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## *May 2024 Messenger*



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### **LEADERSHIP AND STAFF OF HAVERTOWN UMC.**

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**CHURCH OFFICE:** The Church Office is at the Union Campus, 610-789-1700, where the Administrative Assistant will be in Monday through Friday 9am -2pm

## *Pastor's Message:*

Seeking God Diligently...Serving God Faithfully...Obeying God Quickly

Our Havertown Prayer Warriors have committed to regular prayers for our pastors, our church, and our community. You know who you are. I have recorded a list of names of those who agreed to pray together like an "orchestra." If you're not sure if you are on the list, see me or simply continue praying.

Like every breath we take, prayer matters. The small, seemingly inconsequential praises, thanksgivings, and requests we make to God are like snowflakes. A few flakes may melt without notice, but those who stick together can stop tons of traffic.

Isaiah 59:16 finds God wondering that there was no help, no intervention, no intercessor.

Committing to prayer takes us beyond a sentimental interest in prayer.

We know without faith it is impossible to please God. For the one that comes to God must believe that God is, and that God is a rewarder of those who diligently seek God. (Hebrews 11:6)

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### **The Havertown Retreat...**

Our Havertown UMC retreat was held on Palm Sunday weekend at St. Raphaela's Retreat Center. It was a very special time to draw closer to one another and to God as Bunnie Bryant so elegantly shared in a poem.



### **Retreat to Love**

A Saturday morning at St. Raphaela (3/23/24)  
We retreated—  
Hidden away in a forested place  
Where silent space greeted us.  
A nun or two gave welcome,  
A cup of coffee and a Danish,  
Gathering together to be ourselves  
As brothers and sisters apart.  
We claimed anew—  
But what to declare  
And might it cost too much?  
I had brought nothing with me—  
Not even expectation  
To accompany my usual pen and piece of paper  
Any writer wields for "just in case."  
I only recorded questions, as directed—  
Questions...

Motivated by central activities—  
Bible passages, discussion,  
An occasional answer to "Who am I in this?"  
Abruptly, Holy Spirit entered in—  
Between songs, within a word of Scripture?  
A little late, but always just in time.  
The tempo changed,  
The aura altered,  
And with her,  
A breaking in of Love,  
An intervention of Hope,  
A shared connection of twelve disciples—  
Murmuring thoughts in tandem  
(For the sake of Christ)  
Despite the storm around us.  
--Bunnie Bryant

From Pastor Brenda...

## YOUTH NEWS

I hope you were able to set aside a few moments to appreciate the solar eclipse. Amazon delivered twelve glasses for my students & class staff which allowed all of us to fully enjoy the event at the school.

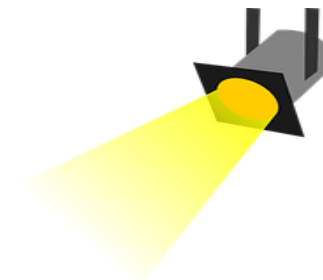
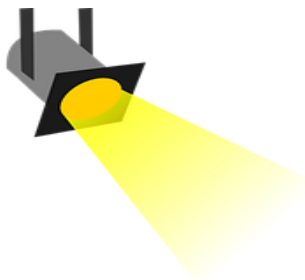
There's something to be said for everyone just standing still and taking in a moment together. We all stood outside, looking ridiculous in our glasses, walking around, staring up at the sky shouting "you can see more of it now!" or "ooo the clouds moved out of the way!"

As we witnessed another of God's spectacular creations, I struggled to hold the totality of it all. I know my mouth hung open in awe. As the sun was slowly covered by the moon, a haze hung over us, and then the sun came back again. A sunrise in late afternoon. The great stone in the sky rolled away, and light returned, like the huge stone that was rolled away from Jesus' tomb as He brought new light into our lives.

This May, you don't have to look far to find God's creations. You don't have to look far to witness the beauty and rebirth as the weather begins to warm up!

Be alert. Be grateful. Be joyful. Be in the moment with God.

~PB~



### Spotlight on Havertown Youth

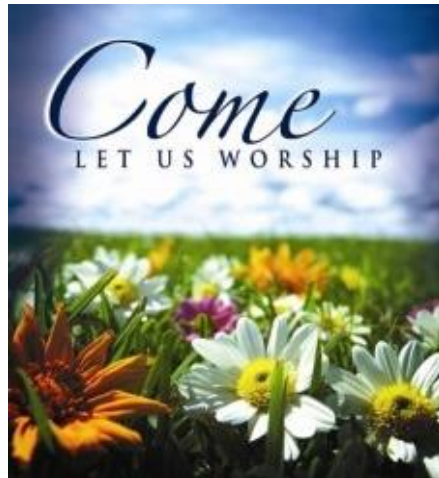
Anna Evans, granddaughter of Patricia Evans, will travel to Barcelona, Spain with her team mates from Bayshore Soccer Club April 11<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls are looking forward to many once in a lifetime opportunities including friendly international games, training sessions with local coaches, and cultural learning activities. The team plans to visit Camp Nou Stadium, Olympic & Sport Museum famed Architect Gaudi's Sagrada Família, Church and Tarragona City as well as attend a professional soccer match.

### Congratulations Havertown UMC Graduates!!!

Matthew Flanagan Haverford High School to Kutztown University

(Please send in the names of any graduates, so we can celebrate every one!)



## May Worship

### May 5

### Sixth Sunday of Easter

- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for Adults
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School for Children and Youth
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Acts 10:44-48 "How the Holy Spirit Fell Down"

### May 12

### Seventh Sunday of Easter/Happy Mother's Day

- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for Adults
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School for Children and Youth
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Psalm 1 - Brenda Del Rosario, Sally Kiner, Bev Schmitt

### May 19

### Pentecost !

- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for Adults
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School for Children and Youth
- 11:00 a.m. Worship David Kowalski bringing the message.  
(Wear something red to symbolize the fire of God's love through the Holy Spirit!)

### May 26

### Trinity Sunday

- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for Adults
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School for Children and Youth
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Isaiah 6:1-8 "Special Delivery from Flying Angels"

### Missed the Good Friday Service?

Here's the link <https://fb.watch/rbQAz9GJ1g/>

### **WORSHIP ZOOM LINK:**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87426331795?pwd=sxqwu5CIZedHZMopFK7fT4JPJwvLFY.1>

Meeting ID: 874 2633 1795  
Passcode: 557292

Please check our sign for Sunday worship service information and special events.



### **HOPE FOOD BANK**

Hope Food Bank is grateful for and will accept any in-date items you wish to donate, and, as always, we also appreciate monetary contributions.

These items from our Wish List are most in-need and helpful donations.

*canned tuna and chicken*

*pasta sauce (no glass)*

*peanut butter*

*canned fruit*

*hearty soup-as-a-meal (such as Progresso or Campbell's Chunky)*

*beef stew*

*cold or hot cereal*

*complete pancake mix*

*syrup*

If you want to pick up some jelly, we are always in need, only in plastic bottles.

\*We continue to accept monetary donations by three methods.

1. Mailing a check made payable to HOPE FOOD BANK:

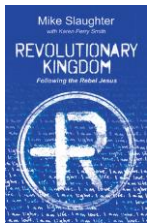
Havertown UMC, Hope Food Bank, 1108 Steel Road, Havertown, PA 19083.

2. Donating by PayPal [hopeumcfoodbank19083@gmail.com](mailto:hopeumcfoodbank19083@gmail.com)

3. Hand delivery.

Thank you for your continued support of our food bank. Sally Kiner

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*The Friday Study Group* will be starting a new video study this Friday at 2:00pm on Zoom.

All are welcome!

[Join our Cloud HD Video Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 773 445 3422

One tap mobile +16465588656,  
7734453422# US (New York)

### **Revolutionary Kingdom: Following the Rebel Jesus**

In *Revolutionary Kingdom: Following the Rebel Jesus*, author and Pastor Mike Slaughter explores why we must exchange comfortable cultural worldviews and values for the radical requirements of living out the Kingdom of God on Planet Earth. When God's people get serious about this call, it's revolutionary. Jesus himself was the most radical revolutionary who ever lived and provided us a vision of a kingdom worth dying for.



Happy Birthday to the following people with May birthdays:

|                  |       |
|------------------|-------|
| Tony Kowalski    | 05/03 |
| Cassie Flanagan  | 05/05 |
| Dot Bonghi       | 05/10 |
| Brian Cherwinski | 05/10 |
| Scott Wampler    | 05/12 |
| Peter Jacobs     | 05/14 |
| Cassie Popky     | 05/14 |
| Michael Kowalski | 05/16 |
| Eileen Nangle    | 05/16 |
| Laura Radke      | 05/18 |
| Ann Eves         | 05/25 |
| Wyatt Martin     | 05/27 |

If we've missed your birthday or it is not the correct date, please call or email the church office. Birthday blessings to you all.



### May Family Game Night

You are invited to come to Fellowship Hall at 7 pm on May 17<sup>th</sup> for our next game night. Feel free to bring a friend, a game you enjoy, and a snack to share. Many board games will be available. It's a great way to de-stress at the end of a busy week and enjoy time with others.



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|--------------------|-----------------|
| Don Consul         | Cindy DiLullo   |
| Brenda Del Rosario | Bob Flanagan    |
| Jim Drew           | Mason Hornbaker |
| Carol Grafton      | Keith Loflin    |
| Stacy Kusko        | Sue Makara      |
| Tanya Long         | Barbara Murphy  |
| Linda McAlpin      | Stephen Pols    |
| Geraldine Oakes    | Fred Shappell   |
| Judy Rejent        |                 |

## PLEASE NOTE

Please send information for the church newsletter to the church office by the 20th of each month. Written information can be left on Donna's desk or emailed to havertownumc@gmail.com

Your contribution can help make the Messenger a valuable resource for everyone.

## ALL ARE WELCOME

Havertown United Methodist Church affirms Jesus' example and teaching to love God and love others as you love yourself. Therefore, we celebrate our diversity and recognize the sacred worth and dignity of all persons regardless of race, age, culture, sexual orientation, gender identity, economic status, family configuration, and difference in ability.

## SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

A major portion of our surrounding population have received Covid -19 vaccinations and boosters. Fortunately, there are fewer cases and fewer deaths. There is still reason to pray and proceed with caution.

**Wear a mask at your discretion, especially if you are not feeling well or may be in close contact to those most vulnerable.** Thanks so much, everyone for your cooperation.

## Adult Sunday School

Starting on May 5, we will share in a 6 week study using a video tour of England led by Adam Hamilton as he takes us to the places where the Methodist revival led by John Wesley took place. We'll talk about how Wesley's teachings influence our faith today and challenge us to rediscover our spiritual passion. All are welcome at the Union lounge from 9:30-10:30 Sunday mornings.

*Thank you to  
Cynthia Lyman "Love the Other..." April 14, 2024*



## God Moment

Come and hear, all you who respect God; let me tell you what God has done for me. Psalm 66.16

### **God Moment coming up:**

June 2 – Bunnie Bryant

Dear Father God, please make us quick to listen today. Show us how to love others sincerely and practically. Change the way we approach people by replacing our anger and frustration with grace, empathy, and understanding. Fill us with Your peace and love so that our attitude and actions reflect Your character. In Jesus' name, Amen.



United  
Women  
in Faith

### **Ingathering**

Bev Schmitt, Joyce Kowalski, and Lynne Rudisill attended the District Ingathering with Barb Drake on April 20 when the emphasis was on the work of our missionaries Mutwale and Kabaka. We delivered clothing and \$100, which was combined with the things brought by the other churches which totaled \$935 and 1423 donated items, plus \$705 in gift cards for food and medical needs for Spanish Health Ministries for families with disabled children who are now over 21 and therefore have aged out of the traditional programs for children with disabilities.

### **Earth Day Observance**

At the April 22 zoom meeting, Mary Hankins shared information about caring for God's creation as we learned more about the United Women in Faith campaign on Just Energy 4 All.

### **Flea Market Prep**

On Friday May 10 starting at 4 pm, we'll be setting up for Saturday's flea market and making vegetable soup, while receiving donations of baked goods. We will appreciate homemade cookies, brownies, breads, and muffins for the bake table, as well as cakes and pies for dessert, and side dishes like macaroni salad, and cole slaw for the lunch.

### **Flea Market on May 11**

Join us on Saturday between 8 and 2 for the vender sale and lunch with options of homemade vegetable soup, hot dogs, salads, desserts, and the bake table. Helpers are needed to staff the bake table, serve lunch, and clean up afterwards. Profits from the day go to our Mission Giving of United Women in Faith, which supports 100 National Mission Institutions and mission work around the world especially benefiting women, children, and youth.

### **Save the Date**

Our Strawberry Festival will be held on Thursday June 6 from 5-8 pm with supper and dessert.





### **Jumble Update**

Thanks to all who helped set up and sell items at the April Jumble which raised \$920 for the church, while we connected with the folks from the community who turned out to support us. Thanks also to the woman who made purchases and then brought in a case full of Christmas decorations which she donated to the church.

### **Help for Arch St. UMC**

Thanks to all who helped after worship on April 14 as we assembled 55 bag lunches and delivered them to Arch St. UMC to distribute to folks who are food insecure. Thanks also for the 4 bags of clothing donated to replace what was damaged by smoke during the recent fire at the church.

### **Clothing for Neighborhood Services**

Six bags of clothing were donated in April for the families served by United Methodist Neighborhood Services in Germantown and North Philadelphia.

### **Hope Food Bank**

Sally Kiner and her crew of helpers provided food for 54 families on April 20.

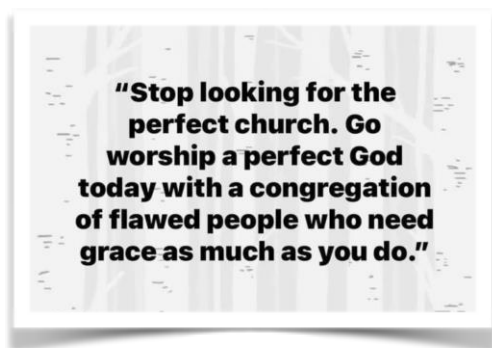
## **It Is Time to Convene Our District Conference 2024**

The District Conference for the **South District** will be **Sunday, May 5, 2024, from 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM.** Hopewell United Methodist Church, Rev. Amy Banka is the pastor, has graciously consented to host the conference. All appointed pastors, lay members to Annual Conference, committee chairpersons, and one or more delegates from each pastoral charge are expected to attend.

The work of our District Conferences is to report on the past year's ministry, elect district officers, and affirm and celebrate new Lay Servants, candidates for ministry, ordinands, and retirees.

### **What is GENERAL CONFERENCE?**

Check out the link - <https://www.epaumc.org/wp-content/uploads/General-Conference-Bulletin-Insert.pdf>



## Calling young women who want to travel and study!

United Women in Faith is accepting applications for the Theresa Hoover Community Service and Global Citizenship Award. The grant is awarded to a lay woman (between the ages of 21–35) who wishes to travel in order to explore and study in a country or region other than the applicant's own.

Priority will be given to projects that explore one of United Women in Faith's social justice priorities:

- **Climate Justice:** Advance just energy for all through advocacy or concrete projects that promote clean, just, renewable energy, energy democracy, and a just and equitable energy transition.
- **Racial Justice:** Ending mass incarceration, stopping the criminalization of communities of color, and/or interrupting the school-to-prison pipeline.

In addition, applicants should demonstrate concern for, and a connection to, their community, as well as a recognition of their global responsibilities.

Applications are due by **Tuesday, July 9, 2024.**

To learn more and obtain the application, please contact the United Women in Faith's grants office at [grants@uwfaith.org](mailto:grants@uwfaith.org) noting in the email subject line: **Theresa Hoover Application Request**. In the body of the email, please include the following: applicant's name, email address, and any other details you feel necessary.

Or contact Barbra Drake Chair of our Havertown UMC United Women of Faith.

### Monthly meeting and events

(MTG times may change. Contact the chair to confirm)

**Thursdays 6 pm Creative Women @Union Campus**

(Barb Drake 610-446-1394 [bedrake15@aol.com](mailto:bedrake15@aol.com))

**Fridays 2 pm Bible Study with Ann Eves on ZOOM**

(Anne Eves 610-853-2185 [musicteechr@yahoo.com](mailto:musicteechr@yahoo.com))

**May 14<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday Trustee Meeting 7pm MYF Room @Union Campus**

(Stacy Martin 215-410-7325 [sjm2547@outlook.com](mailto:sjm2547@outlook.com))

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday After Church Fellowship following the worship service**

(Joyce Kowalski 610-356-8769 [montacat@aol.com](mailto:montacat@aol.com))

**May 20<sup>th</sup>, Monday Leadership Team Meeting 7:30pm on ZOOM**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81743677177?pwd=WqRpzrbPTdPxApnVvCCBb9buCWcnIv.1>

(Bev Schmitt 610-449-8365 [ocbp55yrs@gmail.com](mailto:ocbp55yrs@gmail.com))

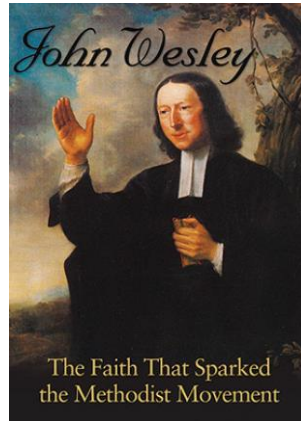
**May 17<sup>th</sup> Friday Family Game Night Fellowship Hall @ Union Campus 7 pm**

(Brenda Del Rosario 215-688-8778 [Brenda4700@comcast.net](mailto:Brenda4700@comcast.net))

**4<sup>th</sup> Monday United Women in Faith 7pm on ZOOM**

(Barb Drake 610-446-1394 [bedrake15@aol.com](mailto:bedrake15@aol.com))

## Celebrate United Methodist History Luncheon Sunday May 26<sup>th</sup>



### **SIGN UP! SIGN UP! SIGN UP**

John Wesley (1703-1791) the father of Methodism was raised in a Christian home by his father Samuel a pastor and his dedicated mother Susana. He was one of 19 children.

On May 24, 1783 he attended an evening service on Aldersgate Street in London. It was there that he had a profound spiritual experience. He described it by saying, "I felt my heart strangely warmed. I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone, for salvation; and an assurance was given me that He had taken away my sins, even mine, and saved me from the law of sin and death."

Wesley's life was changed and the church was set ablaze with the fire of the Holy Spirit!

Come enjoy a hearty lunch in the Union Campus Lounge after service (about 12:15) and a 30 minute video to witness Wesley's journey with Jesus from London to his mission in Georgia and the spread of God's word around the globe.

Sign up in the sanctuary or call the office 610-789-1700 to make your reservation for lunch May 26<sup>th</sup>. The deadline is Friday May 24<sup>th</sup>.

#### Ask A Question

Do you have a question about The United Methodist Church? This is the place to get answers. Ask The UMC, a ministry of United Methodist Communications, will [answer your question](#) or direct you to an appropriate contact. <https://www.umc.org/en/ask-the-umc-form>

#### Vital Congregations Do Two Things!

Listen to this 5 minute video to learn what Dr. Weems (Lewis Center for Church Leadership) teaches in Why Community Engagement Matters

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CNm1O0nyYU0>

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| Sunday  | Monday                                       | Tuesday                       | Wednesday                            | Thursday   | Friday   | Saturday   |
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|   |  |                               | 1<br>7pm Girl Scout Troop meeting FH | 2<br>6pm Creative Women<br>6:30pm Cub Scouts FH      | 3<br>2pm Bible Study Zoom with Ann Eves  | 4<br>9:30-10:45 am Overeaters Anonymous Lounge   |
| 5<br>South District Conference<br>3-4 pm at Hopewell UMC                              | 6  | 7<br>7pm Sea Scouts           | 8                                    | 9<br>6pm Creative Women                              | 10<br>2pm Bible Study Zoom with Ann Eves<br><br>4pm Set up for Flea Market/ make soup.             | 11<br>9:30-10:45 am Overeaters Anonymous Lounge<br>8am-2pm FLEA MARKET @ UNION CAMPUS<br>10 – 11:30 am food collection @ Hope Food Bank          |
| 12<br>HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY<br>"Three Mothers of Havertown" Sharing                      | 13<br>7pm Girl Scout service unit meeting FH | 14<br>7pm Trustee meeting MYF | 15<br>7pm Girl Scouts FH             | 16<br>6pm Creative Women<br><br>6:30pm Cub Scouts FH | 17<br>2pm Bible Study Zoom with Ann Eves<br><br>7pm Family Game Night Union Campus Fellowship Hall | 18<br>9:30-10:45 am Overeaters Anonymous Lounge<br>8:30 am Yoga @ Hope<br>10-11:30 Food Collection<br>12-1:30 Food distribution @ Hope Food Bank |
| 19<br>David Kowalski bringing the message   | 20<br>7pm Leadership team meeting            | 21<br>7pm Sea Scouts          | 22                                   | 23<br>6pm Creative Women                             | 24<br>2pm Bible Study Zoom with Ann Eves   | 25<br>9:30-10:45 am Overeaters Anonymous Lounge  |
| 26<br>United Methodist History Celebration Luncheon<br>12:15 pm Lounge @ Union Campus | 27<br>7:30 pm United Women in Faith Zoom     | 28                            | 29                                   | 30<br>6pm Creative Women                             | 31<br>2pm Bible Study Zoom with Ann Eves   |  |