 J. Engler, D. Molnar, J. Hoyle, P. Cutillo

## OFFERING COUNTERS

- 2 J. Engler, C. Hoffmann
- 9 P. Jacobs, R. Brunner
- 16 M. Black, M. Kelleher
- 23 L. Medica
- 30 L. Medica

## ACOLYTES FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

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

CHILD CARE:  
Miriam Gallagher

COMMUNION STEWARD  
FOR SEPTEMBER:  
Sue Hoffmann

*Thank you for Volunteering!*

## Anniversaries

15<sup>th</sup> - Linda & John Dunn  
Celebrating their 22<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary

16<sup>th</sup> - Cynthia & Dan Mariani

18<sup>th</sup> - Bill & Jackie Engler  
Celebrating their 53<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary

30<sup>th</sup> - Ed & Leah Hatchigian  
Celebrating their 51<sup>st</sup> Anniversary



# September Birthdays

- 3 Ken Thomas
- 6 Mary Anne Geer  
Dorothy Hey  
Colleen Stango
- 10 Kennedy Anne Carlin
- 16 Bobby Popky
- 17 Dave Engler
- 18 Debbi Molnar
- 21 Tish Schott  
Rev. James McIntire
- 21 Patty Thomas  
Steven Geer  
Reid Barry
- 24 Sean Fash  
MacKenzi Ehrhart
- 27 June Kozak  
(96 years young)  
Verla Jacobs
- 29 Bill Hollingsworth, Sr.  
Robert Hatchigian

## Card Shower

*Let's have a card shower for  
June Kozak*

*who turns 96 years young on September 27<sup>th</sup>.*

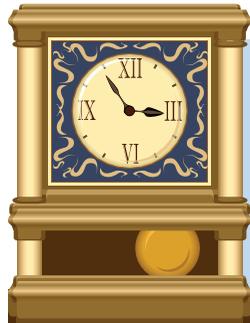
Mrs June Kozak  
Lima Estates, Apt. #D 208  
411 N. Middletown Road  
Media, PA 19063-4435



## OUTREACH

The guests of Connect by Night will again be with us for the month of October. As in the past we try to supply a beverage and snacks for these folks when they come in for the evening. We have done this for quite a few years and the folks are very appreciative of a safe place to spend the night until they can find and afford housing. There will be a sign-up sheet on the table outside Jones Chapel. If you sign up for a Saturday, make sure you have access to the church to leave your supplies. During the week the Church Office is open Tuesday thru Friday 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. to leave snacks.

Thank you, Pat Cutillo



## Flea Market

Hi All,

We will have our flea market on Saturday September 29<sup>th</sup>. Advertised 8-1, set up starting at 6:45 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 #(number) 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.



## With Sincerest Sympathy

Hope family and friends wish to extend their deepest sympathy to the family of Linda (Pittner) Glancey, who passed away on Saturday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018. To Linda's husband, William (Bill) Glancey, Tori & Brian Grob & Family and Lane Pittner & Family. Funeral services were held at Hope on Friday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please keep the family in your prayers at this time.

## Care to Care

Dot Wolfe recently fell and was recuperating at the Quadrangle. As of August 5<sup>th</sup> she is now recuperating at home.

Dot Wolfe

2546 Woodleigh Road, Havertown, PA 19083

### IMPORTANT:

Checks should be made out to Cassie Popky with "Flea Market" in the memo. We will not be able to do a "pay at door" this time. There were too many people that were no shows at the last few.

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 Popky



## Food Bank



We are once again grateful to the Oakmont Civic Farmers Market for a grant issued in the amount of \$500.00. This will allow us to purchase and continue to provide fresh produce for our families that participate in the Food Bank.

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

### Below is a list of current Food Bank needs:

- Paper Towels • Toilet Tissue
- Laundry and Liquid Dish Detergents
- Jelly in Plastic Containers • Peanut Butter
- Juices • Jarred Fruit • Applesauce
- Canned Chicken and Tuna
- Coffee • Cereal • Rice

### Condiments

- Mustard • Ketchup • Mayo

### Personal Care Items, especially

- Shampoo • Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste • Deodorant

## Next Food Bank - September 15, 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.

Keep checking Hope for the Week for updated information.

## 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.