

THE MESSENGER

HAVERTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Pastor's Message:

Christmas in Ukraine

During the November Leadership Team meeting, Gloria Downs asked about the United Methodist Church involvement on behalf of our Ukrainian brothers and sisters. My answer, even before I researched the extensive details, was an enthusiastic "We are definitely doing something." Part of being in the United Methodist Church is supporting missionaries and mission projects around the globe. I heard of a benefit concert for Ukraine involving Havertown UMC organized by our musical director Yukiko Ishid!. God stirs our hearts to show love and care; some even go "where angels fear to tread." We cannot even list the names of some of our missionaries because they serve in such dangerous places.

Here are some of the ways your prayers and offerings make a difference in Ukraine. We can be assured that in spite of the deep distress and dire need, Jesus is born anew in their hearts and lives.

RANGE OF SUPPORT

- Transportation, food, water, clothing, medication, and safe shelters for displaced families, women, children and those with disabilities;
- Urgently needed medical supplies to hospitals to help doctors and nurses care for the sick and injured;
- Legal assistance, counseling and social support for those who have lost their homes, belongings and livelihoods;
- Winterization and repairs at shelters, as well as construction on longer-term lodging for those displaced by the war;
- Repairs on homes as people return to communities impacted by months of warfare, and;
- Explosive removal and mine education throughout the country to reduce risks to those returning to their homes and communities.

To view video updates that tell of the UMC work in Ukraine go to -
<https://umcmmission.org/umcor/umcors-response-to-the-crisis-in-ukraine/>
As always, we pray, God, let peace begin with me.
Pastor Jacqueline

December Worship



December 4 – Second Sunday of Advent

- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
11:00 a.m. Worship – Matthew 3:1-12(NRSV)
"O Come, Let US adore Him – Fire"
- Union Campus
Pastor Jacqueline preaching

December 11 –Third Sunday of Advent

- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School starts for all ages
11:00 a.m. Worship – Luke 1:46b-55 (NSRV) – "O Come, Let Us Adore Him –
Magnify Him" Union Campus
Pastor Jacqueline preaching

December 15 –Thursday "Blue Christmas Gathering"

- 5:00 p.m. Begins with a Buffet Supper with a meal and fellowship, in the Lounge
Followed by prayers, music, and sharing follow for all those desiring to
connect with others who have experienced losses of any kind, including
loved ones, health, employment, etc. Union Campus

December 18 –Fourth Sunday in Advent

Choir Christmas Cantata "Sing with the Angels" a Christmas Musical by
Joel Raney Directed by Yukiko Ishida, D.M.A. A Brass Ensemble joins
Havertown UMC choir and The Neumann University Concert Chorale

- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
11:00 a.m. Worship – (NSRV) Union Campus
Pastor Jacqueline preaching

December 24 –Christmas Eve, Union Campus

- 3:00 p.m. Family Service
8:00 p.m. Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols

December 25 –Christmas Morning Worship

***note change of time for this Sunday only**

- 10:00 a.m. Worship – (NSRV) "The Angels of Christmas Day" Union Campus
BLESSING OF THE TOYS – Children and youth are invited to bring a toy(s).

Church Office Hours: 9-12:00 p.m. on Monday, 9-2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and
Thursday.

HOPE FOOD BANK

Donations for the Hope Food Bank will be accepted at the Hope Campus on the second and third Saturday of each month from 10:00-11:00 a.m. We are entering the busiest time of year and our shelves need restocked. We accept all in-date, non-perishable food and hygiene items, but our Wish List reflects those items of greatest need.

WISH LIST

pancake mix	syrup	pasta sauce (no glass jars)
peanut butter	jelly (no glass jars)	canned fruit
hearty soup-as-a-meal	laundry detergent	cold cereal
feminine hygiene pads/tampons		

*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
3. Hand delivery.

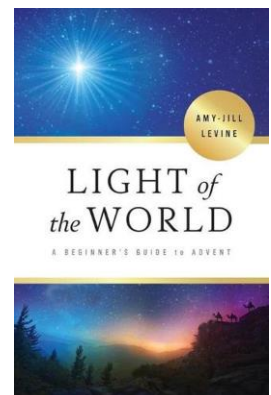
Thank you for your continued support of our mission to help those in food compromised situations. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me, as I will gladly assist you. Sally Kiner, Director - Hope Food Bank

FRIDAY BIBLE STUDY

FRIDAY BIBLE STUDY: You are welcome to join us for the Friday Bible Study led by Ann Eves each Fri. at 2:00 p.m.

Our Advent Study is Light of the World with AJ Levine.

In Light of the World: A Beginner's Guide to Advent, author, professor, and biblical scholar Amy-Jill Levine explores the biblical texts surrounding the story of the birth of Jesus. These stories open conversations around connections of the Gospel stories to the Old Testament, the role of women in first-century Jewish culture, the importance of Mary's visitation and the revolutionary implications of Mary's Magnificat, the census and the stable, and the star of Bethlehem and the flight to Egypt.



[Join our Cloud HD Video Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 773 445 3422 One tap mobile 646-558-8656

WORSHIP ZOOM LINK:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87877219895?pwd=NEZKMk5BNm5KOVp5N2wvZ2RqcGhsdz09>

Meeting ID: 878 7721 9895 Passcode: **044161** call in at: **929 205 6099**

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

The Covid-19 epidemic has ended officially because statistically a major portion of our surrounding population have received 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.

Happy Birthday to the following people
with December birthdays:



Bill Hoyle	12/01	Olivia Martin	12/18
David Kowalski	12/04	Bob White	12/21
Karen Karosas	12/07	Ron Brunner	12/22
Jim Drew	12/11	Sean McDonough	12/26
Eric Jacobs	12/17	Bob Flanagan	12/30
Tom Osborne	12/17	Kathy Reisch	12/30
Kyle Madrigal	12/18		

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.

ADVENT BIBLE STUDY

Please join us for our Advent Bible Study. There are two Tuesdays left. Join us for lunch in the Union Campus Lounge at 12:00 p.m. or 7 p.m. via Zoom. The study is called "The Angels of Christmas: Hearing God's Voice" by Rev. Susan Robb. Sign up in the vestibule or call the church office 610-789-1700. See the schedule below.

Tuesday Zoom December 6 - **An Angel and Joseph**

Tuesday Zoom December 13 - **The Angels and the Shepherds**

Advent study Join Zoom Meeting – same link for every session.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82538228688?pwd=SnlUMHZnaGk3SEQ3U0FRWWRGaG84QT09>

or call in at 929 205 6099

Meeting ID: 825 3822 8688

Passcode: 806076

OUR EMAIL: Please use Havertownumc@gmail.com if you send an email to the church. Thank you.

From Pastor Brenda...

YOUTH NEWS

"As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving."
Colossians 2:6-7

It is the holiday season. A time when we break out decorations buried deep in the basement or stowed away in the attic. We know the drill. Christmas of course, we must have lights and decorations for Christmas. It is a busy and also a joyous time.

The best part of this season is that it calls us to think about what we are thankful for, how we are blessed, and how might we offer love to others around us, requires that we create sacred time to reflect and rejoice.

Our children and youth are reason to be thankful and rejoice. The God we worship has blessed us as we find the opportunity to mentor them to grow in faith, witness God's love, and cultivate the presence of the Holy Spirit in their lives. At this time, let us rejoice this Christmas Eve during the Family Service at 3PM to reenact the Nativity Scene of Christ's birth and praise his name with song. God bless each of you during this Advent Season of Hope, Peace Joy, and Love. PB



SHARE YOUR GOD MOMENT

During the next several months, persons will be sharing God Moments to encourage us all in our Christian journey. Stories have the power to heal and connect us. These are those who are scheduled. If you have a story you can share, see Pastor Jacqueline.

January 22 – Barb Drake

February 26 – Sandy Young

March 26 – Andy Merrill

April 30 – Sally Kiner

May 28 – Barbara Ameisen

June 25 – Gloria Downs

CHARGE CONFERENCE ZOOM INFORMATION

This year's Charge Conference will be held jointly with those in the Eastern Mainline Mission Link (Ardmore UMC and St. Luke UMC) We will meet in person at Ardmore UMC (200 Argyle Rd, Ardmore, PA 19003). The time will be from 8:30 a.m. to noon. If you are joining us via Zoom, please use the info below:

Topic: Charge Conference
Time: Dec 3, 2022 08:00 AM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81985184920?pwd=K3kvL050VTUwSGpmZkloSzJOYThPZz09>

Meeting ID: 819 8518 4920 Passcode: 177354

Call in at +13092053325,,81985184920#,,,*177354# US

Leadership and Staff

Senior Pastor: Rev. Jacqueline Hines

Pastor of Youth/ Family/Outreach Ministries: Brenda Del Rosario

Director of Music: Yukiko (Yuki) Ishida, DMA

Treasurer: James McDonough

Deaconess & Parish Nurse: Barbara Drake

Admin. Assistant: Cynthia (Cyndi) Kline

Admin. Assistant: Mary Ann Morris

Custodian at Union Campus: Meg Behl

Hope Food Bank Director: Sally Kiner

Custodian at Hope Campus: Miriam Gallagher



*Please
Pray
For...*

Jeff Didlake
Pat Cutillo
Brenda Del Rosario
Herman Kirby
Fred Shappell
Sandra Loflin
Sue Makara
Greg Downs
Don Consul
Kevin McDonough
Jim Drew

Dorothy Loflin
Carol Grafton
Carolyn Wiker
Keith Loflin
Natalia
Sue Cople
Ann Eves
Barbara Murphy
Joan Consul
Kristin Wojnovich
Nanako Ishida

MESSENGER SPONSOR

We thank Kathryn Cherwinski for sponsoring the December Messenger in memory of her husband, Ronald.

Please consider being a sponsor for the Messenger. Sponsors cover the expenses (\$100) of printing and mailing our newsletter so we can share church news with visitors, friends and neighbors, as well as church members. If you would like to sponsor a future edition in honor or memory of someone, please contact Barbara Drake, Messenger editor, or the church office.

PLEASE NOTE

Information for the church newsletter needs to be in the church office by the 20th of each month. Written information can be left on Cyndi's desk or emailed to Havertownumc@gmail.com. Your contribution can help make the Messenger a valuable resource for everyone. Thanks.



**CHURCH
DIRECTORY**

NEW DIRECTORY:

We will be printing a new directory at the beginning of the new year. Please let the church office know of any changes to your information. Thank you.

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.

***Our Mission: Developing followers of
Jesus who know, love, and serve God
and our neighbors.***



United
Women
in Faith



Christmas Lunch Dec 14

All women are invited to our Christmas lunch & party on Wed. Dec. 14 at 12:30 in the MYF Room on the upper level. There will be singing, storytelling, and some surprises. Please sign up at church or call Bev Schmitt or Barb Drake to let us know you are coming.

Mission Giving

At our Nov. meeting via zoom we decided to donate \$100 to the World Thank Offering, which is part of our mission giving. Our fundraising events for missions brought in \$3853 this year and we received \$1240 in personal donations, which enabled us to pay our Pledge to Mission of \$3300 and save the \$1423 from Hope flea markets for nurturing children locally. We discussed giving camping scholarships for confirmation camp. We also decided to give to the Methodist Hospital Women's Association which raises money for the hospital for special projects like the unit for elderly patients equipped with grab bars and non-skid floors for safety and staff trained in the specific needs of seniors.

Thanks

A big thank you goes to all who baked cookies for our at-home church members and the families served by the Hope Food Bank. We were able to fill 58 containers of cookies at our Advent Family Lunch on Nov. 27, with enough cookies left to fill a few more. Thanks for all the Christmas gifts brought for the children and teens at Methodist Services. Pastor Brenda took photos you can see them on the website.

Missionary Support

Our Thank Offering along with our mission-designated giving through the year is making it possible for us to contribute \$750 to support missionary Kabaka Alphonsine in Tanzania, as she directs the preschool for orphans in Dar es Salaam and helps women learn ways to support their families.

Thanks

Your generous giving of toys for Christmas gifts and cookies for at-home members and food bank families will provide Christmas joy for many people.

Successful Family Bingo

Fellowship Hall was filled on Friday evening Nov. 11 with families from the community and church who enjoyed pizza and a time of fun and family-oriented prizes, while providing cans of food for the Hope Food Bank. Knowledge Points provided the food and game, while the church women served the food and provided the prizes which included games that families can play together. We were pleased to welcome one of the families to worship on Nov. 13.



Breakfast with Santa

On December 10, children of the community are invited to enjoy breakfast, crafts, the Christmas story, and a visit with Santa. Knowledge Points is providing the food, and the church women are providing the crafts and kitchen work. Thanks to all who will be helping.

2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES:

The 2023 Offering Envelopes will be available for pick-up in the back of the sanctuary soon. The company that prints the envelopes is behind on orders. When they do arrive, we ask that possibly you could pick up a shut-in's and deliver them. We thank you in this endeavor to get all of the envelopes delivered by the year-end.

NOTE: Please use the boxed 2023 envelopes that you are given for your offerings. This helps in the recording of contributions since it has your account number on them.

The Finance Committee



CALENDAR SALE:

This year, all proceeds from the sale of our beautiful 2023 calendars will go to the Children and Family Ministries Fund in loving memory of Martie Drew. We have only 25 calendars available at \$8.00 each. They are available in the Brookline Boulevard and Allston Road entrances to the sanctuary.

COMMEMORATING WITH CANDLES

The Miracle of Menorah,
Given life through a festival of lights,
Honoring one small band of faithful Jews
Pressing for good news
And finding Judah the Maccabee
Leading the charge,
Defeating the mighty army of Seleucids,
Reclaiming the Holy Temple
With a single cruse of untainted oil
(One day turned to eight)
Until new oil could be brought—
An act fully liberating them
From the Greeks and Hebrew apostates
Who had given up on God and culture.
Hanukkah celebration—
A triumph of faith and courage
Pushing through the impossible
For the right to worship—
To light a single candle,
To ignite a flame in the souls of the chosen.
Today for justice,
Tomorrow for hope,
May the light grow brighter
And forever overcome the darkness.

--Bunnie Bryant

Jeff Didlake
Joe Schmitt
Keith Loflin

Dorothy Loflin
Carolyn Wiker
Lorraine Shappell