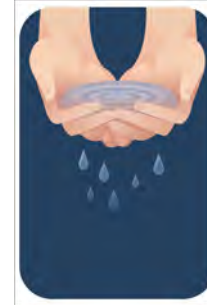


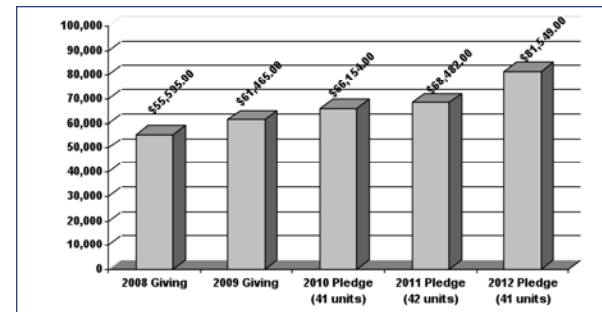


**A GOOD MEASURE:
FEBRUARY STEWARDSHIP UPDATE**



Give, and it will be given to you.
A good measure,
pressed down,
shaken together
and running over,
will be poured into your lap.
For with the measure you use,
it will be measured to you.
~ Jesus in Luke 6:38

Since our announcement in the January *Messenger*, we have received additional commitments from some of our most faithful givers. We now have received 41 pledge cards for 2012 compared with 42 cards in 2011 and the 2012 pledges total \$81,549 compared with \$68,482 in 2011. That's a \$13,000 increase ... let's keep it going UP and we'll trim DOWN our deficit! Have you submitted your 2012 Estimate of Giving pledge card as part of our 2012 Good Measure Stewardship Campaign? Please get it to the Church Office or drop it in the offering plate on Sunday



Blanket Sunday

We will be participating in this project beginning February 12th, 2012, through Church World Service. When disaster strikes, people need blankets – and much more. They need food, shelter, safe water. 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.

Wesleyan Circle Pulled Pork Dinner

All members of the Wesleyan Circle wish to thank all who supported and helped with our pulled pork dinner. It was a great success with many new faces resulting from advertising and your spreading the word.

You will be hearing about our other events shortly through the Messenger and TLC.



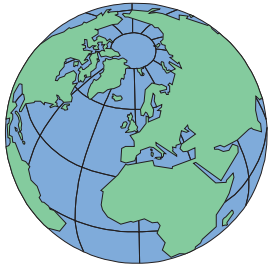
Barbara AmEisen

“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 11:00 am and includes Childcare and Children’s Sunday School. Each week, Adult Sunday School meets at 9:45 a.m. and Youth Sunday School at 10:00 am.

Our Pastor, James F. McIntire, can be reached by calling the church office, 610.446.3351 or his cell phone, 267-257-9541 or by Email at HopeUMCPastor@verizon.net. The church office hours regularly are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 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!





PASTOR'S TRIP TO ISRAEL

Pastor Jim will be traveling to Israel, February 6-15, at the invitation of the Jewish Community Relations Council of Philadelphia (JCRC) [http://www.jewishphilly.org/] which hosts annual educational trips for local religious leaders. Jerusalem, Masada, Dead Sea, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Golan Heights, Capernaum, Jaffa and other places related to Judaism and Christianity and will include conversations related to inter-faith dialogue among Jews, Christians, and Muslims in Israel and Palestine.

Following his return, Jim will schedule a presentation so the congregation can learn about the trip. If you'd like to see a detailed itinerary, please let Pastor Jim know.

ALTAR FLOWER REQUEST for 2012

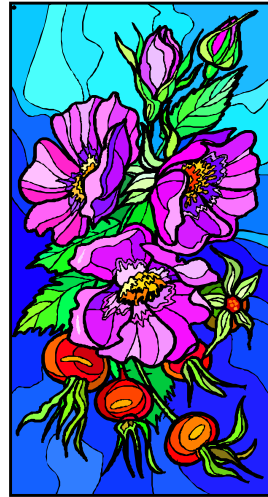
If you have missed the sign-up sheet in the Narthex for Altar Flowers please fill out this form either mail to the Church Office or give to Mary Black. Thank you.

DATE REQUESTED: _____

PRESENTED BY: _____

IN MEMORY OF: _____

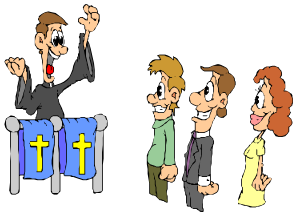
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If the Altar is not available for the date you request, Mary Black will contact you for an alternative date. The cost of flowers is \$ 35.00 unless notified otherwise.

SERMON COPIES

Printed copies of each Sunday's sermon are available in the Sermon Archives box located near the church mailboxes outside the Office and outside Jones Chapel. Copies are usually available by Tuesday or Wednesday following the Sunday it was preached.



SERVING IN FEBRUARY

LAY READER

- 5 B. Engler
- 12 J. Miles
- 19 D. AmEisen
- 26 N. Stango

USHERS

- 5 W. Irving,
W. Molnar
- 12 J. Engler, R.
Brunner, J. Deegan
- 19 M. Cosgrove,
R. Hoffmann
- 26 W. Hoyle, W. Irving

OFFERING COUNTERS

- 5 J. Engler,
C. Hoffmann
- 12 P. Jacobs, R.
Brunner
- 19 M. Cosgrove,
L. Magro, D.
AmEisen
- 26 L. Medica,
S. Brunke,
H. Scheck

ACOLYTES

- 5 J. Osborne
- 12 J. Osborne
- 19 L. Stango
- 26 L. Stango

GREETERS

- "Volunteer to be
a Greeter!"
- 5 T.B.A.
- 12 "
- 19 "
- 26 "

COMMUNION STEWARDS

Jackie Engler

Thank you
for
volunteering

SIGN UP SHEETS ON NARTHEX TABLE

Please take a few moments and look at the following sheets:

Altar Flowers and Bulletin Sponsors AND Last but not least the "Sunday Greeters" list

This is the form that the Church Office Secretary (each week) usually begs for volunteers. It takes a few moments out of your Sunday morning to welcome your Hope family/friends and visitors that may be looking for a new church home.

February Birthdays



- 1 Evelyn Guest
- 2 Evelyn Eldridge
- 6 Elizabeth (Betsy) Reiley
Nathan Grob
- 7 Lily Stango
Brady Carlin
- 8 Jackie Engler
Miriam Billingsley
- 10 Matthew Wojnovich
- 13 Sarah Sneddon
- 15 Brian Grob
- 16 Gene "Doc" Dougherty
- 17 Gloria Downs
Margaret Sierer
- 18 Andrew Molnar
- 21 Michelle Sears
- 22 Scott Joseph
- 25 Nate Stango
- 28 Nancy Redman

Anniversary Wishes

Bob and Cynthia Popow
celebrating their
42nd Wedding Anniversary
on Valentine's Day, February 14th

Michael and Pat Cutillo
will be celebrating their
45th Wedding Anniversary
on February 18th

Outreach...

ADOPT-A SOLDIER PROGRAM

To Hope members and friends:

I am very happy to carry on the important work of Marion Fash in making sure that some of our soldiers receive the items that they need to increase their comfort, as they deserve all the support we can give them.

I am pleased to report that 2 new soldiers have been chosen for the congregation to support during the next 6-10 months. The first is Cpl Joshua Stark a Marine stationed in Afghanistan (until April 20, 2012) with a Motor Transport Unit and he is in contact with 20 men and 1 woman in this group. They have a special request for plastic twin-size mattress covers (they travel constantly and would like the personal protection as they sleep on random mattresses), squeegees to clean the windshields, green or brown boot socks, razors, shaving cream, deodorant and snack items (individually wrapped).

The second is Army Sgt Chris Patchen, a Chaplain Assistant on his third deployment to Afghanistan (until October 31, 2012) with an Airborne Infantry Battalion from Alaska who has contact with 750 men and 50 women. They also would appreciate snack items (beef jerky, granola bars, fruit snacks, nuts, trail mix, etc), small books, DVDs, sports and workout magazines, and personal toiletries (lotion, tooth paste, razors, deodorant, etc), and ground coffee and filters. In case you wonder why these items are needed, the PX at some posts often run out of these items, so they are not available for purchase, and some outposts do not have a PX. All help from the congregation is truly appreciated and is going to the worthy cause of increasing the comfort of our fine young men and women who have volunteered to serve in distant places under difficult conditions. Items can be placed in the basket in the Narthex or given to me. If you have questions about the program or how you might help, I would enjoy hearing from you.
Linda Gonzales Phone # 610-649-7930 after 6pm.

Care to Care Ministry

The following is a list of Shut-Ins and Friends of Hope that for one reason or another (illness or location) would like to hear the latest happenings at Hope and be remembered by their friends.

- Mrs. Helen Boyd Mrs. Emma Hayes
- Mrs. Grace Brown Mrs. Jeanette Matlack
- Mrs. Ellen Gardiner Mrs. Mae Montz
- Miss Terry Cunningham Mrs. Elaine Downs



Casserroles for the Homeless

The second Tuesday of each month casseroles for St. John Hospice are made in the Thomas Hall kitchen, thanks to Kathy Reisch and her helpers. Casseroles are prepared at 7:30 p.m. all volunteers are welcome. The casserole team is going to be a bit short handed during January, February and March. If anyone could spare about an hour and half the second Tuesday of the month, please contact Kathy Reisch or the church office. The work involved is cutting up celery, and assembling twelve tuna casseroles for St. John's Hospice and cleaning up afterward. The team could certainly use your help during the designated three months.

Confirmation Class

This year's Confirmation Class will meet on Sunday afternoons immediately after worship beginning on February 26 until May 20 followed by Confirmation Sunday on June 3. Students in grades 6-12 are welcome. Please let Pastor Jim know if you would like to participate.

Guest Preacher

On Sunday, February 12, we welcome The Rev. Mary Grey Emmett will be our guest preacher while Pastor Jim is in Israel. Mary Grey is a retired UM pastor and former District Superintendent in the Western Pennsylvania Conference and she is one of the newest members of the Hope family with her husband, John. Please plan on being in worship on February 12!

2012 Directory and 2012 Officers & Committees

An updated (non-photo) 2012 Hope Directory and a booklet listing our newly-elected 2012 Officers & Committees are available in the Narthex or Lobby. Please pick up a copy for your personal use.

Sunday School Teachers Needed

Consider signing up to teach in our newly designed Sunday School program. Once or twice a year helps keep us rolling along smoothly. And, believe it or not, it's not too early to sign up for Fall 2012! Please see Colleen Stango or Kristin Wojnovich to volunteer.

All current and prospective teachers are encouraged to attend a teachers gathering after worship on Sunday, February 19, an opportunity for us to hear feedback and for teachers to connect with one another. Childcare will be available.

Mark Your Calendars...

February

Monday, February 6th to 15th
Pastor Jim will be traveling to Israel with the Philadelphia Interfaith Mission Group

Sunday, February 12th - 11:00 a.m.
Blanket Sunday

Monday, February 20th - 7:00 p.m.
Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, February 21st - 7:00 p.m.
Finance Committee Meeting

Wednesday, February 22nd
Ash Wednesday - Location and time - T.B.A.

Sunday, February 26th 11:00 a.m.
First Sunday in Lent
Heifer Project begins

Tuesday, February 28th 7:15 p.m.
Church Council Meeting

NARTHEX NOSH ~ 2012 Schedule

Our monthly opportunity to fellowship after worship continues. Thanks to all for making this a great success!!!
Volunteers willing to host are needed so please contact Joanne Miles at milesj526@verizon.net or 610-449-9864.

February 12th
Jodi Deegan & Sonja Kerr
March - Volunteer Needed.

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.