



## HOPE HOME NEWS

Hope Lutheran Church  
Cherryville, PA

WELCOME TO HOPE

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MARCH, 2011

### SUNDAY WORSHIP

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 6, 2011

8 a.m. Holy Communion

*Mardi Gras Cook Off after both worship services*

*Girl Scouts participate at 10:30 Worship*

#### Transfiguration of our Lord

10:30 a.m. Service of the Word

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 2011

8 a.m. Service of the Word

#### First Sunday in Lent

10:30 a.m. Holy Communion

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 2011

8 a.m. Holy Communion

*Daffodil Sunday*

*Special Congregational Meeting (Memorial Garden) @ 9:15am*

#### Second Sunday in Lent

10:30 a.m. Service of the Word

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 27, 2011

8 a.m. Service of the Word

*First Holy Communion for Fifth Graders at 10:30 Worship*

#### Third Sunday in Lent

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).

✦ *Mid-Week Worship on Wednesdays, March 16, 23, 30, April 6 & 13 @ 11:00 am & 7 pm. (more inside ➤)*

### Greetings from the Pastor...

From the time my children were little I can remember encouraging them to say "thank you" when someone complimented them, gave them something or did something special for them. As most parents know – it is something we have to repeat again and again! Thinking about that reminded me that we never outgrow the need to thank people for the good things they do or say.

So this month, I'd like to take a moment to thank you for your support of Consecration Sunday, our 2010 Christian Stewardship emphasis. If you have not heard as of January a total of **200** giving units filled out Estimate of Giving Cards totaling **\$214,392**. That amounts to **75%** of the 2011 budgeted unrestricted giving and **62%** of our total estimated income for 2011. This exceeds the commitments made in 2010 by **39!** **89** of these commitments were new – people who had never made a commitment to Hope before. Additionally, **65** giving units who made commitments in 2010 increased their estimates of giving for 2011!

While we are all experiencing the "tightening of our belts" in our own homes and here at Hope Lutheran Church, these commitments represent your faithfulness to God's work that happens through the ministries and missions of our congregation. So, thank you – for your financial support, for all the ways you volunteer your time and talents, for the myriad ways you share Jesus' love with others, for allowing the light of Christ to shine through you! We are a blessed congregation in many ways – blessed to share our blessings in the name of Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

Blessings,  
Pastor Jami



## PASTORAL ACTS

*Pastor Jami officiated at the following funerals.*

## FUNERALS

**Richard S. Flickinger** entered eternal life on January 18, 2011 at the age of 90 years. Graveside services were held on February 7, 2011 at Indianland Cemetery.

**Norman A. Flick** entered eternal life on February 4, 2011 at the age of 88 years. Services were held at Hope Church on February 7, 2011 with interment at Indianland Cemetery.

***Our sympathy to the family and friends of Richard and Norman. May God continue to be your guide and strength.***



## DISCOUNT CARDS

\$10.00 per card = 10% discount to 17+ different places. Use the card over and over from January 1, 2011 until January 31, 2012. Our nursery school sold these discount cards as a fundraiser, and there are still a few left. Great gift idea, or buy one for yourself and start saving money now! Call the church office if interested in a discount card.

## DAFFODIL SUNDAY

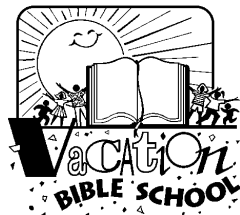
Will be held on Sunday, March 20, 2011.

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



## 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 17<sup>th</sup>. Watch for more information in upcoming newsletters or on our website at [hopecherryville.org](http://hopecherryville.org).



From Luther's Small Catechism: **The Fifth Petition of the Lord's Prayer:** Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

**What is this?** *Answer: We ask in this prayer that our heavenly Father would not regard our sins or deny these petitions on their account, for we are worthy of nothing for which we ask, nor have we earned it. Instead we ask that God would give us all things by grace, for we sin daily and indeed earn only punishment. So, on the other hand, we, too, truly want to forgive heartily and do good gladly to those who sin against us.*

**Bible reading:** Matthew 18:23-35

## **March Prayer List**

- 3/01/11 Tyler Eckhart and family
- 3/02/11 Alysha, Emily Andrews and family
- 3/03/11 Robert, Joanne Heffelfinger and family
- 3/04/11 Leonard Steigerwalt and family
- 3/05/11 Lee, Jane Meyers and family
- 3/06/11 Fred, Arlene Koran and family
- 3/07/11 Christine, Logan Steigerwalt and family
- 3/08/11 John, Lynn, John and Jennifer Labarre and family
- 3/09/11 Irene Oplinger and family
- 3/10/11 Jennifer, Molly, Owen Laury and family
- 3/11/11 Ryan, Suzanne, Brynne, Brooke Rockovits and family
- 3/12/11 Alex, Priscilla Oncheck and family
- 3/13/11 Francis, Treena, Michael, Laura Haggerty and family
- 3/14/11 Douglas, Declan Unangst and family
- 3/15/11 Walter, Margaret Holler and family
- 3/16/11 Chad Kish and family
- 3/17/11 Andrew, Erica, Delaney Szwast and family
- 3/18/11 Francis Haggerty and family
- 3/19/11 William, Tanya, Aaron Lamparter and family
- 3/20/11 Rebecca Snyder and family
- 3/21/11 Kermit Kunkle and family
- 3/22/11 Catherine, Ryan, Sarah Bird and family
- 3/23/11 Mark Blaukovitch, Melissa Solt, Cassidy Blaukovitch-Solt, Cory Vaupel-Solt and family
- 3/24/11 Daniel, Kim, Kendall Belletti and family
- 3/25/11 Donald Benninger and family
- 3/26/11 David, Nathaniel, Mikayla Xander and family
- 3/27/11 Andrew Williams and family
- 3/28/11 Nancy Miller and family
- 3/29/11 David, Kimberly, Noah, Joshua Roth and family
- 3/30/11 Walter, Diane Beil and family
- 3/31/11 James, Susan, Matthew, Andrew, Jessica Bahnick and family

### BLOOD DONORS

Members of Hope who have recently donated blood for the Miller Memorial Blood Center are as follows: Bev Goll, Daniel Husser, Tina Brown, Bill Lamparter, Brenda Mack, Nancy Biechy, Heather Bealer, Paul Mishko, Bill Fritzing and Raymond Swinger. Thank you to all of our faithful donors. Currently the Blood Center is experiencing lower than normal inventory levels due to the inclement weather, illness and patients in our local hospitals experiencing life-threatening illnesses that have increased the need for blood. The Blood Bank is in need of all blood types and is encouraging all donors to donate at any of the centers or the many mobiles in the area. Call 800-223-6667 or visit online at GIVEaPINT.org.



### MEMORIAL BLOOD DRIVE

On Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

### RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED

Hope members who were hospitalized from January 19<sup>th</sup> through February 14<sup>th</sup> were: \*Norman Flick, Gerald Woodring, Donald Neustadter, Kay O'Donnell and Mary Rudelitsch. Please keep these persons in your prayers. \*deceased



## Mardi Gras Cook-Off

OPEN to EVERYONE!

Men, women, teens, kids!

That's right – men, women, teens and kids,  
get out those recipes and let's make this a real competition!

**March 6, 2011**

Admission to taste will be \$3, children 10 and under \$1,  
and under 3 free (Chefs are admitted free)  
Food will be served after the 8:00 am and 10:30 am services.  
Register by February 27<sup>th</sup>

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult             | <input type="checkbox"/> Chili     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Up to 12 yrs. old | <input type="checkbox"/> Soup      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 13-17 yrs. old    | <input type="checkbox"/> Casserole |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Entrée    |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Dessert   |



**Mardi Gras Cook-Off**

## YOUTH GROUP UPCOMING EVENTS

POW - March 2

Lock-in - March 25 - 26: We have lots to do at this lock-in! We will be learning CPR and planning for this year's youth Sunday! We have lots of good ideas but will definitely be needing you to create, learn, and develop these ideas into something fantastic. There will also be games, movies, and snacks as usual. Bring your sleeping bag (or air mattress as most of you prefer).

Easter Candy - April 2: The youth will once again be making peanut roll eggs to sell for Easter time. Proceeds will benefit the youth going to the National Youth Gathering in 2012. Sign up for a shift to help make Easter candy on the youth board mid March!

Youth Sunday - May 15: The youth are making plans for both services on this Sunday and we want to FILL the church with youth! We know you're out there, so be sure to save this date. We need youth to read lessons, usher, dance, sing, and maybe even act! If you are interested, but aren't able to attend the planning lock-in in March, be sure to let Steph or Stacey know. There are plenty of jobs to do for everyone! Let's make this special Sunday HUGE!

### 2012 National Youth Gathering

The next youth gathering is taking place in New Orleans, Louisiana and we are **GOING!** To attend the youth gathering, you must currently be in grades 7 - 11. This is an event that happens every three years and you do not want to miss it. The gathering will be from **July 18 - 22**. We will fly down, stay in a hotel, and spend our days worshipping with other youth in the Superdome, working on service projects in the area to assist with the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, eat in local restaurants, and even do a little sightseeing. So save the date and plan to come along. To secure your spot, we need a nonrefundable deposit of \$100 by Sunday, March 27, 2010. There is no limit to the amount of youth we can take, but we need to know by March who will be going due to the massive amount of planning involved. So sign up by getting your money to Steph or Stacey Ziegler anytime before March 27th! We can't wait!!!



## YOUTH THANK YOU NOTES

Thank you to all the youth and parents who assisted with the Valentine's Day Dinner in February. It was a major success and everything went wonderfully! Also, a big thank you to everyone who attended the dinner. We enjoyed serving you and the dinner would have been useless without you. Thank you for your continued support!

Thank you to Dolores Reenock for making all those wonderful pierogies the youth have been selling.

### THANK YOU NOTES

*(letter dated December 30, 2010)* Dear Friends, Thank you for supporting the work of the Second Harvest Food Bank of Lehigh Valley and Northeast Pennsylvania with your recent donation of \$177.00. We serve many people with limited resources and we greatly appreciate your contribution to our efforts especially now as it get closer to winter and many are faced with the tough choice of buying groceries or paying heating bills. Your generosity allows us to provide meals to families in need through a network of more than 200 member agencies in Carbon, Lehigh, Monroe, Northampton, Pike and Wayne Counties. These include emergency pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, and childcare and rehabilitation centers. Thank you again for joining us to help end hunger in Northeast Pennsylvania. Together, we can make a real difference in the lives of our neighbors! Sincerely, *(this gift was given by the annual Nativity Display)*

Ann B. McManus, director Second Harvest Food Bank

After receiving a second payment from the church scholarship, I thought it necessary to again write to express my thanks. The help you give to all of Hope's students, myself included, is a greatly appreciated blessing. With thanks and faith,

Andrew Green



### **THANK YOU NOTES CONTINUED...**

Dear Hope Lutheran Community and the family and friends of Olive Jacobs, Thank you all very much for the funding and support given to the Hope Scholarship. As a student, every little bit helps! Right now this funding will help me in purchasing books and supplies needed to complete my final semester as Dickinson College as a history major! I always appreciate the love, support and prayers from the Hope Community! God bless and many thanks,

Allison Schell

Dear Hope Lutheran Church, I would like to thank you for your scholarship money, which you awarded me this January. I always appreciate the help, and this semester I plan to use the money to help purchase my month's groceries. Graduate school is going well, and I plan to complete my studies and research next spring. Although full time for a graduate student is 3 courses, I've decided to take an extra lab this semester to learn more about electronics. In conjunction with coursework I'm also contributing to diesel engine research at my place of employment. I hope everyone in the congregation is staying healthy and warm this winter, and I look forward to attending worship next time I'm visiting the area. Thank you again! All the best,

Jonathan Bednar

### **INDIANLAND CEMETERY ASSOCIATION**

The annual plot holder's meeting of the Indianland Cemetery Association will be held at St. Paul's UCC Indianland Church on the 6<sup>th</sup> of March at 2:00pm. Snow date will be on the 13<sup>th</sup> of March at 2:00pm.

### **USED CLOTHING DRIVE**

Cleaning out your closets? Keep your wearable and usable clothing for Hope's clothing drive (to be held this spring). The church will receive a donation for the total poundage collected. We will also collect, shoes, belts, handbags and more! Watch for more info. in upcoming bulletins and newsletters.

**THE BASKET COMMITTEE OF HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH** invites you to attend the 12th Annual Spring Walk-in Basket Social on Friday, April 8, 2011 in Kuntz Hall.

Proceeds will be divided equally between the Northampton Area Food Bank and Hope Lutheran Church Good Samaritan Fund.

\*New, beginning this year: Proceeds from all donated baked goods will be sold, and this money will also be given to The Northampton Area Food Bank.

Doors open at 4 p.m. and tickets may be purchased until 7:15 p.m. The drawing begins at 7:30 p.m. Winners will be notified via phone that same evening. The cost of a ticket is \$5 at the door per adult and \$3 per child age K through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Refreshments will be sold.

A box will be available as you enter to hold donations of canned goods or non-perishable items that will be given to the Food Bank.

We invite you to help with this event by donating a theme basket, gift certificate, bottled water, canned soda, or baked good. Any of these items can be dropped off in Kuntz hall the evening before the Social (Thursday, April 7, from 6:30 to 8:30pm).

Questions should be directed to the Hope Church Office by calling 610.767.7203. Thank you!

The Basket Committee looks forward to seeing you on April 8<sup>th</sup>!

Sincerely, Kathy Fogle, Linda Sidor (co-chairs for the Spring Social), & The Basket Committee of Hope Lutheran Church.

\*\*Special Note: Four ticket sponsors are needed for the Spring Social (call Linda at 610.597.7357 if you can help in this way – \$30/sponsorship – money due by March 15).

The Basket Committee of Hope Church extends a grateful WELCOME to Darlene Hock, a new member of Hope who has joined the Committee. We look forward to working with you, Darlene!

\*\*\*Committee MEMBERS: The date of Spring Social meeting is Monday, March 28 at 6:30 p.m. in Hanson Hall.

## EVANGELISM NEWS

### KNOEBELS TRIP

It's time to look ahead to summer! Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup> we have a pavilion reserved for you at Knoebel's Amusement Park and Picnic Grove in Elysburg, PA. We have the pavilion from 10:00am until 10:00pm. Lunch will be served at about 2:00pm; we'll have burgers, hot dogs, salads, dessert and drinks. The cost is \$12.00 per person, children 4 and under are free. Included in the \$12.00 cost is drinks and snacks that will be available all day long or as long as they last.

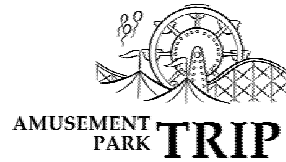
Knoebel's has free parking, free admission and free entertainment all day long. The park is handicapped accessible. They also have stroller, wheelchair, scooter, and wagon rentals. There are numerous exhibits, a coalmine museum and much more. Knoebel's has something for every one of all ages. There are over 50 rides, from kiddie rides up to 2 world-class wooden roller coasters! Look for the sign up sheet in the narthex. Money can be paid as soon as possible. Make checks payable to Hope Lutheran Church and please specify Evangelism outing on the memo line. Call Ernie Doncsecz at 610-767-6339, John Zmyewski at 610-767-7260, or the church office at 610-767-7203 with questions. See you on Sunday!

Your Evangelism Committee

### PRAYER TENT

The Evangelism Committee will again sponsor the prayer Tent which is held in support of National Day of Prayer. This year it will be on pray anytime during those hours. You may either pray by yourself or ask a prayer partner to pray with you. Though there are some in our country that would try and fight such a wonderful thing as prayer, we must prove that prayer and Christianity is part of this country where we live.

Come out and pray! Stay as long as you need to do. More information about the prayer tent will follow in future newsletters and bulletins.



## EVANGELISM NEWS CONTINUED...

### BIBLE STUDY/ DISCUSSION



The Evangelism Committee will sponsor a Bible study. This will be a study from the book "Decisions - Seeking God's Guidance " written by Donald Baker. This is designed to

be a nine-week study session, with each session lasting approx. 1 hour. Each session will be a study/discussion time where we can learn and grow together as Christians.. This is scheduled to begin Thursday, April 28 and go until June 30 with no class to be held June 23 due to setting up for Hopefest. Depending on the amount of participants, the cost for you will be between \$6.00 and \$8.00 to purchase your study guide booklet. If you would be interested in participating in this study, please sign – up on the sheet posted on the board in narthex. This will give us an idea of how many books need to be ordered. Please be aware that though we would love to have you participate in the whole nine week session, if you can't, you can still come when you can as each session is independent of the study of the week before. Hope you will join us!

### EVANGELISM GAME NIGHT

A family fun game night will be held on Friday, March 11, 2011 from 6:30-9:30pm in Kuntz Hall. Bring your favorite game and snack to share! Games, fun, food, friends! You do not want to miss this! All ages welcomed. Parents must stay!

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The Fifth Grade Class has started their preparation for First Holy Communion, which will be held on March 27<sup>th</sup> at the 10:30am worship service. Please make every effort to attend Sunday school each week for this very important instruction time.



## **“Church-ese 101” - Building Your Spiritual Vocabulary**

### **2011 Mid-Week Lenten Series**

δικαιουν ιλασκεσθαι αγιασον απολυτρωσιν δικαι  
οσυνην χαριτος

If this looks like Greek to you – it is! Sometimes we feel like the language we use in church looks or sounds like Greek to us. Have you ever really wondered what some of the words we say in worship mean? Can YOU define sanctification, redemption, atonement and grace? If not you might want to join us for midweek Lenten services this year as we explore some common language that is used every Sunday and yet is not-so-common in the world outside of the church.

Each week, beginning on Ash Wednesday, our resident theologian, Professor Lexi Con will hold class in the sanctuary. Using some humorous skits which will focus on one “churchy” word a week, Professor Lexi Con will help us discover definitions and explore the richness of liturgical language. Here’s a preview of our syllabus for the semester:

Wednesday, March 9 (Ash Wednesday) – “Atonement – I’m sure it’s a musical term???”

Wednesday, March 16 – “Justification – Isn’t there a key on my computer for this?”

Wednesday, March 23 – “Sanctification – Isn’t this what Quasimodo cried in the ‘Hunchback of Notre Dame’?”

Wednesday, March 30 – “Righteousness – Is this the opposite of wrongousness?”

Wednesday, April 6 – “Redemption – Isn’t this something we do at the grocery store?”

Wednesday, April 13 – “Grace – Didn’t she die last year?”

Join us every Wednesday for Holden Evening Prayer and for some fun as we frolic around the glossary of spiritual terms and learn something in the process!

### **2010 FINANCIAL REPORT (FINAL)**

2010 Income was \$3,851 less than hoped for at November’s Annual Meeting

\*Expenses were \$5,786 more than expected at November’s Annual Meeting

Final result for the year: we started 2010 with \$45,000 reserve we begin 2011 with \$6,896 reserve

\*We also failed our commitment to the Synod by \$2500

2009 and 2010 were difficult years financially for Hope as we needed to use a large portion of our accumulated reserve as noted above. On the other hand, we have experienced a growing improvement in contributions in recent months. A special thank you to all who have grown in your commitment to meet our Christian responsibility. Please continue your growth toward a tithe.

### **CHURCH SOFTBALL LEAGUE**



Any confirmed youth or adult (men and women) interested in playing in the church softball league should call Wayne Weidner at 610-767-1512. Games start the beginning of April....Sunday evenings. Watch weekly bulletins for practice times.

### **VAN UPDATE**

We still have a deficit for our church van, which was purchased last year. Will you please consider a contribution to this appeal? A sincere thank you to those who have donated to this fund. The church van has proved to be very helpful to Hope’s ministries, regularly transporting various groups to church related meetings and events. An envelope for this purpose is included with this newsletter. Please make your check payable to Hope Lutheran Church and designate it for “church van”.

## CATECHETICAL CLASS NEWS

### LEVEL I

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

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

### LEVEL II

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

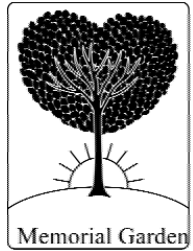
**Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup>** - Mini-Retreat on the Ten Commandments from 8:30am-12:00Noon.

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

*Remember, these are part of your scheduled and required events for your catechetical year.*

## MEMORIAL GARDEN

A special congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, March 20, 2011 at 9:15am. This meeting is a closed agenda meeting, which will be entirely on the Memorial Garden proposed by the Memorial Garden committee. Informational meetings will be held on the following dates to discuss questions and answers in reference to the Memorial Garden. Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at either 9:15am or 11:45am in Hanson Hall. Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in Hanson Hall. The informational meetings and the special congregational meeting was approved by the church council at its meeting on Monday, February 14<sup>th</sup>. Please plan to attend. Thank you!



## CHARITABLE GIFTS

In December 2010 the US Congress extended the IRA Rollover to 31 December 2011. This act allows donors 70 ½ or older to make gifts up to \$100,000 from their Traditional or Roth IRA directly to a charity without any Federal tax implications this year. (This law does not apply to 401k, 403b or other qualified pension accounts). The donor does not have to pay income tax on the withdrawal nor does the donor receive a charitable tax deduction. Furthermore, the donation does not count against the maximum charitable gifts allowed in any year. The charitable gift cannot be used to fund a Life Income Agreement like a Charitable Gift Annuity or a Charitable Remainder Trust nor can it be donated to a Donor Advised Fund but can be used to fulfill a campaign pledge. The withdrawal to make a charitable gift can be used to satisfy the IRA required minimum distribution required by law. Please note: IRA plan administrators must make the check in the name of the charity but can send the check to the donor for delivery. For a sample letter or for more information about how to use your IRA or other assets to make charitable gifts, call Pr. Greg Kramer at the Lutheran Planning Giving Office at 570-374-2044 or call the Foundations of the ELCA, 800-638,3522, ext 2970 or visit their website at [www.elca.org/fo](http://www.elca.org/fo).



**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.

Our supply of food at the church is very low. We use this food to help families until they get established as a client of the Food Bank. Items especially needed are peanut butter, tuna fish, canned meats, jelly, applesauce, pasta and canned vegetables. These items that most of us take for granted as staples in our cupboards are definitely needed for families in need. Please place items in the food bank wagon in the narthex. Thanks!

### **NEW OPPORTUNITY FOR VOLUNTEERS....AUDIO TEAM**

The Worship and Music Committee is starting an Audio Team which will be responsible for managing and monitoring the sound system during Sunday worship, special services and during other programs as well as supervising the maintenance, storage and security of our audio equipment. We are looking for people who like working with technology and are interested in being trained for this team. Adults and youth are welcome to participate! If you think you may be interested in this new team or have questions about it, please talk to or email Dave Ziegler (610-767-7203 ext. #11; [organist@hopecherryville.org](mailto:organist@hopecherryville.org)). A date for training will be scheduled in the near future.

**Attendees:** Jean Leibenguth, Christal Wrenn, Bob Small, Tim Moore, John Zmyewski, Pastor Jami, Wayne Weidner, Stacey Ziegler, David Roth and Kris Doncsecz.

**Absent:** Donald Saunders, Linda Mery and Dennis Biechy

**Special Order of Business:** officially elect Deb Gardner as financial secretary.  
*Motion to accept Bob Small, motion seconded by Jean Leibenguth.*

**Treasurer's Report:** *Motion to accept by Jean Leibenguth, motion seconded by Tim Moore.*

### **Correspondence/Transfer:**

#### **Members removed in 2010 for annual parochial report:**

Michelle and children Greg and Tim Bailey, Todd, Jennifer and child Alexa Brown, Ryan Delgrosso, Michael Emerick, Shirley Heilman, Heather and children Alizabeth and Autumn Jasper, Craig, Anita, and children Ben, Alexandra and Nicholas Kovacs, Matthew and children Caelin and Emily Mack, Tracy and children Brady and Dylan O'Donnell, Lindsay Rabenold, Robin and Jane Silfies, Brian, Kelli and children Dylan and Makenzie Spadt, Marc Tice and Amanda Ferreira and child Ayden Tice.

**In:** Bruce, Debbie, Sara and Samantha Schnabel, Jim, Gina, Julia and Jonathan Barber

*Motion to accept by Jean Leibenguth and motion seconded by Tim Moore.*

**PASTOR'S REPORT:** Summary of January 2011  
Worship – 8 services (preached 8)  
Baptisms –  
Funerals – 1  
Weddings –  
Reception of New Members  
Counseling – 3  
Pre-Baptismal Meetings -  
Pre-Marital Counseling –  
Pre-Funeral Meetings – 1  
Viewings - 1  
Hospital Visits – 10  
Home/Shut-in Visits – 5  
New member classes – 4

Congregational visioning, "Hope for the Future", Saturday, April 30, 2011, a tentative time has been set for 10am – 2pm. Check future bulletins and newsletter for more information.

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*Summary of Congregational Council Minutes Continued...*

Request for vacation; Thursday, April 7 – Sunday, April 10, 2011  
Sunday, May 22, 2011, Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup> (actually a holiday) – Saturday, July 9,  
2011, Monday, August 29-Monday, Sept. 5, 2011

*Motion to accept by Kris Doncsecz, motion seconded by Christal Wrenn.*

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**YOUTH:** Broadcast at Emmanuel's Church, February 20, 2011  
POW, March 2, 2011  
Lock-In, March 25-26, 2011  
Youth Sunday, May 15, 2011.  
Clothing Drive – see bulletin and newsletter for additional information.

**SOCIAL MINISTRY:** Next meeting February 15, 2011.

**WORSHIP & MUSIC:** In search of anyone interested in becoming part of our Audio Committee. We are looking for individuals who are trained in properly operating and maintaining the sound system and its components. . Please contact the church if you are able to help.

Hope's biennial musical: date has been set for June 3, 2012.  
Wednesday evening services will use Holden Evening Prayer.  
Nursery will be staffed Ash Wed., but no other Wednesday during Lent.  
Muhlenberg College Gospel Choir will sing at both services on April 3, 2011.

**PROPERTY:** Oil purchased 1,000 gallons at 290.9 through Veteran Oil.  
Sanctuary/Altar Project proposal to drywall and paint by Al Rock.  
Men's room - plumbing repaired.  
Pipe freezing above entry double doors/will monitor-possible heat tape.  
Snow removal by Tony Pagotto and Leo Livengood mounded snow.

**STEWARDSHIP:** Consecration Sunday - 200 giving units pledged for a total of \$214,392.00.  
This exceeded last year by 39 giving units.

**EVANGELISM:** Bible Study; Thursday, April 28, 2011 and will continue each Thursday through June 30, 2011, taking off on June 23, 2011.  
Hope Game Night, Friday, March 11, 2011 from 6:30-9:30pm.  
National Day of Prayer, Thursday, May 5, 2011 from 6am – 6:30pm.  
Knoebel's outing, Saturday, August 6, 2011. Cost is \$12.00 per person, children under 4 are free. This is the cost for lunch. See bulletin and newsletter for additional information.

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**CHRISTIAN ED:** Confirmation Classes are keeping busy with church duties, church attendance and Sunday school classes. Next retreat will be in March. Both levels have received their mentors.  
Cherub Choir will continue to sing at the 10:30 AM service on the first Sunday of the month.  
Christmas Program for 2011 will be held on Sunday, December 18, 2011 at 6:00pm in the church.

**PERSONNEL**

**/MUTUAL MINISTRY:** Next meeting March 2, 2011.

**MEMORIAL GARDEN: Informational Meetings**

Sunday, March 13, 2011 at 9:15am and 11:45am in Hanson Hall

Tuesday, March 15, 2011 at 7:00pm in Hanson Hall

\* Memorial Garden information will be discussed with questions and answers.

**Congregational Meeting** – Closed Agenda, only Memorial Garden discussed - Sunday, March 20, 2011 at 9:15am.

**NEW BUSINESS:** New policy for selling items in narthex. A form can be found on the church website. Please complete form and return to Kris Doncsecz's church mailbox. This will apply to any group/committee wishing to sell items. Please allow sufficient time for Council approval. Council meets on second Monday of each month.

**Building Usage:**

Sunday, 02/20/2011 – Kuntz Hall – shower

Sunday, 03/05/2011 – Hanson Hall – birthday party

Sunday, 07/27/2011 – Kuntz Hall – birthday party

*Motion to accept by Stacey Ziegler, motion seconded by Christal Wrenn.*

Next meeting: Monday February 7, 2011 at 7:00. (meeting was changed from March 14, 2011).



## **HOPE LUTHERAN'S BOY SCOUT TROOP #242 NEWS**

Troop 242 normally meets in the 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.

### **March Service Patrol: Food Fighter Theme: History**

Thursday March 3 William has a presentation on WW2  
Thursday March 10 American Heritage Merit Badge  
Thursday March 17 Hiking / Back Packing review  
Saturday March 19 Day Hike ?am – ?pm  
Thursday March 24 Planet Trog  
Thursday March 31 Elections

### **April Service Patrol: Diamond Backs Theme: Cooking**

Thursday April 7 Cooking with Pete, Pick Skits for Family Night  
Thursday April 14 Prep for DC Trip  
Friday April 15 – Sunday April 17 Family Camping Washington DC \$35  
Sunday attend church Washington DC  
Thursday April 21 No Meeting Maundy Thursday  
Thursday April 28 Family Night, New Leadership

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 that would like to join Troop 242 simply come to a meeting and join the fun or call Scout Master Kenneth Mann at 601-951-4112 or e-mail him at [kmann@ptd.net](mailto:kmann@ptd.net).

Yours in Scouting, Joel Benko, Troop Scribe