

Hope Lutheran Church

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

January 7th, 2018

Baptism of Our Lord

Epiphany means “manifestation.” On this day we celebrate the revelation of Christ to the Gentiles—that is, to all nations. Some Christian traditions celebrate three great epiphanies on this day: the magi’s adoration of the Christ child, Jesus’ baptism in the Jordan River, and his first miracle, in which he changes water into wine. The word and sacraments are for us the great epiphany of God’s grace and mercy. We go forth to witness to the light that shines brightly in our midst.

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

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Acolytes	Arianna Patterson	Emily McCutcheon
Crucifers	Thomas Spohn	Samuel Koplin
Greeters	Betty Rock	Betty Krupa
Lectors	Chris Steigerwalt	Doug Daniel
Nursery	Ashely & Stephanie Patterson	Ryan & Barbara McCutcheon
Ushers	Kapsern Team	Amey Team
AV Assistant	Charles Kutzler	
Communion Assistants	Barry & Terry Ritter and Betty Rock	
Altar Guild Jan	Team 4: Koplin and Scott	
Percussionist	Joe Neupauer	

Holy Communion

8:00 AM

Setting 3

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

- Prelude
- Announcements
- * Confession and Forgiveness p 94
- * **Gathering Song “When Jesus Came to Jordan” # 305**
- * Greeting/Kyrie p 138
- * Canticle of Praise “*This is the Feast*” p 140
- * Prayer of the Day

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

- First Reading Genesis 1:1-5
- Anthem “*Let There Be Light*” A Cappella Choir
- Second Reading Acts 19:1-7
- * Gospel Acclamation p 142
- * Gospel Reading Mark 1:4-11
- Sermon
- * **Hymn of the Day “Baptized and Set Free” # 453**
- * Apostles’ Creed p 105
- * Prayers of Intercession

Leader: Lord, in your mercy. **Cong.** Hear our prayer.

Installation of Congregational Council

- * Peace

Meal *God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ*

* **Offertory Response “What Child is This” (Stanzas 1 & 3) # 296**

- * 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 “Oh Lord Now... ” (Stanza 1) # 313**

- * Prayer

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

- * Blessing
- * **Sending Song “Go My Children With My Blessing” # 543**
- * Dismissal
- * Postlude

**please stand if you are able*

Service of the Word

10:30 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.

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- * **Gathering Song “When Jesus Came to Jordan” # 305**
- * Greeting/Kyrie p 213
- * Canticle of Praise “*Glory to God...*” p 213
- * Prayer of the Day

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- First Reading Genesis 1:1-5
- Anthem “*Let There Be Light*” A Cappella Choir
- Second Reading Acts 19:1-7
- * Gospel Acclamation p 216
- * Gospel Reading Mark 1:4-11
- Children’s Message
- Sermon

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* Apostles Creed p 217

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Thanksgiving *We give thanks for the saving word*

Offering “*A Light*” Senior Choir

Offertory

- * Canticle of Thanksgiving p 219
- * Thanksgiving for the Word p 220
- * The Lord’s Prayer p 221

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ALTAR FLOWERS: ☩ In Celebration of daughter, Sheila Rapchak and grandson, Jason Amey, Jr's Birthdays, Love The Ameys; In Memory of my mother, Lilian Leindecker and my sister, Doreen Kaintz, Love Karen Wolfe

BULLETINS: ☩ In Celebration of our grandson, Christian Xander's birthday, Love Nana & Grandpa Xander; In Celebration of Samuel's 13th birthday, with Love Mom, Dad & Family.

THE PRESS: ☩ In Celebration of Hope's Women of the ELCA, from Judy Dieter.

IN PRAYER TODAY: Weisenberg, Weisenberg Township, The Rev. Raymond J. Hand.

STATISTICS: Last Sunday's attendance; 8:00 am service – 70 / 10:30 am service – 68; **Total offering - \$8533.80;** (includes **\$114.00** for the building fund, **\$185.00** for Sunday School and **\$358.00** for Christmas).

BLOOD DRIVE: We are hosting a Miller Blood Drive on January 28th from 7:30 am to 1:00 pm. You will be able to sign-up starting today after worship services and January 14th & 20th. You can also sign-up online, here is the link: www.giveapint.org; use the Sponsor Code: 0288.

COUNCIL INSTALLATION TODAY: Installation of our 2018 Congregational Council Members will be at both worship services this morning. Council members are: Kim Belletti, Maya Costanzo, Lee Creyer, Jim Gardner, Allison Lockard, Trish Ninos, Tony Pagotto, Matthew Sekol, Manfred Steiner, Susan Stephens, AJ Szwast and Ed Tretiak.

NEW MEMBER CLASS: If you know of someone who is interested in becoming a member of Hope Church, please invite him or her to our new member classes, which will begin in January 2018. Classes will be held from 9:15 - 10:15 am on the following Sundays; January 14th, 21st and 28th, 2018. New members will be received during worship services on January 28th, 2018. The first New Members class will be held in Pastor Jami's office.

COFFEE WITH COUNCIL: Will be held on Sunday, January 14th at 9:15 am in Kuntz Hall. Members are invited to meet with Council representatives for questions and conversation.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY: To Ralph Fisher his family and friends on the passing of Ralph's brother, Harry. Please keep them all in your thoughts and prayers.

WELCA NEWS: WELCA will be hosting Robin Morrison to hear the second part of her presentation on her trip to India. This will be held in Kuntz Hall at 10:00 am on January 16th, 2018. This presentation will be followed with a light lunch. Please sign-up on the sheet located in the Narthex.

SPONSORSHIP CHARTS: Please note the Sponsorship Charts for 2018 are up and located in the Narthex. Please take a moment to select your sponsorship dates for Flowers, Bulletins and The Press. Should you have any questions, please contact Jennifer in the Church Office at 610-767-7203.

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:

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| 01/07/18 | Donald Gross and family |
| 01/08/18 | Drew, Faye Gross and family |
| 01/09/18 | Barry Grube and family |
| 01/10/18 | Bradley, Melissa, Cole, Luke Grube and family |
| 01/11/18 | Felisha Guinta and family |
| 01/12/18 | Francis III, Treena, Michael, Lauren Haggerty and family |
| 01/13/18 | Francis Haggerty and family |

CARD SHOWER: Mary Ervin celebrated her 98th birthday on January 1st! You can send cards to c/o Gracedale County Home, 2 Gracedale Avenue, Nazareth, PA 18064. Elaine Scheetz will celebrate her 92nd birthday on January 13th! You can send cards to 119 Tower Court, Topton PA 19562. Let's send some birthday cheer their way!

WELLNESS TEAM NEWS: The next blood pressure screening will be held on Sunday, January 14th, 2018 following worship in Kuntz Hall.

ENJOY THE CONVENIENCE OF ELECTRONIC GIVING

Thank you for all you do to support our mission during the holidays and throughout the year. As you plan for the new year, please consider additional giving to your church. For your convenience, we offer electronic giving options for one-time gifts and recurring contributions. Visit the church website at www.hopecherryville.org and locate the Online Giving page.



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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES: 1st Holy Communion Classes will begin today, January 7th. Holy Communion classes are open to current 5th grade students and any student in 6th, or 7th grade who did not receive the Communion Preparedness Classes. Classes will be held each week from today, January 7th through March 4th, 2018. There are nine Sundays to get the children prepared, they must attend at least six times. Make-up work will be required for any missed classes. 1st Holy Communion will be on March 11th, 2018 at the 10:30 am service. There will be a reception with cake and beverages following the service. Rehearsal will be held March 10th, 2018 at 9:30 am until 11:00 am in the sanctuary. There is a \$15.00 donation requested for each student to help defray material cost and can be given to the teachers. Please contact the church office with any questions at 610-767-7203.

BIBLE STUDY: A new Bible study entitled “*THE TEN COMMANDMENTS*” written by Rob Suggs has begun! We meet every Thursday at 7:00 pm. This is a twelve-week study guide with the first study entitled “Laying Down the Law” which will be a study of Exodus 20. Please know that you do not need to be a Bible scholar to enjoy this group as we are all growing and learning God's Word together. This Bible study group is an informal study and discussion group. Everyone is invited and welcome to attend our Thursday evening Bible study group. For more information, please contact Sharyn Kratzer at 610-261-1277. No sign-up is necessary, just come to room number 133 and join the group. We hope to see you there!

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY FOOD BANK NEWS: Volunteers are invited to the annual gathering for dinner at Prime Steak House on Wednesday, January 24th, 2018 at 6:30 pm. Each person is billed separately for their preferred entrée. Reservation is required, so if you are interested in attending, please contact Pam at 610-439-4814. Additionally, the annual Bingo/Gift Card fundraiser will be held on Super Bowl Sunday, February 4th, 2018. Tickets costs \$20/person. To purchase tickets, please contact Linda Sidor at 610-767-8372 or Pam at 610-439-4814.

WELCA NEWS: We are collecting items for Back Packs for the Allentown Rescue Mission. We are asking for all items to be brought to the church by January 15th, 2018. There will be a box marked and located in the Narthex for the collected items. Items we are requesting:

- *Daily journals
- *Pens/Pencils
- *Note pads
- *Hats
- *Pocket Bibles
- *Water Bottle
- *Gloves
- *Scarves
- *Toiletries (Travel Size)
- *Nutritional Snack Bars
- *Hand warmers

We thank you all in advance for your generosity and continued support!

IS THERE CHURCH: If the weather is extremely bad on any given Sunday, and you are wondering if Sunday Church School, worship services, or evening activities are cancelled, please check WFMZ either online or TV or check our website at www.hopecherryville.org.

YOUTH GROUP REMINDERS: Mark your calendar for the following dates:

- *January 10th: POW 5:30 pm – 8:00 pm; Meet at Hope for pizza, games & devotions, then off to Emmanuelsville for worship.
- *January 26th: Snow Tubing at Blue Mountain; Meet at Hope at 5:00 pm and be back at 9:30 pm.
- *January 21st: National Youth Gathering Meeting at 11:30 am in Kuntz Hall

CONFIRMATION NEWS: Confirmation Level 1 students will be meeting their mentors on Saturday, January 20th at a brunch in Kuntz Hall from 9:00 am – 10:30 am. This is a mandatory event for all Level 1 Confirmation students. Level 2 students will be visiting a Hindu Temple on Friday, January 19th. Please be at Hope Church by 6:30 pm. We will back to Hope Church at approximately 9:00 pm. Any questions or concerns, please contact Pastor Brian.

AMAZON SMILE

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REMINDER TO WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Sunday, January 14th, 2018	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Acolyte	Antonio Franco	Owen Laury
Crucifer	Ethan Rehrig	Anna Bealer
Communion Assistants		Brenda Lehr, Jerry Mraz & Kim Belletti
Greeter	Johnny Zmyewski	Tim & Karen Lockard
Lector	Jennifer Ventura	Jerry Mraz
Nursery	Madison & Jennifer Miller	Jevin & Tara Fritz
Ushers	Kocher Team	Snyder Team
AV Assistants	Jerry Mraz	
January Altar Guild	Team 4: Koplín and Scott	
Jan. Sign Changers	Doug Daniel	

CALENDAR OF THE WEEK: For complete rehearsal schedules, see the online calendar at calendar.hopecherryville.org:

Today	Installation of Council Blood Drive Sign-ups Sunday School Youth Leader Meeting	8:00 & 10:30 am 9:00 & 11:30 am 9:15 am 11:45 am
Monday	Finance Committee Meeting Church Council Meeting	6:00 pm 7:00 pm
Tuesday	Story Weavers & Lunch	10:00 am
Wednesday	POW	5:30 pm
Thursday	Pastor's Bible Study Prayer Shawl Outreach Ministry to St. Stephens – Meet at Hope	10:00 am 10:00 am 3:00 pm
Friday		
Saturday		
Next Sunday	Blood Drive Sign-ups Sunday School New Member Class – P.J. Office Coffee with Council – Kuntz Hall	9:00 & 11:30 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:15 am