



Havertown United Methodist Church
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August Messenger



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Pastor Jacqueline Retiring June 2027

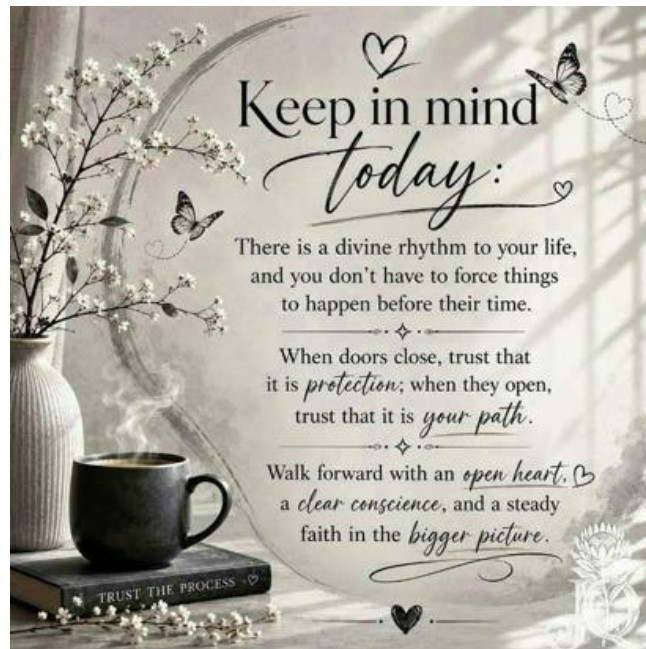
In June of 2027, it will have been five years that I have served as pastor of Havertown UMC. The journey has been a wonderful blessing. You welcomed me in July of 2022 with an abundance of smiles and gifts that warmed my heart. Your willingness to share conversation after conversation amazed me. It was a delight to be appreciated and welcomed so warmly.

After going from five Methodist Churches in Haverford (Trinity, Bethesda, Ebenezer, Hope, Union) to heartfelt mergers, Havertown UMC became a reality that has forever changed all of our lives in new and different ways. You all adapted well. Your graciousness was helpful to me as I made my way around the church and community.

In the next few months, I look forward to sharing goodbyes and celebrating the meaningfulness of our times together. Your future is bright and I am glad and honored to have been a part of shaping it!

In God's Love,

Pastor Jacqueline





Those Assisting in Worship

August Liturgists

2 Jum McDonough
9 Sally Kiner
16 Barbara Drake
23 Edith McDonough
30 Bev Schmitt

Communion Stewards

August 2 Barbara Ameisen
Sept. 6 Carolyn Wiker
Oct. 4 Donna Shenkman
Nov. 1 Bob & Donna Flanagan



SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE:

I hope all our Sunday School students and members feel rested, strengthened, and renewed by the beauty of summer, as many of us look forward to cooler fall days and less humidity!

Our camels are well rested, strapped up. and ready to continue our journey through the Books of the Bible. This year, we hope to complete the Books of History.

Our journey through the Books of the Bible helps connect our children and youth to the struggles of long ago and the challenges we face today. As life continues to change, God keeps us spiritually connected.

Remember, Sunday, Sept. 13, is our move back to Union Campus. We cannot wait to welcome students back as we begin our travels through Israel, Palestine, and Jordan with our loyal camels and faithful Sunday School teachers.

Fun Fact: Camels can drink up to forty gallons of water in just three minutes!

Your Sunday School teachers are Brenda Del Rosario, Donna Flanagan, Joyce Kowaski, Lynne Rudisill, and Bev Schmitt.

VBS SNOWBALL MOUNTAIN CHALLENGE:

Aug 10th - 14th 9 am -12 pm ages 4-12

Youth Spotlight:

Our Eagle Scout!!

Congratulations to Julia Flanagan who just achieved her Eagle Scout Award. Her project was working at Havertown UMC refreshing and painting the ladies' room and revamping a much-needed storage closet. Thank You Julia! Best wishes in your future.



Aug. 2 – Tenth Sunday after Pentecost/ Holy Communion

9:30 am Worship at Hope Campus Chapel 1108 Steel Road
"When 'Not Enough' Meets Jesus" Noe Gabe Lopez preaching

Aug. 9 – Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am Worship at Hope Campus Chapel 1108 Steel Road
Matthew 14:22-33 "In the Boat with Jesus"

Aug. 16 – Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost /After Church Fellowship

9:30 am Worship at Hope Campus Chapel 1108 Steel Road
John 15:9-11 "The Relationship Between Gratitude and Joy"
Tony Tilford preaching

Aug. 23 – Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am Worship at Hope Campus Chapel 1108 Steel Road
Matthew 16:13-20 "Who Is Your Jesus?"

Aug. 30 – Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost/Youth Sunday/God Moment

9:30 am Worship at Hope Campus Chapel 1108 Steel Road
Jeremiah 1.4-10 "View from the Womb" Youth Sunday – Don Warren
God Moment [All are invited to share- What lessons do we want to share with our children and youth?]

Don Warren is a prominent masters track and field sprinter in the over 75 category. He regularly competes in the Penn Relays. He lives in Chester where he pastored for 22 years after being ordained in 2005. He spent 20 years in the Marine Corp. He has been married to his lovely wife Lena for 28 years.

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	Winton Hewitt
Stacy Kusko	Tanya Long	Stephen Pols
John Makara	Sue Makara	Linda McAlpin
Barbara Murphy	Geraldine Oakes	Ernie Quatrani
Judy Rejent		

Sandy Loflin and Cindy DiLullo and the Loflin family with the loss of their loved one, Keith.

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!

Jesus is Lord/Living in the Lordship of Christ

Methodist Bishop, Tom Berlin, shows how the Lordship of Christ impacts every part of our lives: our relationships, our habits, our priorities, and our values. Drawing on a variety of biblical texts, including Exodus, the Psalms, the Gospels, and the Epistles, he invites readers to discover how saying yes to Jesus as Lord leads to lasting joy, renewed purpose, and a deeper faith.

[Join our Cloud HD Video Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 773 445 3422

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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 August!

Henry Scheck	08/01
Chris DiLullo	08/05
Yuki Ishida	08/12
Mary Hankins	08/12
Edith McDonough	08/12
Kathy Cherwinski	08/15
Jeffrey Didlake	08/16
Pastor Jacqueline	08/18
Edward Owen, III	08/16
Mike Popky	08/20
Jack Gilbert	08/21
William Molnar	08/23
Todd Molnar	08/27
Lauren Kowalski	08/29
Kevin McDonough	08/29
Johanna Keehn	08/30
Brenda Del Rosario	08/31

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.

DID YOU KNOW?

The "Father of the United States Navy" was a Haverford Township Native. Joshua Humphreys, born and raised in the Ardmore section of the town, was an architect and shipbuilder. He most famously designed the U.S.S. Constitution aka Old Ironsides at the behest of President George Washington. The ship was uniquely designed to hold 44 heavy guns. As a testament to Humphreys' design prowess, the ship is still afloat today. From her launch in 1797 through the War of 1812 and the Civil War all the way to today's special duty touring and educating the public on the Navy's role during times of war and peace, the Constitution has served our country for over 200 years. That storied past is all thanks to our township's very own Joshua Humphreys.



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HOPE FOOD BANK, from Coordinator Sally Kiner:

While we are worshipping at our Hope Campus this summer, you may bring your food bank donation with you on Sunday. Just drop it off in the food pantry on your way to the chapel. Also, we continue to accept donations every second and third Saturday 10:00-11:30 am.

We appreciate all donations of in-date items, but you may want to consider items on our Wish List.

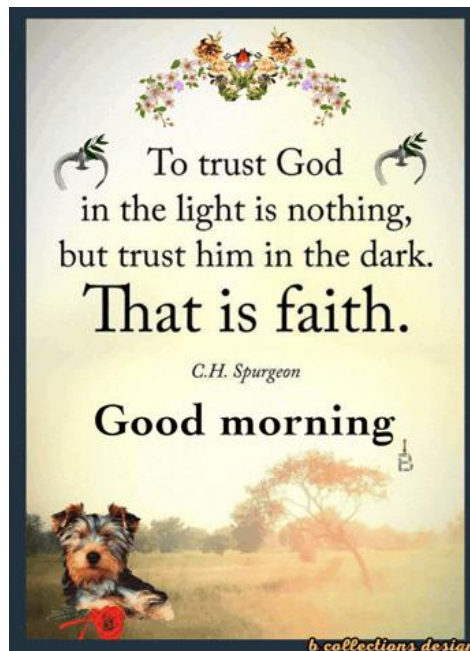
Cash donations are always welcome; let us do the shopping for you!

WISH LIST

canned chicken
canned fruit
peanut butter (15/16 oz.)
cereal
cooking oil
laundry detergent
adult pull-ups (L/XL/XXL)
diapers (size 2/3/4)
feminine hygiene pads
tooth paste

Thank you for your support with our mission to assist those in need.

Sally Kiner





Thanks

Thank you to Donna Flanagan for donations to the church for the next Jumble as she and Bob moved to their new home, and thanks to Bev Schmitt, Joyce Kowalski, and Lynne Rudisill for many hours of loading their cars and moving things to the church stage.

Mission U

This is the 125th year of women participating in summer mission studies. The topic this year for Mission u is Experiencing Emmanuel (God with us) in every part of our daily lives. In 1901 the first mission study focused on the history of missions from the time of the apostles of Jesus to the end of the 18th century. Through the years, mission studies highlighted mission activity in countries around the world and here at home as well as spiritual growth and justice issues. Glory E. Dharmaraj, who has taught at our Eastern PA School of Mission/Mission u, has written an interesting book "Keyhole Missiology: Glimpses into the history of mission study texts 1901-2026." Barbara Drake is serving as dean of Mission u, which is in person July 24-25 at a hotel in Exton and also via zoom on 4 evenings in July. The study leaders this year for EPA are Deaconess Darlene Di Domineck from Arch St. UMC, Rev. Jonette Gay from Lima UMC, and Rev. Julia Singleton from Lehman Memorial UMC in Hatboro. Mission u is held each year in Annual Conferences around the country using the same study book. Think about attending next year when first-time attendees will be offered a full scholarship.



Hints for Healthy Aging from Emory University Doctors

- Keep moving with moderate activity along with strength & balance exercises.
- Take frequent stretching and walking breaks to avoid prolonged sitting.
- Stay socially engaged through conversations and shared activities.
- Keep learning new things to stretch your brain power.
- Aim for 7-9 hours of sleep to allow the brain to clear harmful proteins.
- Treat hearing loss which increases isolation and strains the brain.
- Eat a variety of plant-based foods to support gut and brain health.

Healing Circle

Save the date of September 24 at 6:30 pm for supper in the lounge at Union followed at 7 by a healing service.



St. Joseph's Family Hope Center

Our mission has successfully shifted from sheltering homeless families with children to preventing homelessness through rental and utility assistance that will keep the families in their present homes. In July we helped two single moms, each with one child, to pay one month's rent after they were laid off from their jobs. One mom has already started a new job, and the other mom is still looking for work. The moms were referred to us by Catholic Charities' Delaware County Family Service Center in Chester, with whom we established a partnership. Their social workers interview applicants and determine their eligibility, so we no longer need to pay staff and can just focus on raising the money. A new board member is already planning a fundraising event for the fall. Our volunteer grant writer will be contacting foundations for funding, and you can help by making donations. The address for the organization is being changed to 200 Brookline Blvd, and Doris Butsch has agreed to be our bookkeeper. We have transitioned from Interfaith Hospitality Network to Family Promise to an independent organization, and from providing overnight housing at the church to families staying at the day center to rental assistance. But through all the transitions we have given families hope for a stable home for their children.

National Night Out

On Tuesday August 4 from 6 - 8 pm at the Haverford Township Building on Darby Road, we will have a table at the Police Department's National Night Out event to share information with the community about our church. We will be giving out beautiful red, white, and blue re-usable shopping bags with the church contact information printed on them, along with information about VBS and upcoming events.

Vacation Bible School

Children of the church and community are invited to VBS from August 10 - 14 for lots of fun from 9 am to noon as we learn stories from the Bible, make related crafts, sing songs, play games, enjoy a snack, and help to prepare backpacks with school supplies to be given to the families with children and grandchildren who come to our Hope Food Bank on August 15. After a hot summer, we will be cooling off, at least mentally, as we participate in Snowball Mountain Challenge. Adult and youth helpers are needed. Call Donna Flanagan in the church office if you can help for a day or the whole week.

The Sunflower

August is officially celebrated as Sunflower month. National Sunflower Day is the first Saturday in August.

I love sunflowers.
I love them for their bigness.
I love them for their seeds—
All dried and salted and tasted in my mouth.
I love them because they are heliotropic.
And I truly love the word heliotropic—
When I say it,
It fills my head with comprehension
And my hands with five festive syllables.
Heliotropic!
It's a grand word to speak aloud.
But what does it mean?
Sunflowers are heliotropic
Because they follow the sun.
They turn the fullness of their faces
To the east, to the west—
And even up to the noon o'clock hour
When the sun hovers over
And gives them every moment
Of its divine intention.
We sometimes do the same—
We sometimes stand at attention
To receive the full ablution
Of the beauty and warmth of sun at high
noon.
We collect its Vitamin D,
Penetrating every bit of unshrouded light.
It pummels and pierces our skin exposure
And tinges the very marrow of our Souls
—if we let it.

But is there a down-side?
What might leap out at us
To create a tripping-stone,
A barrier to our very being?
What denies us
And does its best to try to discourage us—
To give us so much pause that we wither
away?
The answer lies In our going back to the field
of sunflowers—

All of them thriving in the brightness of
community
Beneath their shining star.
Dare we ask what sunflowers do
When the radiance turns aside and hides itself
Behind a lingering cloud,
Under a blanket of dreariness,
Below a brooding sky?

Sunflowers automatically understand their
option,
Their need, their only choice for Hope.
When darkness covers over them,
They find their life in mutual
encouragement—
Endeavoring, one by one, to find each other.
They seek the sun's great glory light
In companionship.
Face to face, they share their own stored
energy,
Brought up from the wells of necessity,
Giving—freely--one from, and one to, another.

So, whenever we find ourselves in shadow,
Let us look to the sunflower for the lesson.
Let us be encouraged to find Hope
In turning toward the sun,
But, when necessary,
No matter what darkness may descend,
Let us also choose
To lounge in the Light of reciprocity—
To experience the fullness of Life in the glow
That emanates one from, and one to, another.
Our own communal energy
Can restore us every day
Through profound and proven acts
Of love for neighbor.
Our holy engagement becomes a beacon of
Hope
That never ebbs, never dies,
And forever insists
That no one
Will ever stand alone.

--Bunnie Bryant



Things Happening at Havertown UMC

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

Haverford Township National Night Out- Tues. Aug. 4th 5-8 pm
Haverford Township Building

Vacation Bible School- Snowball Mountain Challenge- Aug. 10th - 14th Union Campus
9am - 12pm. Ages 4-12 invites kids to an exciting winter sports event, where they become Challengers, gearing up for frosty games, snowy surprises, and hands-on lessons about resilience and faith.



Healing Circle - Thursday September 24

Gather together for another evening in the Healing Circle. Dinner begins at 6:30 followed by Pastor Jacqueline sharing personal stories of healing. All are invited to bring a healing story, song, tool, and resource. In order to prepare meals, please contact the Havertown UMC office by Monday September 21 if you plan to attend.

SIGNS and Wonders

Trustees of Havertown UMC so appreciate the helping hands caring for flowers, trees, sidewalks, kitchens, sanctuaries and more on our Steel Rd and Brookline Campuses. The work is not only challenging, but ongoing.

Fortunately, the nine members of the Board are skilled, dedicated and even enthusiastic about the property God has entrusted to them.

Support is always welcome. Recently, a weathered sign was replaced by a Havertown angel. There's always something that needs to be done. Feel free to share your ideas with Chair of Trustees Edith McDonough. She's a keeper!



August

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 National Sunflower Day 8am-3pm Red Cross Blood Drive 9:30 am Overeaters Anonymous
2 9:30 am Worship at Hope Campus *Noe Gabe Lopez preaching	3	4	5	6 6pm Creative Women	7 2 pm Bible Study zoom with Ann Eves	8 9:30 am Overeaters Anonymous
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BOLD= Church events/ not bold= Community events