

# Hope Lutheran Church

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**CORE PURPOSE STATEMENT: *People of Hope: working together, with God, to love and serve others...***

**November 12, 2017      Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost**

Today the prophet Amos calls for justice to roll down like waters. Paul urges us to encourage one another with the promised coming of the Lord. Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids. Surrounded by the faithful of every time and place, we celebrate Christ's coming in our midst in the word of life and the feast of victory—the marriage feast of the lamb.

## CHURCH STAFF

Pastor	Rev. Jami Possinger	ext. #12
Assistant Pastor	Rev. Brian Rajcok	ext. #13
Pastor Emeritus	Rev. Clark W. Kuntz II	
Administrative Manager	Jennifer Sommers	ext. #10
Director of Music	David Ziegler	ext. #11
Treasurer	Trudy Mertz	
Sexton	Bonnie Zmyewski	
Financial Secretary	Deb Gardner	
Communications Specialist	Nina Weiss	ext. #20

## SERVICE

**PARTICIPANTS                      8:00 AM                      10:30 AM**

Acolyte	Sam Koplín	Anna Bealer
Crucifer	Gavin Hagley	Megan Smith
Greeter	Ernie Doncsecz	Doug & Leslie Daniel
Lector	Brian Schell	Heather Bealer
Nursery	Noah & Beth Wolfel	Jevin & Tara Fritz
Ushers	Kurinec Team	Lehr Team
Communion Assistants		Brenda Lehr Jerry Mraz Karen Wolfe
AV Assistant	Charlie Kutzler	Larry Creyer
Nov. Altar Guild	Team 1: Mertz & Romano	
Percussionist	Joe Neupauer	

# Service of the Word

8:00 AM

Gathered by the Holy Spirit, we hear and proclaim the saving word of God for the entire world. We give thanks for that saving word and all the gifts of God, who then sends us to share the good news and to care for those in need.

**Gathering** *The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God*

- Prelude
- Announcements/Recognition of Veterans
  - \* **"Oh Beautiful For Spacious Skies"** # 888
- \* **Gathering Song "Rejoice, Rejoice Believers"** # 244
- \* Greeting p 213
- \* Prayer of the Day

**Word** *God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song*

- First Reading Amos 5:18-24
- Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
- \* **Gospel Acclamation "Alleluia..."** p 216
- \* Gospel Reading Matthew 25:1-13
- Children's Message
- Sermon
- \* **Hymn of the Day "Wake Awake For Night..."** # 436
- \* Prayers of Intercession
  - Leader:** Lord, in your mercy. **Cong.** Hear our prayer.
- \* Peace

**Thanksgiving** *We give thanks for the saving word*

- Offering "All Creatures of Our God and King" Senior Choir
- Offertory
- \* Canticle of Thanksgiving p 219
- \* Thanksgiving for the Word p 220
- \* The Lord's Prayer p 221

**Sending** *God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world*

- \* Blessing
- \* **Sending Song "Let Justice Flow Like Streams"** # 717
- \* Dismissal
- \* Postlude

*\*please stand if you are able*

# Holy Communion

10:30 AM

## Setting 3

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- Announcement /Recognition of Veterans
- \* Confession and Forgiveness p 94
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- \* Greeting/Kyrie p 138
- \* Canticle of Praise "This is the Feast..." p 140
- \* Prayer of the Day

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- \* Apostles' Creed p 105
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**Meal** *God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ*

- Offering "All Creatures of Our God and King" Senior Choir
- \* **Offertory Response "Create in Me a Clean Heart"** # 186
- \* Great Thanksgiving p 144
- \* Holy, Holy, Holy p 144
- \* The Lord's Prayer p 145
- Lamb of God p 146
- (Gluten-free wafers in the chalice in front of the baptismal font)*
- Communion (intinction)
- \* **Post Communion Canticle "Thankful Hearts and..."** # 204
- \* Prayer

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**HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
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**Veteran's Day Celebration**  
**November 12, 2017**

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**TO THE GLORY OF GOD**

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** ☆ In Celebration of Kathy Creyer's Birthday, Love Larry & Family; ☆ In Celebration of our Wedding Anniversary, Doug & Leslie Daniel.

**BULLETINS:** ☆ In Celebration of the 15<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary of Kim & Ron Roth, Love their Family; ☆ In Memory of Sharon Weidner, it has been 8 years that you are gone, but not forgotten, Jim & Deb; ☆ In Loving Memory of Estella Beers, Love Gloria Cole.

**THE PRESS:** ☆ In Memory of loved ones.

**IN PRAYER TODAY** –New Life, New Tripoli, vacant.

**POST-CONFIRMATION** – All high school students are invited to a new post-confirmation program! We will meet the first and third Sundays of every month, have discussions, and do various activities. The group will pretty much be whatever you want to make it, so come to a meeting and let's get the year off to a good start!

**STATISTICS** – Last Sunday's attendance; 8:00am service – 140 / 10:30 am service 183; **Total offering - \$9005.01;** (includes **\$380.00** for the building fund and **\$184.00** for Sunday School).

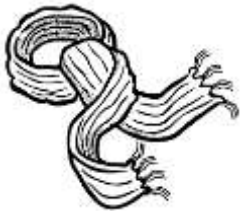
**BLOOD DRIVE:** We are hosting a Miller Blood Drive on January 28<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 am to 1:00 pm. You will be able to sign-up after worship services on December 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. You can also sign-up online!

**COMMITMENT CARDS:** If you have not already done so, kindly return your commitment card to the church as soon as possible. Please place them in the box located in the Narthex. Extra cards will be available on the table in the Narthex. Thank you.

**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TODAY** - The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held today at 9:00 am in Kuntz Hall.

**PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK** – The Congregational Council is encouraging all our members to grow in their spirituality through a regular Prayer Life. One way of doing this is by lifting up in prayer one family from our church each day of the year. This week’s families are:

- 11/12/17 Terry, Penny, Lily, Holly Fasching and family
- 11/13/17 Annette Frazza, Nathaniel Xander and family
- 11/14/17 Randy, Marlene Edelman and family
- 11/15/17 Claudia Faust and family
- 11/16/17 James, Donna Fritchman and family
- 11/17/17 Ruth Edelman and family
- 11/18/17 Jennifer, Katelyn Fike and family



**PRAYER SCARVES FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS** - Attention all parents of college students... Hope’s Prayer Shawl Ministry is currently knitting and crocheting scarves for all of our college students. It’s a surprise! We plan to ship them out when the weather gets cold – letting our students know that we continue to pray for them as they study. Here’s how you can help...please call 610-767-7203 or email the church office [office@hopecherryville.org](mailto:office@hopecherryville.org) and give us your child’s address. We will be sending to all students in college, trade or technical schools and community colleges. If your child is living at home and commuting we need to know that as well. Please let us know as soon as possible so we make enough for everyone!

**ENJOY THE CONVENIENCE OF ELECTRONIC GIVING**

As our congregation looks forward to a new year and prepares the 2018 financial budget, it is important to know what support we can depend on from our congregation members. By knowing what we are willing to commit financially, we are able to better plan for the future. Please consider setting up a recurring giving plan. Automating your financial commitments means your contributions will be received on a steady, uninterrupted basis. Visit the church website at [www.hopecherryville.org](http://www.hopecherryville.org) and locate the Online Giving page.



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## **EVANGELISM NEWS**

**THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDIES** – Every Thursday at 6:30pm. This is a small group, studies are informal with excellent discussions. We are growing and learning God's word together. Everyone is invited to participate in any or all of these events. We would love to have you join us! For further information, please call Sharyn Kratzer at 610-262-1277.

### **Sunday School News:**

Sunday School is underway. This year's theme is hometown heroes and how each of us can help our neighbor. Each month the Sunday School classes will be collecting for the charity of the month. The first month of collection will be October with the charity "Color for Kids." This local charity collects new crayons, coloring books, markers, paints & color pencils to give to classrooms in the U.S. and abroad that are in need. This year's collection will be going to Texas. Just as a reminder, each Sunday School student must register each year. Be sure to fill out and hand in your child's registration as soon as possible. The Christian Ed office is hoping to start sending out monthly newsletters to keep everyone up-to-date on Sunday School activities and events.

### **Youth Group News & Happenings:**

Hi Everyone!

Here's a list of what's going on in Youth Group for the months of November and December. Please note, the December concert signup deadline is October 29<sup>th</sup> since we need to Order tickets in advance.

**POW Save the Dates:** Wed. Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> 5:30 - 8:00 pm

**Save The Dates:** Sat. Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> 4:30-8:00 pm – Thanksgiving Dinner;  
Sun. Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> 12:30 – 3:30 pm – Light lunch & Christmas Caroling to Hope's STAR members; Fri. Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm – Big Church Night Out Concert.

*\*\*\* Check your Email & The News Board for more info\*\*\**

Blessings to you all in the coming months!

Pastor Brian

**LIHEAP ASSISTANCE:** If you need help paying your heating bills, or have a heating emergency, LIHEAP may be able to help you. If you would like a brochure for more information, they will be located on the table in the Narthex.

**HOPE'S HELPING HANDS:** HHH will be selling Zook's Meat Pies and Apple Dumplings after services, November 5<sup>th</sup> & November 12<sup>th</sup>. Pies are available in chicken, beef or sausage at a cost of \$10.00. Apple Dumplings are \$3.50 for a single or \$6.00 for twin pack. Delivery will be Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9 am – 12 noon.

**INGATHERING** – Our collection of items for our yearly Ingathering has begun. These items will be given to local organizations such as the Allentown Rescue Mission, Sayre Child Center, Gracedale, and Kidspace. Your **NEW** unwrapped gifts will need to be brought to the Narthex by Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Also, the mitten tree is up and ready for your donations of knit or store bought hats, scarves, mittens and gloves which may be placed right on the tree.

**CHURCH DIRECTORY** – Put names with faces and be a part of our new church family directory. We are partnering with Lifetouch to tell our story. These very convenient photographs will be taken at the church. The directory will not be complete without you!

Portrait dates are as follows:

Tuesday, December 27<sup>th</sup> through Friday, December 29<sup>th</sup>:

○ 2 pm – 9 pm

- Saturday, December 30<sup>th</sup>: 10 am – 5 pm
- Tuesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> through Friday, January 5<sup>th</sup>: 2 pm – 9 pm
- Saturday, January 6<sup>th</sup>: 10 am – 5 pm

**WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS:** If you would like to be a worship participant for Communion Assistant, Greeter, Usher, Lector, Altar Guild, etc., kindly contact the church office at 610-767-7203 or by email at [office@hopecherryville.org](mailto:office@hopecherryville.org) as the next cycle of schedules is being prepared. Thank you for your assistance! *\*\*For all current Worship Participants, a Special Holiday Schedule Sign-up will be sent via email. Please keep watch!\*\** As always, we Thank You for your time and talents!

**WOMEN OF FAITH:** Our next meeting will be held on Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. We will be packing the hurricane items that were collected. If you didn't have a chance to bring any donations, please bring them in by today, Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup> (a list of items needed is posted in the narthex). We will be delivering the cleaning supply kits to the Lehigh Valley Outreach Depot, a ministry of Wesley UMC, Bethlehem. THANK YOU to everyone who helped in any way with the hurricane relief efforts. Questions on any of the Women of Faith events, please call Jane Tretiak at 610-767-0918.

**OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY:** To Trish Ninos, family and friends on the passing of Trish's mother. Please keep them all in your thoughts and prayers.

**THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICES:** Please join us for service on Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11:00 am and 7:00 pm for Thanksgiving Eve worship service.

**CALLING ALL SERVICE PARTICIPANTS:** Please watch for a special email regarding the holiday worship schedule. We will once again be utilizing a sign-up genius for all worship participants for the upcoming holiday worship. If you are not a current participant, but would like to help with the upcoming holiday schedule, please contact Jennifer in the church office at 610-767-7203 or email [office@hopecherryville.org](mailto:office@hopecherryville.org). Thank you for sharing your time, gifts and talents!

**GIVING:** Please catch up with your 2017 commitment or intended giving by the end of December or give an extra gift before the end of the year. Let's keep Hope's ministries strong! All 2017 offerings must be received or postmarked on or before December 2017 to receive credit for this year. Any offerings received after January 1, 2018 MUST be credited as 2018 contributions.



*Oh Holy Night*

**ANNUAL NATIVITY DISPLAY:** The Christmas Holiday and the annual Nativity Display are swiftly approaching! We would love to continue with this ministry and community event; however, it takes many hours of preparation and lots of volunteers to bring this event to life each year. This is our 18<sup>th</sup> year and we would love to have it be just as successful as the first! We are seeking volunteers to help with the electrical as well as volunteers (both adult and youth: confirmants, scouts, etc.) to help with this event. We welcome Musicians as well with their talents of joy & cheer for the holiday season! This event is a labor of love that is greatly enjoyed for our visitors. Anything you are able to contribute to this event, volunteer hours, nativities, etc. will be greatly appreciated. This year's display will be held Sat., Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> 10 am to 6 pm and Sun., Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> 8 am - 3 pm. We will need volunteers on Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> and Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> for set-up and then on the display dates. If you are able to lend a hand, please contact Sharyn Kratzer at 610-261-1277. Your time and assistance with this ministry is greatly appreciated!!!

**POINTSETTIAS:** We will soon be taking Poinsettias Orders for Christmas Eve. The cost is \$10.00 and the deadline to order is December 10th. Special note... There will be a revised process to order plants. Instead of order forms, look for preprinted envelopes available November 19<sup>th</sup>, similar to the ones we use for bulletins and flowers. Just complete the outside of the envelope, include your payment and return the sealed envelope in the offering plate, offering box on wall, or turn in to the office.



### **SAVE THESE IMPORTANT DATES:**

- **STORY WEAVERS & LUNCH:** Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 10 am
- **OUTREACH MINISTRY:** Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm; leave for St. Stephen's
- **STEWARDSHIP MEETING:** Please note the next Stewardship meeting will be on November 14, 2017 at 6:00 pm.
- **NATIVITY SET-UP & DISPLAY:** Nativity set-up will be on November 22<sup>nd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> at 9 am in Kuntz Hall. Nativity Display will be on November 25<sup>th</sup> at 10 am & November 26<sup>th</sup> at 8 am.

**AARP SAFE DRIVER'S COURSE:** The Senior Center will once again be offering the AARP Safe Driver's Course the week of December 12<sup>th</sup> thru December 14<sup>th</sup>. This course is for those who never took the course before. The cost is \$15.00 for AARP Members & \$20.00 Non-AARP Members. Please contact Karen at 610-767-2977 for more information and details!



### **AUDIO/VISUAL (AV) WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS NEEDED:**

We are in need of volunteers to join the AV Team of Hope Lutheran Church! Training will be provide to all new comers. Should have a basic understanding of Windows 10 System. Please contact Pastor Jerry Mraz at 610-440-3435.

**THANK YOU:** On behalf of Hope Church, we extend a sincere Thank You to Janet Filchner for filling in this week with music during worship service.

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## INGATHERING WISH LIST

### **SAYRE CHILD CENTER (children's items only)**

**NO STUFFED ANIMALS.** Bibs; toddler size forks and spoons; single fruit or vegetable foods - stage 2; Infant cereal - rice or oatmeal; wash cloths for classroom use; kitchen cloths and dish rags; art & craft supplies; tissues; sidewalk chalk and bubbles; playground balls; books - all ages up to age 10; puzzles - 25-100 pieces; computer software for ages 4-10; diapers and wipes; batteries - AA, C, D; colored pencils, plain paper for drawing, glue sticks, board books and washable books, computer software (ages 4-10); puzzles (25 & 50 piece), construction paper, watercolors, finger paint, stickers, Playdoh, tissues, waterproof markers, and crayons.

### **GRACEDALE**

**Male:** Socks, Search-A-Word Books, Small Combs, Talcum, Handkerchiefs, After Shave Lotion, Pens/Pencils, Writing Paper, Change Purses, Stamps, Playing Cards, Small Tablets

**Female:** Perfume, Panty Hose, Socks, Baby Powder, Small change purse, Jewelry, Scarves, Hair Brushes, Handkerchiefs, Knee Highs.

**Male:** Knee/ankle socks, medium weight rain ponchos, medium eight elastic pants, diabetic socks, sweatshirts, sweaters, T-shirts (all clothing Med-XL)

**Female:** cardigan sweaters, flannel pjs, cotton nighties, nonskid booties (size 6 and up), nail polish and remover, costume jewelry (no pins); barrettes, headbands, fashion hats, fitted twin bed spreads (all clothing Med-XL)

**For All:** Posters, adult (mosaic) and child coloring books, puzzles (25 pieces or less), toiletries and toiletry bags, regular and jumbo crayons, balls, wooden toddler puzzles, body/hand lotion, mild scented cologne/body sprays, washable markers, Crayola model magic, playdough, greeting cards, soft baby dolls or any kind of soft toys, porcupine style Legos, nature books (grade school level), deodorant, removal wall decals, window decals, anything to stimulate the senses, for example: musical things or music boxes, textured books, framed moving sand art/water.

### **ALLENTOWN RESCUE MISSION**

Men's Items Only – Sweatshirts, T-Shirts (colors and white), underwear and socks, jeans or khaki's (new or gently used, 32-34 waist, 30-34 length), deodorant, winter hats (beanies) and gloves of all sizes, belts, casual wear, jelly, cereal, travel size toiletries, razors (2-3 per pack); personal size shaving cream and Q-tips.

### **KIDSPACE**

Crayons, markers, coloring books, sketch pads, clay, paints, brushes, pajamas, socks, underwear, scarves, hats, mittens, red sweatshirts and pants (L, XL, XXL), shower gels, shampoo, deodorant, flavored lip balm, scented lotions, gift cards (all kinds – book stores, tunes, movie theaters, Target, K-Mart, etc.), personal diaries (no wire bound).

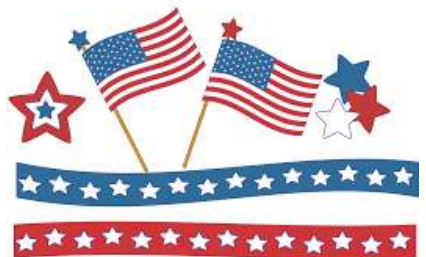






## RECOGNITION OF ARMED SERVICE MEMBERS IN CELEBRATION OF VETERAN'S DAY

Anthony, Richard	Green, Terry	Sassaman, Richard
Arnwine, Douglas	Green, Wesley	Schaner, Eric M.
Badura, Al	Haldeman, Donald	Scheetz, Robert P.
Bangson, Barry	Hall, Dennis	Seyfried, Nick
Bangson, James	Hall, Sherman	Sidor, Thomas D.
Beidleman, Gordon	Handley, Darel	Smith, Dennis
Beil, Bert	Handley, Linda	Snyder, Bruce
Beil, Harold	Handwerk, Harvey	Snyder, Clayt
Beil, Walter	Hantz, Albert	Snyder, Dale
Billig, Wilmer	Heffelfinger, Robert	Snyder, Earl
Blose, Lee	Herrit, Arthur	Snyder, Tim
Blosss, Earl	Herzog, Larry	Stahley, Nelson
Borger, Ernest	Holler, Walter	Strohl, Courtney A.
Bowmaster, Harry	Hunsicker, Chip	Strohl, Howard E.
Contrell Shirlee	Kohler, Edward	Tooman, Jordan
Christman, Rudy	Koplin, Larry	Wileman, Grandpa
Creyer, Dan	Krock, Barry	Xander, Danny
Creyer, Larry	Krock, Elmer	
Dammeyer, George	Larkin, George	
Daniel, Ryan	Leibenguth, Adam	
Demko, Richard	Leiby, Dr. Lewis	
Filchner, David	Lobus, Kateryna	
Filchner, Mark	Mohrey, Charles "Bud"	
Fogle, George	Musser, Nick	
Franco, Ja'net	Newhart, Dale	
Franco, John G.	Olin, Antoni	
Frisch, Nicholas	Reenok, Gary	
Frisch, Renny	Renner, Curtis A.	
Frisch, Rob	Reph, Arthur	
Furry, Clarence	Reph, Donald	
Gardner, Jim	Reph, Kenneth	
Gibson, Mike	Ritter, Barron	
Green, Charles	Romano, Steven	
Green, Purie	Royer, Brian	
Green, Richard	Royer, Stanel	



## REMINDER TO WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

<b>Sunday, November 19, 2017</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>10:30am</b>
<b>Acolyte</b>	Madison Miller	Felicia Paly
<b>Crucifer</b>	Thomas Spohn	Daedra VanLuvanee
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Brian Schell Vicki Steiner John Zmyewski	
<b>Greeter</b>	Dolores Reenok	Lee & Georgene Blose
<b>Lector</b>	Chris Steigerwalt	Karen Koplin
<b>Nursery</b>	Brance & Kim Shoenberger	Grace & Linda Heffintrayer
<b>Ushers</b>	Livermon Team	Benniger Team
<b>AV Assistants</b>	Reece Anderson	NEED VOLUNTEER
<b>November Altar Guild</b>	Team 1: Mertz & Romano	
<b>Nov. Sign Changers</b>	Chip Hunsicker	

**CALENDAR OF THE WEEK:** For complete rehearsal schedules, see the online calendar at [calendar.hopecherryville.org](http://calendar.hopecherryville.org)

<b>Today</b>	HHH Zook's Pie & Apple Dumpling Sale Veteran's Recognition Annual Congregational Meeting Sunday School Youth Leader Meeting	After Services  9:00 am 9:15 am 11:45 am
<b>Monday</b>	Council & Mutual Ministry Meeting – Hanson Hall	7:00 pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	Thrivent Ask An Advisor Day Story Weavers & Lunch Stewardship Committee – PJ's Office	See Sign-up Sheet 10:00 am 6:00 pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	Centering Prayer Outreach Ministry – Leave for St. Stephens	2:00 pm 2:30 pm
<b>Thursday</b>	Pastor's Bible Study Bible Study Senior Center – Kuntz Hall	10:00 am 6:30 pm
<b>Friday</b>	Kuntz Hall Rental Grube/Ondich Wedding Rehearsal Newsletter Deadline	3:00 pm 5:00 pm
<b>Saturday</b>	Level 2 Confirmation – Food Bank Grube/Ondich – Wedding Youth Group Mystery Thanksgiving Dinner – Kuntz Hall	9:00 am 2:00 pm 4:30 pm
<b>Next Sunday</b>	Sunday School Slatington Baptist Visit (Van Needed) National Youth Gathering Meeting – Kuntz Hall	9:15 am 10:30 am 11:45 am