

Adopted Road Clean up

Saturday, April 20

We hope you can help us clean our adopted road.

**We will meet at the S & T bank in
East Oakmont at 9:00 am.**

**Vests, gloves & bags will be provided.
Any time you can give is appreciated!**

Please call Laura Caruso with any questions

412-841-6406



2024

With the spring flowers blooming we are reminded that seeds of faith can be planted in our lives. Now is the right time to refocus ourselves and spend time in God's presence. Spend time in prayer every day and in His word. Make it a priority to give thanks and praise to our heavenly father. Plant the seeds of faith in your life and in others. Grow your faith by making time for our Lord and share your faith with others.

Jesus was praying for himself but he asked the disciples also to pray. Have you ever asked anyone to pray for you? Jesus did! Jesus also prayed for others. It is wise to ask for prayers. I encourage you to fill out a prayer card to make your requests known to the church. It is good to not only make time for family and friends, but to pray for them also.

Take note of the beauty surrounding you. With shrubs budding and the flowers blooming, creation is showing just how glorious God created it to be! Spring is the season of new life and renewal. Open your hearts to love one another and open your eyes to see the beauty surrounding us and share in worship of our almighty God!

Pastor Beth

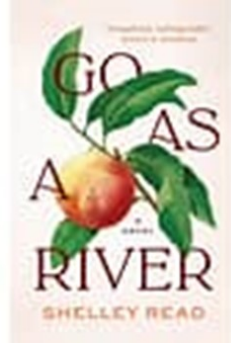


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HOPE CIRCLE BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

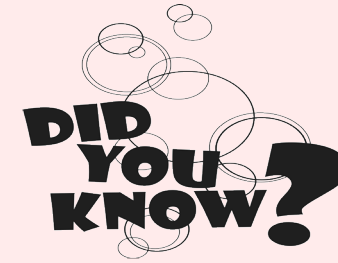


Hope Circle will meet on Thursday, April 11th, at 11:00 in the Parlor. The book to be discussed is *Go As a River* by Shelley Read. Set amid Colorado's wild beauty, a heartbreaking coming-of-age story of a resilient young woman whose life is changed forever by one chance encounter. A tragic and uplifting novel of love and loss, family and survival—and hope. Seventeen-year-old Victoria Nash runs the household on her family's peach farm in the small ranch town of Lola, Colorado—the sole surviving female in a family of troubled men. Wilson Moon is a young drifter with a mysterious past, displaced from his tribal land and determined to live as he chooses. Victoria encounters Wil by chance on a street corner, a meeting that profoundly alters both of their young lives, unknowingly igniting as much passion as danger. When tragedy strikes, Victoria leaves the only life she has ever known. She flees into the surrounding mountains where she struggles to survive in the wilderness with no clear notion of what her future will bring. As the seasons change, she also charts the changes in herself, finding in the beautiful but harsh landscape the meaning and strength to move forward and rebuild all that she has lost, even as the Gunnison River threatens to submerge her homeland—its ranches, farms, and the beloved peach orchard that has been in her family for generations. Inspired by true events surrounding the destruction of the town of Lola in the 1960s, *Go as a River* is a story of deeply held love in the face of hardship and loss, but also of finding courage, resilience, friendship, and, finally, home—where least expected. This stunning debut explores what it means to lead your life as if it were a river—gathering and flowing, finding a way forward even when a river is dammed. (From the publisher.)

Please consider Hope Circle, a place to enjoy fellowship and conversation.

GENERAL FUND NUMBERS FOR FEBRUARY

Balance	1/31	2,938.62
Income		\$15,562.24
Expenses		\$16,588.58
Balance	2/29	\$1,912.28



Did you know that \$4,403.16 was brought in from the mystery dinner this year? These proceeds will be split between the Verona Summer Fun Camp and the general fund of the church to help pay the connectional apportionment. Thank you to everyone who helped out in any way. We couldn't have done it without you!



Vacation Bible School 2024

July 22 - 26

Pastor Beth will be taking vacation from April 1–15. If there are any needs for pastoral care, please contact the church office or Pastor Kemp at 412-956-2565.



Friends Together

- 4 April Chamboredon
- 5 Sydney Brant
- 9 Scarlett Ferguson
- 10 Galen Chapa
- 11 EmmaLee Crannell
- 12 Bob Rudy
Ron Standifur
- 13 Todd Eaton
- 19 Willow Banas
David Dezzutti
Dillon Provenza
Jordy Witucki
- 20 Audra Assad
Matt Huha
- 21 Robert Rotter
- 24 Kim Marotta
- 25 Abby Anderson
Matthew Rajkowski, Jr.
- 26 Jim Ashbaugh
Mark DiCocco
Bill Handyside
Matt Provenza
- 28 Lisa Ashbaugh
- 29 Jacqueline Ashbaugh

Friends Together is an informal small group that is open to all who enjoy a meal with friends and good conversation. The group will meet for breakfast at 9:00 a.m. on April 2nd at Freedom Square Diner in Verona. No reservation is needed, just come if you are able. Laughter and lots of good coffee are guaranteed!



Sydney Anashe Brant was baptized at the 9:00 service on March 17th. Sydney is the daughter of Eric and Adelaide.

We apologize if we inadvertently missed your birthday.

Please call the church office and let us know about your very special day!

PRAYER CONCERNS

Audra Assad, Vi Bibza, Randal Burdelski, Barbara Charlton, Emma Lee Crannell, Robert Davis, Diane and Donald Dezzutti, Mark Dicocco, Lew Ferguson, John Froehlich, Beth Harley, Joann Hildebrand, John Hildebrand, Bob Holstine, Gavin Lauffer (Sherry Lauffer's grandson), Sherry Lauffer, Sharen Lenkey, Rose Miller, Donald and Marigene Nelson, Cathy Smierciak, Ron Standifur, Jane Sykes, Julie Trenn, Irene Tully, Betty Wilson

IN SYMPATHY

Our sympathy and prayers go out to the family and friends of Darleen Eden who passed away on March 8th.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Articles are due by April **15th** for the May newsletter.

If you would like to receive your newsletter by e-mail,
please call the church office

The purpose of the Oakmont United Methodist Church is to grow in our dedication to the worship of God, the teaching of God's word and the caring ministry of Christ. We do this through Jesus' grace, mercy, and love which we share with the world through our daily living.