



HOPE HOME NEWS
Hope Lutheran Church
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WELCOME TO HOPE

SUNDAY WORSHIP

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2011

8 a.m. Holy Communion

EPIPHANY 5

10:30 a.m. Service of Word
Boy Scout Sunday

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2011

8 a.m. Service of Word

EPIPHANY 6

10:30 a.m. Holy Communion

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2011

8 a.m. Holy Communion

EPIPHANY 7

10:30 a.m. Service of Word
Holy Baptism

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2011

8 a.m. Service of Word

EPIPHANY 8

10:30 a.m. Holy Communion



LENT BEGINS ON...

ASH WEDNESDAY - March 9, 2011.

Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes at 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. (If you are unable to attend one of the worship services, you can also receive the imposition of ashes from 6:00-9:00am on Ash Wednesday).



PASTORAL ACTS

Pastor Jami officiated at the following pastoral acts

FUNERALS

William J. Ruch entered eternal life on November 26, 2010 at the age of 96 years. Services were held at Hope Church with interment at Greenwood Cemetery.

Bertha M. Hantz entered eternal life on December 28, 2010 at the age of 82 years. Services were held at Hope Church with interment at Cedar Hill Memorial Park.

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



Funerals



HOLY BAPTISMS

Joseph Trace Meleski, son of Daniel Meleski and Trisha (Szoke) Remaley was baptized on December 5, 2010 during the 10:30am worship service.

Cole Bradley Grube, son of Bradley and Melissa (Summers) Grube was baptized on December 19, 2010 during the 10:30am worship service.

Nicholas Ryan Dotter, son of Nicholas and

Kimberlee (Silfies) Dotter was baptized on December 19, 2010 during the 10:30am worship service.

Grayson Tyler Connell, son of Jonathan and Krissi (Schaffer) Connell was baptized on December 26, 2010 during the 8:00am worship service.

Please welcome Joseph, Cole, Nicholas and Grayson into our church family at Hope and pray for their growth in faith.

THANK YOU NOTES

We would like to thank our church community for their help with our collection of Christmas cards for our troops. All together we collected over 900 cards. Thank you for helping us make the holiday season a happier time for all the men and women overseas. Happy Holidays and God Bless from Daisy Troop #8787 (Skye, Alexis, Chastity, Briana, Brooke, Roxie, Ashlyn, Emily, Allison and Kelly).

★ Thank You! ★
THANK YOU!★

It was decided at a recent WELCA meeting to give \$100.00 to the van fund toward gas or expenses for the van. We appreciate using the van on occasion and want to help with expenses.

Sincerely, Hope's Women of the ELCA

Thank you to all the carolers for making this holiday season special for mom and me. Each voice sounded wonderful and every song brought back memories. Thank you too for the fruit basket. It is greatly appreciated. God's blessings!

Martha Hontz and Judy

Dear Hope Church; thank you for thinking of us during the Christmas season. We really appreciated the carolers and enjoyed the fruit basket and ornament that was given to us. We also want to say thank you for providing us a copy of the services through the tape ministry. We listen each week and especially enjoy the sermons and the beautiful music.

Ted and Lucille Foster

To Hope Church Carolers and Hope's members, 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. Your kind words, thoughts and prayers have meant so much to me all year. Have a very blessed New Year.

Mary Rudelitsch

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash
Wednesday

Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes will be offered at two worship services on Ash Wednesday, March 9, 2011, either 11:00am or 7:00pm. Again this year you will have an opportunity to receive 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. Wednesdays in Lent are...March 16, 23, 30, April 6 & 13.

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CANDY BAR FUNDRAISER

The post confirmation class is selling Gertrude Hawk chocolate candy bars after each service on Sunday mornings. The cost is \$1.00 per bar. All proceeds will benefit their weekend retreat at Hickory Run State Park. Thank you for your support!

SPONSORS NEEDED

Please check the charts!

FLOWER CHART – Two sponsors (only two) are needed each week at a cost of \$15.00 per sponsor. Money is due to the church office 2 weeks before your sponsorship. Thank you.

BULLETIN CHART – Three sponsors are needed each week at a cost of \$6.00 per sponsor. Money is due to the church office 2 weeks before your sponsorship. Thank you.

From Luther's Small Catechism: **The Fourth Petition of the Lord's**

Prayer: Give us today our daily bread.

What is this? *Answer: In fact, God gives us daily bread without our prayer, even to all evil people, but we ask in this prayer that God cause us to recognize what our daily bread is and to receive it with thanksgiving.*

What then does "daily bread" mean? *Answer: Everything our bodies need such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, fields, livestock, money, property, an upright spouse, upright children, upright workers, upright and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, decency, honor, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.*

Bible reading: John 6:8-10

February Prayer List:

- 2/01/11 Thelma Heiberger and family
- 2/02/11 Dennis, Louise, Ben Santee and family
- 2/03/11 Rhiannon Kocher and family
- 2/04/11 Dean, Colleen Spadt and family
- 2/05/11 Gerald, Martha Woodring and family
- 2/06/11 Jessica Skelton and family
- 2/07/11 Verna Biege and family
- 2/08/11 Brian, Jean Leibenguth and family
- 2/09/11 Betty Billig and family
- 2/10/11 Bertus, Christina, Danicha Barnard and family
- 2/11/11 Danny, Diane, David, Devin Deiter and family
- 2/12/11 Charlene Hoffman and family
- 2/13/11 Karyn, Ashley, Anthony Diodoardo and family
- 2/14/11 Alexander Heckman and family
- 2/15/11 Ronald, Shirley Gable and family
- 2/16/11 Vanessa Pruzinsky and family
- 2/17/11 Dennis, Linda Kressley and family
- 2/18/11 Heather, Jasper, Alizabeth Maikits and family
- 2/19/11 Stephanie, Daniel, Carisa Giniewski and family
- 2/20/11 Gavin Kocher and family
- 2/21/11 Kevin, Kelly, Kyle Kromer and family
- 2/22/11 Matthew, Mitchell, Christian Solt and family
- 2/23/11 Wanda Strohl and family
- 2/24/11 Brittany Stein and family
- 2/25/11 Richard, Duran Flickinger and family
- 2/26/11 Matthew Druker and family
- 2/27/11 Fay Roberts and family
- 2/28/11 Brent Krock and family

NORTHAMPTON AREA FOOD BANK



Basket Bingo, February 6, 2011 – The Northampton Area Food Bank is sponsoring a Basket Bingo on February 6, 2011 at Our Lady of Hungary School, 1320 Newport Avenue, Northampton. Tickets are \$20 for 20 regular games with 5 specials for \$5 available for purchase at the door. Doors and kitchen open at 12:00 pm with Bingo beginning at 2:00 pm. For tickets and information contact Barbara Budnik, 610-262-6156.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - Hope Lutheran Church is responsible for providing volunteers to work at the Northampton Area Food Bank during the month of March. Volunteers are needed to assist with unpacking the food delivered to the food bank, packing of orders for distribution to needy families and distribution at the food bank of packed orders. Volunteers are needed on the following dates and times:

Monday, March 7 – 12:30 to 3:00 pm - Un-packing of food delivery from Second Harvest (need to be able to lift cases of food)

Wednesdays, March 2, 9 and 16 – 9:00 am to 12:00 pm - Packing of food orders

Thursdays, March 3, 10 and 17 – 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm – Distribution of food orders

Fridays, March 11 and 18 – 9:00 am to 12:00 pm – Packing of food orders

Saturdays, March 12 and 19 – 9:00 am to 12:00 pm – Distribution of food orders

A sign up list is located on church bulletin board. The Northampton Area Food Bank is located at 1601 Canal Street, Northampton. For additional information or to sign up to volunteer, contact Leslie Daniel at 610-216-1340.



NEW WORSHIP ARTS TEAM

LOOKING FOR MEMBERS...

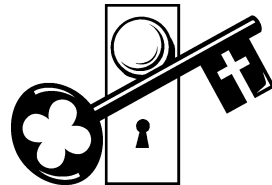
What is Worship Arts? Worship Arts is about rediscovering awe – helping worshippers move toward the deep sense of wonder that is kindled inside of us when we are touched by God. Broadly speaking, it is “art” designed to enhance worship and may include banners, stoles, paraments, lighting, drama and other experiences that touch our senses. Hope Lutheran is putting together a Worship Arts Team which will consist of a group of interested people who will look at church seasons, biblical texts, symbols – old and new – and discover ways that we can use these things in creative and worshipful ways to encounter God. ***You do not have to be “crafty” – just creative to be part of this team!*** Our first meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 26th at 7:00pm in Pastor Jami’s office. If you are someone who might be interested, please talk to Pastor Jami, David Ziegler (Director of Music) or just show up!

ARC DANCES

We are looking for new or "nearly new" Beanie Babies to give to our friends that attend the ARC Friendship Dances at our church. These dances are held for the socialization and inclusion for people of all ages with intellectual disabilities. Please put them in the box in the narthex. Also, snacks are needed for each ARC dance. The dances are held the third Monday each month from September through May. If you can help, please leave snacks in the Kuntz Hall kitchen marked ARC dance.

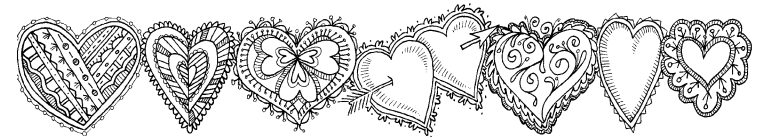
LOCK UP SCHEDULE

A new Lock Up schedule for 2011 is being completed. A few new volunteers are needed. Please call the church office if you can help and to get more information.



VALENTINE'S DINNER

Buy your tickets now for the third annual youth group Valentine's Dinner being held here at Hope Church on **Friday, February 11**. Dinner will be served from 5:00 - 8:00 and seatings will once again be done on the half hour. Please choose your half hour time frame upon ticket purchase. Tickets are \$10 per person with a junior portion available for children for \$7. The main entree choices this year are *Chicken Cordon Bleu*, *Chicken Oscar* (garnished with asparagus and crab), or *Prime Rib*. The entree will also include your beverage, soup, a vegetable, potatoes, roll & butter, and a dessert. Reservations for dinner **MUST** be made by **Sunday, February 6th**, but don't wait! Buy your tickets as soon as possible! ****Tickets will not be sold at the door.****



2011 WOMEN'S RETREAT OPENS FOR REGISTRATION

Creating Order, Balance and Peace in Our Lives



Living in balance and having the order and peace we seek can often be so challenging with our busy lives today. As much as we desire the peace and order, it seems to be so elusive and out of reach. In this contemplative retreat, we will identify and explore those areas of life that are out of balance and keeping us from living the full and complete life God created us to live, and create tools and practices that will guide and support us in discovering God's enriching priorities for us.

Led by social worker and ordained minister Vicki Pendleton, the retreat will be held April 1-3, at Mariawald Renewal Center, Shillington. Cost for the retreat, lodging, and all meals is \$155. Deadline for registration is March 10. For more information or registration materials, contact Diakon Family Life Services at fls@diakon.org, 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>.

ELEVENTH ANNUAL NATIVITY DISPLAY

The Evangelism Committee of Hope would like to thank EVERYONE who helped make our annual display a successful one. Hope Church can be extremely proud of the work and the time that everyone donates to make our annual display so beautiful. It always reminds us of the real reason for the season as we prepare to welcome the Christ Child into our lives.

This year's display welcomed over 500 visitors to Hope to enjoy the beauty of well over 400 nativities. We cannot give you exact numbers; people added nativities throughout the weekend and many visitors did not sign our guest book so our figures are only estimations. When you witness the pleasure that is brought to our many visitors this display is so rewarding. Many people visiting for the first time could not express often enough how beautiful this was and the wonderful feelings they received. In fact, there were many people who asked if they could bring their own nativity set next year. So our display that initially had 45 nativities in its first year, has become a much anticipated event for Hope and our community. There are several visitors that have come every year and make it a "tradition" saying "I won't miss this." What a gift we here at Hope can give to so many!

As always, our refreshment table was filled with many excellent snacks and beverages. Everyone's contribution was graciously enjoyed by all. Our piano players did a great job of providing that soft background of the familiar tunes. Our visitors really enjoy this. And so many of our youth helped with setting up, the children's center, the live Nativity scene, serving as a host/hostess, or clean up. It was wonderful to have so much participation from our youth.

It was decided that our offerings this year would be donated and divided equally among the Second Harvest, the Allentown Rescue Mission and Hope's youth that will be attending the youth gathering this summer of 2011. This money of \$177.00 to each group has been forwarded to them.

Thank you again to all of you for making the annual display another successful one. Only a great bunch of fellow Christians like yourselves could work so well together to bring God's love to so many. Hope Church is well blessed. Our annual display is a great way to make people of our church and communities know that Christmas is love for love came down at Christmas. If you missed this year's display, we'll be back next year...join us and be part of this wonderful Christmas message. God's blessings and thank you to ALL.

Hope's Evangelism Committee

NATIVITY DISPLAY THANK YOU

To Hope Youth, Recently, the Evangelism Committee of Hope sponsored the eleventh annual Nativity Open House display. This was another successful year for the display. There were over 400 nativities in the display and over 500 visitors to our church that weekend as we welcomed in the Advent Season.

We would like to thank the many youth that helped make this so great of an event. Over 500 people were reminded of the real reason for the Christmas season thanks to all of you who helped us with the display. We could not do it without the help of so many of our faithful youth. We were certainly grateful for all your help.

Our offerings this year were divided equally among Second Harvest, Allentown Rescue Mission, and Hope's Youth Gathering. Money (in the amount \$178.00) has been given to Trudy to help with expenses for those of you who will be attending the Youth gathering in the summer. It is wonderful to know that there are still a lot of good youth out there! Hope is blessed to have so many of them!

God's Blessings to you and your families,

Hope's Evangelism Committee



DAFFODIL SUNDAY

Will be held on **Sunday, March 20, 2011**. 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.

Pastor Mraz is a new member of Hope Lutheran (he joined on October 24th) and has been hired as our temporary Visitation Pastor. He will be working about 1 day per week making visits to members in the hospital and taking communion to our homebound members. Additionally he will provide pastoral coverage for Pastor Jami when she is on vacation or at conferences. Here's a little bit of information on Pastor Mraz...

He was born on April 16, 1933, in Partizánska Lupča in the Slovak Republic and is married to Elizabeth (Betty) Marecek. They celebrated their 50th Anniversary in 2005. Jerry and Betty are the parents of four children and they have seven grandchildren. Pr. Mraz grew up in New York City, graduated from Wagner College, and in 1960 completed his seminary education at Hamma Divinity School. He was ordained in his home congregation, Holy Trinity Slovak Lutheran Church in New York City, on June 14, 1960, by the Slovak Zion Synod of the ULCA. He served congregations in Pittsburgh and Ohio and retired in 1998 from Holy Trinity Slovak Lutheran Church in Northampton, where he continued to serve the congregation as a contract Pastor for another 12 years until June 30, 2010. His 38 year ministry in Holy Trinity Slovak Lutheran Church gave him the distinction of being the longest term Clergy-person serving a church in Northampton!

Pr. Mraz has been very active in the Northampton community – serving on the board of directors of the Northampton Area Chamber of Commerce and the Northampton United Way. He is the Chaplain of the Northampton Police and Fire Departments and the Chaplain of the Northampton VFW Post 4714. He served on the Northampton Ambulance Corp and was instrumental in the founding of the Northampton Area Food Bank and served on Board of Northampton Big Brothers. He has served as Chaplain of Northampton Village Assisted Living/Personal Care; Northampton Sacred Heart Senior Living by the Creek and Westgate Manor Rehabilitation, Assisted Living, and Skilled Nursing facility in Bethlehem.

As you can see, Pr. Mraz is a wonderful addition to our Hope Family and, temporarily, to our staff. Please welcome him when he comes to see you!



Welcome

DAFFODIL SUNDAY - MARCH 20, 2011
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!*

- | | <u>QUANTITY</u> | <u>COST</u> |
|--|-----------------|-------------|
| Bunch = \$10.00
(10 flowers) | | |
| Vase of Hope = \$15.00
(10 flowers in a vase) | | |
| Bear & Bunch = \$25.00
(Boyd's Bear "Liv N. Hope" and daffodils) | | |
| Potted Daffodils = \$12.00
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 20, 2011**

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

You can also purchase a "cardboard" daffodil for \$1.00 and add your name to our wall of Hope.

Let me Introduce...Pastor Jerry Mraz

SPRING BASKET SOCIAL

Mark your calendars now for Friday, April 8, 2011. 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.

2010 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

RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED

Hope members who were hospitalized from November 25th through January 18th were: *Jack Wolfe, Sara Hall, Norman Flick, Kenneth Beers, Donald Neustadter, Nancy Xander and Craig Reenock. Please keep these persons in your prayers.*

CATECHETICAL CLASS NEWS

LEVEL I

Sunday, February 27th - Mentor/Student crossword puzzle/dessert afternoon @ 3:00pm

Saturday, March 12th - Mini-Retreat on the Ten Commandments from 8:30am-12:00Noon.

LEVEL II

Sunday, February 27th - Mentor/Student pizza and game night @ 5:30pm.

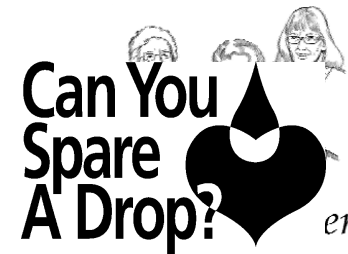
Saturday, March 12th - Mini-Retreat on the Ten Commandments from 8:30am-12:00Noon.

Sunday, March 20th - Mentor/Student movie night, (time to be announced).

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

BLOOD DONORS

Members of Hope who have recently donated blood for the Miller Memorial Blood Center are as follows: Stanley Royer, Kerry Follweiler, Vicki Steiner, Christine Steigerwalt, Raymond Swinger, Brenda Mack, Kenneth Silfies, Bill Fritzinger, Ann Reinhard, Paul Mishko, Linda Derr and Douglas 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.



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.

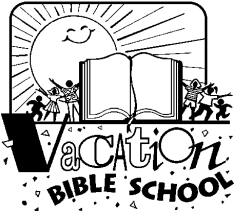
For Hope Church to maintain accurate membership records, you must do the following:

- 1) Receive Holy Communion **and complete the Hope Hospitality Pad 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.

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, 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.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2011

Mark your calendars now for Vacation Bible School. It is scheduled this year for the week of July 11, 2011 with the closing program at 9:30am on Sunday, July 17th. 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), B104 or watch the WFMZ television station.

COMMUNION FOR 2011

As you take communion for 2011, please complete the Hope Hospitality Pad. This will help us keep our records up to date. Remember, you only have to indicate that you have taken communion once every year. Thank you!



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. (Thank you Sis!) 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.** You can see examples of what is acceptable and what is not by looking on the bulletin board in the narthex. Please continue to bring in your register tapes, and if you don't have a card, they are available in the church office or you can pick one up at the store. 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 610-760-0367.

IRON PIGS GAME

Join us on Sunday, May 15, 2011, to cheer on the Iron Pigs! Tickets include a seat in the PenTeleData Party Porch. The ticket includes a 2-hour all-you-can-eat buffet and unlimited soft drinks through the middle of the 8th inning. Look for sign-up sheet on the bulletin board with more information. There are 60 tickets available. Any questions, please call Wayne Weidner at 610-767-1512.



Welcome to Congregational Council; Bob Small, Wayne Weidner, Linda Mery and Christal Wrenn

Election of Officers: President, Wayne Weidner
Vice President, Linda Mery
Secretary, Kris Doncsecz
Treasurer, Trudy Mertz

Secretary's Report: *Motion to accept by Jean Liebeguth, motion seconded by Dennis Biechy*

Treasurer's Report: *Motion to accept by Linda Mery, motion seconded by David Roth*

Correspondence/Transfer:

Out: Melissa (Filchner) Hendricks – living out of the area.
Mark Filchner – living out of the area.

In: Timothy, Karen, Douglas, Kelly Lockard-from Holy Trinity Slovak, Northampton
Eleanor Black and children Theodore and Samantha Ancelitz
Scott and Cynthia Kocher- from Holy Trinity Lutheran, Palmerton
John and Frieda Weeks – from Emmanuelsville Lutheran
Sal Melo (husband of Monica Melo)
Lee and Joanne Creyer – from Union Lutheran, Schnecksville
Susan Rehrig (wife of Chris Rehrig)
Darlene Hock
Beth Smith and children Robert and Megan
Tom Nichols (husband of Amy Nichols)
Bill and Laurie Dovico

Reinstatement: Justine Tracy
Motion to accept by David Roth and motion seconded by Dennis Biechy.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Summary of December 2010
Worship – 16 services (preached 14)
Baptisms – 4
Counseling – 2
Pre-Baptismal Meetings -2
Pre-Marital Counseling – 2
Pre-Funeral Meetings – 1
Hospital Visits – 9
Home/Shut-in Visits – 2

Request for vacation; Wednesday, February 23-Sunday February 27, 2011.
Motion to accept by Kris Doncsecz, motion seconded by Dennis Biechy.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

YOUTH: POW, January 12, 2011
Snow Tubing, January 20, 2011
Valentine Day Dinner, February 11, 2011

WORSHIP & MUSIC: New members will be received and reception held on January 30, 2011.
First Communion will take place on March 27, 2011.
Worship Arts Team meeting January 26, 2011.

EVANGELISM: Thank you to all for their participation in the 11th Annual Nativity Display.
Donations received totaled \$532.00, which was divided between The Youth Group, Second Harvest and The Allentown Rescue Mission.
Knoebel's Family outing, August 6, 2011.
Bible Study group to be created.

PERSONNEL/MUTUAL MINISTRY: Workshop scheduled for Thursday, January 20, 2011 at 7pm.

MEMORIAL GARDEN: A motion has been made by David Roth and seconded by Dennis Biechy to approve the plans and construction of the memorial garden and to also proceed with a congregational meeting. One hundred percent of the cost is required in order to proceed with the project.
All in favor-7; not in favor-4

NEW BUSINESS:
Building Usage: Saturday, 01/22/2011 – Kuntz Hall- Shower- Tammy Demko
Sunday, 02/06/2011 – Kuntz Hall – Shower – Pam Rehrig
Monday, 02/14/2011 – ACCESS Valentine Dance
Motion to accept by Linda Mery, motion seconded by Christal Wrenn.

Jane Tretiak Vacation- Wednesday, March 23-Wednesday March 30, 2011.
Motion to accept by Jean Liebeguth, motion seconded by Kris Doncsecz.

Next meeting: Monday February 14, 2011 at 7:00.



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 to 8:30 p.m. Boys between the ages of 11 and 18 years old are invited to join us.

January Service Patrol: Food Fighter Theme: Winter Sports

Thursday Jan 27 Swimming

February Service Patrol: Diamond Backs Theme: Duty to God

Thursday Feb 3 Prep for Scout Sunday/ Prep for Winter
Webelos Event

Saturday Feb 5 WEBELOS Winter Event

Sunday Feb 6 Scout Sunday Kendall & William

Thursday Feb 10 Prep for Cabin Camping at Sean's \$20

Friday Feb 11-13 Winter Camping at Sean's: Sean to check

Thursday Feb 17 Decide on Skits/songs for Family Night,
Advancements

Thursday Feb 24 Family Night/D-backs snacks Food Fighters-
Drinks

March Service Patrol: Food Fighter Theme: History

Thursday March 3 William has a presentation on WW2

Thursday March 10 American Heritage Merit Badge (???? gets
counselor)

Thursday March 17 Hiking / Back Packing review

Saturday March 19 Day Hike ?am – ?pm

Thursday March 24 American Heritage Merit Badge

Thursday March 31 Elections

Scouting is about teaching life skills, learning First Aid, Out Door 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 that would like to join 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.