



HOPE HOME NEWS

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Cherryville, PA

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WELCOME TO HOPE

SUNDAY WORSHIP

SUNDAY, MAY 2, 2010

8:00 a.m. Holy Communion

EASTER 5

10:30 a.m. Service of the Word

SUNDAY, MAY 9, 2010

8:00 a.m. Service of the Word

EASTER 6

10:30 a.m. Holy Communion

SUNDAY, MAY 16, 2010

8:00 a.m. Holy Communion

EASTER 7

10:30 a.m. Service of the Word

Pastor Jami's Installation Service @ 3:30pm (more info. inside)→

SUNDAY, MAY 23, 2010

8:00 a.m. Service of the Word

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!*

SUNDAY, MAY 30, 2010

8:00 a.m. Holy Communion

THE HOLY TRINITY

10:30 a.m. Holy Communion

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2010

Mark your calendars now for Vacation Bible School. This year's theme is *Hero Headquarters*. It is scheduled this year for the week of **July 12, 2010** with the closing program at 9:30am on Sunday, July 18th. Bible School will run from 9:00am to 12Noon. Registration forms included in this edition of the Hope Home News. Also, you can register online at www.hopecherryville.org.



Greetings from the Pastor...

What a pleasure it has been getting to know so many people in such a short time period! I guess that's what happens when you begin a new call right before Holy Week! I love to look out in the congregation on a Sunday morning and see the pews filled with my new family of faith.

I also know the reality is that after Easter Sunday worship attendance slacks off and people begin to get into "summer" mode. I hope that is not the case at Hope!

Much like Thanksgiving dinner or a wedding or funeral brings our families together to *rejoice, recall* and *reflect* on life in the family, weekly worship is the "glue" that keeps our faith family together doing those very same things. When we gather on any given Sunday we do that to *rejoice* in the life we have in Jesus Christ. We *recall* what God has done for us and give thanks to God through our hymns, prayers and offerings. And in listening to the Word proclaimed and receiving the sacrament of holy communion, we *reflect* on who we are called to be as children of God and witnesses to Jesus' mission in the world.

We all know the feeling of being buoyed up from spending a refreshing day with our extended families. It recharges us and gives us energy. Worship is designed to do that as well – feeding our bodies and spirits with what we need to not only get us through another week – but to get us through it in a life-giving way. **So don't be a stranger in worship! Come to rejoice, recall and reflect! Come to recharge and refuel! Come Remember who you are and whose you are!**

Blessings, Pastor Jami



PASTOR JAMI'S INSTALLATION SERVICE



Pastor Jami Possinger will be installed here as Hope's Senior Pastor Sunday, May 16, 2010 at 3:30pm. The Reverend Samuel Zeiser, Bishop of The Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, will preside and The Reverend Donald Hayn, Pastor of Jordan

Lutheran Church, Orefield will be the preacher. Join us in celebrating this new chapter in Hope's history. A reception will follow the service in Kuntz Hall. ALL are invited and welcome to attend this wonderful celebration!

NEWSLETTER SCHEDULE

All committees, groups and persons submitting information for the church newsletter should follow the schedule listed below.

<u>Edition</u>	<u>Deadline for Articles</u>	<u>Collate</u>
June	May 17	Thursday, May 20

(Please note this date is tentative due to Jane Tretiak's time out of the office; see article below)

July/August	June 21	Thursday, June 24
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More dates will be added in upcoming newsletters. You can also check the deadlines on the calendar and in the weekly bulletins. Please email your articles to Jane at office@hopecherryville.org. Also, to all the wonderful volunteers who help collate the newsletter, please mark these dates in your calendars. Thanks!

PARISH SECRETARY

Our parish secretary, Jane Tretiak will have carpal tunnel surgery Friday, May 7th and will be out of the office for a few weeks as she recovers. We want to thank Wayne Weidner for volunteering to do some of the "everyday" jobs in the office such as answer phones, pick up the mail, work on schedules, etc. Thank you also to Vicki Steiner who will be preparing our weekly bulletins and inserts, and any other letters and correspondence that need to be done in the office.

CATECHETICAL UPDATE

SIXTH GRADE

✓Retreat to learn confirmation duties such as acolyte, crucifer, usher and nursery attendant, Sunday, May 2nd from 9:00am-11:00am



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 any catechetical teacher if you have questions.

LEVEL I – 8 Students

✓Complete the church, Sunday Church School by Sunday, June 13th. Even if you completed an outreach project, consider helping with our Gracedale Trip on Monday, May 3rd or our Nursery School Programs on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday, May 25-27.

LEVEL II – 15 students

✓Complete the church, Sunday Church School by Sunday, May 23rd. Even if you completed an outreach project, consider helping with our Gracedale Trip on Monday, May 3rd or our Nursery School Programs on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday, May 25-27.

✓Saturday, May 15th 10:00am - Rehearsal for Confirmation followed by Mentor Pot Luck Picnic.

✓Sunday, May 23rd

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 potluck picnic on Saturday, May 15th beginning at 11:30am. You will receive a post card asking for some help with the food. **THANKS AGAIN!**





GERANIUMS FOR PENTECOST
SUNDAY, MAY 23, 2010

Geraniums will be placed near the altar on Pentecost Sunday, May 23, 2010. 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 16th. 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 23, 2010
DEADLINE FOR ORDERING IS MAY 16, 2010
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): _____

BLOOD DONORS

Members of Hope who have recently donated blood for the Miller Memorial Blood Center are as follows: Dan Husser, Brenda Mack, Sharon Schell, Stanley Royer, Paul Mishko, Raymond Swinger, Donna Fritchman and Doug Hetrick. Thank you to all of our faithful donors.

MEMORIAL BLOOD DRIVE

On Saturday, May 22nd from 10:00am to 2:00pm the Miller Keystone Blood Center personnel will be available to accept blood donations in Hope's Kuntz Hall for the 16th annual blood drive in loving memory of Doug Gable. To help meet the need for blood products especially at this time of year, it is important for everyone to seriously consider sharing this valuable gift. To make an appointment, please call Sharon at 610-760-9891. The blood donated that day will be credited to Hope Lutheran Church blood bank, which covers all members.



CPR/FIRST AID CLASSES

American Heart Association courses taught through NCC coming to Hope Church. Heartsaver CPR/AED and/or Heartsaver First Aid will be offered on a Saturday sometime before summer if enough people are interested. Please contact Jennifer Zehner at (610) 760-0635 with any questions. Cost dependant on course provided.

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
NURSERY SCHOOL

A few openings still remain for the 4-year-old afternoon class for the 2010-2011 school year. If interested, please call Deb Gable at 610-767-7523 as soon as possible. Children must be 4 by September 1st.



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



NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

In honor of National Day of Prayer, the Evangelism Committee will sponsor a Prayer Tent on May 6, 2010. Members of the Evangelism Committee 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 Sharyn Kratzer or any member of the Evangelism Committee.

HOPE'S DAFFODIL SUNDAY
MARCH 21, 2010

Lehigh Valley unit of American Cancer Society
Stay Well/Get Well/Find Cures/Fight Back



Our total raised this year for bears with bunches, pots of mini daffodils and bunches of daffodils totaled \$570.00. No money is kept by Hope Church. Our thanks to everyone who supported the sale of daffodils here at Hope Church to beautify our sanctuary. It has been ten years that we have been coordinating daffodil Sunday. This is the last year for both of us, anyone that would be willing to take over the ordering of daffodil sales, please speak to either of us. God Bless ALL – as we continue to pray for the conquest of cancer.

Doris and Linda

BEAR CREEK CAMP

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



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.

Ephesians 5:2 ...and live in love, as Christ loved us.

May Prayer List:

- 05/01/10 Mandy Hoysan and family
- 05/02/10 Harold Gross and family
- 05/03/10 Linda Derr and family
- 05/04/10 Hailey Strohecker and family
- 05/05/10 Beatrice Burbes and family
- 05/06/10 Kristen Walsh and family
- 05/07/10 Alan, Irene Leheup and family
- 05/08/10 Bonita, Mary Young and family
- 05/09/10 Brian, Sherry, Adam, Brittany Beers and family
- 05/10/10 Michael, Sue, Matthew, Timothy Mitch and family
- 05/11/10 Ryan Ritter and family
- 05/12/10 Michael Tomsic and family
- 05/13/10 Donald, Sanday, Jeremy Benninger and family
- 05/14/10 Elizabeth Kuntz and family
- 05/15/10 Julie, Lucas, Evan Yost and family
- 05/16/10 Richard, Christine, Ashley Hildebrand and family
- 05/17/10 George Saunders and family
- 05/18/10 Charles, Patricia Kobal and family
- 05/19/10 Kady Glose and family
- 05/20/10 Taylor Hutnick and family
- 05/21/10 Larry, Lois Hinkel and family
- 05/22/10 Pamela, Katlyn Rehrig and family
- 05/23/10 Raymond, Dolores Baker and family
- 05/24/10 Miriam Burbes and family
- 05/25/10 Aiden Gmitter and family
- 05/26/10 Curtis Evans and family
- 05/27/10 Kevin, Tiffany Baily and family
- 05/28/10 Julie, John, Melissa, Jacob Holland and family
- 05/29/10 Melissa Snyder and family
- 05/30/10 Kim, Courtney, Catelyn, Carey, Crysta, Caylee Strohl and family
- 05/31/10 Barry Grube and family

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. Confirmation teachers are needed!! Two teachers for the Level I class and one teacher for Level II. If you are interested or have questions about what is involved, please contact Lynn LaBarre at 610-767-0880 or labarre@ptd.net.

MOTHER'S DAY/FATHER'S DAY PROGRAM

May 9, 2010 - 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 3rd, 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.* Please note that this event was cancelled from Monday, April 5th.



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 beginning in May. Watch for the weekly game schedule in the Sunday bulletins.



RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED

The following members were hospitalized from March 23rd through April 14th; Rachael Richard, Dennis Simms, Jr. and Russell Kromer, Please keep these persons and their families in your prayers.

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 23rd annual synod assembly of the Northeastern PA Synod is scheduled to be held at Mohegan Sun Arena at Casey Plaza in Wilkes Barre from June 18-19, 2010. More info can be found at www.godslove.org.



HOPE FEST 2010



Mark your calendars for Hope Fest 2010, to be held **RAIN OR SHINE** on Friday, June 25th and Saturday, June 26th. Watch for more details in upcoming bulletins and newsletters.

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 25th and June 26th. 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.

THANK YOU NOTE

Dear Friend in Christ, Thank you for the Easter greeting. Your thoughtfulness and generosity have touched our hearts. It is appreciated more than words can ever express.

Ann Sassaman



ALLENTOWN RESCUE MISSION

On Saturday, May 1, 2010 we will be helping with the "Chicken Feed Dinner" for the Allentown Rescue Mission at Asbury Methodist Church. We help serve the dinner. We will leave Hope Church at 3:30pm. If you cannot be at church at 3:30, you can meet us at Asbury Church, which is located at Springhouse and Walbert Avenue. Questions, call Marge Zimmermann at 610-767-8901. *Catechetical students – this is a great outreach opportunity.*

Calling all runners (and non-runners, too!)

Diakon Family Life Services is excited to announce that registration is open for volunteers to support the **Girls on the Run 5k** on May 24th at 6:30pm at the Lehigh Parkway, Allentown. Volunteers can sign up to be a **Running Buddy** for one of our nearly 100 girls who are completing a 10-week character-development program that combines training to run their first 5k race (non-competitive!) with lessons that aim to celebrate self-worth, educate about healthy lifestyles, encourage personal and team goal setting and achievement, and provide opportunity for the participants to impact their community through a community service project. **Non-runners** are also encouraged to volunteer to hand out water to runners, distribute post-race food, set up the course and event site and more! For more information or to register to volunteer, click on the 5k link on our web page, www.diakon.org/gotr (click on Lehigh County) or give us a call toll free at 1.888.499.2699. It's a rewarding way to spend a beautiful spring evening sharing the joy of these young girls as they achieve a hard-won goal!



HOPE LUTHERAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Hope Church offers scholarship money to full-time college students. Funds are available for the 2010-2011 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 2010**
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 23, 2010.** (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 2011.)



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. 2010 (IF KNOWN)

Graduate Recognition Sunday will be on June 27th at both services

NEW CHURCH VAN

Hope's church van, a high mileage 1996 model, was in need of costly repairs and had become unsafe to operate. We were 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.



Church Van

The congregational council has approved the purchase of a 2009 Chevrolet 15 passenger van, which is now in service, and a special appeal to pay for this van is being conducted.

Will you please consider a personal contribution to this appeal? You might choose to do so in memory of someone or to honor an individual. A sincere thank you to those who have already done so. Please make your check payable to Hope Lutheran Church and designate it for "church van".

PHILLIES GAME

Hope Church will be running a bus trip to see the Philadelphia Phillies on Thursday, July 8th. The game will be followed by a spectacular firework display. Watch for more information and a sign up sheet coming soon!



GET ON BOARD!

YOUTH SHORE TRIP



Youth Shore Trip

To Wildwood, NJ on Monday, June 28th – Friday, July 2nd. Cost to be determined. We will stay at Trinity Lutheran Church – 2 blocks from the "wide" beach! Please call Wayne

Weidner ASAP at 610-767-1512 if you are interested in going. Youth Group is for young adults in grades 7-12. Watch for more information and a sign up sheet to be posted on the youth bulletin board soon!

Hope Lutheran's Boy Scout Troop #242 News

JAMBO IS COMING, PLEASE SEE THE FLYER

If your son sixth grade to eighteen years old would like to go to JAMBO he can go with the Troop without having to join the Troop. Contact the Scoutmaster for more information.

Troop 242 normally meets in the 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.

May Service Patrol: H2O Theme: Fishing Jambo & Canoeing

Thursday May 6	Advmts, Summer Camp Merit Badge review/ Patrol Meetings
Thursday May 13	Jambo Prep
Friday May 14 to Sat 16	Kutztown Jambo
Thursday May 20	Learn to Canoe Sheldon Lead
Thursday May 27	Canoeing at the Canal

June Service Patrol: Diamond Backs Theme: Fishing Jambo & Canoe

Thursday June 3	Prep for Canoeing Trip
Friday June 4 – Sunday June 6	Canoeing at Lake Tobyhanna
Thursday June 10	Swimming Kids Peace
Thursday June 17	Family Night with Cub Scouts
Thursday June 24	Skits & Advancements

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

If you have a son that is in sixth grade or higher and he would like to go to Jambo with the Troop or you would like 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.

April 12, 2010

PASTOR'S REPORT: Worship – 6 services (preached 4 of them)
 Attended staff meetings, confirmation retreat and worship planning.
 Weekly Pericope Study

PASTORAL ASSISTANT: Meetings attended; Staff, Finance, Congregational Council, Property, Stewardship and Funeral Planning.
 Pearl Sipple's funeral
 First Communion
 Nursery School Easter Story

COMMITTEE REPORTS

YOUTH: Roller Skating, March 31, 2010
 Pizza on Wednesday (POW) April 14, 2010
 Progressive Dinner planning to begin next month.
 Camp Onas for Level II – April 23-25, 2010
 Hickory Run Camping Retreat for Post Confirmation Class – April 23-25

SOCIAL MINISTRY: Held Holy Thursday luncheon for about 25.
 Gracedale Easter basket delivery
 Gracedale Talent Night on May 3, 2010.
 Allentown Rescue Mission "Chicken Feed" dinner, May 1, 2010.

WORSHIP & MUSIC: Retreat for 6th graders to be held on May 2, 2010 to choose their Catechetical Duties.
 Letters sent to Cradle Roll and Nursery School parents as well as Level II students asking for assistance.
 First Communion was held on March 21, 2010.
 Musical will be on June 6, 2010 at the Roxy Theater in Northampton, at 10:30
 Sharing Peace at worship began April 11, 2010.
 Summer worship time for summer of 8:00 and 9:30 will begin June 13, 2010.
 Pastor Jami's installation, Sunday, May 16, 2010 at 3:30.
 A reception will follow.

PROPERTY: Ceiling to be painted and fans to be cleaned.
 Paint outside wall of Sanctuary
 Water leak – pressure pump was fixed/replaced line.

STEWARDSHIP: Time and Talent Expo, May 16th, letters sent to each committee.

EVANGELISM: Bus trip to see Joseph at Sight and Sound cancelled.
 Greeter Committee to be put in place May 2, 2010.
 National Day of Prayer, May 6th, 2010.
 Knoebel's Family outing, August 7, 2010 with lunch served at 2:00pm.

CHRISTIAN ED: No report

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: Mutual Ministry Committee to be set up.

NOMINATING: No meeting

COUNCIL PRAYER TASK FORCE: No report

NEW BUSINESS: Council/Staff retreat
 Mission District Assembly – April 29th @ St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Catasauqua at 6:30pm.
 Voting Members to Synod Assembly – June 8-9th.

Next meeting: Monday May 10, 2010 at 7:00pm

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