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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.

Pastor's Message:

Priming the Pump of Praise

My mother often mentioned that she grew up drinking spring water that she drew from a well. Often she would have to prime the pump. There was a bucket of water that always sat beside the well. After pouring in a little water, the pump would start to produce water. Pouring in a little made a whole lot come out.

As we give a little of ourselves and pour out our love to God, our praise to God, our service to God, a lot happens.

If there are particular areas in **your** life that you are longing and thirsting for a blessing, know that whatever it is, God cares. Are you waiting for a blessing in your health or the health of a loved one? Can you use a fresh start in a relationship? Do you need financial wisdom and an economic breakthrough? Come to the well. Prime the pump of praise. God is eager to meet you at your greatest need.

For years, whenever I get into my car alone, before I turn on the radio, I have made it a point to spend the first several minutes of the drive to sing praise songs and give thanks for many blessings. After just a few songs and remembering all I have for which to be thankful, I feel energized and refreshed by the overwhelming presence of God. Sadness and fear are suddenly overcome by the **power** of the Holy Spirit.

God knows, we need to be refreshed. Prime the pump of praise to God and be prepared for the outpouring of blessings.

Psalm 150 verse 6 - Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.
Praise the LORD.

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From Pastor Brenda...

YOUTH NEWS

April, with its blossoming flowers and gentle warmth, indeed carries a sense of youthful rejuvenation. As the days lengthen and nature awakens, we find ourselves shedding the winter's cocoon and embracing the promise of new beginnings. 🌸 ✨

In this month, the world seems to bloom with hope, much like a poem unfolding its verses:

🌸 April whispers secrets to the daffodils, Their golden heads nod in agreement.

The sun tiptoes across the sky, Chasing away the remnants of frost.

🌸 Youth dances in the rain, Splashing puddles with carefree laughter.

Petals unfurl, delicate and bold, as if the earth itself is stretching awake.

🌸 So let us sway with the cherry blossoms And let our hearts bloom alongside them.

For April, dear friend, is a season of wonder, A canvas where memories paint themselves anew.

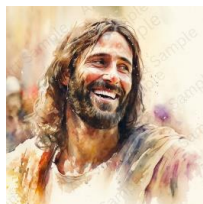
May this April fill your days with joy, curiosity, and the magic of youth! 🌸 🌿

~PB~



*The season of spring has represented new life and rebirth for millennia. In particular, the month of April is often the first sign of vivid life to come. It is only fitting, then, that April is also the **National Month of the Young Child.***

Sunday, April 7th will be HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY! Expect the unexpected and be prepared to laugh!!!!



Holy Humor Sunday Is Here!

It's the Sunday after Easter, April 7th Holy Humor Sunday services not only give Christians an opportunity for ongoing celebrations of the greatest miracle in human history - Jesus' resurrection - it also gives each of us an opportunity to celebrate, and give thanks for our own smaller resurrections in this world and this life. (***The Joyful Newsletter***)

Pastor Brenda and the Sunday School will bring hilarious messages for the service.



April Worship

April 7 Second Sunday of Easter /Holy Humor Sunday

9:30 a.m. Sunday School for Adults
9:45 a.m. Sunday School for Children and Youth
11:00 a.m. Pastor Brenda "The Easter Laugh"

April 14 Third 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. Cynthia Lyman John 4 "The Woman at the Well"

April 21 Fourth Sunday of Easter /God Moment

9:30 a.m. Sunday School for Adults
9:45 a.m. Sunday School for Children and Youth
11:00 a.m. Pastor Jacqueline1 John 3:16-24 "God is Great, and God is Good"

April 28 Fifth Sunday in Easter

9:30 a.m. Sunday School for Adults
9:45 a.m. Sunday School for Children and Youth
11:00 a.m. Pastor Jacqueline John 15:1-8 "Juicy Fruit"

Upcoming Services and Messages

April 7 - Holy Humor Sunday - Pastor Brenda "The Easter Laugh"

April 14th – Certified Lay Speaker Cynthia Lyman a member of Hopewell UMC "The Woman at the Well"

May 12 – Mother's Day – Three Havertown "Mothers" sharing

Bev Schmitt, Brenda Del Rosario, Sally Kiner

May 19 – Pentecost – David Kowalski Bringing the Message.

Upcoming God Moments

April 21 Eileen Riley Sutton - Attorney and Mother



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:

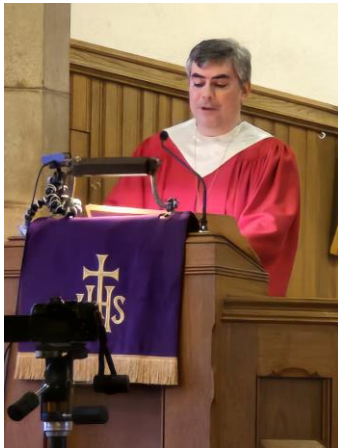
Havertown UMC, Hope Food Bank, 1108 Steel Road, Havertown, PA 19083.

2. Donating by PayPal hopeumcfoodbank19083@gmail.com

3. Hand delivery.

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

God Moment and the American Flag



David Kowalski – March 17th

Dave Kowalski, a member of the choir, shared his astounding God Moment of how he journeyed from years of believing the American flag posted in the sanctuary was out of place to appreciating the flag as a symbol of our tenacious faith in the God that has so blessed America and calls us to maintain her.



Happy Birthday to the following people
with April birthdays:

Lou Kusko	04/10
Rick Ameisen	04/12
Campbell Lyn Carlin	04/15
Barbara Drake	04/17
Jen Wetherbee	04/18
Sharon Munoz	04/22
Tom Reisch, Sr.	04/23
Matt LaDue	04/25

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.

Jim Drew's New Address:

Simpson House
2101 Belmont Avenue
Room 1209
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19131
Phone 215-871-5371

Updated copies of the directory are available via email or hard copy upon request.

FAMILY GAME NIGHT



April Game Night

You are invited to come to Fellowship Hall at 7 pm on April 19th 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.



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

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.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

The adult class will finish the discussion of the book "Beautiful on the Mountain" on March 3 and will begin a new study on biblical examples of different forms of prayer. You are invited to join the group that meets in the Union lounge from 9:30 to 10:30 on Sunday mornings.

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

Covid-19 on the rise. 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.

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.

[Join our Cloud HD Video Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 773 445 3422

One tap mobile 646-558-8656



United
Women
in Faith

Fri. April 12 – Jumble Preparations

Helpers are needed after 4 pm to set up for Saturday's Jumble at the Union campus. Good items were saved from the last jumble, and additional donations of household goods and attic treasures can be brought on Sunday April 7 or Thursday or Friday evening, 4/11 and 12 after 6 pm.

Sat. April 13 – Jumble

Helpers are needed to staff the Jumble and to clean up afterwards. Shoppers are needed to buy the attic treasures. Income supports the church. Come and get to know the community folks who come.

Used Clothing for Neighborhood Services

Clothing for men, women, or children that is in good condition can be brought to the Union campus between April 7 and 12. It will be sorted during the Jumble and packed and delivered the following week. Anyone interested in visiting United Methodist Neighborhood Services to see it in operation is invited to help deliver the clothing. Let Barbara Drake know if you want to go.

Sat. April 20 – South District Ingathering

Our Ingathering will be held at Hopewell UMC from 9-12 on 4/20. Barbara Drake is the speaker, sharing about our mission work. The agencies being helped are Mission First in Pottstown, Mother's Home in Darby, Spanish Health Ministry in Kennett Square, and United Methodist Neighborhood Services in Philadelphia. Requested items are **new** men's clothing in all sizes and all types, women's underwear, and infant clothing 0-6 months. Also being collected are towels, washcloths, toiletries, adult diapers, and gift cards for Walmart and Giant for food and medicine for families with handicapped members. Donations can be brought up until April 14, when they will be displayed in the sanctuary.

Mon. April 22 – Zoom meeting 7:30 pm.

All women are invited to join our gathering via zoom at 7:30 pm on April 22. It's Earth Day, so we'll be talking about care of the earth and our campaign on Just Energy for All.



Missionary Support

During the recent visit of our missionaries in Tanzania, Mutwale and Kabaka shared the importance of supporting not only their salaries but also the mission projects they are working on. So, at our Mission and Outreach Team meeting on March 11, we decided to divide the \$1000 in our 2024 budget for missionary support four ways: \$250 each for Mutwale's and Kabaka's salaries and \$250 each for their projects of church construction and work with women and children. Pictures of their work will be shown in worship on a soon-to-be-scheduled Mission Sunday.

Working with Neighborhood Services

Our United Methodist Neighborhood Services in Philadelphia has an ongoing need for used clothing in good condition. You are invited to share clothes you are no longer wearing between April 7 and 12. We'll sort and pack them on Sat. 4/13 during our Jumble and take them the following week. You are invited to help deliver them and see the work of UMNS. Let Barbara Drake know if you want to go, and a date will be set to suit those going.

Hints for Healthy Living

April is national distracted driving awareness month. There are 3 kinds of distracted driving: taking your eyes off the road, your hands off the wheel, and your mind off your driving. About 3000 people die in crashes involving distracted drivers every year in the U.S. To prevent injuries, avoid multi-tasking while driving, which includes use of phone, adjusting mirrors, and selecting music. Do these things while stopped, not while driving.

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 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.

In 1968 Theresa Hoover was elected chief executive of the Women's Division of the General Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church. In 1990, United Women in Faith created the Theresa Hoover Community Service and Global Citizenship Award.



Originally from Arkansas, Theresa Hoover joined the Woman's Division of Christian Service as a field worker in 1948. In 1968 she was elected chief executive of the Women's Division of the General Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church. She was the first African-American woman to hold that position or any comparable post in the denomination. She served as head of the division for 22 years and retired in 1990. Ms. Hoover died at 88 on December 21, 2013, in Fayetteville, Arkansas.

Theresa Hoover leaves behind a legacy. In 2004, *Ebony* magazine named her one of the 100 most influential African-American women, and the Theresa Hoover United Methodist Church in Little Rock, Arkansas, was named for her. In 1990, United Women in Faith created the Theresa Hoover Community Service and Global Citizenship Award. We are grateful to be able to continue Ms. Hoover's passionate work for women and children by passing on the torch of global citizenship with this award.

April

2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 7 pm Sea Scouts	3 7 pm Girl Scouts	4 6 pm Creative Women 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	5 2 pm Bible Study Zoom with Ann Eves	6 9:30-10:45 am Overeaters Anonymous Lounge
7 Pastor Brenda Holy Humor Sunday	8 7 pm Girl Scout Service unit meeting FH	9 7 pm Trustee Meeting MYF	10	11 6 pm Creative Women	12 2 pm Bible Study Zoom with Ann Eves	13 9:30-10:45 am Overeaters Anonymous Lounge 10-11:30 am Hope Food Bank Food Collection 9 am Yoga @ Hope Jumble-Union Campus 8-2
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21 Eileen Sutton God Moment	22 7:30pm Women of Faith Zoom	23	24	25 6 pm Creative Women	26 2 pm Bible Study Zoom with Ann Eves	27 9:30-10:45 am Overeaters Anonymous Lounge
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