

FEBRUARY

HOPE HOME NEWS

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WELCOME TO HOPE

SUNDAY WORSHIP

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2010 EPIPHANY 5

8 a.m. Holy Communion 10:30 a.m. Service of Word

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2010 TRANSFIGURATION
OF OUR LORD

8 a.m. Service of Word 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion
Mardi Gras after each service

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2010 LENT I

8 a.m. Holy Communion 10:30 a.m. Service of Word

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2010 LENT II

8 a.m. Service of Word 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion

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LENT BEGINS ON...

ASH WEDNESDAY February 17th

Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes

at 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. (Another opportunity for
ashes from 6:00-9:00am on Ash Wednesday)

✠ *Mid-Week Worship on Wednesday February 24, March
3, 10, 17, and 24 @ 11:00 am & 7:00 pm. (more inside>)*

ASH
WEDNESDAY

PASTORAL ACTS

HOLY BAPTISMS

Pastor Kees officiated at the following baptisms.

Kylee Rae Beers, daughter of Shanon Beers was baptized on November 25, 2009 during the 7:00pm Thanksgiving Eve service.

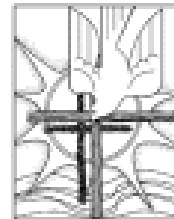
Giada Nicole Nyce, daughter of Jeffrey and Amy (Rice) Nyce was baptized on December 20, 2009 during the 10:30am worship service.

Matthew Thomas Gehringer, son of Thomas and Estelle (Berger) Gehringer was baptized on January 10, 2010 during the 10:30am worship service.

Please welcome Kylee, Giada and Matthew into our church family at Hope and pray for their growth in faith.



FUNERAL



Gina Lyn Riso entered eternal life on December 10, 2009 at the age of 24 years. Services were held at Hope Church with interment at Indianland Cemetery. Ernie Siegfried officiated.

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

MARRIAGE

Robert Earl Neitz and Dolores Ann

Werkheiser exchanged wedding vows on November 21, 2009 at Hope Church. Pastor Kees officiated.

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



A Letter from the Family of Sharon Weidner

We love because he first loved us. – 1 John 4:19

“Life” happened to our family on November 12, 2009. Ironically, it came in the form of the sudden death of our wife, mother, and grandmother, Sharon Weidner. In the blink of an eye, reality changed for us, and what we once knew to be true was no longer.

Life since then has not been the same. Yet, each day we are attempting to find our way to remember, honor, and praise a person who meant so much to us...whose life meant so much to so many others.

And now life intertwines deeply with love, showing itself through an outpouring of support from our Hope family and friends. There are so many thank you's to be made to so many people, and we are grateful to acknowledge many of them here:

- Ernie Siegfried for your endless visits, calls, and “checking in” throughout the first very hard days and nights, for your advice and guidance throughout the past two months, and for a beautiful funeral service
- Pastor Lisa Borrell, Pastor Mary Gade, Pastor Clark Kuntz, Pastor Tony Pagotto, and Pastor Eugene Zaiser for your eloquent, uplifting, and light-hearted tributes. Your friendship is immeasurable.
- Pastor Kees for your ongoing support, concern, and kind words.
- David Ziegler for the musical selections (and for making a special effort to remember and incorporate Sharon's favorite hymns into the service).

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A Letter from the Family of Sharon Weidner continued...

- Clowns of Hope/Youth Group for “being there” in the moment, for your smiles in a time of sadness...and for your red clown noses.
- The Funeral Luncheon Committee for arranging a wonderful dinner at which people could gather and share special memories.
- **Everyone** who attended the memorial service, said a prayer, called to check-in, cooked dinner, dropped by the house, sent a card, delivered flowers, offered a hug, told us a story to help us remember....**THANK YOU!**

As hard as the past two months have been, there is a comfort for our family in knowing that a new life for Sharon has just begun. While on most days its hard, or nearly impossible, to think about going on without her, we do feel her presence each and every day...and we know, without a doubt, that she is still filling our hearts with peace and smiles in her very own special ways. With Love and Gratitude, Wayne, Kristy, Laurie, Mark, Mackenzie, and Dominic, and family

I love you.

I've always loved you.

I forgive you.

You are my child

I've been waiting for your return.

You've been on my mind constantly

There's nothing I wouldn't do for you.

You're beautiful.

Its time to celebrate!

My joy is complete.

Welcome home.

*Adapted from The Official Hugs Book by Martha Bolton
(A favorite of Sharon's)*

FROM THE PASTORAL ASSISTANT...

The winds of change continue to blow within Hope's congregation. Not stormy, damaging winds, but rather gentle, comforting breezes that are gradually, yet surely, bringing change.

The change began nearly a year and a half ago when Pastor Kuntz, our beloved leader for 22 years, decided to take a well-deserved retirement. Change took another step forward when Interim Pastor Denton Kees came to lead the congregation while it began the search for a new full-time pastor. Pastor Kees has served us well for 15 months and, while we have come to love and appreciate him, he has completed his work with us and has moved on to a new appointment.

During this time, Hope's call committee has been working diligently with the synod Bishop's staff to identify a candidate who might fill our pastoral vacancy on a full-time basis. Such an individual has not been revealed, we know it's a female pastor who has indicated her interest in serving our congregation. By the time you receive this newsletter, the congregational council will have interviewed and decided whether to recommend her to the congregation. Change is happening. Most of this process seems to have been moving on without our input.

We'd all like to have a voice in this major decision and we'll have that opportunity very soon. Each week in worship, we've prayed for God's presence and guidance in this process. Yet, we find it difficult to trust in him. Some of us have wondered, "Where is God in all of this?"

What's taking so long? What, a woman candidate?" You see, we live in a culture that trains us to doubt and be skeptical, especially in the midst of change.

Some of you were here when this congregation was first created and can remember having faced major challenges and concerns. Yet, Hope is here today as a strong and vibrant congregation. In bringing this congregation into being, your faith and trust in the Lord has been rewarded. Now it is time to exhibit that same faith and trust that God is at work in this call process. And we can be sure that God's glory will not be reduced to our selfish wishes. Christ is concerned only with bringing us into the presence of the eternal God.

Change can be disruptive and unsettling. We have to remember that the work of Jesus Christ in our lives is always about change and making something new; beginning over; establishing new relationships; claiming a new start.

The winds of change are blowing ever so gently here at Hope. God is at work! And when a new pastor comes to us, that pastor will be the gift of Jesus Christ to his faithful people. Remember, our name is Hope!

THANK YOU NOTES

Dear Council, Thank you for the monetary gift I received on Christmas Eve. Your thoughtfulness is very much appreciated. I



enjoy being a part of Hope's staff and look forward to an exciting 2010! Your Financial Secretary,
Deb Gardner

I want to thank all the helpful people who helped clean up after the Nativity display and on December 26th. They sure saved me a lot of work. I also want to thank all the wonderful people who gave me gifts at Christmas time and thanks goes out to our council for their generous gift. We here at Hope are truly blessed with thoughtful and caring people. May God bless all these special people and everyone here at Hope. Your Sexton,
Bill

Thank you so much for your generous monetary gift. I really appreciate your thoughtfulness and support, and I especially value the many friendships I have made throughout the years. The pastors, staff, ushers and members of Hope are always a pleasure to work with each Sunday. Thanks again for your kindness and generosity. Sincerely,

Trudy Mertz

Dear Council and Congregation, Thank you so very much for the monetary gift I received at Christmas. I am very lucky to be a part of the church family at Hope and I appreciate your thoughtfulness. Also, to members of Hope who gave me gifts, WOW, I can't thank you enough for thinking of me, I enjoyed all of your gifts very much...THANK YOU! Have a Happy and Healthy 2010!

Jane Tretiak

Dear Council and Congregation of Hope, Thank you for the monetary gift you gave me at Christmas time. I appreciate your kindness and generosity, and all the support everyone shows me. I wish everyone a Happy New Year. Sincerely,

Janet Filchner



THANK YOU NOTES CONTINUED...

Dear Council and Congregation, Thank you for the bonus I received this year at Christmas. Hearing the wonderful music on Sunday mornings and the weekly

preparation times is always rewarding all year long. Working with the many talented people, both vocal and instrumental, is also very rewarding and satisfying especially when we attempt new challenges and are successful. Sometimes I feel guilty on Sunday mornings because I get to dance (on the organ pedals) while singing and you don't but the guilt doesn't hang around very long. The biggest reward, however, is your congregational song during worship. That is my source of energy for the week and without it I doubt I'd make it through to Wednesday. The cash bonus is such a special way to be remembered and I am very grateful for your generosity. The money will be reinvested into our spring musical. Thank you all for the many and various ways you give not only at Christmas but also all year long.

David Ziegler, Director of Music

Dear Bells of Hope and Reformation Ringers, Thank you for the generous gift card to The Melting Pot you gave me at Christmas time. Dave and I look forward to the relaxing dinner that you assured me we will enjoy! Thank you, also, to each of you for your commitment to the bell choirs, and for the time and dedication you continue to offer in sharing your gift of music with our congregation. You are a special group of people and I appreciate all that you give to the bell choirs! I wish each of you a Happy New Year. Sincerely,

Janet

To the Carolers; thank you so much for thinking of my mom. She really enjoyed the songs that were sung to her. It meant a lot. The gift of fruit and the Christmas ornament is also appreciated. Thanks to all, Love and God's Blessings,

Martha Hontz and Judy

THANK YOU NOTES CONTINUED...

Dear Hope Church; thank you for thinking of us during the Christmas season. We really appreciated the carolers and enjoyed the fruit tray and ornament that was given to us.

Ted and Lucille Foster

To Hope's Carolers, thank you so much for the visit. I enjoyed the music very much, and was very grateful that you thought of me

during the holiday season. Thank you also for the fruit basket and the ornament.

William Ruch

To Hope Church Carolers, thank you so very much of thinking of me by stopping by my home to sing your beautiful carols. I enjoyed it very much. Thank you also for the fruit basket and ornament.

Mary Rudelitsch

Dear Hope Church, thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the many prayers, cards, phone calls and the care and concern you showed to Arnie while he was hospitalized and recuperating at home. Thank you to the council for the gift basket; and thank you to the carolers who stopped by and sang for us. We really appreciated the fruit basket, the ornament and the beautiful music.

Arnold and Joanne Kuntz

Thank you Pastor Kees for your visits and prayers while I was in the hospital. I had a knee replacement. I am doing well. We enjoyed the beautiful singing of the carolers and the fruit was very good too. Let me also say thank you to the Evangelism Committee and members of our church for their Christmas cards. They were well received.

Kenneth and Estella Beers

Dear Lynn, Nancy, Sunday School Teachers and Grace Knappenberger, Thank you to everyone for the Gift Card to Wal-Mart. Everyone was so wonderful to my family and me. The kindness shown to us was unending. Thanks everyone,

Harry and Loretta Weil

THANK YOU NOTES CONTINUED...

Dear Hope Lutheran Church, I would like to thank you for the generous scholarship gift, which you've found me worthy of receiving. I have already used the money to help in purchasing my final semester's textbooks. I am still studying at Penn State University's University Park campus to finish my degree in mechanical engineering. It was great to see everyone at



church over Christmas vacation, and I greatly appreciate the congregation's support through this time in my life. Thanks again.

John Bednar

Dear Sharyn and Evangelism Committee, The Nativity Display at church was the perfect way to begin the Advent Season. The Sunday School students really enjoyed viewing the many displays. Thank you for the delicious snacks you shared with the children. You and your committee are very special.

Christian Education Committee

Dear Hope, Thank you so much for allowing our LTAA cheering squad to use your facilities for practice in the month of September. Inside locations with high ceilings are difficult to come by. Without your continued support it would be hard to continue our cheerleading program. Thank you! (*donation previously sent*)

Sharon Hornyak, Sherri Martinez and Sherri Heffelfinger

Dear Sharyn and Friends of Hope Lutheran Church, *"I spent two months at Turning Point. They changed my life. I never returned to the marriage. I put myself through college. My children are 25 and 27 and successful financially and emotionally."* – A shelter resident and survivor- It is my pleasure to share these words with you from a Turning Point client. You can appreciate first hand the impact your gift of \$125.00, received on 12/14/2009, has had on victims of domestic violence within our community. Thank you again for your generosity. (*gift was given by the donations collected at the nativity display*) With appreciation,

Nancy McCullar,

Executive Director, Turning Point

THANK YOU NOTES CONTINUED...

Dear Members, My wife, Deb and I want to extend sincere thanks to everyone who remembered us with cards and gifts at Christmas. They are appreciated. May God grant each of you a peaceful and blessed New Year.

Sincerely,

Ernie Siegfried, Pastoral Assistant

A NOTE OF



To Hope's Congregational Council, Thank you very much for the monetary gift at Christmas. It is deeply appreciated. Thanks also for your support and encouragement throughout the year. May God grant Hope's congregation and each of you a happy and healthy New Year. Sincerely,

Ernie Siegfried, Pastoral Assistant

Dear Friends of the Food Bank, thank you for your recent contributions to the Northampton Area Food Bank, *\$126.75 from the Nativity Display Open House and A basket for our Basket Bingo*

Your support makes a significant difference in the lives of families in our community. On behalf of the board of directors, the volunteers and especially the clients we are privileged to serve, many thanks for your kindness and generosity. Very sincerely,

The Northampton Area Food Bank

Hope Lutheran Church, I would like to thank Hope Lutheran Church for the scholarship money I was given for college. I especially would like to thank the family of The Rev. Floyd Shupp and the family of Olive Jacobs.

Receiving a scholarship from the church is very helpful. I used the scholarship money to help pay for my books at school.

Fortunately, I did not need too many books this year so the cost was relatively low.

This is my last year at school down in Florida and I am looking forward to graduating and beginning a career in the aviation field.

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THANK YOU NOTES CONTINUED...

Last semester, I finished my flight minor by receiving my multi-engine land commercial license. Flying multi-engine airplanes is a lot of fun but it requires a lot of skill and knowledge of the airplane.

I will be graduating from Embry-Riddle with a bachelor of science in Air Traffic Management, a minor in flight, and a minor in weather. My career plan as of now is to work in Denver, Colorado in the Air Traffic Control Tower. Florida is a bit too warm and flat

for me. I would love to live out west in the mountains where I will be able to snowboard and mountain bike in my free time.

I hope everyone has a safe and happy 2010! Thank you again,
Sincerely,
Aaron Lamparter

Dear Members of Hope Lutheran Church, Thank you for allowing us to use the facilities at Hope Lutheran for our Pampered Chef Bingo Party. All the proceeds from this event were donated at the MDA Stride and Ride. Thanks to a wonderful amount of community support we raised \$3094.00, which was the second highest amount raised. Our family thanks you from the bottom of our hearts for helping to find a cure for muscular dystrophy.

(donation enclosed for the use of the hall)

Jane Meyers and Kelly Allabach

CHURCH VAN

Hope's church van, a high mileage 1996 model, is in need of costly repairs and has become unsafe to operate. We have been advised that to make the necessary repairs would be an unwise investment. A church van has proved to be very helpful to Hope's ministries, regularly transporting various groups to church related meetings and events. The congregational council has approved a special appeal to support the purchase of a newer van. An envelope for that purpose is included with this newsletter. Will you please consider a personal contribution to this appeal. You might choose to do this as a memorial gift in honor of someone. Please make your check payable to Hope Lutheran Church and designate it for "church van."

VALENTINE DINNER

The Youth Group will again host a Valentine's Day Dinner on February 12, 2010. (Snow date is Saturday, February 13) You will have a choice of Prime Rib or Chicken Cordon Bleu with potatoes, a vegetable, soup, and a dessert. Cost is \$20 per couple or \$10 per person. We are offering a Junior portion for children this year for \$7. Hot dogs and Mac n' cheese is available for youngsters for \$2.50. We ask you make reservations for an approximate time to dine. Reservations must be made by Sunday, February 7. Tickets

will not be sold at the door.



IRON PIGS GAME

Join us on Sunday, April 18, 2010, to cheer on the Iron Pigs! Game Time: 1:35pm

Tickets include a seat in the PenTeleData Party Porch. The cost is \$35.00 per person and includes a 2-hour all-you-can-eat buffet and unlimited soft drinks through the middle of the 8th inning. A sign-up sheet can be found on the bulletin board. There are only 30 tickets available, so sign-up soon!

Any questions, please call Wayne Weidner at 610-767-1512.

SPRING BASKET SOCIAL

Mark your calendars now for Friday, April 16, 2010. This is the date set aside for Hope's Spring Basket Social. Please note: this fundraiser benefits The Northampton Area Food Bank and Hope's Good Samaritan Fund.

2009 ANNUAL REPORTS ARE DUE

If you have not already submitted your annual report to the church office, please do so ASAP. Each group or committee meeting at Hope Church is expected to submit an Annual Report. The best way to submit your report is by email. Please send it to Jane in the church office at office@hopecherryville.org

A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU

My dear friends at Hope Church, You filled my heart with joy Sunday afternoon, January 17th, when you welcomed me to a wonderful reception following worship. Thank you for your gracious thoughtfulness in preparing such a splendid event. Gail and I both appreciated it very much. Your gifts, your comments, the food, the fellowship and the humor were very delightful; I received them with joy and I say "thank you" from the very bottom of my heart. You have given me lots of memories that I will treasure. You have stirred up my heart! Pastor Denton Kees

RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED

Hope members who were hospitalized from November 20th through January 18th were: Arnold Kuntz, Kenneth Beers, Gladys Werley, Viola Neff, Debbie Creyer, Leon Derhammer, Karle Smith, Dot Beers, Connie Nagy, Krysta Wagner and Connie Cuellar. *Please keep these persons in your prayers.*

BLOOD DONORS

Members of Hope who have recently donated blood for the Miller Memorial Blood Center are as follows: Stanley Royer, Donna Fritchman, Raymond Swinger, Mark Walters, Bill Fritzing, Linda Derr and Doug Hetrick. Thank you to all of our faithful donors. If you would like to give the gift of life, please call the Miller Blood Center at 610-691-5850.

CATECHETICAL CLASS NEWS

LEVEL I

Mini-Retreat on Prayer and the Lord's Prayer. Sunday, March 14th from 9:15am-12:15pm

Mentor/Student Movie and Ice Cream Social on Sunday, March 14th from 3:00-5:30pm

LEVEL II

Church visit to St. Nicholas Catholic Church on Sunday, January 31st (meet at Hope at 9:00am).

Mentor/Student Pizza and Game Night on Saturday, February 20th from 6:00-8:00pm in Hanson Hall.

Mentor/Student Mystery Dinner on Sunday, March 14th from 12:00-2:00pm.

Mentors and students if you have any conflicts with any of the upcoming mentor events, please call Trish Ninos at 610-261-4480 ASAP.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes will be offered at two worship services on Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2010, either 11:00am or 7:00pm. Again this year you will have an opportunity to receive

communion and the imposition of ashes from 6:00-9:00am the morning of Ash Wednesday.



MID WEEK LENTEN SERVICES

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

Worship at 11:00am and 7:00pm each Wednesday in Lent. More information on our Lenten theme will be published in the weekly bulletins. Come join your friends at Hope this Lenten Season – a powerful, life-changing journey that calls to prayerful and honest repentance.



2010 WOMEN'S RETREAT OPENS FOR REGISTRATION

*Forgiveness:
Seeing through
new eyes*

Although all the major religious

traditions clearly extol the **value** of forgiveness, little **practical** help is provided. Without tools and practices that allow us to align with the Spirit, to "see with new eyes," we often remain entrenched in our resentment and condemnation. This retreat is an opportunity to explore where healing is needed within us and to learn and practice concrete tools to move us forward in our lives whether we need to forgive others, ourselves, or God. Led by licensed clinical social worker and ordained minister Joanne Weiss, the retreat will be held April 23-25, at Mariawald Renewal Center, Shillington. Deadline for registration is April 1. For more information or registration materials, contact Diakon Family Life Services at 610-682-1337, 1-888-499-2699 (toll free), or visit the Events section of our website at <http://www.diakon.org/fls/NPEvents.asp>.



FEBRUARY'S PRAYER LIST

A passage from God's Message for Each Day: "God is one among many". When we pray we are not covering our bases. Prayer is not a way of checking out a last resort of potential help. We understandably want to explore all the options: we write letters, make telephone calls, visit prospects, arrange interviews. We don't know who might be useful to us at any one time. Of course, we cultivate God. But not in prayer. We try it, but it doesn't work.

Prayer is exclusive. Prayer is centering.....We can't pray with one eye on the main chance and a side glance for God. Prayer trains the soul for singleness of focus: for God *alone*.

- 2/1/10 Walter, Shanon, Kylee Beers and family
- 2/2/10 Gary Furry and family
- 2/3/10 Alyson, Ryan Peters and family
- 2/4/10 Ronald, Ina Ritter and family
- 2/5/10 Debra Trzesniowski, Marc Wisniewski and family
- 2/6/10 Christine, Christal, Tiffanie, Anita Rose Wrenn and family
- 2/7/10 Linda, Amanda Zehner and family
- 2/8/10 Randall Binder and family
- 2/9/10 Blasia Gaydos and family
- 2/10/10 William Ruch and family
- 2/11/10 Sonya Newton and family
- 2/12/10 Ruth Roth and family
- 2/13/10 Alverta Kern and family
- 2/14/10 Dale Newhart and family
- 2/15/10 Bertha Hantz and family
- 2/16/10 Olivia Romanishan and family
- 2/17/10 Cordelia Neff and family
- 2/18/10 Donald Saunders and family
- 2/19/10 Barron, Terry Ritter and family
- 2/20/10 Robin, Franklin, Andrew Zamadics and family
- 2/21/10 Charles, Sharon Ross and family
- 2/22/10 Logan Buecker and family
- 2/23/10 Barbara Makowe and family
- 2/24/10 Larry, Kathleen Creyer and family
- 2/25/10 David, Kathleen, Stephanie, Stacey, Shelbey Ziegler and family
- 2/26/10 Paul, Margaret Zimmermann and family
- 2/27/10 Mildred Ostrom and family
- 2/28/10 Sebastian Bachman and family

cards, puzzles or perhaps you might like to volunteer for a sing-a-long, bingo caller, games, maybe even help in the kitchen. You need not be a member of Hope Lutheran Church. The center is open to all. A lunch and transportation is offered for a donation. Monday through Friday, the center operates under auspices of Northampton County Area Agency on Aging. Make that first step and call 610-767-2977 for more information.

NORTHAMPTON AREA FOOD BANK

Hope Church is responsible to help volunteer at the Food Bank for the month of March. Volunteers are needed on the following dates: Thursdays, March 4, 11 & 18 from 5:45-8:00pm. Wednesdays, March 3, 10 & 17 from 9:00am-12:00pm. Fridays, March 12 & 19 from 9:am-12:00pm. Also, Saturdays, March 6 & 13 from 8:45am-12:00pm. If you can help, please put a note in the social ministry mail slot or call Marge Zimmermann at 610-767-8901.



DAFFODIL SUNDAY

Will be held on **Sunday, March 21, 2010**. The daffodils, symbolic of Hope, have become powerful medicine in their own right. First, they raise the spirits and cancer consciousness of those who purchase them. Secondly, the money raised increases the chance that cancer and its very many forms will eventually be brought under control. *(taken from a Morning Call article, C/O Call Me Kelly 03/22/00)*. Order forms are printed on the next page.



CHERRYVILLE SENIOR CENTER

Did you make any New Year's resolutions? Would you like to add one to your list? Are you tired of sitting at home? If you are 60 or older, you are invited to come to the Cherryville Senior Center to meet new friends and join in activities such as Bingo, quilting, exercise, crafts, parties, bus trips,



Senior Center

DAFFODIL SUNDAY - MARCH 21, 2010

ORDER FORM

NAME _____ PHONE _____

An insert will be included in the bulletin and cancer prayer read

DAFFODILS TO BE ORDERED

**Only one name per order form please!*

QUANTITY

COST



Bunch = \$10.00
(10 flowers)

Vase of Hope = \$15.00
(10 flowers in a vase)

Bear & Bunch = \$25.00
(Boyd's Bear "Birthdays R. Hope" and daffodils)

Potted Daffodils = \$12.00 (new this year)
4"pot with 3 daffodil bulbs

TOTAL..... \$ _____

PAYMENT: PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO L.V. UNIT, AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY (NOT HOPE CHURCH) NO MONIES ARE KEPT BY HOPE CHURCH.

In Honor of Survivor _____

In Memory of _____

*Thank you for supporting the American Cancer Society's programs of education, patient services and cancer research!
March is National Colorectal Cancer awareness month.*

**ORDER DEADLINE:
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2010**

Please place order form and check in an envelope and place in the locked box in the narthex!

WE NEED YOUR HELP

The church, like every other organization to which we belong, has rules we must follow if we wish to maintain our membership. Those rules are found in the constitutions of both the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and Hope Church. You and I, and all other Lutherans, are required to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion **and** make a contribution of record at least once in each calendar year.

For Hope Church to maintain accurate membership records, you must do the following:

- 1) Receive Holy Communion **and complete a communion card at least once a year.** If you can't remember if you've done it previously in that year, do it again.
- 2) Make a contribution **of record** at least once a year. "Of record" means you must place your contribution in your giving envelope (or at least use your envelope number so we can identify and credit it to you). We can't credit a contribution of loose cash placed in the offering plate.

Parents and guardians are reminded that young persons who have been confirmed are members of the congregation to whom these provisions also apply. Please encourage and assist them in maintaining their membership.

COMMUNION FOR 2010

As you take communion for 2010, please fill out a communion card and give it to an usher. This will help us keep our records up to date.



Remember, you only have to fill a communion card out once every year. Thank you!

NORTHAMPTON AREA FOOD BANK BASKET BINGO

The fifth annual basket bingo to benefit the Northampton Food Area Bank will be held on Sunday, February 7, 2010 at the Northampton Fire Department. For more details, please call Marge Zimmermann at 610-767-8901.

TENTH ANNUAL NATIVITY DISPLAY

The tenth annual nativity was held the weekend of November 28 and November 29, 2009. Thanks to the efforts of many of you, this was another successful display. At our display there were 448 nativities and wall hangings. The display was to quote many in attendance "absolutely beautiful". People from both our church family and from surrounding communities shared nativities with Hope Church for the weekend; many people are promising to bring their nativities next year and hopefully they will! We can never have too many nativities.

There were well over 500 visitors who came to Hope during the display. Many of those visitors have come and witnessed the beauty of our display every year since it's onset and some of the first time visitors were totally enjoying the display. Many could not believe that we were doing the tenth year and they never were aware of this display before. Even some of our own church members were not aware of this display in years past!

New to our display this year was the puppet show about the nativity done by some of our youth. This was a great job and our younger children really enjoyed it. We also revived the idea of a live nativity scene---minus the animals of course--- this was also completed by some of our youth. We are very appreciative of the help our youth gave to the nativity. Many of them were there the entire weekend helping to do whatever was asked of them. What a blessing! Yes, there are still many good kids in our world and definitely in our church.

Though the nativity is free, there is always an offering plate available. This year the donations were given to The Northampton Area Food Bank, The Bethlehem Area soup kitchen and Turning Point for Women; each group received \$125.00 and was quite thankful for the money donation as it helped make Christmas a little brighter for many of their clients.

We have been invited to write an article and share some pictures with "The Crèche Magazine" which does a publication four times a year entirely about nativities. We will send this in later this year.

Thank you again to EVERYONE who helped in anyway to make our tenth annual nativity display another successful. We could not accomplish this display without the help of so many of you. With your help, next year's display will be even bigger, better and more beautiful. We have grown each year. We truly enjoy doing this display with you and for you and what a wonderful way to begin the advent season and remember the real reason for Christmas. See you at the 2010 display. Thanks again. God Bless you All, Hope's Evangelism Committee

PRAYER BRUNCH

The Evangelism Committee will sponsor a prayer brunch on Saturday, February 6th. The sanctuary will be available for you to come and pray anytime from 9:00am-1:00pm. There will be prayer partners available to pray with you or you may come in and pray by yourself for as long as you feel the need to pray. You may come into Hanson Hall and enjoy a light breakfast. Come and join us to



pray. If you cannot come to the brunch, but have a specific need, please submit your prayer request in a sealed envelope and someone will pray for you that day. All prayer requests submitted either in writing or to one of the prayer partners will be kept confidential.

Come! Pray! And know that God answers all our prayers--but in His time not ours!



GET ON BOARD!

BUS TRIP TO SIGHT AND SOUND

The Evangelism Committee is sponsoring a bus trip to the beautiful Lancaster area to the Sight and Sound Theater to see Joseph on Saturday, May 8, 2010. This production that we are going to see is

entirely different than the one our choirs will be doing in June. Anyone who has been to prior shows at Sight and Sound knows that the productions there are always wonderful. There are still many seats available for the bus. Details and sign up sheet are on the bulletin board in the narthex. Your price includes the bus, the show, your meal at Shady Maple and some snacks on the bus. Sign up now! Your seat does not have to be paid in full until April 1. In order for this trip to happen, we need you to sign up and fill that bus. The trips to Lancaster always prove to be fun for all. (Just a special note of encouragement---our adult seats are \$92; the same bus trip was advertised elsewhere for \$128 so you are getting a great price). Join us!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2010

Mark your calendars now for Vacation Bible School. It is scheduled this year for the week of July 12, 2010 with the closing program at 9:30am on Sunday, July 18th. Watch for more information in upcoming newsletters or on our website at www.hopecherryville.org

IS THERE CHURCH??

If the weather is extremely bad on any given Sunday (or Wednesday) this winter and you're wondering if Sunday School or

worship services are cancelled, please check the church website (www.hopecherryville.org), call the church office (610-767-7203), listen to radio station WAEB (AM790), or watch the WLEV television station.

REDNER'S SAV-A-TAPE PROGRAM

Hope Church continues to participate in the Redners' Sav-A-Tape program. You must use a Sav-A-Tape card in order for your receipts to qualify. The church receives 1% of all receipts submitted. Sis Livermon organizes and totals all of the register tapes, and takes them to the store. Redners then sends the church a check. Receipts that do not have the Sav-A-Tape card information, do not qualify and have to be discarded. **You must turn in the whole receipt for the receipt to qualify, please do not cut your receipt and turn in just the small slip with the Sav-A-Tape information on it.** Please continue to bring in your register tapes, and if you don't have a card, they are available in the church office. Call Jane Tretiak in the church office with any questions. Thank you.

CUB PACK #242

Cub Pack meetings are held at Hope Church the third Tuesday each month in Kuntz Hall beginning at 7:00pm. Den meetings are held the first and third Thursdays each month. If you are interested in getting more information about our Cub Pack, please contact Josh Larkin at 760-0367.

A WEIGH TO HOPE

HOPE'S WEIGHT LOSS SUPPORT GROUP

Did you know that there is a weight loss support group that meets weekly on Wednesday evening? We meet each Wednesday at 6:15pm in the Hanson Hall area. Members pay \$3.00 as they are able; this money is used to help meet church and community needs. This group is open to all men and women from our church and community with a desire to shed at least 10 pounds. Our goal is to try and become healthier and happier individuals, now is the time to start not only for yourself but so your family will reap the benefits of a healthier you. Please know that all weights and

discussions are kept confidential. This is a warm, friendly group of people who have made some great friendships and are totally supportive of one another and offer great encouragements for your successes. Losing and maintaining weight is a difficult task, but it becomes a little easier when you are doing it with someone else. Why not come and join us? We are sure you will like what you see.

TEEN WEIGHT CLASS

To teenage girls (13-18), Hope's weight class is considering starting a second class for teenage girls. This class would focus on improved eating habits, exercise, and weight loss issues geared for teenage girls. In order to discourage diseases such as anorexia and bulimia, you must have a minimum of ten pounds to lose and must have permission from a parent to participate. This class would meet once a week or every other week and would require some commitment from you. Please bear in mind that discussions and weights would all be kept confidential. If you would be interested in this type of a group that would improve your health and well being, please talk to Sharyn Kratzer. If there is enough interest in this group, we would plan to begin mid February and would try to find a time that is most agreeable for everyone. Initially, we would set up an eight-session program. After the eight sessions, we would evaluate and see if it can continue. Each session will be approx.30-45 minutes. Meanwhile, until it is determined if this group can become reality, you are welcome to participate in the class already in existence which meets on Wednesday evenings in the Hanson Hall area at 6:15.

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY WISH LIST

The AstraZeneca Hope Lodge of the American Cancer Society offers lodging at no cost for cancer patients being treated in the Philadelphia area. Located on land contributed by Fox Chase Cancer Center, the AstraZeneca Hope Lodge provides a quiet, convenient temporary residence. The Lodge offers kitchens, free laundry facilities, and free transportation to treatment centers.



The Hope Lodge has ongoing needs for many types of items. By donating items on their wish list, you will provide a true “home away from home” for their future guests.

Most frequently needed:

Bleach (any brand); Lysol (spray or similar); Glass cleaner; Laundry dryer sheets; Paper towels; Dishwasher detergent; Tissues (regular and purse size); Trash bags (all sizes); Purell (or any waterless hand sanitizer); High efficiency laundry detergent

Specific needs:

White bath hand and wash towels; Full sized sheet sets (white, deep pocket); Energy saver light bulbs (any wattage); Toothpaste & deodorant (small tubes only); Medium sized storage bins; Bathroom sized wastebaskets; New or gently used board games; Digital oral thermometers; Bed pillows (new); Jigsaw puzzles (500 pcs or higher); Individually wrapped snacks; Instant soups; Individually wrapped hard candy (mint/lemon); Color printer/ink

On-going needs:

Paper towels; Toilet paper; Paper napkins; Dish soap; Zip-lock baggies; Paper plates and cups; Toilet bowl cleaner; Batteries (all sizes); Kitchen cleanser; Cling wrap & foil

Gifts for Guests:

Gas/Grocery Gift cards
Restaurant Gift Cards

A container for any of the above items will be located in the narthex. Please deposit your items by Sunday, February 28th. Thank you!

HOPE LUTHERAN’S BOY SCOUT TROOP #242 NEWS

Troop 242 normally meets in the Large Fellowship Hall (Kuntz Hall) or at the Outside Pavilion area at Hope Lutheran Church Cherryville, PA from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Boys between the ages of 11 and 18 years old are invited to join us.

February Service Patrol: Diamond Backs Theme: Winter Camping

Thursday Feb 4	Prepare for Scout Sunday Rodney Jr. to lead
Saturday Feb 6	WEBELOS Winter Event
Thursday Feb 11	Prep for Winter Camp, Snow Ball fight
Friday Feb 12 – 15	Winter Cabin Camping
Thursday Feb 18	Advancements Dylan
Thursday Feb 25	Family Night H2O Drinks Diamond Backs

Snacks

Scout Sunday to be announced

<u>March</u>	<u>Service Patrol: H2O</u>	<u>Theme: Cooking</u>
Thursday March 4	Learn to Cook	
Thursday March 11	Cooking Merit Badge	Sheldon finds Counselor
Thursday March 18	Mr Demczyszyn possible practice cooking???	
Friday March 19 – Saturday March 19	Cooking Camp	Where???
Thursday March 25	Elections	

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 Boy Scout Troop #242 simply come to a meeting and join the fun or call Scout Master Kenneth Mann at 610-951-4112 or e-mail him at kmann@ptd.net.

Yours in Scouting, Kenneth Mann Sr.

Dear Pastor Kees, 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. Together we are continuing a Legacy of Caring and Service that has stood the test of time, not only for those who require assistance in finding the services they need, but for those who are institutionalized or homebound, for individuals who are survivors of disaster, for couples who are getting married, for confirmation age youth who need to learn about the rich history of the church’s caring ministries, and for those for whom the world holds little regard. Thank you for your partnership in these endeavors. Yours in Christ,
The Rev. Dr. Dennis S. Ritter,
President and CEO (LCS)