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## May Messenger



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## Pastor's message

### Our United Methodist Social Principles

Did you know we are a people of principle? Below is the history of our developing principles taken from this website -

[https://www.resourceumc.org/en/content/united-methodist-social-principles-as-adopted-by-general-conference?\\_gl=1\\*8armgm\\*\\_gcl\\_au\\*MTkxNTc5NjIOMy4xNzM4MTEwMTA1](https://www.resourceumc.org/en/content/united-methodist-social-principles-as-adopted-by-general-conference?_gl=1*8armgm*_gcl_au*MTkxNTc5NjIOMy4xNzM4MTEwMTA1)

The 2012 General Conference authorized an effort to make the Social Principles “more globally relevant, theologically founded and succinct.” That task fell to the General Board of Church and Society (GBCS).

Over eight years, the team led by GBCS Vice President Dr. Randall Miller and Rev. Dr. Mary Elizabeth Moore, dean of the Boston University School of Theology, who served as Editor and Chair of the writing teams, spent four years conducting listening sessions throughout the denomination’s connection, followed by 52 writing teams comprised of United Methodist clergy, lay, young adults and ethnic caucus members from Africa, Europe, the Philippines and the United States compiling a first draft based on the listening sessions.

Then, with first draft in hand, more than 4,000 United Methodists read, reviewed and commented on the initial document. This is one of the revisions: Amended 161.D “Marriage,” paragraph to read: “Within the church, we affirm marriage as a sacred lifelong covenant that brings two people of faith, an adult man and woman of consenting age, or two adult persons of consenting age into union with one another.”

It is good to know that as United Methodists we stand for economic justice, social justice, the protection of animals and people. We have thoughtful views on investments, morality, cigarettes, guns and the well-being of God’s creation. We remain a people with open hearts, open minds, and open doors!

The entire copy of the Social Principles will be available in booklet form in a few weeks.

In God’s Love,  
Pastor Jacqueline

*From Pastor Brenda...*

## YOUTH NEWS

Have you hugged your mother today? Well, if you haven't already, make sure you do so because an incredibly special day is coming soon. It is Mother's Day! I'm sure all of you already know that.

Since Mother's Day is quickly approaching, I want to ask you a question about mothers: "Do you know anyone who does not have a mother?" "Do you think there ever lived a person who did not have a mother?"

Well, it may surprise you (or not) that there lived according to the Bible two persons who did not have a mother. Can you guess who they were? It was Adam and Eve. They did not have an earthly mother or a father. They were the first people ever and God made them.

Now, try to put yourself in Adam's or Eve's shoes. What would life be like if you didn't have a mother? It is widely recognized that mothers are among the most admirable individuals, as they provide exceptional care and offer unconditional love.

This Mother's Day, our Sunday School students have made something special for each "mother" who will be attending church service in person or online. These gifts were made with love and care. We thank all the role models that have supported us throughout our lives.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

~PB~



Molly Fleming -in Newsies Jr. at Cardinal O'Hara



## Worship Services

### **May 4- Third Sunday of Easter**

9:30 am Adult Sunday School

9:45 am Children and Youth Sunday School

11:00 am Worship - John 21.1-22 "I'm Looking for A Miracle"

### **May 11 – Fourth Sunday of Easter/ Mother's Day**

9:30 am Adult Sunday School

9:45 am Children and Youth Sunday School

11:00 am Worship 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 " Are You My Mother?"

Pastor Brenda preaching

### **May 18 – Fifth Sunday of Easter**

9:30 am Adult Sunday School

9:45 am Children and Youth Sunday School

11:00 am Worship – Acts 11:1-18 "This Is Us" (Heritage Sunday)

### **May 25 – Sixth Sunday of Easter**

9:30 am Adult Sunday School

9:45 am Children and Youth Sunday School

11:00 am Worship - Luke 12. 22-34 "Don't Worry. Be Happy" (Humor Sunday)

### **We Love Our Online Worshipers**

We are so blessed to have worshipers joining in on zoom. Some service music will be sent via email for your convenience. If you would like to receive a copy of the United Methodist hymnal as well as the Faith We Sing hymnal, let us know. We will deliver or mail hymnals upon request.


 IN OUR
   
*Thoughts and Prayers*

Beth Cavna	Don Consul	Brenda Del Rosario	Pat Evans
Bob Flanagan	Mike Flanagan	Carol Grafton	Audry Hewitt
Stacy Kusko	Keith Loflin	Tanya Long	Sue Makara
Barbara Murphy	Linda McAlpin	Geraldine Oake	Judy Rejent
Dianne Schoenauer	Fred Shappell	Tyree Family	Flanagan/Ruth Family



Happy Birthday to those with a Birthday in March!

MAY

Tony Kowalski	05/03
Cassie Flanagan	05/05
Dot Bonghi	05/10
Brian Cherwinski	05/10
Piper Hoyle	05/11
Scott Wampler	05/12
Phobe Hoyle	05/14
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
Gill Tyree	05/31

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



## HOPE FOOD BANK, from Coordinator Sally Kiner:

Hi friends!

On Sundays, congregation members may leave donations by the door in Fellowship Hall that goes to the side ramp. These donations must be small, easily manageable, and packed in sturdy bags to be transported to Hope. **PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE LARGE BOXES, CASES, OR OVERFLOWING TORN BAGS OF FOOD BY THE DOOR.** You must deliver items such as these directly to the food bank at Hope at the designated times. While we are thankful to receive these needed items, the reality is that our volunteer team is not able to transport these large, heavy, awkward donations for you. Please consider this request when packing items to donate to the food bank.

Our WISH LIST continues to target these items:

canned fruit  
peanut butter  
jelly (no glass jars)  
mac and cheese  
canned meat (chicken preferred, but tuna is okay)  
hearty soup (such as Progresso or Chunky)  
beef stew  
hygiene items (toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, shampoo, etc.)  
feminine pads and tampons  
adult pull-ups (L, XL, and XXL)

\*Generic brands are A-OK with us.

\*Please donate regular sized items. Try to avoid extra-large or family sized items.

\*We are well stocked with diapers right now.

\*As always, we will accept any in-date food and hygiene items you wish to donate.

\*Monetary donations are always appreciated.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me, as I will gladly assist you.

Thank you for helping us support folks in food-compromised situations. YOU are the blessing that enables us to provide our clients with the help they need.

Sally Kiner, Director  
Hope Food Bank



### The Good, The Sad, and the Only

Heritage Sunday is May 18<sup>th</sup>. At 11 a.m. service we will share a booklet of stories, perhaps a God Moment, and whatever reflects your heritage. Feel free to submit two or three paragraphs of your family roots, share a God Moment, bring a cultural treat for the refreshment table, or make a fashion statement by wearing an outfit, tie, brooch, etc. that speaks to your roots.

We look forward to hearing of anything and all that you want to share of your heritage story that is Good, Sad, or Only - that is the elements of your history that you hold as particularly, precious, special and dear.

Deadline for submissions to the booklet is Sunday May 11<sup>th</sup> which is Mother's Day. Pastor Brenda will bring the morning message.

*The Friday Study Group on zoom with Ann Eves*

*All are welcome!*

[Join our Cloud HD Video Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 773 445 3422

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



**Sat. May 3 - Ingathering**

The South District Ingathering will be held from 9-12 at West Chester UMC. The speaker will share about the work of Fostering Hope of Delaware County, which provides services for children in foster care. Donations of new clothing of all kinds, but especially children's pajamas for toddlers to teens, men's boxer briefs and socks, and diapers of all sizes can be brought to the church on Sunday April 27 or Thursday May 1 between 6 and 8 pm. The clothing will be divided between Fostering Hope Delco, Mother's Home in Darby, Arch St. UMC, Neighborhood Services, and Mission First in Pottstown.

**Sat. May 3 - Flea Market at Hope campus**

Cassie Popky is coordinating the vendors who will set up in the parking lot from 8-1. Food will be provided by United Women in Faith with the help of Bob Flanagan who will grill hot dogs.

**Sat. May 10 - Flea Market at Union campus**

Bev Schmitt is coordinating the vendors who will be inside and outside from 8 - 2. All are invited to come for lunch with choices of vegetable soup, hot dogs, side dishes, and desserts between 10:30 and 1:30. Helpers are needed to set up on Friday 5/9 after 4 pm and to clean up on Saturday afternoon. Donations of desserts, individually wrapped baked goods, and vegetable soup are needed.

**Thursday May 15, VBS Planning**

Those helping with VBS will meet at 6 pm in Fellowship Hall at Union campus.

**Thank You**

Thanks to all who helped with the Easter Egg Hunt, where about 45 children and their families enjoyed the crafts, story, egg hunt, and snacks. Thanks also to all who will be helping with the May events.



## Health Ministry



### May Health Observances

During the month of May, physical fitness is promoted as the weather gets nicer for outdoor walks. Mental health is also a May focus, and getting out and enjoying God's creations can improve our mental health. Mother's Day reminds us that it's also the month to promote women's health.

### Our Health Heritage

As we observe Mother's Day on May 11 and Heritage Sunday on May 18, we can try to discover the medical challenges faced by our family members. This can help us learn what health problems we may have inherited and guide us in our decisions about how to protect our health through diagnostic studies that lead to early diagnosis of conditions needing treatment. Knowing that my mother died from colon cancer has helped me (Barb Drake) stay faithful in getting a colonoscopy every 5 years. Being aware that my father died when he fell down the cellar steps, keeps me holding onto the handrail every time I go up and down those steps.



### Outreach through Website

Thanks to Paul Eves for taking the group photo after worship and putting it on the website, along with the opportunity to click to make the picture larger. Barbara Drake reviewed the website and made a list of needed updates, which will be worked on the coming weeks.

### Journey of Hope and Wholeness

The team, consisting of Pastors Jacqueline and Brenda, Bev Schmitt, Barbara Drake, Donna Flanagan, Sally Kiner, Joyce Kowalski, and Scott Wampler, has had 2 meetings to discuss how we can connect with the community to work on racial justice. One way being discussed is to again partner with Heeding God's Call to End Gun Violence by placing the t-shirts of the Memorial to the Lost on our church lawns and holding a program about the greater impact of gun violence on communities of color, and the ways we can promote prevention of gun violence. We are working now on setting up the dates for the Memorial to the Lost. We plan to prepare a handout about this mission project to educate the families who participate in the children's programs about how they can participate in preventing gun violence, and how they can discuss this issue with their children.

## **Thank you**

Thanks to all who contributed to UMCOR Sunday. We raised \$ 895.00 for the United Methodist Committee on Relief.

**Vacation Bible School:** Road Trip - On the Go with God, August 11 - 15 9am-12pm.

**Bottle caps collection:** bottle caps will no longer be collected for recycling.



**A New Church Directory was published for Easter!  
They are on the table at the back of the sanctuary!**

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## **Our Traditional Cross Adorned with Flowers**

It's been a standing tradition to place flowers on the Hope Campus Courtyard cross immediately following the Sunrise service. This year was no exception. Sandy Young and Barb Drake prepared tulips and daffodils while Jim McDonough and Chris Hannum reached the heights to extend the petals on the top. It's our Easter witness and reminder that all can have new life in Christ.

Following the service we enjoyed a delicious gourmet breakfast prepared by Chefs Bob and Donna Flanagan.



## Youth Sunday Messenger Strikes a Cord

Denise Harris, Youth Director at Yardley UMC brought a wonderful message at Havertown's fifth Sunday service. Her ideas were so appreciated as we relate to the many young people in our circles. Here are her key points!

### **3 Big Questions That Change Every Teenager**

1. Who am I?
2. Where do I belong?
3. What difference can I make?

Book recommendation: [3 Big Questions That Change Every Teenager: By Kara Powell & Brad Griffin](#)

### **Treehouse Truths**

1. I am Loveable, Capable and Worthwhile
2. I am loved without strings and never alone
3. I have a future

Recommendation: [Treehouse Ministries website](#)

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## Humor Sunday is May 25<sup>th</sup>

During the Lenten Season we began sharing smiles and lighthearted humor to celebrate Sundays which are not counted in the 40 days of Lent. Let's keep it going from time to time. If you have a funny story or joke to share pass it on to Pastor Jacqueline or share it during Sunday worship.

Proverbs 17:22 - A joyful heart is good medicine.

# May

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 National Day of Prayer 11:30 am Rose Tree Park <b>6pm Creative Women</b>	2 <b>2 pm Bible study zoom</b> with Ann Eves	3 <b>8-1 Flea Market @ Hope</b> 9:30-10:45 am Overeaters Anonymous- Lounge
4 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter	5	6 7 pm Sea Scouts	7	8 <b>6pm Creative Women</b>	9 <b>2 pm Bible study zoom</b> with Ann Eves  <b>4pm Flea Market set up</b> At Union Campus	10 <b>8-2 Flea Market @Union</b> 9 am Yoga @ Hope 9:30-10:45 am Overeaters Anonymous- Lounge <b>10- 11:30 am Food Collection @ Hope Food Bank</b>
11 Mother's Day Pastor Brenda Preaching	12	13 <b>7pm Trustee Meeting in the MYF room</b>	14	15 <b>6pm VBS Planning meeting in Fellowship Hall-Union Campus</b>	16 <b>2 pm Bible study zoom</b> with Ann Eves  <b>7pm Family Game Night</b>	17 9:30-10:45 am Overeaters Anonymous- Lounge <b>10- 11:30 am Food Collection</b> <b>12-1:30 pm Food Distribution@ Hope Food Bank</b>
18 Heritage Sunday	19 <b>7:30 pm Leadership team Zoom meeting</b>	20	21	22 <b>6pm Creative Women</b>	23 <b>2 pm Bible study zoom</b> with Ann Eves	24 9:30-10:45 am Overeaters Anonymous- Lounge
25 Holy Humor Sunday	26	27	28	29 <b>6pm Creative Women</b> 6:30-7:30pm Girl Scouts Recruiting	30 <b>2 pm Bible study zoom</b> with Ann Eves	31 9:30-10:45 am Overeaters Anonymous- Lounge