



Havertown United Methodist Church
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September Messenger



LEADERSHIP AND STAFF OF HAVERTOWN UMC.

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Hope Food Bank: Sally Kiner



New Pastor at Havertown UMC

While SPRC - Staff Parish Relations Committee is busy all year in its role of supporting church employees, this particular year as I approach my retirement, SPRC is busy in conversation with the DS, District Superintendent Rev. Stephen Pittman and Bishop Cynthia Moore Koikoi to communicate the pastoral needs and wishes of Havertown UMC.

The forms required for Charge Conference by September 30th are designed to share SPRC's insights and feedback. Often, but not exclusively, many new pastoral assignments are made by March, but that is not set in stone. When all four of the superintendents of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference and the Bishop have prayerfully discerned a selection, they will arrange for the SPRC committee to interview that pastor and raise relevant questions and exchange significant information.

The Board of Ordained Ministry screens all pastors, determining their fitness for ministry. Since the cooperation between Eastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey Conferences, the next Havertown pastor may come from the New Jersey Conference. At various trainings and fellowships, I have met gifted and effective pastors born and raised in the United States, Philippines, Korea, Africa, Puerto Rico, the Caribbean, and Europe. There are pastors in our conference who are neurodivergent, have non-traditional marriages, with many spiritual abilities, different ages, and life skills. Some have made intense sacrifices for the sake of justice and hold political perspectives widely known among Conference clergy and laity.

Whoever God chooses, is sure to be a blessing. Pray for me as I leave in early June and pray for the one God sends to lead Havertown UMC beginning July 1, 2027.

In God's Love,

Pastor Jacqueline



Those Assisting in Worship

September Liturgists

6 Donna Flanagan
13 Bunnie Bryant
20 Jim McDonough
27 Mary Hankins

Communion Stewards

Sept. 6 Carolyn Wiker
Oct. 4 Donna Shenkman
Nov. 1 Bob & Donna Flanagan



SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE:

As we begin our Sunday School year, the students will learn the Apostle's Creed and continue traveling through the Books of the Bible. The students already have learned that the Bible is an amazing book. It is a BIG library with sixty-six smaller books inside! God wrote these words to help, guide, and show our students His great love.

Our journey continues in the Books of History that shares real stories about kings & queens, brave heroes, big battles, and how God helped His people through good times and challenging times.

I have learned through a reliable source that the camels have been well fed and suited up for the long journey ahead. Bring your smiles and your enthusiasm, for we cannot wait to explore these stories with you!!

Fun Fact: Did you know the Bible has poetry, letters, and history? The twelve books of history in the Old Testament go from Joshua all the way to Esther spanning over 900 to 1000 years!

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

Adult Sunday School

We will discuss the book *Jesus Is Lord: Living in the Lordship of Christ* by Tom Berlin, who is a United Methodist Bishop. New folks are invited to join the five regular attendees for this opportunity to grow spiritually. We meet from 9:45 to 10:30 in the church lounge, which allows the choir members to get to rehearsal and allows others time for fellowship before worship.



Sept.6 – Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost/ Holy Communion

9:30 am Worship at Hope Campus Chapel 1108 Steel Road
Mathew 24.1-8 "Are We Living in the End Times?"

Sept. 13 – Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost/Return to Union Campus

9:45 am Sunday School for all ages
11:00 am I Thessalonians 4.13-18 "The Rapture, Really?"

Sept. 20 – Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost /After Church Fellowship

9:45 am Sunday School for all ages
11:00 am Romans 8. 1-17 "Do Not Be Afraid" Richard Miller, Preaching

Sept. 27 - Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:45 am Sunday School for all ages
11:00 am Psalm 34.1-22 "Prophecy Deliverance"

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		

Sandy Loflin and Cindy DiLullo and the Loflin family with the loss of their loved one, Keith.
Brittney Conley , Skylar, Ryleigh and Ryan and family
with the unexpected loss of Patty their mom/mom-mom at the age of 62.

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)

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.

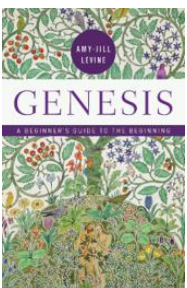


Happy Birthday to those with a Birthday in September!

Mary Anne Geer	09/06
Bobby Popky	09/16
Debbi Molnar	09/18
Stacy Kusko	09/20
Steven Geer	09/21
Chase LaDue	09/21
Edward Owen, Jr.	09/25
Cindy DiLullo	09/30
Brianna Flanagan	09/30

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.



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

All are welcome!

Genesis: A Beginner's Guide to the Beginning explores the foundational stories of the Old Testament with author A. J. Levine's blend of historical content and engaging storytelling. The key stories from Genesis covered in this study are The Garden of Eden, Cain and Abel, Noah's Ark, The Near Sacrifice of Isaac, Jacob's Stairway to Heaven and the Saga of Joseph. Levine shows why these stories matter and helps us to see how ancient scriptures still speak with power and relevance to our lives today.

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

Meeting ID: 773 445 3422

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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

Visit from George Warner

On August 6, we had a visit at the church from George Warner, a pastor in Virginia, who was born in Liberia. The MYF at Union UMC helped him in the 1980's by raising money through car washes and bake sales to pay for his high school expenses. Donna Flanagan was in MYF at that time. After graduation, he started seminary, but the Liberian Civil War interrupted his education. He was in a refugee camp in the Ivory Coast for several years, and Union church sent him clothing, and then helped him get into a seminary in Kenya. After being ordained in Liberia, we connected him with the General Board of Global Ministries, and he went to Tanzania for 2 years as a missionary, where he met our current missionaries, Mutwale and Kabaka. After another 3 years as a missionary in Senegal, he came to the U.S. in 2004 and has pastored several churches in Virginia. He plans to return to Liberia in 5 years after retiring to teach in the seminary where he began his response to God's call to ministry.

**Mark your calendars George Warner is preaching at Havertown UMC
November 29!**



South District Day Apart

All women invited to Camp Innabah on Wed. Sept. 16 from 9 - 2:30 for a day apart from the usual activities to focus on God's Gift, Our Obedience Back to God with speaker Rev. Audrey Blackwell-Washington and a sharing of the gifts that individuals have received from God. A hot lunch of chicken parm and a salad bar will be enjoyed at tables decorated by church groups with butterflies. The mission project is socks for all ages for Mission Central. A butterfly release is planned as part of the Celebration of Life ceremony. Cost is \$15. Let Barb Drake know by 9/10 if you want to attend. She can drive 3 others.

Women's Association of Methodist Hospital

Fall meeting will be on Thursday 9/24 from 10:30 - 1:30 at 2301 S. Broad St, Philadelphia, with a program on Crosses of the World by Barbara Drake, followed by a hot lunch. Cost \$10. Let Barb know if you would like to ride with her.

Zoom Meeting on Sept. 28 at 7:30 pm.

All women invited for fellowship, devotions, and a program on solutions to hunger through Bread for the World.

Flea Market: Save the date of October 10, with set up on Friday 10/9.



Mental Health

It's important to understand that nearly one in five US adults live with a mental illness (National Institute of Mental Health) and that suicide is now the leading cause of death in the US (Center for Disease Control). The World Health Organization reported that the COVID-19 pandemic caused a 25% increase in the prevalence of anxiety and depression worldwide.

On Sunday September 27 from 3-5 pm, St. James United Church of Christ at 135 Myrtle Ave, Havertown, is hosting a program on Breaking the Silence of Suicide: Awareness, Understanding, and Hope. It is co-sponsored by the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI Main Line).



Vacation Bible School: Snowball Mountain Challenge

We reached 10 children at VBS, as well as 2 youth helpers and 11 adults with the message that they can do all things through God who provides the strength they need. Lots of fun was enjoyed at the Story Stage, Craft Corner, Mission Mountain, Snack Shack, Game Garden, and Music Mountain. Bible people whose stories were told included Joseph, who shared his gift of interpreting dreams; Queen Esther, who showed courage in saving her people; the poor widow who gave all she had; Jesus who prayed “not my will but thine be done”; and Peter and John who healed a man, thus giving him hope. The children made cards to go in the 24 backpacks they filled with the items donated by church members and the crayons, markers, and colored pencils they brought for families coming to the food bank. The daily offering totaled \$133 for the Hope Food Bank to buy laundry detergent for the families who are served. Thanks to all who helped make the week of August 10-14 a big success.

National Night Out

On August 4 we had 7 church folks setting up and staffing the table at National Night Out where the police and fire fighters were saluted, and we shared reusable grocery bags with the church information and rubber ducks, which attracted the children. We promoted VBS and our Community Scavenger Hunt and enjoyed the free food available at the event.

"Thoughts on Community"

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s book “Where Do We Go From Here: Chaos or Community?” was published in 1967. When it was re-issued in 1968 after his death, his wife Coretta King said in the preface: “The solutions he offered can still save our society from self-destruction.” The book was re-published in 2010, and it continues to offer insights that can help us in 2026. Here are a few:

- Transformation of a whole people requires total participation.
- Racial understanding is not something we find but what we must create.
- Power at its best is love implementing the demands of justice. Justice at its best is love correcting everything that stands against love.
- To ignore evil is to become an accomplice to it.
- The church must take the lead in social reform.
- The stability of the world will involve a revolution of values, shifting from a “thing”-oriented society to a “person”-oriented society.
- We need a concerned re-examination of the true meaning of American democracy.

The Greatest of These Is Love!



Deborah and Lance Anderman were married in the Hope Chapel (then Ebenezer Methodist Church) in 1969. A plaque dedicating the chapel to Reverend Richard Jones, who officiated their wedding, still hangs on the wall. They renewed their vows on August 14th 2026 in the company of children and grandchildren.



The Anderman's share fond memories of worshipping, teaching Sunday School, and raising children who attended Bible School and participated in various youth groups. In addition, Lance, his sister Elizabeth (Dempsey) and niece Jenifer (Dempsey) portrayed Joseph, Mary and Baby Jesus at Ebenezer's Christmas Eve service 50 years ago.



Back row – Granddaughter Emma Anderman, Son-in-Law Jeffery Leigh, son Lance Jr. & wife Amy.

Middle row – Niece Mackenzie Brielmann, Granddaughter Erin Anderman, Daughter Christine Leigh & Grandson Reed Anderman

Front row - Lance and Deborah Anderman alongside Pastor Tilford.





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.

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.



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.

George Warner Preaching at Havertown UMC Nov. 29th

September

2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 7 pm Trustee Meeting MYF room	2	3 6pm Creative Women	4 2pm Bible Study Zoom with Ann Eves	5 9:30 am Overeaters Anonymous
6 9:30 am Worship/ Communion at Hope Campus	7 Labor Day Office closed 	8	9	10 6pm Creative Women	11 2pm Bible Study Zoom with Ann Eves	12 9am Yoga @ Hope 9:30 am Overeaters Anonymous 10-11:30 am Food collection at Hope Food Bank
13 9:45 am Sunday school for all ages 11 am Worship at Union Campus	14	15	16	17 6pm Creative Women	18 2pm Bible Study Zoom with Ann Eves 7pm Game Night	19 9:30 am Overeaters Anonymous 10-11:30 am Food collection 12-1:30 pm Food Distribution at Hope Food Bank
20 9:45 am Sunday school for all ages 11 am Worship at Union Campus/After Church Fellowship Richard Miller Preaching	21 7pm Leadership Team Zoom	22	23	24 6:30 pm Healing Circle	25 2pm Bible Study Zoom with Ann Eves	26 9:30 am Overeaters Anonymous
27 9:45 am Sunday school for all ages 11 am Worship at Union Campus	28 7:30 pm United Women in Faith zoom meeting	29	30			

BOLD= Church events/ not bold= Community events