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SUNDAY WORSHIP

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2008

8 a.m. Holy Communion

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

10:30 a.m. Service of the Word

Prayer for members who died during the past year

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2008

8 a.m. Service of the Word

PENTECOST 26

10:30 a.m. Holy Communion

Annual Meeting at 11:45 a.m. in the Nave

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2008

8 a.m. Holy Communion

PENTECOST 27

10:30 a.m. Service of the Word

Stewardship/Commitment Sunday

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2008

8 a.m. Service of the Word

CHRIST THE KING

10:30 a.m. Holy Communion

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2008

8 a.m. Holy Communion

ADVENT ONE

10:30 a.m. Holy Communion

Nativity Display

Special Advent/Christmas Craft in Sunday Church School

Fifth Sunday of the month-Northampton Food Bank Collection

SPECIAL WORSHIP

WED. NOVEMBER 26 THANKSGIVING EVE

Holy Communion at 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.



SATURDAY EVENING ADVENT WORSHIP

Each Saturday evening in Advent from

5-5:30 p.m. we will gather using the beautiful

Holden Evening Prayer

(Saturdays, Nov. 29, Dec. 6, 13 & 20)



DID YOU RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION THIS YEAR?

Did you fill out a Communion Card during the year? Please fill one out the next time you receive Communion (if you didn't or you're not sure). Our constitution requires active members to receive Communion regularly.



MITTEN TREE

The mitten tree will be on display in the narthex from November 2nd through November 30th. Your donations of knit or store bought hats, scarves, mittens/gloves, are welcome on the Mitten Tree. These items are part of the ingathering.



CHRISTMAS INGATHERING

The annual Christmas Ingathering of Northern Lehigh Valley Mission District will be held on **Thursday, December 4, 2008 here at Hope Lutheran Church.** Packing of stockings and wrapping of gifts will begin at 1:00 pm. There will be an afternoon session only. The Ingathering will close with a Service of Dedication. **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!!** The ingathering provides gifts for people in area institutions. A basket containing slips of paper with suggested **NEW** items for Ingathering (**See list on next page!**) will be passed around the congregation on Sundays, November 9th, 16th and 23rd. These gifts should be returned to the church **UNWRAPPED** by Sunday, November 30th. (**Please no gifts with pins or glass bottles, plastic only**) Monetary donations are accepted and will be converted into gifts. ***Please mark on your envelope "Ingathering 2008" and make checks payable to Hope Lutheran Church.**



ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Mark your calendars for our Annual Congregational Meeting to be held on Sunday, November 9th, at least 50 members (in good standing) are needed for a quorum that morning. Please sign the sheet on the narthex bulletin board indicating that you are able to attend. Thank you!

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP

Please join us for Holy Communion at 11:00am or 7:00pm on Wednesday evening, November 26th. "God has given us so much. We pray he might give us one more thing...a grateful heart!"



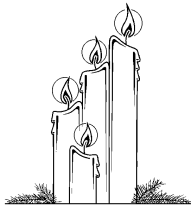
Thanksgiving

SENIOR FALL FEAST

On Saturday, November 15th the Social Ministry Committee invites any senior citizen or homebound member in our congregation to our annual Fall Feast. We will begin with worship of Holy Communion at 11:30am, and then enjoy a dinner of turkey, filling, cranberry sauce and all the "fixins." To conclude the day, there will be surprise guest entertainment. The Feast will end at approximately 2:30pm. **Reservations MUST be made by signing the sheet in the church narthex or calling the church office by Saturday, November 8th.**

SATURDAY EVENING ADVENT WORSHIP

We will prepare for the Christmas season with an additional opportunity for weekly worship – Saturday evenings at 5:00pm on November 29, December 6, 13 & 20. Our worship will be approximately 30 minutes in length and will use the beautiful contemporary setting of Holden Evening Prayer. Please come join us for this special worship on these four Saturdays.



ADVENT

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 2, 2008

The following saints will be remembered in prayer at both the 8:00am and the 10:30am worship services at Hope Church on Sunday, November 2, 2008.

- *William C. Rabenold, Sr.
- *Richard Larry Beers
- *Walter A. Miller
 - Herbert A. Baum
 - Arlene E. Ruch
 - Roy Jacob Redline
 - Edward S. George
 - Joyce F. Itterly
- *Maryellen Talamini
- *non-members

- Rose H. Kocher
- Lee H. Herman
- Shirley L. Pyscher Cherry
- Martha M. Rex
- *Thomas L. Kemmerer
- Dolores C. Derhammer
- Stanley A. Knappenberger
- *Jason M. Olewine



All Saints' Sunday

RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED



The following persons were hospitalized from September 29th through October 27th; Dale Beers, Robert Heffelfinger, Stacy Herman-Benninger, Ryan Bird, Cindy Snyder, Martha Handwerk, Krista Harakal, Krysta Wagner, Gerald Woodring, **deceased*
Please keep these persons in your prayers.

RECENT BLOOD DONORS

The following members of Hope Lutheran Church who have recently donated blood are; Arline Fasching, Linda Derr and Bill Fritzing. Thank you to our faithful blood donors. If you would like to give the gift of life, please call the Miller Blood Center at 610-691-5850.



Blood Bank



NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS **IMAGINE NATION BOOKS**

Books will be on display in the narthex from November 3rd through November 21st. All items will be cash and carry. Help the nursery school get free books for their classrooms. Great gifts at great prices. Look for the display!

“MOO” MONEY

Hope’s Nursery School is collecting lids from Turkey Hill milk products. The products that qualify have “Moo” money stickers on them. Please deposit your milk lids in the container on the table in the narthex. This is a fundraiser for the nursery school; they receive money for each lid collected.

CAMPBELL’S SOUP LABELS

The nursery school would also like to send a very big thank you to everyone who graciously takes the time to donate your Campbell’s soup labels. They earn lots of “free” items, which are very beneficial to the school. **The front panel product label can no longer be accepted, however the UPCs from the labels are accepted.** So PLEASE continue to clip those UPCs and drop them in the Campbell’s containers in the narthex and in the hallway by the nursery school rooms. In addition to the soup labels, there is a list on the bulletin board of all products UPCs in which the nursery school can accept, including Franco American, Pepperidge Farm, Prego, V8 and Market Day. Thank you!

REDNER’S SAV-A-TAPE

Members and friends, please remember to bring in your Redners sav-a-tape receipts. Thank you to everyone for your help with this program. Incidentally, if anyone needs a Redners sav-a-tape ca (they are new); please stop at a Redners store to pick one up. You must use one of these cards in order for the receipts to count. Each time we tally the receipts we are not able to use all of the receipts because the cards were not used. Questions, please call Jane in the church office.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

All members of Hope Lutheran Church planning a wedding in the coming year(s) are encouraged to attend the **Marriage Preparedness Workshops** offered through Lutheran Congregational Services. The dates of the workshops are:



2009 SCHEDULE

*Sundays, February 8 & 15
St. Peter’s Lutheran (Hanover), Allentown – 2:00-5:00 pm

Thursdays, March 5, 12 & 19
St. Peter’s Lutheran, Bethlehem – 7:00-9:00 pm

Wednesdays, May 6, 13 & 20
St. Peter Lutheran, Plainfield – 7:00-9:00pm

*Sundays, June 7 & 14
Faith Lutheran, Whitehall – 2:00-5:00pm

Wednesdays, July 8, 15 & 22
Trinity Lutheran, Hecktown – 7:00-9:00pm

*Sundays, September 13 & 20
Good Shepherd Lutheran, Wilson Boro – 2:00-5:00pm

Sunday, October 4 & 11
Zion Unite Lutheran, Bordheads ville – 2:00-5:00pm

Thursday, November 5, 12 & 19
Holy Spirit Lutheran, Emmaus – 7:00-9:00pm

* = *a previously married track will be offered on these dates only*

More information about these workshops is available from the church office or by calling Lutheran Congregational Services at 610-770-9205. Also, please let the church office know of your marriage date as soon as you decide and make an appointment to speak with Pastor Kees.

PRAYER

The Congregational Council is encouraging all of 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. Below is November's prayer list.

- 11/1/08 Tamara, Michael, Mikell Kulp and family
- 11/2/08 Ronald, Kim, Matthew Roth, Ryan, Lauren Verret and family
- 11/3/08 Michelle Meyers and family
- 11/4/08 Raymond, Dolores Baker and family
- 11/5/08 Brandon Loch and family
- 11/6/08 Russell, Lucille Kromer and family
- 11/7/08 Daryl, Patricia Amey and family
- 11/8/08 Jesse, Sandra, Steven, Jason Fuquay and family
- 11/9/08 Cindy, Curtis Weber and family
- 11/10/08 Terry Oswald and family
- 11/11/08 Annamarie Kulig and family
- 11/12/08 Connie Epinger and family
- 11/13/08 Elaine Newhart and family
- 11/14/08 Harold Kuehner and family
- 11/15/08 Grace Knappenberger and family
- 11/16/08 Thomas, Lori, Christopher, Brittany Smith and family
- 11/17/08 James, Brenda, Beth Marushak and family
- 11/18/08 Ryan Ritter and family
- 11/19/08 Marney, Alison Lorah and family
- 11/20/08 Mark, Kim, Cortney, Kelsey Kuntz and family
- 11/21/08 Robert, Jane Wescott and family
- 11/22/08 Dennis, Louise, Ben Santee and family
- 11/23/08 Linda Kates and family
- 11/24/08 Thomas, Bonnie Schwartz and family
- 11/25/08 Nancy Miller and family
- 11/26/08 Melissa Summers and family
- 11/27/08 Brenda, Steve, Stephen II, Andrew, Julia Serensits and family
- 11/28/08 Troy, Amber Werley and family
- 11/29/08 Barbara Tobisch and family
- 11/30/08 David, Shirley Hartley and family

SEXTON RESIGNATION

The Congregational Council, at their meeting on October 13th, accepted Audrey Rosario's resignation as sexton, effective October 31, 2008. Audrey and her family will be relocated to Tennessee in the near future. We wish to thank Audrey for all her work in keeping the church maintained and clean. We wish you and your family happiness as you start your new life in Tennessee. As a result of Audrey's resignation, the church will be looking to hire a new sexton. In the interim, thank you to Bill Fritzinger for his willingness to fill in. Applications for this position are available in the church office.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

The Congregational Council, at their October meeting, has voted to form a Personnel Committee. The job of the committee is to handle the hiring of paid church staff members as well as to meet periodically with the staff. If you have experience in Human Resources or interviewing, and would be willing to serve in this capacity, please contact Ernie Siegfried.

CANAL FESTIVAL

Our funnel cake "stand" was on the road again. We participated in the Walnutport Canal Festival on Sunday, October 19th. In addition to the funnel cakes, we also sold deep-fried Oreo cookies (which were a huge hit). We raised \$977.00 for Hope Church to go towards the new sign for Kuntz Hall. Thank you to the following people for helping to make this day a success; Bud and Betty Rock, Bill and Jean Fritzinger, Natalie and Katelyn Kirchner, Crystal and Michael Rock and Ed and Jane Tretiak. Thank you also to everyone who supported the funnel cake stand.

FILLED ROLL SALE

Filled rolls will be sold again this year for Thanksgiving/Christmas. The price per roll is \$13.00 and includes nut, poppy seed, apricot, lekvar and seedless raspberry. Orders will be taken after the church services and will be due with the money by November 7th. Pick up dates is Sunday, November 23rd. Proceeds go towards the sound system.

HANDBELL UPDATE

Our two bell choirs have been named!
Bells of Hope and **Reformation Ringers!**



Both choirs rehearse on Tuesday nights—
Bells of Hope at 6:15 and Reformation Ringers at 7:30. Both bell choirs ring 3 octaves of handbells. Reformation Ringers is a complete choir, although Bells of Hope has room for at least one more ringer. If anyone is interested in learning more about our bell choirs, or in joining Bells of Hope, please talk to any ringer, or Janet Filchner. The following people make up our handbell choirs: Susan Bartholomew, Heather Bealer, Diane Beil, Nancy Beichy, Gloria Derhammer, Jean Fritzinger, Deb Gardner, Sharyn Kratzer, Sue Kutzler, Lynn LaBarre, Jean Leibenguth, Monica Paly, Dolores Reenock, Ann Sassaman, Sharon Schell, David Ziegler, Shelbey Ziegler, Gerry Zimmerman, and Jessamy Zimmerman.

MILITARY ADDRESSES

The Women of the ELCA are asking anyone that submitted a service persons name for Hope Church to lift up in prayer to now give us a mailing address to go with it. The women wish to see that they receive a Christmas box of love and cheer. These boxes will be sent to the military members that are serving overseas. Please call Evelyn Kohler at 610-767-2503 or the church office with the addresses. We need these addresses by Sunday, November 16th. Thank you!

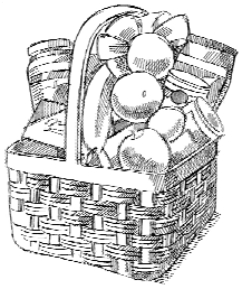
PASTOR KUNTZ'S VIDEO

The video which was a part of Pastor Kuntz's retirement dinner is available to purchase. Orders will be taken after the church services. The videos are \$10.00 each and the proceeds will benefit Ryan Bird. If you were not able to attend the dinner, pick one up, they are great! Thank you to Stacey Ziegler for all of her hard work in making this wonderful video.

OUTREACH PROJECT:
BENEFIT for the BAYOU 2:
RAISING the ROOF
Our Goal: \$1,000.00

As in the past few years we are doing an outreach project. As part of an effort of other congregations in our mission district, this year we will be collecting money to help build a house for a family in the Mississippi Bayou. Each student and teacher in our Sunday Church School will receive a bank and a list of suggested money to put in the bank each day. Since we had to purchase the banks we are asking for sponsors to cover the \$100.00 cost of the banks so that all of our money can be donated to the project. Sponsors will be listed in the next newsletter. You can put your donation in an envelope with your name on it. Mark the envelope SCS banks. Thank you for your help in covering the cost. Our kick off for this program was on October 19th during the SCS hour. We met in the nave and had Brenda Lehr and Donald Saunders talk to us about how they helped in Mississippi and how the people need our help. The banks will be brought back to SCS every Sunday and emptied in the classrooms. The money will be counted each week by Loretta Weil and Nancy Xander. Bob Small made the outline of the house on the wall in the narthex and made bricks for us to build a house. For every \$5.00 that is contributed a brick will be placed on the wall to construct our house. We are also asking the congregation to get involved in this project. In the back of the nave there is a table with a partially constructed doll house on it. In front of the doll house is a basket that people, not involved in SCS, may put their contributions. There are several posters displayed throughout the church made by Debra Kalbach advertising our project. Please help us reach our goal of \$1,000.00.





FALL BASKET SOCIAL
OCTOBER 10, 2008

The 14th Annual Fall Basket Social, held on Friday, October 10th, benefited the Church's Building Maintenance Fund.

Ticket sponsors were Joanne & Arnold Kuntz, Rapid Return (Betty Rock), Judy & Vince Dieter and Linda & Horace Obert. Boy Scout Troop 242 set up tables the night before the social. Connie Cuellar donated many Longaberger baskets. Catechetical students served as "runners of winnings". There were lots of helping hands in the kitchen & elsewhere. Thrivent Financial for Lutheran matched \$200.00 of monies raised.

THANK YOU to everyone who in some way helped with the success of the evening!

Following is an expense report, along with the total profits given to our church's building maintenance fund:

Beginning Balance	\$5,584.00
Rolls/Soda	-63.00
	\$5,521.00 (raised at social)
	+ 200.00 Thrivent
TOTAL	<u>\$5,721.00 - For Building Maintenance</u>

*All meats, pierogies, haluski, soups, condiments, bottled water, many cartons of soda, baked goods, filled baskets & certificates were donated.

Note that the 2009 Spring Theme Social will be held on Friday, April 17th (the first Friday after Easter). Proceeds benefit The Northampton Area Food Bank and Hope's Good Samaritan Fund. Mark your calendars now!!!

Respectfully submitted,
Rita Hulsizer, Jean Leibenguth, and The Basket Committee

THANK YOU NOTES

Dear Denton, Please let the volunteers from Hope Lutheran Church know how very much the residents and I appreciated their coming to Good Shepherd to help everyone attend the worship service. The room was packed and the singing was wonderful, very inspiring. After the service residents commented on how very uplifting the whole service was. Hope Lutheran Church is welcome any time and is part of the family now, especially with all the help Paul Zimmermann and Don Saunders give. P.S. I was so glad to hear that you're the interim pastor at Hope. They deserve the best. Sincerely,
Bill Horn

Dear Hope Church Thank you, once again, for all your support as I have graduated from my seminary program and await a call. I especially appreciate the two beautiful stoles that were presented to me in the weeks before Pastor Kuntz retired. Every time I wear them, I will think of the faithful people at Hope Church. God bless you for all you do in Christ's name. Your sister in Christ,
Paulette Obrecht

I wanted to thank you for your thoughts and prayers. It is very much appreciated! Your visits meant a lot to me also. I'm sure I'll see you soon at church. Love,

Stacy Benninger

Thank you to Ernie and to everyone for your prayers, visits, phone calls and many cards that I received during my recent hospital stay and also while I was recuperating at home. God bless you all. Love,
Delores Derhammer

Special thanks to EVERYONE who helped with the success of our 14th annual Fall Basket Social! \$5521.00 plus \$200.00 matching funds from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans was raised for Hope's Building Maintenance Fund. We welcome to our committee, Louise Santee and Susan Stephens, and bid farewell and say thanks to Kathryn Strohl as she takes a "break" from the committee after serving faithfully since the first social back in '94. You will find a report from the evening of October 10th elsewhere in this newsletter. God Bless...

The Basket Committee of Hope Lutheran Church

THANK YOU NOTES CONTINUED...

Members of Hope Lutheran Church, Greetings from sunny Florida! I would like to thank you very much for the academic scholarship for my '08-'09 academic school year. I apologize for waiting so long to write this letter. My ability to procrastinate was unfortunately used once again. The money given to me from this scholarship was put towards my flight training here at Embry-Riddle. It has helped me out a lot due to the fact that flight costs have increased and flying is already very expensive. I am currently working on my single-engine commercial rating. I receive my instrument rating in the spring semester. Working on my commercial rating has been a lot of fun so far. I'm learning new maneuvers in the airplane and getting a chance to do some cross country flying. I fly a Cessna 172 right now but I will soon be learning how to fly a Piper Arrow. My classes this semester are interesting but my favorite above all others is my air traffic control class. Air Traffic Management is my major which is why I enjoy the class so much. Right now in the class, I am learning how to control the Orlando International Airspace. We work in a lab so it is like we are actually controlling real traffic. As the class progresses, the scenarios that we learn become more difficult. There is a lot to learn but once you get the hang of it you get a big feeling of accomplishment. I have been staying very active with activities on campus. I am still a Resident Advisor of 30 freshman residents. This job can be very challenging at times. I also play intramural volleyball and I am on the Ultimate Frisbee team. I competed in a tournament recently. I have also been mountain biking a lot. It is not like mountain biking up in Pennsylvania because there isn't much elevation change, but the sandy terrain makes for an endurance challenge. I am also planning to apply to join Omicron Kappa Delta, a National Leadership Honor Society. Becoming a member is one of my goals for this year. I hope all is well up in Pennsylvania. Enjoy the fall colors for me because I will not be able to see them. Hopefully I will get to see everyone when I come home for winter break. Thank you again,

Aaron Lamparter

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2009

Copies of the proposed budget for 2009 will be available at worship (and in the narthex) on Sunday, Nov 2nd. This proposal will be reviewed at the Council meeting on Monday, November 3rd and pending any changes will be brought to the Congregational Meeting on Sunday, November 9th for approval.



STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY NOVEMBER 16, 2008

Join us for Worship on Sunday, November 16th as we celebrate Stewardship Sunday here at Hope Church. Prior to this day, you will receive a mailing inviting you to make a financial commitment for 2009. On Sunday, November 16th we will receive and dedicate these intentions at the altar.

A Stewardship Thought...**IF ONLY I HAD MORE...**

If only I had more, I would give more. How often we've all said that. St. Luke had something to say about this: "He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much" (Luke 16:10)

If you aren't giving sacrificially with what you have, you wouldn't give sacrificially if you had more. How much you have has nothing to do with your generosity to God (Stewardship, March 2007)

FINANCIAL COMMITMENT CARDS

Were mailed on Thursday, October 30th. On Sunday, Nov. 16th these cards will be received during worship. If you are unable to be in church that morning, please bring or send your card to the church ASAP.

HOW MUCH? WHAT SHOULD I (WE) PUT ON THE

CARD?? “Upon the first day of the week, let everyone of you put something aside in proportion as God has prospered him.” (I Corinthians 16) This is God’s plan for raising money in the church; giving as God has prospered you, proportionate giving. If you’re looking for a figure, the only one you’ll find in the Bible is a tithe, ten per cent.

Just think what it would mean if everyone at Hope would tithe! What a powerhouse this church would be in advancing our mission to *Make Christ Known!* Wow! If not 10%, how about

consider “growing” to 7% or 5% or for some even move up to 3% of your income. You can become a “tither”---take small steps!



HOPE'S WEIGHT CLASS

(A WEIGH OF HOPE GROUP)

Changes are happening within this group. We have changed our name from weight class to “A Weigh of Hope Group”. During the fall months and up until Christmas we are using as our theme “Move it and Lose it”. Exercise is being encouraged. We are making our bulletin board into a beautiful paper quilt. Each block of the quilt represents 30 minutes of exercise done by members throughout the week. Our goal is to complete our quilt by Christmas. Stop by and see how our quilt is developing. Another change to our class time will be a new program. We are thinking of it as a “book club” and are about to begin a series entitled “The Beck Diet Solution” which is written by Judith Beck, a psychologist and counselor. In her book she stresses positive thinking that is expected to lead to positive results when trying to overcome weight loss obstacles. As a class, we are very excited about this book and eager to put her suggestions to use. Everyone is welcome to join our group. We meet on Wednesday evening in the large room in the basement at 6:30pm. As members are able to do so, a \$3.00 donation is given each week; which is used for needs of our church and community. Weights and discussions are always kept confidential. Come and join us.

FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY

Friendship Sunday was held October 5th. Our theme for this year was “Count Your Blessings”. We all have problems and concerns but we attempted to remind our congregation that we also have been given many blessings for which we can be thankful. The Evangelism Committee would like to thank Vicki Steiner and Jennifer Fike for sharing their beautiful voices when they sang *Count Your Blessings* during our skit and Janet Filchner, the talented pianist who accompanied them. We also would like to thank Paulette Obrecht for participating in our Friendship Sunday and Ernie who helped us pull it all together. A special thank you to all the members of the Evangelism Committee who “willingly” (or maybe not so willingly but get drafted!) each year to do a part in the Friendship Sunday presentations. Also thank you Richard O'Donnell, Jr. who did such a great job in making up the sheep pictures we used as our props. Thank you to everyone who helped make our friendship Sunday service special. The Friendship Sunday service ended with the candle lighting and singing of *Let There Be Peace on Earth*. This has become a tradition for this service and is always requested by many in our congregation. Thank you members of the Evangelism Committee for all your hard work that you always do for Friendship Sunday and other Evangelism events all year through. God's Blessings to all.



Sharyn Kratzer, Evangelism Chairperson

CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS OF HOPE CHURCH

Pre order your beautiful ornament of Hope Church for only \$15.00. (sample in the narthex). These ornaments will be arriving at Hope in early December). If you do not pre order, they will be \$18.00 each. Proceeds benefit the Youth Group. Orders will be taken after the worship services.

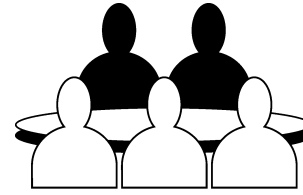
NATIVITY DISPLAY OPEN HOUSE

The ninth annual nativity display will be held on Saturday, November 29th from 10:00am until 8:00pm and Sunday, November 30th from 8:00am until 5:00pm. Last year's display had over 300 nativities; this year we can have even more as we have increased the table space available to us. In connection with our beautiful display, the first Advent worship will be held at 5:00pm. Pastor Kees will be our speaker. There are several ways you can help to make the ninth display a success.

1. We need you to share your nativity/nativities with us for the weekend. Please write a brief paragraph about your nativity. Nativities representing other countries always add extra enjoyment to the display. Even if you have brought your nativity to the display in prior years, bring it again. Every nativity is beautiful. Nativities can be brought to the church on Friday, November 28th from 4:00-8:00pm. Though we can set it up for you, you probably will prefer to set your own out so it will be exactly the way you love to see it. Members of the community are also invited to bring their nativity to our church to share.
2. Help is needed for set up on Friday morning at 9:00am and to clean up on Sunday at 5:30pm.
3. Donations of snack foods, baked goods, beverages and other light foods are needed. Every year 400-500 people come to Hope to enjoy our display. We would like to continue to provide the warmth of good hospitality to our Hope visitors.
4. Be a host/hostess. Donate an hour or two to welcome our visitors and to help keep the refreshment areas filled.

Though the display is sponsored by the Evangelism committee, it has become a church and community event that is anticipated and enjoyed by many. Welcome in the Advent season and let our display remind you of the real reason for this beautiful season. The ninth display can only be a success with your help. Thank you.

*God's blessings and Merry Christmas
from your Evangelism Committee of Hope Church*



COUNCIL MEETING

CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MINUTES OCTOBER 13, 2008

President Mery opened the meeting and led devotions.

Secretary minutes and treasurer's report were read and approved.

Pastoral Assistant's Report: attended several meetings, 28 hospital visits, Bishop's Installation and farewell lunch with Jane and Pastor Kuntz.

Youth: no report.

Social Ministry: Fall Thanksgiving Feast to be held on Saturday, November 15, 2008, sign up sheet is located on the bulletin board in the narthex. Ingathering/Mitten tree will start in November. The Ingathering will be held here at Hope Church on Thursday, December 4, 2008. (volunteers needed).

Worship and Music: no report.

Property: sound system plans should be in by October 18, 2008; more to follow.

Stewardship: Stewardship Sunday is on November 16, 2008, next meeting is on October 27, 2008.

Evangelism: Nativity Display will be November 29th & 30th.

Christian Ed.: phone system is working in the Sunday school classrooms for announcements. On March 13, 2009 the 5th grade students will receive First Holy Communion.

Next Meeting: Monday, November 3, 2008 at 7:00pm.

BABYSITTING LIST

The church office gets many requests for a list of babysitters. A new list is going to be made; since so many of the names we currently have are off to college; and not available to babysit. If you would like to add your name to our new list, please call the church office at 610-767-7203 or put a note in Jane Tretiak's mail slot (located by the church office). Please include your name, address, phone number and age. Thank you.

DAFFODIL SUNDAY

Some notes about daffodil Sunday for 2009

1. The price of a bunch of daffodils will be \$10.00 for 10 daffodils.
2. A new vase (description not available at this time) and a bunch of daffodils will be available for \$15.00.
3. The 5th edition of the Boyds Bear, "Carrie N. Hope", will join the family in 2009. The price will still be \$25.00 and includes a bunch of daffodils.
4. Potted daffodils - 4" pot with 3 daffodil bulbs will now be available. After they bloom, you can plant them outside and enjoy them for years to come. They will be available for \$12.00.

Advertise Daffodil days all year round by visiting www.daffodildaysstuff.com for daffodil items



HOPE CHURCH COOKBOOKS

A few cookbooks are still available. These beautiful cookbooks make great gifts.

With Christmas just around the corner, pick them up today. They are available in the church office. Each book sells for \$10.00.

CATECHETICAL CLASSES UPDATE

†LEVEL I

✓ MEET THE COUNCIL on Monday, Nov 3rd from 6:45–7:30 pm.

✓ APOSTLES' CREED RETREAT has been changed to a one night retreat instead of an overnight retreat. Friday, November 7th from 5:00-9:00pm.



†LEVEL II

✓ CHURCH VISITATION to St. Nicholas Roman Catholic Church. Sunday, November 23rd.

Updated schedules for both levels will be sent shortly. Only a few small changes. Watch for them in the mail.

☞ Good Job!! Youth and Parents have been taking advantage of the volunteer opportunities such as Gracedale Talent Nite and the Basket Party, Thank you. Some opportunities in November include (adults) driving for the church visit. A few youth can help with our Sr. Fall Feast on Saturday, November 15th and many helpers are needed to set up and clean-up for the Nativity Display the weekend of Nov 29-30th Sign up with your Sunday School teachers.

☞ Don't Forget...check the progress/attendance charts in the narthex. Let Sunday school teachers know if there are any mistakes ASAP!



ELECTION DAY
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH
DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!

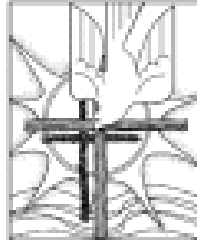
PASTORAL ACTS

FUNERAL SERVICES

***Jason M. Olewine** entered eternal life on October 7, 2008 at the age of 26 years. A graveside service was held on October 11, 2008 at Indianland Cemetery. Ernie Siegfried officiated.

***Maryellen Talamini** entered eternal life on October 8, 2008 at the age of 61 years. A memorial service was held on October 26, 2008 at Hope Church. Pastor Kees officiated.

Our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of Jason and Maryellen. May God continue to be your guide and strength.



**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
SUBSTITUTES NEEDED**

From time to time we need people to help out in our SCS classes because several teachers, in a class, will be absent. You most likely would not have to teach, just help. If you would be willing to help in any classes please contact the church office at 610-767-7203 and leave your name and phone number or talk to Bonnie Schwartz. There are people who have had their names on the list. If you want your name taken off of the list please let us know, otherwise your name will remain on the list.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Our annual Christmas Program will be held on Sunday, December 28th during the 10:30 church service time. The snow date is Sunday, January 4th during the 10:30 church service. There will be refreshments after the program in Kuntz Hall. Any donations of finger food items would greatly be appreciated. They can be dropped off in Kuntz Hall up to the start of the program.

**CONFIRMATION STUDENTS ATTENDANCE
AND DUTIES**

Reminders for confirmation students: (1.) Don't forget to fill out the church attendance sheets and give them to Pastor Kees or Ernie as you leave the church service. (2.) If you need someone to be your sponsor because your parents cannot attend church due to their work schedule please let your teachers know or come to the SCS office to tell us and we will find someone to be your sponsor. (3.) You must find someone to replace you if you have a duty such as church nursery, crucifer, acolyte, etc. and cannot be there. It is also your duty to contact the church secretary before Friday so that she can have the correct names in the bulletin. (4.) You must attend 12 SCS classes and church services by December 28th to complete your first half obligations. Keep an eye on the charts in the narthex to make sure you are completing them.
