



HOPE HOME NEWS

Hope Lutheran Church
Cherryville, PA

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May, 2009

WELCOME TO HOPE

SUNDAY WORSHIP

SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2009

8:00 a.m. Holy Communion

EASTER 4

10:30 a.m. Service of the Word

SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2009

8:00 a.m. Service of the Word

EASTER 5

10:30 a.m. Holy Communion

SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2009

8:00 a.m. Holy Communion

EASTER 6

10:30 a.m. Service of the Word

Congregational Survey at both worship services (more info. inside)→

SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2009

8:00 a.m. Service of the Word

EASTER 7

10:30 a.m. Holy Communion;
Holy Baptisms

Congregational Survey at both worship services (more info. inside)→

SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2009

8:00 a.m. Holy Communion

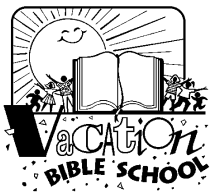
THE DAY OF PENTECOST

10:30 a.m. Holy Communion

*A RED LETTER DAY - WEAR SOMETHING RED TO WORSHIP
Confirmation of Level II Catechetical Youth at 10:30 a.m. worship!
Congregational Survey at both worship services (more info. inside)→*

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2009

Mark your calendars now for Vacation Bible School. It is scheduled this year for the week of July 6, 2009 with the closing program at 9:30am on Sunday, July 12th. Bible School will run from 9:00am to 12Noon. See registration form in the center of the newsletter. Bible School is filling up very quickly, SIGN UP TODAY!!



PASTORAL ACTS

HOLY BAPTISMS

Pastor Kees officiated at the following baptisms on March 22, 2009 during the 8:00am worship service.

Alyzah Ferne Borger, daughter of Jay and Alyce (Rock) Borger.

Derek Michael Moyer, son of John and Jeanette (Snyder) Moyer.



Pastor Kees officiated at the following baptisms on April 19, 2009 during the 10:30am worship service.

Autumn Marie Maikits, daughter of Robert Maikits and Heather Jasper.

Devin Joseph Binder, son of Jeremy and Marsha (Kulp) Binder.

Dylan Marshall O'Donnell, son of Kevin and Tracy (Blöse) O'Donnell.

Please welcome these children into our church family at Hope and pray for their growth in faith.

FUNERAL



Dale M. Beers, Sr. entered eternal life on April 1, 2009 at the age of 70 years. Services were held at Hope Church with interment at New Hope Cemetery. Ernie Siegfried and Pastor Kees officiated.

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

MARRIAGE

Melissa Ann Filchner and Brandon Christopher Hendricks exchanged marriage vows on March 6, 2009 at Columbia Station in Phoenixville, PA.

Congratulations to Melissa and Brandon. Please pray that they always remember the promises made before God on their very special day.



THANK YOU NOTES

Dear Hope Church, thank you for letting us have a sleepover at your church. We had fun.

Brownie Troop #8570



Dear Hope Lutheran Church, I would like to sincerely thank you for the scholarship money that I received this year. This generous gift will be used to purchase reference books, which will further help me in my medical career. I am in my last semester at King's College and will soon be graduating with my bachelor's degree, but I am not finished with school. After I graduate, I will be doing clinical rotations at hospitals and doctor's offices, continuing my studies to earn my master's degree to become a Physician Assistant. Again, thank you for the support, which I have received during my time in school, as it is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Joshua Graver

Dear Pastor Kees, Please let the Hope Lutheran Church volunteers know how very much we appreciated their kind support recently. They brought many residents to the service, helped them with their concerns throughout and brought them back safe and sound to the units. As always, it was done in a very friendly way. Don, Paul, Marge, Linda and all the others now know many of the residents' names and greet them. It's certainly a blessing for us all when the Hope volunteers join us, giving us an upbeat spirit that continues well into the next several days. Sincerely,

Bill Horn
Good Shepherd

Hope Church, I would like to say thank you to each and everyone who remembered me after my surgery. With phone calls, get well cards and visits to my home. They all meant so very much to me as I heal and get strong again. Thank you.

Pearl Beers

Thank you to everyone for your cards, prayers and visits during my recent hospital stay. Thank you to Pastor Kees and Ernie for your visits.

Dennis Fisher and Family

THANK YOU NOTES CONTINUED...

Dear Hope Lutheran Church, Thank you for your contribution to our 2009 Blue and Gold banquet that was held on Saturday, February 28. Our banquet and raffle were a great success thanks to your support and the support of other local businesses. With your help, we



sold enough raffle tickets to defray the costs of the banquet and other scouting events. Again, thank you for your generosity in supporting Cub Pack 26 (Northampton). (\$100.00 donation enclosed) Sincerely,

Steve Benko, Cubmaster
and all the boys of Cub Pack 26

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, On behalf of the Board of Directors of Lutheran congregational Services, Inc. and those persons whom we serve, I want to thank Hope Church for its gift of \$1,000.00. Problems in the financial sector and a deteriorating economy have affected all of us in some way. LCS has not been immune to these pressures, but it has not succumbed to them. With a clear focus on its vision to be "the agency with which congregational leaders choose to partner to do creative and effective ministry", LCS continues to offer a wide variety of quality services and ministries that are designed to enhance and to augment the missions and ministries of congregations throughout our Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod. Thank you again! Together we continue a Legacy of Caring and Service and a partnership that has stood the test of time.

Yours in Christ,

The Rev. Dr. Dennis S. Ritter
President and CEO

A very sincere thank you to Deb Gardner for all of the work she did to make our Easter Flower sale a success. The church looked beautiful on Easter morning. Thank you also to Deb and Jim Gardner for typing the Easter flower bulletin for Sunday morning.

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PHILLIES BUS TRIP – if you are signed up for the Phillies bus trip in July, money is due ASAP. Please make checks payable to Wayne Weidner. There is a waiting list for this bus trip, so please make every attempt to pay for your ticket so that we know that you are still interested in going to the game.

CATECHETICAL UPDATE

Since we are very near the end of the catechetical year, it is **MOST** important that you check the progress charts in the narthex and make sure that you are up to date on all the requirements. Talk to the Pastor or any catechetical teacher if you have questions.



LEVEL I – 15 Students

✓ Complete the church, Sunday Church School by Sunday, June 14th. Even if you completed an outreach project, consider helping with our Gracedale Trip on Monday, May 4th or our Nursery School Programs on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday, May 19-21.

LEVEL II – 22 students

✓ Complete the church, Sunday Church School by Sunday, May 24th. Even if you completed an outreach project, consider helping with our Gracedale Trip on Monday, May 4th or our Nursery School Programs on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday, May 19-21.

✓ Saturday, May 16th 4:30 – 5:45 pm Rehearsal for Confirmation followed by Mentor Pot Luck Picnic (originally scheduled as a game night) from 5:45-7:30 pm.

✓ Sunday, May 31st

9:15 am Photos of Class/Final rehearsal;

10:30 am Worship- Confirmation Service;

11:45 am Reception in Kuntz Hall. Certificates presented.

CATECHETICAL MENTORS... Thank you for your participation in our Catechetical Program so far this year. There is one more event, a pot luck picnic (originally scheduled as a game night), on Saturday, May 16th from 5:30-7:30 pm. You will receive a post card asking for some help with the food. Also, you might bring along a favorite table game...and **THANKS AGAIN!**



GERANIUMS FOR PENTECOST SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2009

Geraniums will be placed near the altar on Pentecost Sunday, May 31, 2009. Their beautiful red flowers will help us remember the "fire" of that first Pentecost. Sponsors are needed (Cost = \$5.00 per sponsor) to help with the cost of purchasing and planting these flowers around the church (hopefully that same day). If you would like to remember a loved one or honor a family member or friend by being a sponsor, (***CONFIRMATION PARENTS, WHAT A WONDERFUL WAY TO CELEBRATE YOUR CHILD'S SPECIAL DAY, WE WOULD LIKE ALL CONFIRMATION STUDENTS TO HAVE AT LEAST ONE FLOWER SPONSORED***), please fill out the form below by Sunday, May 17th. Money must accompany orders and orders and money should be placed in a plain white envelope marked "Geraniums" and placed in the offering box or locked box in the narthex. Thank you!

GERANIUMS FOR PENTECOST ON MAY 31, 2009 DEADLINE FOR ORDERING IS MAY 17, 2009 COST FOR SPONSORSHIP: \$5.00

GERANIUM ORDERS

NAME _____

CIRCLE ONE:

IN CELEBRATION OF...

IN HONOR OF...

IN MEMORY OF...

BY: _____

ENVELOPE # _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____

I CAN HELP PLANT GERANIUMS: _____

PHONE # (IF HELPING PLANT): _____

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH NURSERY SCHOOL

A few openings still remain for the 3 and 4-year-old classes for the 2009-2010 school year. If interested, please call Deb Gable at 610-767-7523 as soon as possible. Children must be 3 or 4 by September 1st.



BLOOD DONORS

Members of Hope who have recently donated blood for the Miller Memorial Blood Center are as follows: Renny Frisch, Bill Fritzinger, Stanley Royer, Arline Fasching, Doug Hetrick. Thank you to all of our faithful donors.

MEMORIAL BLOOD DRIVE

On Saturday, May 16th the personnel of Miller Memorial Blood Center will accept donations in Hope's Kuntz Hall from 10:00am to 2:00pm. This will be the 15th annual blood drive in memory of Doug Gable. As the years have gone by, the faithful pool of donors has been shrinking due to age and health conditions. Many are still willing but unable to donate. There is a pressing need for younger people to roll up their sleeves to share this precious resource, which has no substitutes. To make an appointment, please call Shirley at 610-767-8109. Blood donations will support Hope's blood plan, which covers all members.

COUNCIL/STAFF/CALL COMMITTEE RETREAT

The annual church council and staff retreat (this year will include the call committee) will be held on Friday evening, May 8th and Saturday, May 9th.

ALTAR GUILD AND USHER VOLUNTEERS

We are in need of Altar Guild volunteers and ushers. Please consider helping! Call the church office if you can join an existing team or would be willing to form a new team. A late service usher team needs help ASAP. Thank you!




CHRISTIAN EDUCATION TEACHERS NEEDED

It is hard to believe that the school year is already winding down. It is also time to plan for next year's Sunday School teaching staff. Two teachers are needed for the sixth grade class. If you are interested or have questions about what is involved, please contact Lynn LaBarre at 610-767-0880 or at labarre@ptd.net.

MOTHER'S DAY/FATHER'S DAY PROGRAM

May 10, 2009 9:15-10:15 a.m. during the Sunday School Hour
The children will report to their classrooms for attendance and offering. Everyone will then gather in the church around 9:30 a.m. for 30 minutes of music and entertainment. Refreshments will follow in Kuntz Hall. Hope to see you ALL there!

GRACEDALE TALENT NIGHT



On Monday, May 4th, Hope Church will travel to Gracedale to entertain the residents for "Talent Night". Everyone is welcome to come along! The residents especially like when **children** visit with their parents. We will leave Hope's parking lot at 6:15pm. The program begins at 7:00pm. Talent and cookies are needed for this evening of fun. To volunteer your talent, speak to Marge Zimmermann. Cookies may be dropped off on the narthex table before 6:00pm that evening. Thank you! *Catechetical students – this is a great outreach opportunity if you still need to meet that requirement for confirmation.*

JOE CORBI FUNDRAISER

A fundraiser is being held through Sunday, May 3rd. Stop by the table in the narthex and order your delicious Joe Corbi products. Money is due with the orders. Delivery date will be Friday, May 15th after 5:00pm. The proceeds from this sale will help the Horwath Family. Several months ago, Mr. Horwath suffered a life-changing illness. After nearly three months in hospitals, he is progressing, but the recovery will be long-term and uncertain. This fundraiser is an effort to assist the Horwath family with financial needs. Please call the church office for more information.



RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED

The following members were hospitalized from March 19th through April 27th; Alberta Bloss, Dennis Fisher, *Dale Beers, Marion Hall, Star Paly, Harold Kuehner, Sharon Ross, Connie Nagy, Donald Benninger, Jr. Elaine Newhart, Evelyn Kohler, Betty Billig and Bob Wescott. Please keep these persons and their families in your prayers. **deceased*

WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU ARE HOSPITALIZED

- 1) When being admitted give our **Church Code #251**
- 2) **Give your permission** for the hospital to release your admittance information to the church when we call.
- 3) Have someone call the church office 610-767-7203 when being admitted to the hospital if you desire a visit.

SYNOD ASSEMBLY - The 22nd annual synod assembly of the Northeastern PA Synod is scheduled to be held at Sovereign Performing Arts Center in Reading, PA from June 5-6, 2009. Pastor Kees, Ernie Siegfried, Manfred and Vicki Steiner will attend. More info can be found at www.godslove.org.



JEWELRY FOR HOPE FEST

The basket committee of Hope Church is looking for your gold, silver, costume, even broken jewelry. The ladies are selling jewelry at Hope Fest on June 26th and June 27th. Anything, new or used including watches, tie and money clips, pins, necklaces, rings, etc. even the jewelry box itself. Please drop off your donations in the marked "jewelry" box in the narthex. Your donations are greatly appreciated. Come visit us at Hope Fest to look for a new treasure to wear home. *All proceeds from the jewelry sale will benefit the new sound system.*

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER



In honor of National Day of Prayer, the Evangelism Committee will sponsor a Prayer Tent on May 7, 2009. Pastor Kees, Ernie Siegfried, Bill Fritzingler and Don Saunders will be available from 6:00 AM until 6:00 PM to pray with you. The tent will be located on the Lehigh Drive side of the church. Stop by the prayer tent at any time during the day and pray with our prayer leaders. Your prayer concerns will be confidential between you, the prayer leaders and God. The committee is also asking for a few volunteers to assist at the prayer tent during the scheduled prayer times. If you can help with this please speak to Pastor Kees, the office, Sharyn Kratzer or any member of the Evangelism Committee.

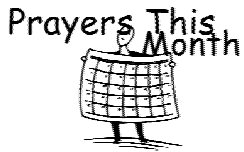
PASTORAL SEARCH UPDATE CONGREGATIONAL SURVEYS

The next step in the search for a permanent pastor is for us to begin gathering information for a booklet that will be given to prospective pastors which tells them about the ministry and membership of Hope congregation. The first step in gathering this information is to have confirmed members of the congregation complete a short survey. You will have the opportunity to complete the survey during both worship services on three Sundays -- May 17, May 24 and May 31. You only need to complete the survey once.

On Sunday, June 7th, Pastor Gene Handwerk, Associate of the Bishop, will be attending both services to administer additional surveys to gather more in depth information about the congregation for the booklet.

Thank you in advance for helping us gather the information we need about Hope to share with prospective pastoral candidates.

Dennis Biechy, President
Congregational Council



PRAYER NAMES FOR MAY

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 May's prayer list.

- 5-01-09 Steven, Linda, Brad, Keith, Mark Romano and family
- 5-02-09 Clayton Miller and family
- 5-03-09 Terry, Shirley Green and family
- 5-04-09 Florence Schiffert and family
- 5-05-09 Mark, Roxanne, Felicia Leibensperger and family
- 5-06-09 Georgia Mohrey and family
- 5-07-09 Brenda Mack and family
- 5-08-09 Jean Gerding and family
- 5-09-09 Edward, Leah Warnke and family
- 5-10-09 Chris, Jolynn, Christian, Ethan Xander and family
- 5-11-09 Dolores Neff and family
- 5-12-09 Blasia Gaydos and family
- 5-13-09 James, Debra Gardner and family
- 5-14-09 Dean, Ginger, Thomas, Jacob, Emily Bachman, Francis Bilder and family
- 5-15-09 Claudia Benninger and family
- 5-16-09 Billy, Stacey, Julia, Lorelei Burch, Sage Mauser and family
- 5-17-09 Peter, Brenda, Erica Chandick and family
- 5-18-09 Marian Druckenmiller and family
- 5-19-09 Arline Fasching and family
- 5-20-09 Conner Frey and family
- 5-21-09 Drew and Faye Gross and family
- 5-22-09 Anne Harry and family
- 5-23-09 Otto, Karline Hontz and family
- 5-24-09 Scott, Marcy Knappenberger and family
- 5-25-09 Crystal, William, Hannah Kreider and family
- 5-26-09 Todd Kunkel and family
- 5-27-09 Dennis, Roxanne, Payton, Jacob Marunich and family
- 5-28-09 Timothy, Rebecca, Elizabeth Moore and family
- 5-29-09 Stanley, Sandra Nocek and family
- 5-30-09 Linda Rabenold and family
- 5-31-09 Gary, Dolores Reenock and family

HOPE LUTHERAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Hope Church offers scholarship money to full-time college students. Funds are available for the 2009-2010 school year and all full-time college students who are members in good standing of Hope, Cherryville, and are in their second year (or higher) of study are encouraged to apply. The requirements of eligibility are:

1. **attending an accredited college or university full time**
2. **will be entering second year (or higher) of college in fall of 2009**
3. **is a member in good standing of Hope Lutheran Church, Cherryville, PA**

Applications can be picked up from the church office or can be obtained by phoning 610-767-7203 or by writing to PO Box 1030, Cherryville, PA 18035. The deadline for applications to reach the church office is **Friday, July 24, 2009**. (Recipients of scholarship awards will be invited to be at an August worship service to receive the first of two checks, the second of which will be **sent** the first week in January 2010.)

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HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE GRADUATES

We need names of high school/college/university graduates from Hope's members who are graduating this spring! They will be included in our July/August issue of The Hope Home News. Please fill out the form below and return it to the church office as soon as possible! Thanks!

STUDENT'S
NAME _____

GRADUATING
FROM _____

FUTURE
PLANS _____

ADDRESS AS OF SEPT. 2009 (IF KNOWN)

2009 SPRING BASKET SOCIAL

The 10th Annual Spring Basket Social was held in Kuntz Hall on Friday, April 17, 2009. Monies raised were divided equally between The Northampton Area Food Bank and Hope Church's Good Samaritan Fund.



THANK YOU TO EVERYONE who in some way helped to make this evening successful! The Northampton Area Food Bank thanks everyone who supported this fundraiser and also brought along a canned good or non-perishable item. Hope Church thanks everyone who supported this fundraiser, which helps the Pastors' discretionary (or Good Samaritan) fund, which helps members and/or persons in our community with special needs.

The Basket Committee would like to take this opportunity to say good-bye to Doris Siegfried & thank her for many years of dedication to fund raising and we say hello & welcome new member, Kathy Creyer.

Ticket sponsors were Howard & Kathryn Strohl, Tom Sidor, CPA, Dot Beers, and Lori Kerper, proprietor of Shear 'N Vee Hair Salon. Bill Fritzinger & Craig Reenock continue helping each year with behind the scenes support and publicity.

Boy Scouts & Leaders of Troop 242 set up tables/chairs the evening prior to the social.

Connie Cuellar donated many Longaberger baskets & other items, which adds immensely to the excitement of the evening.

Catechetical students served as "runners of winnings" & helped with end of evening clean up, along with some Catechetical parents. Each social, more volunteers come forth to help sell tickets, serve in the kitchen area and/or help with clean up. You know who you are and we appreciate you! Thrivent Financial for Lutherans matched \$400.00 of monies donated to The Northampton Area Food Bank as part of their community outreach program.

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2009 SPRING BASKET SOCIAL CONTINUED...

Following is the financial report from the 2009 Spring Theme Basket Social:

Beginning Balance \$5,352.00

Expenses:

\$75.00 (rolls, paper products, hotdogs)

Profit: \$5,277.00, plus \$400 from Thrivent = \$5677.00 total

***All meats, pierogies, haluski, chicken pot pie, baked beans, condiments, beverages, baked goods, filled baskets & certificates were donated.**

Amount given to The Northampton Area Food Bank: \$3,038.50 (2,638.50 + 400.00 matching funds from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans).

Amount given to Hope's Good Samaritan Fund: \$2,638.50.

THE 2009 FALL BASKET SOCIAL IS ON OCTOBER 9, 2009 (proceeds to Hope's Building Maintenance Fund).

Respectfully submitted by Linda Sidor, Kathy Fogle & The Basket Committee of Hope Lutheran Church



DAFFODIL SUNDAY

Thank you to everyone who supported Daffodil Sunday on March 22nd here at Hope Church.

Our total raised this year was as follows:

8 Carrie N' Hope & Bunch	\$200.00
31 Bunches of Daffodils	310.00
3 Vases with a Bunch	45.00
8 Pots of Mini Daffodils	<u>96.00</u>

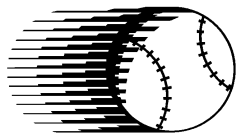
Total **\$651.00 Donation to Cancer**

Thanks to all our Hope Church family and friends. All money raised is turned over to the Lehigh Valley Unit of the American Cancer Society. Sometimes money is used with the purchase of wigs for those who are unable to buy a wig for themselves. Thank you again for supporting this event every year.

Doris and Linda



SOFTBALL



LEAGUE

CHURCH SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Any confirmed youth or adult (men and women) interested in playing in the church softball league, or if you have questions, please call Wayne Weidner at 610-767-1512. Games are on Sunday evenings. See schedule below.

SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

- May 3 – Hope Church vs. Bethany UMC (Field 1)
- May 10 – Bye
- May 17 – St. Elizabeth vs. Hope Church (Field 3)
- May 24 – No Game – Memorial Weekend
- May 31 – Union Church vs. Hope Church (Field 2)
- June 7 – Hope Church vs. St. John’s UCC (Field 3)
- June 14 – Hope Church vs. Faith Lutheran (Field 1)
- June 21 – Good Shepherd vs. Hope Church (Field 2)
- June 28 – Bethany UMC vs. Hope Church (Field 2)
- July 5 - No Game – 4th of July Weekend
- July 12 – Bye
- July 19 – Hope Church vs. St. Elizabeth (Field 2)
- July 26 – Faith Lutheran vs. Hope Church (Field 1)
- Aug. 2 – St. John’s UCC vs. Hope Church (Field 3)
- Aug. 9 - Hope Church vs. Union Lutheran (Field 1)
- Aug. 15-16 – Tournament (rain date – Aug. 22-23)

FIELDS

North Whitehall (Field #1) – North on Mauch Chunk Road, turn West onto Levans road at red light by elementary school, turn left into drive of N. Whitehall township building, field closest to the road (hard ball field).

North Whitehall (Field #2) – same as above, field by basketball courts.

Kolapecha Park (Field #3) – North on Mauch Chunk Road, turn West onto Levans Road at red light by elementary school. Turn right onto Maple Street, at the end of the road turn right onto Coffeetown road. Turn right into new sports complex, field closest to the playground.

HOPE’S YARD SALE – as you are spring cleaning, don’t forget about Hope Church’s yard sale this summer. More details to follow.

BEAR CREEK CAMP

Register Now for Summer Camp! Brochures and information available by speaking to Kim Roth, our church Bear Creek Ambassador.

BEAR CREEK DAY CAMP AT HOPE CHURCH

Mark those calendars for July 27th – July 31st. This is a day camp for children entering grades 1 – 6. Leaders from Bear Creek Camp will lead the children in songs, games, Bible lessons, etc. We will travel to a local park for a picnic and swimming! It is a lot of fun. Bear Creek Day Camp is usually very popular, and fills up quickly. Mark your calendars NOW!!!



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Pre-Registration for Bear Creek Day Camp *(July 27 – July 31 at Hope Church, Cherryville)*

Child’s Name _____

Age _____ Grade (9/09) _____ Telephone _____

Parents’ Names _____

Address _____

Emergency Number _____

Anything Staff should be aware of?

I can be an adult helper with some small tasks during the week _____

*(Return to Hope Lutheran Church, Cherryville, PA with **\$35.00**. Registrations on a “first come” basis).*

LEHIGH TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY

CHICKEN DINNER

The annual barbeque chicken dinner held by the Lehigh Twp. Historical Society will take place on Sat., June 13th. The delicious dinners sell for \$8.00 and include ½ of a chicken, a baked potato, roll and applesauce. They may be picked up between noon and 6pm at St. Paul's UCC Indianland Church. Dinners are take-out only. Baked goods will also be available for purchase to complete your meal. Tickets may be purchased from or ordered through Beverly (610 767-3634), Nancy (610 767-0676), or Sean (610 760-1814). Order early as we always sell out! Donated baked goods are always appreciated and may be dropped off the morning of the 13th. All proceeds from the dinners go towards our continued work on the Historical Centre at Indian Trail Park and on the restoration of St. Paul's Schoolhouse, Indianland. Thank you for your support.

SUMMER EVENTS OF LEHIGH TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Historical Centre of the society will be open, beginning on May 24th, and continuing the 2nd and 4th Sunday of every month through early fall. Come see what is inside between the hours of noon and 3:00 p.m. The Centre is located along route 248 in Pennsville at Indian Trail Park. We have displays of all aspects of life in the township in days gone by, including farming, manufacturing, education and recreation. We also have many photos of towns and schools within the township. There are numerous items available for purchase-- books, ornaments, T-shirts, and commemorative pitchers, to list a few.



On July 12th and August 23rd we will again be hosting "Art by the Park". This is an opportunity for local artists to display and sell their work. If you create drawings, paintings, prints, photographs, sculpture, pottery and the like, we would encourage your participation. Registration is free. Artists must supply their own tables and chairs. For more information and to obtain a registration form, please call Nancy (610 767-0676) or Sean (610 760-1814), or visit our website: lehightownship.org.

INTERIM PASTOR'S REPORT:

- *Attended Wednesday services.
- *Completed the three session membership class series with several additional requests from other members to join.
- *Several baptisms scheduled.
- *Helped prepare youth and their parents for First Communion.
- *Preparing content and program for council, staff, and call committee retreat, May 8-9.

PASTORAL ASSISTANT'S:

- *Spent time with Nursery School kids telling the Easter story.
- *Assisting Pastor Kees with several baptisms.
- *Prepared youth and their parents for First Communion.
- *Preparing for council, staff, and call committee retreat, May 8-9.
- *Began GreifShare program.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

YOUTH:

- *Successful youth retreat sleepover.
- *Preparing for Youth Sunday on May 10th

SOCIAL MINISTRY:

- *April 4th attended Gracedale
- *Talent night at Gracedale on May 4th.
- *Thank you to David Roth for donation of fruit.
- *May 2nd meeting at 3:15pm to go to Asbury for Dutch Dinner
- *Beginning to plan picnic
- *Thank you to Carol Groller for contribution.

WORSHIP & MUSIC:

- *Jane will continue scheduling confirmand's duties for the rest of this year.
- *Recruitment of more altar guild members was discussed at altar guild meeting.
- *Next steps for Call Process:
 - Congregation will fill out a short survey on 5/17, 5/24, or 5/31.
 - Pastor Handwerk will be attending both services on 6/7 and will lead the congregation in completing multi-part survey.

*Pentecost: May 31(Confirmation at 10:30am service.)

*Summer Worship Hours: begins 6/21, services at 8:00am and 9:30am.

*Next meeting: Wednesday May 27 at 7:00pm

*Volunteer Recognition on Sunday May 3rd

*Next Meeting May 2nd at 6:00pm

*Beginning to plan Senior Prom for next year.

*Approval for National Day of Prayer May 7th 6:00am - 6:00pm.

*Looking into placing signs around Lehigh Township advertising Hope.

*Discussion of adding an additional worship service to the week.

STEWARDSHIP:

EVANGELISM:

Thursday May 7 Patrol Meet Advancements, pick merit badges for summer camp

Thursday May 14 PLC Meeting 6:15 Laser Tag

Friday May 15 to Sunday May 17 A-Team Patrol Camp Out new scout camp out

Thursday May 21 Orienteering Course

Thursday May 28 Prepare for McKeever Camp Ultimate Frisbee

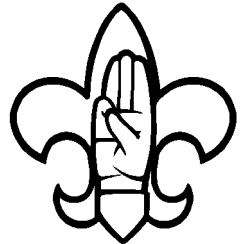
Friday May 29 – 31 McKeever Camp: Build Rope Bridge

Scouting is about teaching life skills, learning First Aid, Out Door Skills, and Leadership Skills all while having good time. Making life long friends and developing good moral values are also benefits of being in Boy Scouts.

For additional information or to join Scout run Boy Scout Troop #242 simply come to a meeting and join the fun or call Scout Master Kenneth Mann at 610-760-1678 or e-mail him at kmann@ptd.net.

Yours in Scouting,

Kenneth Mann Sr.



Hope Lutheran's Boy Scout Troop #242 News

Troop 242 normally meets in the Large Fellowship Hall or at the Outside Pavilion area at Hope Lutheran Church Cherryville, PA from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Boys between the ages of 11 and 18 years old are invited to join us.

May - Service Patrol: H2O Patrol Theme: Outdoors

Saturday May 2 *****Chicken Diner*****