



Havertown United Methodist Church  
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## February 2026



### LEADERSHIP AND STAFF OF HAVERTOWN UMC.

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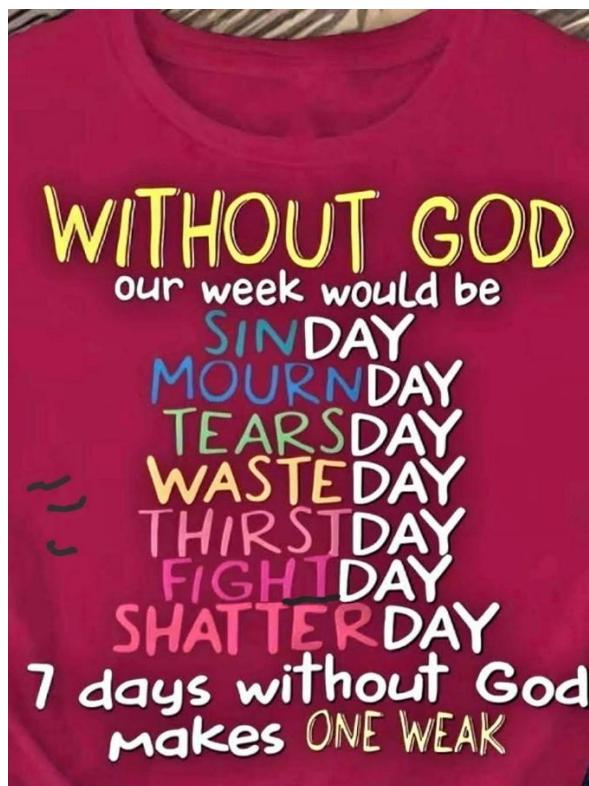
## *From the Pastor*

The Lenten season from Ash Wednesday February 18<sup>th</sup> to Easter April 5<sup>th</sup> calls us, once again, to draw closer to God. As an old gospel song goes, “If we ever needed the Lord before, we sure do need him now.” No matter what our situation, things go better as we put our lives in the hands of God.

In the best of times as well as the worst of times, God is faithful in God’s partnership with us as we build the kin-dom which Romans 14:12 tells us is righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit. In sorrow, God grants us a crown of beauty for ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair.

In a few days you will receive the 2026 Havertown UMC Lenten Devotional “Beauty from Ashes” It is full of stories of God’s abiding presence in the midst tough situations. God loves you! May this be a season when you are further transformed by the love of God and the companionship of the faithful.

In God’s love,  
Pastor Jacqueline



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.



### Those Assisting in Worship

#### February Liturgists

1 Sally Kiner  
8 Barbara Drake  
15 Edith McDonough  
22 Bev Schmitt

#### Communion Stewards

Feb 1 Barbara Ameisen  
Mar.1 Carolyn Wiker  
Apr.5 Donna Shenkman  
May 3 Donna & Bob Flanagan



#### SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE:

All the Sunday School binders are organized and ready as we journey through the book of Leviticus. Students have watched a creative video on Leviticus, and one of the children commented, "Whew, that's a lot of information!" When we end the book of Leviticus, we are planning a "Festival Passover" meal. Students will sample items typical of that time period.

Weather issues, sport events, or the seasonal illnesses, have delayed our journey through the Books of the Bible to a much slower pace than we expected. But, on the side note, the camels the children and youth are 'riding' from book to book, are incredibly pleased with the slower pace, for God made them to 'chill and not rush.' The Sunday School teachers who are having difficulty traveling on camels are: Donna Flanagan, Joyce Kowaski, Bev Schimtt, Lynne Rudisill, and Brenda Del Rosario.

**We are so proud to share with you about our children and youth, please let us know if you have some inside scoop on our youth being super kids in anything!**



**February 1 – Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany / Communion**

9:45 am Sunday School for all ages

11:00 am Worship James 1.12-21 "Love: Slow Down"

**February 8 – Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany**

9:45 am Sunday School for all ages

11:00 am Worship Philippians 4.1-9 "Love: Calm Down"

**February 15 –Transfiguration Sunday/Love Story Luncheon after service**

9:45 am Sunday School for all ages

11:00 am Worship Psalm 1.1-6 "Love: Sit Down"

12:00 Love Story Luncheon in Fellowship Hall

**February 22 – Third Sunday after the Epiphany**

9:45 am Sunday School for all ages

11:00 am Worship Exodus 3.1-10 "Love: Stand Down"

**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.

**Lenten Lunches -**

Join us Thursdays at noon for five Lenten Lunches - 2/19, 2/26, 3/5, 3/12, 3/19.

Lessons will be taken from **Spiritual F.i.t.ness** a scriptural study of what God does For us, In us, and Through us.

The focus will be on the role of morning prayer in developing a deeper spiritual life. The study was designed by Tony Tilford who will lead the sessions with Pastor Jacqueline.

Sign up in the sanctuary or by calling the office.

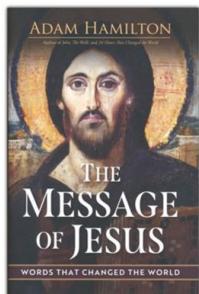
# IN OUR *Thoughts and Prayers*

Mark Brogan      Beth Cavna      Brenda Del Rosario  
Laura Dietrich      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      Denise Snyder  
Brian(needs double lung transplant)  
Mr. Choe (Dr. Chris Hannum's father-in-law)  
Richard Miller (Donna's Aunt & Uncle)  
Mike Downes(Donna's Brother in law)  
Winton Hewitt and Family on the loss of his wife Audrey  
Chip Bonghi and Family on the loss of their Mom Dorothy  
The Consul Family  
The Smith Family

**The Friday Study Group on zoom with Ann Eves**  
**All are welcome!**

Join our Cloud HD Video Meeting

Meeting ID: 773 445 3422  
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The Message of Jesus - Words That Changed The World

Pastor and best-selling author Adam Hamilton explores six of the most important themes in Jesus's teachings, why they matter, and how they speak to us today. The book will explore Jesus's message of repentance, the sermon on the mount, the parables, the 'I am' sayings in John, and more. Jesus's message is not only life-changing, but world-changing.



Happy Birthday to those with a Birthday in February!

Eric Kusko	02/06
Elizabeth Reiley	02/06
Brady Carlin	02/07
Ashleylynn Hornbaker	02/07
Jackie Engler	02/08
Julianna Keehn	02/14
Michael Flanagan	02/15
Joyce Gilbert	02/17
Andrew Molnar	02/18
Emily White	02/24
Ryan LaDue	02/27

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.

## Golden Crown - Japan: The Land of Four Seasons - 2026 Fancy Brigade Competition

Sherry (Consul) and John Smith have been involved in the 125 year old Philadelphia Mummers parade. Thursday January 1 was John's 59th and Sherry's 25th year participating. John's costume was part of the Golden Crown Club depicting Japan in four seasons.

You can view the parade on YouTube by adding this link to your browser

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HeTNoWPXmrU> .

The parade is over an hour long with Golden Crown coming in around 1:28.50 seconds.



## HOPE FOOD BANK, from Coordinator Sally Kiner:

Hi friends!

The food bank is pushing the PAUSE button on donations for a few weeks.

Right now, we are overwhelmed with food from all our generous donors. We need some time to sort and organize all the items we have on hand. Plus, we are almost out of room to store the food we have. Our pantry shelves are filled to the rafters and all the pews in our little chapel are overflowing.

We are still doing distribution each month on the third Saturday from 12:00 noon-1:30 pm.

I'll let you know when we have space for more donations. Until then, please consider donating to any of the other local food banks, or \$\$\$ is always a good donation for our food bank to prep for the future.

Thank you for your continued support of our mission to help those in need.

Sally Kiner, Director  
Hope Food Bank

On May 1, 2025 The United Methodist Bishops unveiled a new mission statement see below.



**The United Methodist Church forms disciples of Jesus Christ who, empowered by the Holy Spirit, love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously in local communities and worldwide connections.**



### Valentine's Day Lunch

On Sunday Feb. 15, we'll be helping with the church's Valentine lunch after worship, which will replace the after-church fellowship. Bring a love story to share at your table and help clean up.

### Feb. 23 Meeting

We'll gather on zoom at 7:30 pm for fellowship and discussion about how we can live boldly and serve joyfully as we walk by faith.

### Jumble -

Mark your calendars for Sat. March 13 and gather your donations to benefit the church.



### Valentine's Day Lunch - Feb. 15

Following worship on Feb. 15, everyone is invited to stay for a Valentine's Day Lunch in fellowship hall. This will replace our after-church fellowship. Invite your neighbors to join you. The theme of the day is sharing our love stories--any kind of love story: love of spouse, children, parents, pets. You might share how your parents met and fell in love. We'll share our stories at our lunch tables as we have fellowship with each other and eat the food provided for you. No need to bring anything. A donation basket will be available if you want to help pay for the food. The goal is to get to know each other better and realize we all have stories to share which can help us connect with others. We hope you will end up writing your stories for our Bridges Pathway gathering of stories.

### The Beloved Community

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., spoke frequently about how the love of God works in human hearts to create a community where the human needs of every person are met. We can work together as a church to create the beloved community here and now through acts of love shown through both mercy and justice. Actions that help to overcome poverty, hunger, and homelessness are evidence of the beloved community at work. Our Hope Food Bank is a well-supported way of overcoming hunger for families in our community. Our work with IHN/Family Promise/St. Joseph's Family Hope Center helped to overcome homelessness for many families with children for 19 years. Now we are pivoting to explore how to prevent homelessness. We're meeting with Cory Long, Director of Making a Change Group to discuss a partnership to work on this. More info to come in the days ahead.

### Our Missionary

Kabaka Alphonsine continues to serve in Tanzania as Director of 2 Childcare Programs and Director of the Women's Work that supports their spiritual growth and helps them learn skills to help support their families. Please pray for Kabaka. Donations to help with her salary can be made through your church envelopes.



## February Heart Month

Our physical heart health depends on healthy eating, exercise, following the advice of our doctors while using our God-given mental abilities to understand how all these things apply to us in our unique situations. Our emotional heart health involves realizing that God loves us and enables us to love each other.

## Spiritual Health

Ash Wednesday is on February 18 this year, and it begins the season of Lent, when spiritual practices such as prayer, Bible study, and devotional reading can help us become more spiritually healthy. The Upper Room Devotional Guide is available on the tables at the back of the sanctuary to help you with your spiritual health.



Harriet Ziegler is the widow of the late pastor Bob Ziegler who passed away May of 2019. He served Havertown (Union) for 13 years (1978-1991)

She will celebrate her 93rd birthday on March 10!

It's been over 30 years since they left Havertown so she shared many updates. Her oldest of two daughters, Ruth lives in Brooklyn with her partner Samantha. Ruth is a lawyer for Sirius XM. Daughter Mary is married to Donald. She has worked for MIT for 30 years. Their son George is a sophomore mechanical engineering student at the University of Rochester. Ruth's daughter Avery is attending McGill University in Montreal studying the classics after graduating from Bryn Mawr College, studying the classics and even doing an archeology dig in Italy.

Harriet has fond memories of many programs and activities at Union Church, recalling especially the exchange visits between Union folk and members of Wednesbury Methodist Church in England.

She sends her regards to all the members of Havertown UMC.



## Mark your calendars

### Jumble Sale - Saturday March 14<sup>th</sup>

Starting your spring cleaning? Have things you would like to get rid of?  
Downsizing or clearing out the clutter?

The Women of Havertown UMC are planning a Jumble Sale on 3/14, please speak to Bev Schmitt or Barb Drake about donating to the Jumble Sale.

### Retreat at St. Raphaela's April 18, 2026

Mark your calendars for an all-church retreat on Saturday April 18<sup>th</sup>.  
The theme is "Possibility." Necia Evonda Bailey-Tyree will assist in leading the retreat.

Sunday May 3 at 3 pm in the Union campus sanctuary, Our Town in Story and Song, a concert with narration about the history of Havertown. Music will be provided by the Havertown Choristers, a combined choir, Molly Hicks, and other musicians as we celebrate our country's 250<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**Annual Conference** in Wildwood New Jersey May 19, 20, 21, Welcome to Donna Flanagan and Sandy Young joining Bunnie Bryant, Mary Hankins, and Barbara Drake representing Havertown UMC.



### Lenten Services

**Ash Wednesday** February 18, 7:30 pm Havertown UMC

**Lenten Lunches-** 12 pm Lounge 2/19, 2/26, 3/5, 3/12, 3/19 . (5 weeks)

**Healing Circle** Thursday February 26, 6:30 pm Dinner 7 pm service at Ardmore UMC

**Maundy Thursday** April 2, Ardmore UMC 7 pm

**Good Friday** April 3, St. Luke UMC Bryn Mawr 12:00 pm

## Martin Sunroom Dedication

On MLK day the Making a Change Group dedicated a room to Dave Martin the first Board Member when MAC began in 2014.



Mayor Roots of Chester honors Dave.



Vision of what the room will look like in a few months.



MAC president Cory Long presents plaques to Dave's wife Stacy and children Olivia and her husband Connor and Wyatt.



Stacy Martin reflects with gratitude for MAC's acknowledgement of her husband's extraordinarily fruitful and generous work on behalf of the downtrodden.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 No GPCC	2	3 6pm Sea Scouts	4	5 6pm Creative Women	6 2pm Bible Study Zoom with Ann Eves	7 9:30-10:45 am Overeaters Anonymous Lounge
8	9 6:45 pm Girl Scout Service Unit Meeting - fellowship Hall	10 7pm Trustee Meeting in MYF room	11	12 6pm Creative Women	13 2pm Bible Study Zoom with Ann Eves	14 9am Yoga -Hope 9:30-10:45 am Overeaters Anonymous Lounge 10-11:30 Food Collection - Hope Food Bank
15 12 pm Love Story Luncheon- Fellowship Hall 4:30-7:30 GPCC Youth- Hope	16 7:30 pm Leadership team Zoom Meeting	17 6pm Sea Scouts	18 Ash Wednesday 7:30 pm Ash Wednesday service at Union Campus	19 12pm Lenten Lunch 6pm Creative Women	20 2pm Bible Study Zoom with Ann Eves 7pm Family Game Night	21 9:30-10:45 am Overeaters Anonymous Lounge 10-11:30 Food Collection - Hope Food Bank 12-1:30 pm Food Distribution - Hope Food Bank
22 4:30-7:30 GPCC Youth- Hope	23 7:30 pm United Women in Faith Zoom Meeting	24	25	26 12pm Lenten Lunch Healing Circle 6:30 pm dinner 7pm service Ardmore UMC 6pm Creative Women	27 2pm Bible Study Zoom with Ann Eves	28 9:30-10:45 am Overeaters Anonymous Lounge GPCC- 5-10 pm- Hope

**BOLD= Church events/ not bold= Community events**