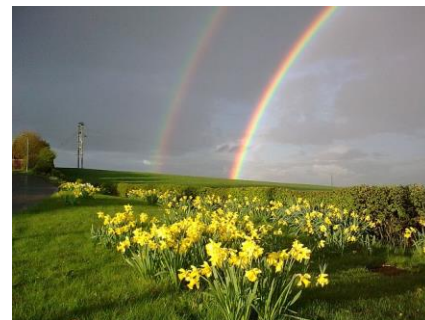


**HOPE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**1108 STEELROAD**  
**HAVERTOWN, PA 19083**

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Our Pastor, Mary Jane Kirby, can be reached by calling the church office, 610-446-3351 or by e-mail: [hopeumchavertown@verizon.net](mailto: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 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](http://www.HavHopeUMC.org)



APRIL 2019

## THE MESSENGER

FROM THE PASTOR:

*“See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?  
I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.”*

- Isaiah 43:19

Dear Church Family and Friends,

Soon, it will get warm and stay warm, and I always feel invigorated by the freshness of spring. When I get this feeling, I realize anew that we have an awesome God who loves us and wants to remind us of His grace and mercy every day, in many ways. The new buds, the green earth mean a new beginning. Our Lord Jesus made a new beginning for each of us on the cross. What a wonderful Savior! Honor our Lord and seek the new beginning that Jesus desires for you in worship and praise this Easter. I look forward to worshipping with you and celebrating His love and His call to live faithfully so that the world may know this joy of life in Christ.

Yes, God is doing a new thing and I am so glad to celebrate with the Hope Family that Sunday School for Ages 3-12 is going very well. The young people are excited and would love to have some others to join them. Here are some pictures of the first week. Join us on Sundays. Come to worship and then the children leave for Sunday School right after Children’s Time.

Also I am so glad to announce that we will celebrate the joy of this Easter Season on Sunday, April 28 at 2 p.m. as a Worship Service for the folks at Wesley Enhanced Living gets its start. The folks there were looking for a Christian worship service and we are so thankful that we could help get this started. That first service will be held on the 28<sup>th</sup>. I will be leading the service every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday. 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!

Easter Blessings to you, Family of Faith,  
Pastor Mary Jane

**MESSENGER FOR APRIL**  
**APRIL SCHEDULE**

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- 3 Union UMC Lenten Study 7:00 p.m.
- 7 Communion Sunday  
GPCC Service 11:00 a.m.
- 9 Casseroles for St. John Hospice 7:30 p.m.
- 11 Girl Scouts 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
- 14 Passion/Palm Sunday 9:30 Worship Service  
Last day to order Easter plants  
GPCC Service 11:00 a.m.  
Rental of Chapel - H-Can at 2:00 p.m.
- 18 Holy Thursday - Service and Holy Communion will be held at Union at 7:30 p.m.
- 19 Good Friday - Service is being held at Temple Lutheran Church  
501 Brookline Blvd. At 2:00 p.m.
- 20 Food Bank 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
- 21 Easter Sunday Service 9:30 a.m.  
Easter egg hunt after Worship.
- 27 Spring Flea Market \$15.00 a space - 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- 28 GPCC Service 11:00 a.m.  
All are invited to Jazz Vespers at Union UMC at 7:00 p.m.
- 30 Health Ministries - Community Forum at Union at 7:00 p.m.

Preparation of casseroles for St. John Hospice is March 12<sup>th</sup>. 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!

**BIBLE STUDY**

The Friday Adult Study/Prayer Group 1:15 p.m. All are welcome to attend!

**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.

**EASTER SUNDAY**

Join us Easter Sunday when the DiValerio Brothers will bring added joy to our music. Flowers for the Living Cross and Easter Egg Hunt will follow immediately after Worship.

**SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**Sunday Worship is held in Jones Chapel at 9:30 a.m.**

**APRIL WORSHIP**

- April 7 Holy Communion**  
Roll Down Justice - "God Has Work for Us to Do"
- April 14 Palm/Passion Sunday** - "The Day Is Coming: We are One"
- April 18 Holy Thursday - Combined with Union Church at Union 7:30 p.m.**  
Holy Communion, stripping of the Altar, Tenebrae
- April 19 Good Friday Communion Worship at Temple Lutheran, Brookline Blvd. 2:00 p.m.**
- April 21 Easter Sunday - 9:30 a.m.** "Welcome: The New Jerusalem"  
DiValerio Brothers, trumpeters will bring added joy to our music. Flowers for the Living Cross and Easter Egg Hunt immediately following Worship Service.
- April 28 Baptism and New Members, Holy Humor Sunday**  
2:00 p.m. - Worship Service at Wesley Enhanced Living

**Easter Egg Hunt at Union**

On Saturday, April 20 at 1 p.m., Union will host an Easter Egg Hunt for the children of our churches and community. There will be crafts for the children and their families, a fantastic egg hunt on the church lawn, the Easter Bunny, an Easter story about Jesus, and treats. This is a significant outreach event, so we invite your prayers for the day as we share the true meaning of Easter with the children and their families.

## SERVING IN APRIL

### GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

Temple Lutheran Church at 501 Brookline Blvd. Havertown, will host the Good Friday Service at 2:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

### **JAZZ VESPERS APRIL 28, 2019 7:00 P.M.**

**Featuring: "The Dennis Fortune Trio"  
with Special Guest "Ms. Brenda Smith"  
Celebrating International Jazz Day - 2019**

**@ UNION, UMC**

### HEALTH MINISTRIES

#### **Community Forum - April 30 at Union**

Single-payer health coverage, also known as Medicare for All, is being looked at favorably by about 60% of Americans. Do you agree? Learn how this system would work. Dave Steil from Health Care 4 All PA will explain the system and answer your questions at our Community Forum on Tuesday April 30 at 7:00 p.m. at Union. Invite your neighbors to this informative session. United Methodist Women will be providing refreshments including healthy options.

### FELLOWSHIP DINNER

#### **FELLOWSHIP TOGETHER MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

A fellowship dinner for Union and Hope will be held at Hope UMC. 1108 Steel Road on Sunday, May 19 at 6:00 p.m. This is a way to get to know our Brothers and Sisters from Union and enjoy a time of Fellowship Together. Everyone is encouraged to attend and bring your favorite Covered Dish.

### LAY READER

7 D. Welding  
14 K. Friedenberg  
21 P. Cutillo  
28 Andy Merrell

### USHERS

7 WE NEED YOUR HELP TO USHER ON 1ST SUNDAYS. THANK YOU!  
14 J. Engler, R. Brunner  
21 B. AmEisen, K. Friedenberg  
28 W. Hoyle, J. Hoyle

### OFFERING COUNTERS

7 J. Engler, C. Hoffmann  
14 P. Jacobs, R. Brunner  
21 M. Black, M. Kelleher  
28 L. Medica

### ACOLYTES FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL

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

**CHILD CARE: Miriam Gallagher**

**COMMUNION STEWARD FOR MAY: Marge Kelleher**

**Thank you one and all for volunteering.**



**APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

- Apr. 1 Morgan Shanahan
- 12 Rick AmEisen
- 15 Campbell Lyn Carlin
- 18 John Schott, Sr.
- 23 Tom Reisch, Sr.
- 24 Kristin Wojnovich  
Harold Peabody
- 25 Victoria Wren
- 27 Evelyn Kinard
- 29 Arlene Garson
- 30 Andrea Jacobs

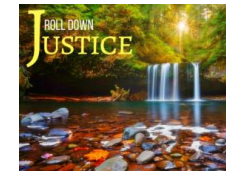
**COMMUNITY DINE-AROUND**

Haverford Township Community Dine-Around is an event with fellowship and friendship, good food and meaningful programs that bring people of the community together. They meet the second Monday of selected months at noon. The next luncheon a Spring Picnic will be held on May 13, 2019 at St. James United Church of Christ. The cost is \$7.00 per meal. Please make reservations ahead with Ailene Dunlap, 610-446-3036.

**LENTEN SERIES**

This Lent we will begin a Worship Series entitled “**Roll Down, Justice!**” beginning Ash Wednesday and continuing through Easter Day. May we, as a family of faith, grow in love and faithfulness together. Lent is a time to remind ourselves who we are called to be in this world. This Lenten series is inspired by Amos, a prophet whose message is that God calls us to let “justice roll down like waters.” Worship without justice is not acceptable, for worship must move us to action on behalf of the oppressed. We will find inspiration this Lent as we sing and pray and live tuned in to the heart of the Gospel – proclaiming God’s love for all people.

**LENTEN WORSHIP SERIES:**



Sunday, April 7: LENT 5 – “God Has Work for Us to Do”

April 14: LENT 6- “The Day is Coming: We are One”

**LENTEN WORSHIP SERIES:**

**SMALL GROUP STUDIES:** Dear Church Family, the study of God’s Word and the discussion and insight that follows which creates, as Wesley would say, “Holy Conversation” is so vital to our strength and growth as a Family of Faith.

I am so thankful for the Friday afternoon Study which is led by Ann Eves. Thank you, Ann! Please join them when you can.

I would also be so glad to hold seasonal Bible Studies here at Hope on an agreed upon day and time. Please let me know of your interest! Union has a Lenten Study coming up starting next week, a study just right for Lent. I am including the invitation here in case any of our Hope family would like to attend. (If we have several interested here, I would be glad to offer this on Thursday evening. Please let me know if you would like to attend.)

# SEVEN-MILE MIRACLE

It's Good Friday. The Son of God is giving up his life. What does he want to say to us in His final hours? What does He tell the people standing at the foot of the cross, to pass down to the ages? He speaks only seven short statements. Words of forgiveness, salvation, relationship, abandonment, distress, triumph, and reunion. Seven statements that mean everything. This study will help us to consider how Jesus's last words offer mile markers for our journey in relationship with God.

**LENTEN STUDY: Wednesdays at 7 p.m. at Union, starting March 13 and continuing through April 17. Seven-Mile Miracle: Journey into the Presence of God through the Last Words of Jesus.** It will be a meaningful journey.

## BIBLE STUDY AT HOPE

You are also very welcome to be a part of Bible Study right here at Hope on Friday afternoons at 1:30 p.m. in the Conference Room. In this Lenten season the group is studying in a harmony of all of the Gospels and walking with Jesus through Holy Week. You will be blessed to journey with them!

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Please correct your records Jackie & Bill Engler have relocated to the following address:  
Wesley Enhanced Living (WEL)  
100 Halcyon Drive  
Apt. L-1  
Media, PA 19063

Bill: s address  
The Meadows - Room 146  
100 Halcyon Dr., Media, PA 19063



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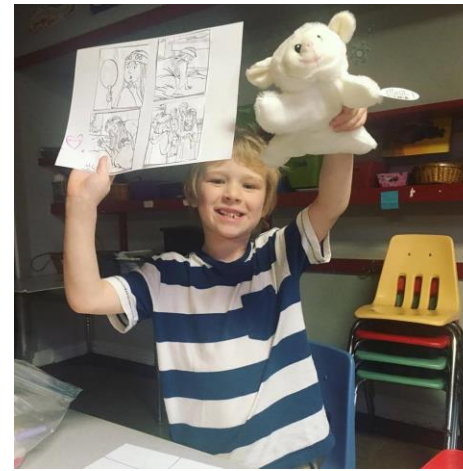
**Be with God**

**Love God and Neighbor**

**Understand themselves as Children of God**

**Explore Faith and the Bible**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL IS BACK AT HOPE!** Thanks to the planning and commitment of a committee of Elizabeth McKelvey, Andy Merrill, and Brittany Welding, and the prayers of you all, we are pleased to announce that Sunday School for Children ages 3-12 began March 31 during the worship hour at 9:30 a.m. The children will stay through the Children's Time and then begin Sunday School.



### **TEACHERS AND 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.



### APRIL 27<sup>TH</sup> FLEA MARKET

We will have our flea market on Saturday April, 27<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 # 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.

#### **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. We will not hold spots that are not paid for upfront.

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



### ITEMS OF GREATEST NEED:

**Pasta sauce  
Ketchup  
Canned Fruit**

**Mustard  
Oatmeal  
Cold Cereal**

### FOOD BANK

#### CONTINUED NEEDS:

<b>Peanut Butter</b>	<b>Canned Chicken</b>
<b>Canned Tomatoes</b>	<b>Canned Potatoes</b>
<b>Pasta</b>	<b>Canned Tuna</b>
<b>Dish Soap</b>	<b>Paper Towels</b>
<b>Coffee</b>	<b>Tea</b>
<b>Shampoo</b>	<b>Dish Soap</b>
<b>Deodorant</b>	<b>Laundry Detergent</b>
<b>Toilet Paper</b>	<b>Bath Soap</b>

**NO CANNED BEANS PLEASE**

**\*Please leave the items by the food closet door or in the cart outside the church office.**

**Thank you for sharing your blessings with the food bank!**



**EASTER FLOWERS/PLANTS**

**ALL EASTER PLANT ORDERS MUST BE PLACED WITH THE CHURCH OFFICE BY SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2019.** The cost this year is \$9.00 for hyacinths & tulips and \$10.00 for lilies.

Please indicate your preference below. **YOUR PAYMENT MUST BE INCLUDED WITH YOUR ORDER!**

**ALL CHECKS SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO: HOPE U.M.C. AND MARKED "FOR EASTER PLANTS."**

**PLEASE FILL OUT THIS FORM COMPLETELY.**

**PLEASE NOTE THE DEADLINE!**

Questions? Contact the church office (446-3351).

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(\$ amount)

\_\_\_\_\_ In addition to and/or instead of a plant, please accept my donation to be used toward decorations.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ **TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED**

**PLEASE INDICATE**

- I will pick up my plant after Easter Sunday Worship.
- Please hold my plant(s) for later pick-up.

**PLANT PRESENTED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**IN MEMORY OF:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please note: Additional Easter Plant order forms are available in back of the Chapel.**



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