

Havertown United Methodist Church
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July Messenger



LEADERSHIP AND STAFF OF HAVERTOWN UMC.

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Hope Food Bank: Sally Kiner



Welcome Our August 2nd Preacher!

Our special guest preacher for August 2's 9 30 a.m. service is a Conference staff person. He holds the position of Director of Social Impact & Belonging. Members of our leadership team worked with his wife Iliana. She coached us as we sorted through ways to strengthen our ties to the community in the Conference Pathways to Bridges workshops. Here is Gabe's bio.

Noé Gabriel López (also known as Gabe) is a native of Philadelphia, born to Guatemalan immigrant parents and shaped by the vibrant communities of the city. After earning his Bachelor of Arts in Bible and Theology from Malone University and his Master of Divinity from Duke University, he began ministry as an Associate Pastor at a multicultural church in Henderson, North Carolina. Over the years, his journey has been grounded in a deep commitment to working alongside immigrants and serving marginalized communities. Most recently, he served as one of the pastors at The First United Methodist Church of Germantown in Philadelphia and now serves as the Director of Social Impact and Belonging for both the Eastern Pennsylvania and Greater New Jersey Conferences of the United Methodist Church.

Outside of ministry, Gabe enjoys traveling, playing soccer, and following Philly sports— especially the Eagles! Gabe cherishes time spent with his wife, Iliana.

Peace and Grace,

Pastor Jacqueline





Those Assisting in Worship

July Liturgists

5 Tony Tilford
12 Bunnie Bryant
19 Donna Flanagan
26 Mary Hankins

Communion Stewards

July 5 Linda Gonzales
August 2 Barbara Ameisen
Sept. 6 Carolyn Wiker
Oct. 4 Donna Shenkman



SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE:

As we do not have Sunday School during the Summer, the teachers are working on preparing to continue our journey through the books of the Bible and learning the Apostles Creed and allowing our Camels to take a much needed rest before we jump back on them in the Fall to continue our journey.

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

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

Our Graduates:

Will Ehrhart - grandson of Pat Cutillo is graduating from Messiah College.

Brady Carlin - granddaughter of Pat Cutillo graduated from Haverford High School to attend University of Delaware.

David Flanagan - grandson of Bev Schmitt graduated from Haverford High School heading to Weidner.

Julia Flanagan - granddaughter of Bev Schmitt graduated from Haverford High School heading to Elizabethtown.

Eva Kowalski is moving up to 6th Grade at Colonial Middle School.

Molly Fleming is moving up to 9th Grade at Haverford High School.

Other Events Happening:

Ben Kowalski and his Conshohocken Little League pitching machine division “Dodgers” won the championship.

Kiera and Cassidy Fleming performed in their Spring Dance Recital at The Haverford Dance Center.



July 5 – Sixth Sunday after Pentecost/ Holy Communion

9:30 am Worship at Hope Campus Chapel 1108 Steel Road
Genesis 24:34-38,42-49, 58-67 "UMC Marriages and Mergers"

July 12 – Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am Worship at Hope Campus Chapel 1108 Steel Road
Isaiah 55: 10-13 "The Church from Bristol to Bristol"

July 19 – Eighth Sunday after Pentecost /After Church Fellowship

9:30 am Worship at Hope Campus Chapel 1108 Steel Road
Genesis 28:10-19a "God's Dreams and Visions for UMC"

July 26th – Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am Worship at Hope Campus Chapel 1108 Steel Road
Romans 8:26-39 "Loving and Leaving the UMC"

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.

In Our Thoughts & Prayers



PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN PRAYER THIS WEEK

Beth Cavna	Kathy Cherwinski	Brenda Del Rosario
Jackie Engler	Pat Evans	Paul Eves
Bob Flanagan	Michael Flanagan	Carol Grafton
Stacy Kusko	Keith Loflin	Tanya Long
Stephen Pols	John Makara	Sue Makara
Linda McAlpin	Barbara Murphy	Geraldine Oakes
Ernie Quatrani	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!

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](#)

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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 July!

June Hoyle	07/01
Sue Makara	07/01
Karen McDonough	07/06
David Flanagan	07/08
Julia Flanagan	07/08
Jim McDonough	07/09
David Eves	07/12
Joanne Trout	07/18
Sandy Young	07/21
Aaron Hill	07/27

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.

"We will never be happy until we make God the source of our fulfillment Faith-Fillers and the answer to our longings." — Stormie Omartian



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 of our mission to assist those in need.

Sally Kiner



Thanks

A big thank you goes out to all who helped with the Strawberry Festival which raised \$340 for our Mission Giving. Thanks also to all who worked on the church jumble which raised over \$1200 for our church.

Financial Update

In the first six months of the year our United Women in Faith income was \$2173 and we sent in \$2000 for our Mission Giving and \$100 for Ingathering.

Summer Mission Projects

1. Gathering new items (from gifts you can't use or sales you can't resist), such as kitchen items, holiday items, or home decorations, for themed-baskets for auction to benefit Methodist Hospital.
2. Gathering new or gently-used men's or women's clothing for United Methodist Neighborhood Services.



Fall Prevention: Cris Burbage and Barb Drake attended a course in June using a booklet prepared by the PA Department of Aging called "Healthy Steps for Older Adults". It contains 99 pages of helpful hints on how to prevent falls by making your home safer and staying as active as possible to strengthen your muscles and improve your balance. Knowing that falls are the most common cause of injury for older adults can make us afraid of falling, but that fear can make us more likely to fall. Because most falls occur in our homes, it's important to take a good look at our home surroundings to identify hazards for falling that need to be removed. Here are a few things to ask yourself:

- Can you turn on a light as you enter a darkened room?
- Would you benefit from putting lamps on timers so they turn on at dusk?
- Is there clutter on your floors to trip on?
- Do you have area rugs or mats that can slide?
- Do you have grab bars at appropriate heights in your bathroom?
- Do you have and use handrails on all stairs?
- Do you have a cell phone with you at all times to call for needed help if you fall?



Congo Partnership - Thanks for your generous gifts of \$1304 to support the many mission projects in the Central Congo that focus on feeding the hungry, digging wells, and providing health care.

Blanket Sunday - Thanks for \$610 which is going to Church World Service for blankets.

Peace with Justice Sunday - Our offering of \$710 will provide grants to people working on promoting peace and justice in our local area and around the world.

Upcoming Events:

- July 29, 7 pm Community Scavenger Hunt
- August 4, 6-8 pm National Night Out at Township building
- August 10-14, 9 am-noon Vacation Bible School

Growing Disciples

Our Bishop is asking all churches to make a discipleship plan. This involves each of us growing as disciples of Jesus while learning how to help others become disciples of Jesus. Our Leadership Team discussed this in June and looked at a draft of a discipleship plan.

Step 1 = Define a disciple. A disciple is a follower of Jesus who is growing in faithfulness and serving Christ through acts of compassion, justice, worship, and devotion under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Step 2 = Identify where you need to grow as a disciple in worship, spiritual practices, generosity, service, community participation, and witnessing about your faith. Make a plan for your growth in that area.

Step 3 might be to select a Bible verse that helped you in a difficult time and think how to describe to someone how it helped you. Practice telling the story aloud. Pray for God to bring someone your way who needs to hear how the scripture helped you.

Isle of Hope, Isle of Tears **(inspiring song sung by Havertown UMC soloist Jim McDonough)**

On the first day of January, eighteen ninety-two, they opened Ellis Island and they let the people through. And the first to cross the threshold of the Isle of hope and tears was Annie Moore from Ireland who was all of fifteen years.

Isle of hope, Isle of tears, Isle of freedom, Isle of fears, but it's not the Isle I left behind. That Isle of hunger, Isle of pain, Isle you'll never see again, but the Isle of home is always on your mind.

In her little bag she carried all her past and history, and her dreams for the future in the land of liberty. And courage is the passport when your old world disappears, 'cause there's no future in the past when you're fifteen years.

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When they closed down Ellis Island in nineteen forty-three, seventeen million people had come for sanctuary. And in springtime when I came here and I stepped onto its piers, I thought of how it must have been when you're only fifteen years.

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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.

Community Scavenger Hunt

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

Vacation Bible School- Snowball Mountain Challenge- 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. Your kids will be guided daily by our energetic Activities Director and the lovable Ollie the Arctic Seal puppet, who is reporting on the events. Challengers aren't just playing games; they learn to draw strength from their faith through powerful stories of courage and hope. With a unique winter theme and solid theology at its core, this VBS delivers joy and meaning in equal measure, teaching kids that "I can do all things through him who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13 NRSV).

Aug. 10th - 14th Union Campus 9am - 12pm. Ages 4-12.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 6 pm Creative Women	3 2 pm Bible Study Zoom with Ann Eves	4 9:30 am Overeater Anonymous Lounge
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12 9:30 am Worship at Hope	13	14	15	16 6 pm Creative Women	17 2 pm Bible Study Zoom with Ann Eves 7 pm Game Night	18 9:30 am Overeaters Anonymous Lounge 10-11:30am Food Collection 12-1:30pm Food Distribution at Hope Food Bank
19 9:30 am Worship at Hope After Church Fellowship	20	21	22	23 6 pm Creative Women	24 2 pm Bible Study Zoom with Ann Eves	25 9:30 am Overeaters Anonymous Lounge
26 9:30 am Worship at Hope	27	28	29 7pm Community Scavenger Hunt	30 6 pm Creative Women	31 2 pm Bible Study Zoom with Ann Eves	

BOLD= Church events/ not bold= Community events