



Havertown United Methodist Church
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November Messenger



LEADERSHIP AND STAFF OF HAVERTOWN UMC.

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We Are Winning All the Time

Recently, I heard Pastor Gregory Holston share his work with The Beloved Community Project he founded. It is a 10-year initiative led through Just Nation, Inc., aimed at dismantling systemic racism, reducing poverty, and building shared prosperity in Philadelphia and beyond. Just Nation, Inc. is a Philadelphia-based civil rights and community activism organization dedicated to eradicating racism, promoting racial justice, and fostering equity through advocacy, education, and community engagement. Google tells me “Pastor Holston is a justice-seeking faith leader and former policy advisor to the Philadelphia District Attorney’s Office who envisions a multi-racial, multi-ethnic, multi-faith coalition led by people of color as the path to building the “beloved community.”

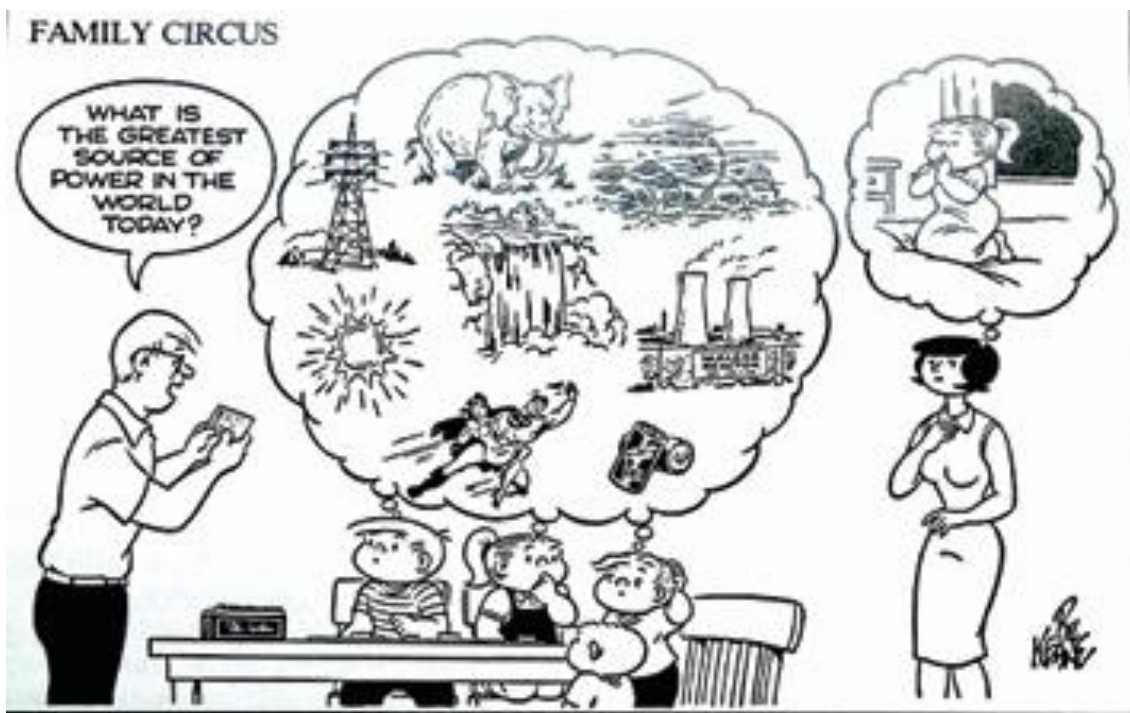
I asked Rev. Holston to share stories of his victories as the project continues this year. I prefaced my request with an implication that in the midst of dire needs and demonic strongholds, the victories were precious. However, my perspective shifted when he noted, “When the Rev. Jesse Jackson was asked about successes. He would say, ‘We’re winning all the time.’”

With faithful hearts, we too can see that God is always working something out for the good. Making an effort to see the good God is doing, inspires and propels us into the holy work all of us are called to do. Seeing helps us to keep our eye on the prize and make it less likely that we will miss giving and receiving important blessings.

May we go forth and serve, loving God and loving our neighbor, no matter how dire the need.

In God’s Peace

Pastor Jacqueline





Leaks, Lights, Camera, Action!!

Shout out to the Trustees! Our property insurance required us to do electrical work in our churches. The Trustees contracted electricians and the work is progressing well. The lights in the sanctuary are brighter. The power boxes have been updated to safety standards.

The merger has given both buildings more care. One Trustee in particular is quite familiar with the Steel Road building. Yet, he has been incredibly available to learning the ins and outs at the Brookline Blvd building as well. Retired members are a goldmine!

We have Trustees who spend endless hours pouring over tedious documents, invoices. They've made countless phone calls, some more fruitful than others.

There have been two major leaks that needed attention urgently. The Trustees were ready and the necessary repairs were completed. God is good. We can tell many stories of someone being in the right place in the nick of time before a tough situation became insurmountable.

God uses all of us. In ways large and small, our efforts are visible. You are seen. We all matter. No act of kindness, moment spent in service, or word of support is too small. If you look around, you will see signs of the works of the faithful. New brochures can be found telling of our many opportunities for gathering together. New rose bushes and new lights line the main entrance. Ladies, don't miss the updated faucets in the restroom!



Those Assisting in Worship

November Liturgists

1 Tony Tilford
8 Bunnie Bryant
15 Jim McDonough
22 Mary Hankins
29 Donna Flanagan

Communion Stewards

Nov.- Donna and Bob Flanagan
Dec. – Kathy Cherwinski



SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE:

The Camels, our Sunday School students and teachers, have completed their journey through the five Books of Law and the eleven Books of History. Now we're ready for an exciting adventure through the Books of Poetry!

Students will begin practicing for the Christmas play the Sunday after Thanksgiving. The title of the Christmas play is, "God's Promise Came True"

FUN FACT: The Book of Psalms contains both the Bible's longest and shortest chapters: Psalm 118 has 176 verses, while Psalm 117 has just two.

Sunday School teachers:

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

Adult Sunday School

All are invited to a fascinating study of the book *Jesus is Lord: Living in the Lordship of Christ* by United Methodist Bishop Tom Berlin. We meet in the church lounge from 9:45 to 10:30 each Sunday morning. What does it mean to say "Jesus is my Lord"? Each chapter of the book can help us become more mature Christians as we discuss it together.



Nov. 1– Twenty Third Sunday after Pentecost/All Saint's Day/Holy Communion

9:45 am Sunday School for all ages

11:00 am 1 Thessalonians 2:6-13 "We the People- All Saints" Pastor Jacqueline

Nov. 8 – Twenty Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

9:45 am Sunday School for all ages

11:00 am Matthew 25:31-40 "We the People- Immigrants" Pastor Jacqueline

Nov.15 – Twenty Fifth Sunday after Pentecost /After Church Fellowship

9:45 am Sunday School for all ages

11:00 am Acts 16:25-34 "We the People- inmates" Pastor Jacqueline

Nov.22 – Twenty Sixth Sunday after Pentecost/Baptism and New Members

9:45 am Sunday School for all ages

11:00 am John 3:16-21 "We the People- Infidels" Pastor Jacqueline

Nov. 29 - First Sunday of Advent

9:45 am Sunday School for all ages

11:00 am Mark 13:24-37 "Be Ready" Rev. George Warner preaching

12:30 pm **Advent Family Luncheon** Fellowship Hall- Stay and enjoy a lunch together and bring unwrapped gifts for Methodist Services and baked cookies for our "At Home" members and families from Hope Food Bank.

WELCOME!!!

To newlyweds Ashley and Mark Anthony Cimabue and their newborn Rocklyn joining Havertown United Methodist Church on Sunday November 22nd.

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

Robin Abate	Sara Abate	Amanda Abate
Beth Cavna	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	Sarah Springfield	

Pray for those who serve in distant lands -

Praise the Lord!! Kristine Gurcan served on the USS Lincoln Aircraft Carrier in the Mediterranean (granddaughter of Mary Anne Geer) is home!

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

Youth Updates!

Ethan Wojnovich- second year at Penn State University at State College!

Amelia Wojnovich- Haverford HS senior, NTL Honor Society, NTL Science Honor Society, aspiring Nurse and Physician Assistant!

Emma Wojnovich - Supervisor for a Home Health Care agency!

David Flanagan- first year at Widner University studying Mechanical Engineering

Julia Flanagan- first year at Elizabethtown University studying Bio/Pre- Med

Prayer Concerns

Ashley Cimabue's Dad Mike is hospitalized with pancreatic cancer treatments. So, the baptism of baby Rocklyn in our 11 a.m. service is rescheduled from Sunday October 25 to November 22 with the hope that he can be present for the service.

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 November!

Zack Kusko	11/01
Dr. Chris Hannum	11/05
Glenn Downs	11/05
Barbara Murphy	11/07
Carol Grafton	11/08
Barbara Ameisen	11/09
Anna Mae Wren	11/09
Scott Keehn	11/18
Ben Kowalski	11/19
Richard Carlin	11/21
Chase Carlin	11/26
Larry Sneddon	11/28
Carol Gegan	11/29

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.



Saturday October 31 turn your clocks back 1 hour before you go to bed.



HOPE FOOD BANK, from Coordinator Sally Kiner:

We are entering our busiest months of the year and can use your help. We accept any in-date items, but perhaps you will consider donating items from our WISH LIST.

*Beginning October 3rd, we will be at the food bank every Saturday (barring bad weather or illness) to accept donations.

*We now have an outdoor donation box for 24/7 donating. It's located right by the white door with many windows in the center courtyard.

*Cash/Check donations work well for us. Let us do the shopping for you. Make checks payable to Hope Food Bank.

WISH LIST

hearty soup (such as Campbell Chunky, Progresso, or beef stew)
pasta sauce (NO GLASS JARS)
canned chicken
cereal (hot and cold)
peanut butter
pancake mix (complete) and syrup
rice sides (such as Knorr and Rice-a-roni)
mac and cheese
canned fruit
cooking oil
shelf-stable milk

Thank you for your continued support. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions, as I will gladly assist you.

Sally Kiner, Director of Hope Food Bank

The Friday Study Group on zoom with Ann Eves at 2 pm

All are welcome!

New Video Study to be announced.

[Join our Cloud HD Video Meeting](#) at 2 pm

Meeting ID: 773 445 3422

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Flea Markets raised money for missions

Thanks to all who helped with the two October flea markets which raised a total of \$2562 for our National United Women in Faith pledge to missions, as well as our local missions, and the nurturing of children. Many hands made this possible, and people in many places will be helped through our efforts.

Jumble on Nov. 7

It's all hands on deck again for the Jumble on Saturday Nov. 7 and the set-up process on Friday the 6th starting at 4 pm. The stage and the former Scout closet are both full of donated items, so there's a lot of stuff to move and organize for the sale which will raise money for our church.

Love in action is unstoppable

Our United Women in Faith around the country are working on the Unstoppable Campaign. Its aim is to increase our efforts to put love into action as we strive to increase our membership and our mission giving. We consider our members to be all the women who help us to put love into action through their prayers, participation in the work, and their financial support.

Advent Lunch on Nov. 29

Following worship on Nov. 29, the first Sunday of Advent, everyone is invited to fellowship hall for lunch, Advent crafts, the gathering of Christmas toys for the children cared for by Methodist Services, and the packing of Christmas cookies for our church "at home" folks and the families served at our Hope Food Bank. You are invited to bring a salad or dessert for the lunch.



Healing Circle

The recent healing circle was attended by 11 people from the church and community who enjoyed a supper, a study of two stories of healing from the Bible, and a sharing of personal healing stories. It was a well-appreciated time which one person said gave her the feeling that Jesus was the 12th person at the table.

A Vision For Our Church

On Laity Sunday, Barbara Drake shared a dream that she had that she felt was a vision from God for our church. The vision focused on seeing all our church ministries as connected with each other in a feeding ministry to provide healing for body, mind, and spirit. We receive the Bread of Life from Jesus at communion so we can share it with others for their healing, and we make a communion offering that helps people in need, and our communion service connects us with our Food Bank and with Bread for the World, and with Miriam's table in the Congo, and with the children being fed by Kabaka our missionary in Tanzania, and with the children in our Sunday School and Vacation Bible School, and our Healing Circles, and UMCOR disaster relief and our blankets for Church World Service. All of our ministries and feeding people physically and spiritually and bringing healing to their bodies, minds, and spirits. Seeing all our ministries in this connected way will help us be more effective in our mission of being the hands of Christ in our community.



Haverford Township Day

Thanks to all who helped on Oct. 3 to set up the canopy and staff the church's table for Haverford Township Day, when the beautiful shopping bags with the church name and contact information were distributed along with information about our church activities and the rubber ducks donated by the McDonough's. It was a successful day of connecting with our community.

Church Jumble on Nov. 7

Helpers are needed on Friday Nov. 6 after 4 pm to move all the donated items from the stage and the former Scout closet and to organize them for Saturday's sale. Helpers are also needed on Saturday from 9 - 1 to greet the community and assist them in finding and purchasing the treasures that interest them. All money raised will help our church with expenses and ministries.

Advent Family Lunch on Nov. 29

This is the all-church event when we enjoy lunch together after worship and bring the new, unwrapped toys we will share with Methodist Services to give as holiday gifts to all the children they serve. We'll also bring homemade Christmas cookies to fill the containers for our "at home" church family as well as the families served at the Food Bank. While some pack the cookies, others will have fun making Advent crafts.

Methodist Services Has New Name

What we originally knew as the Methodist Home for Children when we gave them Christmas gifts for the children, then became Methodist Services. Now the name has been changed to Methodist Services Hope Network, and it is being abbreviated MSHN, which can be said as "Mission". The announcement of the name change came out in October. They are continuing with their same services and preserving the Methodist connection, but reaching out to involve new people in their work.

Bread for the World

With our visit from Deaconess Darlene DiDomineck on October 25, we are beginning our support for Bread for the World, a Christian organization that connects our concern for the hungry and our mercy efforts to feed them with the Justice ministry of advocating for changes in our country's policies that will help to eliminate the problem of hunger in our country and around the world.

Congo Partnership Feeding Program

Through our envelope campaign earlier this year, we raised \$1500 for the Congo Partnership, which has two feeding programs in the D.R. Congo. The Mpasa Medical Center in Kinshasa has a nutrition program that feeds hundreds of children and elderly women daily. They report they can feed a child for \$135 per year. The second feeding program is Miriam's Table, founded by Susie Keefer, a United Methodist from Delaware and president of the Board of the Congo Partnership. She named the program for her daughter Miriam, adopted in the Congo when Miriam was 2 and connected emotionally with Susie during a visit after her birth mother deserted her.



Things Happening at Havertown UMC

Fall Sunday School and Worship Services- beginning on Sunday September 13th. Sunday School at 9:30 am and Worship at 11:00 am at our Union Campus 200 Brookline Blvd.



Rev. George Warner will be preaching at Havertown UMC on Nov. 29th followed by Advent Family Luncheon Nov. 29 12:30 pm Fellowship Hall

Advent Lunch and Studies 12 pm Lounge at Union Dec. 2, 9, 16

Decorating the Sanctuary- TBA

Christmas Cantata Sun. Dec. 6 11 am "A Celebration of Christmas"



Julie Henning Sun. Dec. 6, 12:30 pm lunch and speaker following the 11:00 am service. Please sign up or contact the office by Nov. 15.

First Sunday Communion date is changed from December 6 (Cantata) to second Sunday Dec. 13

Save the Date for 2027 Confirmation Retreats! April 9-11, 2027 @ Gretna Glen

Havertown United Methodist Church

Vision – To be a vital, inclusive, growing church making a difference in the community by sharing God's love in words and actions.

Mission – Being the hands of Christ by sharing God's love in our teaching, feeding, sheltering, and healing ministries.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:45 am Sunday school for all ages 11 am Worship at Union Campus All Saint's Day	2	3		4 6pm Creative Women	6 2pm Bible Study Zoom with Ann Eves	7 9am -1 pm Jumble Sale Union Campus 9:30 am Overeaters Anonymous 10-11:30 am Food collection at Hope Food Bank
8 9:45 am Sunday school for all ages 11 am Worship at Union Campus	9	10 7 pm Trustee Meeting MYF room	11	12 6pm Creative Women	13 2pm Bible Study Zoom with Ann Eves	14 9am Yoga @ Hope 9:30 am Overeaters Anonymous 10-11:30 am Food collection at Hope Food Bank
15 9:45 am Sunday school for all ages 11 am Worship at Union Campus	16	17	18	19 6pm Creative Women	20 2pm Bible Study Zoom with Ann Eves 7pm Family Game Night	21 9:30 am Overeaters Anonymous 10-11:30 am Food collection 12-1:30 pm Food Distribution at Hope Food Bank
22 9:45 am Sunday school for all ages 11 am Worship at Union Campus/After Church Fellowship Welcome new members & Baptism	23 7:30 pm Leadership Team Zoom	24	25	26 Office closed Happy Thanksgiving!	27 2pm Bible Study Zoom with Ann Eves	28 9:30 am Overeaters Anonymous 10-11:30 am Food collection at Hope Food Bank 3 pm Yuki Fundraiser Concert Union Campus
29 9:45 am Sunday school for all ages 11 am Worship at Union Campus George Warner, preaching Advent Family Lunch	30 7:30 pm United Women in Faith zoom meeting					

BOLD= Church events/ not bold = Community events