

Havertown United Methodist Church
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June Messenger



LEADERSHIP AND STAFF OF HAVERTOWN UMC.

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*From the
Pastor*



During the 28 days of prayer in preparation for our Annual Conference, we met on zoom every morning (except weekends) at 7 a.m. Various committees led in a devotion and a prayer. On April 23rd the focus was God's promises that are fulfilled by the *dunamis* power of the Holy Spirit. District Superintendent of the North District shared the following prayer on April 23 that encourages us to trust God's promises and know that they are fulfilled by God's power.

*Gracious Lord, we come before You this morning with grateful hearts.
You are a promise-keeping God—yesterday, today, and forever.
In a world where trust is often fragile, You remain steady, faithful, and true.*

Lord, forgive us for the times we have doubted Your promises, when fear became louder than faith, when circumstances shaped our belief more than Your Word.

Strengthen us as You strengthened Abraham—that we may not waver through unbelief, but grow strong in faith, giving glory to You.

Lord, please remind us today:

- *When we are weary—remind us of Your rest.*
- *When we are anxious—remind us of Your peace.*
- *When we feel alone—remind us of Your presence.*
- *When we feel weak—remind us of Your power.*

Help us not only to believe Your promises, but to live them—in our homes, in our churches, in our workplaces, and in our communities.

*Holy Spirit, awaken in us a deeper trust. Turn every hesitation into surrender,
Turn fear into faith. Turn waiting into worship.*

Let our hearts say: Yes, Lord—we trust You.

We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, the fulfillment of every promise. Amen.

Peace and Grace,
Pastor Jacqueline



Those Assisting in Worship

June Liturgists

7 Mary Hankins
14 Barbara Drake
21 Edith McDonough
28 Bev Schmitt

Communion Stewards

June 7 Carolyn Wiker
July 5 Linda Gonzales
August 2 Barbara Ameisen



SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE:

As the Sunday School year ends, we are grateful for the growth our children and youth have shown in their love for Bible stories. We will miss spending time with them and pray they keep Jesus close in their hearts all summer long. We wish everyone a joyful, and blessed summer. Your Sunday School teachers: Bev Schmitt, Donna Flanagan, Joyce Kowaski, Lynne Rudisill, and Brenda Del Rosario.

VBS SNOWBALL MOUNTAIN CHALLENGE: - Aug 10th - 14th

This summer at the Union Campus, kids are invited (ages 4-12) to join a high-energy winter adventure as “Challengers,” along with Ollie the Arctic seal. They’ll enjoy games outdoors, craft activities, singing/dancing, and the daily bible stories. VBS is designed to build confidence and strength with God. Theme scripture Philippians 4:13 “I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.” With God, we are strong!

Youth Spotlight

David and Julia Flanagan- will be Graduating from Haverford High School on June 4th.

David Flanagan and the Haverford High School Robotics team made Third Place in the World’s Competition in Texas.

Eva Kowalski- will be performing in the Plymouth Performing Arts Production of Madagascar Musical Adventure KIDS on May 28th +June 4th.

Ben Kowalski- and his baseball team in Conshohocken are heading into the playoffs.



June 7 – Second Sunday after Pentecost/ Holy Communion

9:45 am Sunday School for all ages

11:00 am Worship Hosea 5:15-6:6 "Steadfast Love" Pastor Jacqueline

June 14 – Third Sunday after Pentecost/ Flag Day

9:45 am Sunday School for all ages

11:00 am Worship Matt. 9:35- 10:8. "Sent Out with God's Power". Barb Drake

June 21 – Fourth Sunday after Pentecost/Father's Day/After Church Fellowship

9:30 am Worship at Hope Campus Chapel 1108 Steel Rd.

Romans 4:13-25 "Father Abraham" - Father's Day

June 28th – Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am Worship at Hope Campus Chapel

Jeremiah 28:5-9 "God will provide"

We Love Our Online Worshipers

We are so blessed to have worshipers join in on zoom. Some of the 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.



PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN PRAYER THIS WEEK

Beth Cavanaugh	Brenda Del Rosario	Jackie Engler
Pat Evans	Paul Eves	Bob Flanagan
Michael Flanagan	Carol Grafton	Stacy Kusko
Keith Loflin	Tanya Long	Stephen Pols
Sue Makara	Linda McAlpin	Barbara Murphy
Geraldine Oakes	Judy Rejent	

Pray for those who serve in distant lands -

Kristine Gurcan USS Lincoln Aircraft Carrier in the Mediterranean (granddaughter of Mary Anne Geer)

John O'Brien serving for the State Department in Moldova, Ukraine (son of Bonnie and Bill O'Brien)

The Friday Study Group on zoom with Ann Eves

All are welcome!

New Study to be announced

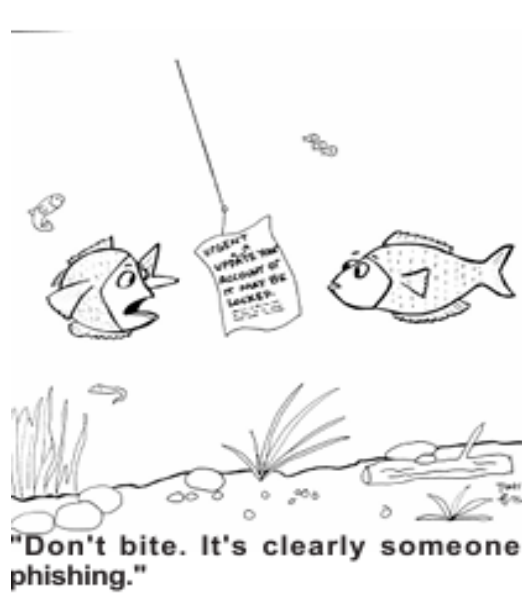
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Update Your Contact Info, Please!

Please update your preferred phone, email, and address for the church office. In emergencies and urgencies we want to make sure we can pass on important info to everyone.



Happy Birthday to those with a Birthday in June!

Bonnie O'Brien	06/01
Tony Tilford	06/01
Pat Cutillo	06/02
Lucas Gallagher	06/03
Penny Shappell	06/03
Pat Evans	06/11
John Makara	06/12
Mary Grace Popky	06/14
Cris Burbage	06/15
Paul Eves	06/19
Christopher Hoyle	06/28

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:

We have returned to accepting donations at the food bank, and will be open the 2nd and 3rd Saturday of each month 10:00-11:30 am to accept donations at the Hope Campus.

There are still some items that we have in surplus that we DO NOT have space for; canned beans, soup, canned vegetables, and cereal. Please avoid donating these items for now.

If you are going to shop, please consider donating any of the following WISH LIST items that we can use immediately.

WISH LIST

pasta sauce (NO GLASS JARS)
peanut butter (15/16 oz. jars)
canned fruit
canned chicken
jelly (NO GLASS JARS)
cooking oil
feminine hygiene pads
adult pull ups (L/XL/XXL)

*For your convenience, on Sundays, you may leave small, light weight packed bags of donations by the door to the ramp in Fellowship Hall.

We are unable to transport large, heavy donations and cases of food. YOU must bring these items directly to the food bank on specified donation days.

Thank you for supporting this mission.

Sally Kiner



Thanks

A big thank you to all who helped with the flea markets in May. The 5/2 event at the Hope campus raised \$365. Thanks, Cassie Popky for your work which supports our nurturing of children. Thanks to Bev Schmitt for organizing the 5/9 event at the Union campus which raised \$1211 (\$475 from vendors and \$736 from food) for our Mission Giving.

Jumble at Union Campus

Set up for the Jumble will be on Friday May 29 starting at 6 pm. The Jumble is on Saturday 5/30 from 9 am -1 pm. There will not be a bake table. Helpers are needed for set-up, sales, and clean-up. This event is to raise money for the church.

Strawberry Festival on June 11 from 6-8 pm

Cutting of berries will be done on Wed. June 10 at 1:30 in the kitchen at Union campus. Supper of hot dogs and hamburgers will be served as well as cake, ice cream, and strawberries from 6 to 8 pm on Thursday. Donations of angel food and pound cake are needed. Profits will go to our United Women in Faith mission work.

Report on Assembly

From May 15- 17, nearly 3000 folks, mostly women, met in Indianapolis for Assembly, the once every 4 years event. Twenty-two new deaconesses and home missionaries were consecrated. Stacey Abrams and her mother Rev. Carolyn Abrams, a United Methodist pastor, were among the many informative and inspiring speakers. A letter with more highlights and some exciting news will be going out soon to all our church women.



Health Education

Mental health is a big issue these days as people are losing hope and a sense of meaning for their lives. Anxiety and depression are becoming more common. The need for self-care is urgent, and United Women in Faith is developing Soul Care programs. Mental Health First Aid courses are also available. Wellness is not perfect, so we need to be gentle with ourselves and discover what helps us to manage the stresses in our lives. Healthy eating and daily exercise can be very beneficial.



Congo Partnership

Donations of \$1250 have been received so far in our envelope challenge to benefit missions in the DR Congo. We will continue to receive donations through June to support the many mission projects in the Congo including medical care, feeding programs, and digging of wells to provide clean water to villages that had no source of clean water.

Blanket Sunday

Donations of \$385 were given in May to purchase Church World Service blankets, which will be given to victims of disasters and migrants forced to leave their homes due to wars.

Our Town in Story and Song

The community engagement concert on May 3 was a big success. It brought together the Havertown Choristers, a combined choir from many community churches, the choir of the Armenian Martyrs Church, the Temple Lutheran handbell choir, and individual musicians on guitar, violin, and harpsichord. The narrations and the program booklet told the story of the history of Haverford Township and its many churches. It was great to see the sanctuary so full of people from our church and community. The comments afterward and during the reception shared how meaningful the event was. Thanks to all who helped with the reception. The grant for community engagement that the church received from the Conference covered the printing costs for the program booklet.

Community Scavenger Hunt

Save the date of Wednesday July 29 at 7 pm for our annual scavenger hunt, please invite your friends and neighbors join us.

Gun Violence Awareness

Friday June 5 is the National Day of Gun Violence Prevention Awareness. We had discussed the possibility of holding a public prayer vigil with posters to raise awareness of the huge problem of gun violence, however, we have decided instead to urge everyone to pray about gun violence and talk with people you meet about the need for prevention measures such as gun locks, keeping guns and ammunition in separate places, locked safes for gun storage, and legislation for sensible prevention measures. Half of the deaths from guns are suicides, and many children are injured or killed when they find unsecured guns and start to play with them.



This poem by Spencer Michael Free was read as a part of the message:

The Human Touch
“Tis the human Touch
In this world that counts,
The touch of your hand and mine,
Which means far more
To the fainting heart
Than shelter and bread and wine.
For shelter is gone
When the night is o’er,
And bread lasts all day.
But the touch of the hand
And the sound of the voice
Sing on in the soul always.

Rev. Richard Miller guest preacher on May 17th



Barbara Drake speaking about Deaconesses at Laity Session at Conference on Wed. May 19



Things Happening at Havertown UMC

Strawberry Festival- Tues. June 11th 6-8 pm in Fellowship Hall

A free community event, Staying Safe from Elder Fraud & Cyber Scams, is being hosted at Ardmore UMC on Saturday, May 30, 2026, from 3 to 5 PM.

Summer Worship Begins- Sun. June 21st thru Sept. 6th 9:30 am in our Hope Campus Chapel at 1108 Steel Road.

Community Scavenger Hunt

Wednesday July 29 at 7 pm for our annual scavenger hunt and invite your friends and neighbors to join us.

Vacation Bible School- Snowball Mountain Challenge- at Union Campus featuring Ollie the Seal. Aug. 10th -14th 9am - 12pm.

I will give thanks to you, Lord,
with all my heart;
I will tell of all
your wonderful deeds.
I will be glad and rejoice in you;
I will sing the praises
of your name, O Most High.
Psalm 9:1-2

June

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 6pm Sea Scouts Fellowship Hall	3	4	5 2 pm Bible study -zoom with Ann Eves	6 9:30 am Overeaters Anonymous - Lounge
7 9:45 Sunday School 11 am Worship	8	9 7 pm Trustee Meeting	10 6-7:30pm Knowledge Point Art Show Fellowship Hall 1:30 pm Strawberry prep Union kitchen	11 6-8 pm Strawberry Festival Fellowship Hall	12 2 pm Bible study -zoom with Ann Eves	13 9:30 am Overeaters Anonymous - Lounge 10-11:30 Food Collection Hope Food Bank
14 9:45 Sunday School 11 am Worship Barb Drake preaching	15 7:30 pm Leadership Team zoom meeting	16 6pm Sea Scouts Fellowship Hall	17	18	19 2 pm Bible study -zoom with Ann Eves 7pm Game night Fellowship Hall	20 9:30 am Overeaters Anonymous - Lounge 10-11:30 Food Collection 12-1:30 Food Distribution Hope Food Bank
21 Father's Day 9:30 am Worship at Hope Chapel After Church Fellowship	22	23	24	25	26 2 pm Bible study -zoom with Ann Eves	27 9:30 am Overeaters Anonymous - Lounge
28 9:30 am Worship at Hope Chapel	29	30				

BOLD= Church events/ not bold= Community events