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HOPE HOME NEWS

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✠✠ SUNDAY WORSHIP ✠✠

SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 2011

Fourth Sunday in Lent

8:00 a.m. Holy Communion
Muhlenberg Gospel Choir "Rejoice" at both services

10:30 a.m. Service of the Word

SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 2011

Fifth Sunday in Lent

8:00 a.m. Service of the Word

10:30 a.m. Holy Communion

✠✠ LENT/EASTER WORSHIP ✠✠

Sunday of the Passion (Palm Sunday), April 17, 2011

8:00 a.m. Holy Communion
Blessing of Palms/Children's Parade (10:30 am)

10:30 a.m. Service of the Word

Maundy Thursday, April 21, 2011

Holy Communion at 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. (*Stripping of the Altar*)

Good Friday, April 22, 2011

Community Service 12 Noon-3 p.m. @
United Methodist Church Salem, Danielsville
(Hope's time begins at 12:00pm)
7 p.m. Tenebrae Service at Hope Church

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD (Easter Sunday)

April 24, 2011

Holy Communion at 6:00, 8:00, and 10:30 a.m.
Easter Breakfast 7:00-10:00 a.m.



EASTER: THE QUEEN OF SEASONS!

Easter is the great feast of the church, the week of weeks, a fifty-day festival of rejoicing. The resurrection of Christ is proclaimed with shouts of alleluia, and there is good news for everyone: death has been put to death, humanity has been restored, even the face of the earth is renewed with life, the desert flowering into a garden.

SEE YOU IN WORSHIP...AS THE EASTER CELEBRATION CONTINUES....

PASTORAL ACTS

Pastor Jami officiated at the following pastoral acts.



HOLY BAPTISMS

Chase Marley Moyer, son of Stephen Yavorski, Jr. and Brittany Moyer was baptized on February 20, 2011 during

the 10:30am worship service.

Benjamin Xander Newton, son of Sonya (Xander) and Henry Newton, Jr. was baptized on February 20, 2011 during the 10:30am worship service.

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

FUNERAL

Gerald C. Woodring entered eternal life on March 5, 2011 at the age of 79 years. Services were held at Schisler Funeral Home with interment at St. Peter's UCC Cemetery.

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



THANK YOU NOTES



To Jane Tretiak, thank you Jane for all your help and patience when I call to reserve kitchens, rooms for sleepovers, etc.

Shelley Pringle (Girl Scout Leader)

Dear Friends, The family of Thelma Heiberger wants you to know that Thelma entered eternal life on Wednesday, February 9th. Many of you knew Thelma as well as her husband, Pastor Robert Heiberger. They both served Zion, Northampton. Many thanks to the members and classes at Hope Church who kept my mother on the shut-in, birthday and prayer lists! Love in Christ,

Roberta (Heiberger) and Stuart Nixon

“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, 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 the remaining words we will be studying for the semester:

- 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!

11:00am Messages

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| Lent 2 – “What can Christians Learn from Hindus?” | March 23 |
| Lent 3 – “What can Christians Learn form Muslims?” | March 30 |
| Lent 4 – “What can Christians Learn from Jews?” | April 6 |
| Lent 5 – “Why Am I a Christian?” | April 13 |

HOLY WEEK

PASSION SUNDAY/PALM SUNDAY – April 17th

8:00 and 10:30 am

- ✘ *Children involved in a Palm Sunday parade at the 10:30 am worship*
- ✘ *Passion according to St. Mark*



MAUNDY THURSDAY – April 21st

11:00 am and 7:00 pm

- ✘ *Soup Luncheon follows the 11:00am service*
- ✘ *Holy Communion*
- ✘ *Symbolic Washing of Disciples Feet (7 pm)*

GOOD FRIDAY - April 22nd

12 Noon-3:00 pm and 7:00 pm

- ✘ *Community Service 12 Noon-3 p.m. @ United Methodist Church Salem, Danielsville (Hope’s time begins at 12:00pm)*
- ✘ *7:00 pm Tenebrae Worship at Hope Church*



EASTER SUNDAY- THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

April 24th – 6:00, 8:00 & 10:30 am

- ✘ *Holy Communion at every service*
- ✘ *Breakfast in Kuntz Hall (7:00 –10:00 am)*

SYMBOLIC FOOT WASHING

Twelve persons are needed to volunteer for foot washing on Maundy Thursday, April 21st at 7:00pm. Please look for a sign up sheet to be posted in the back of the church.



EASTER BREAKFAST

Sunday, April 24th from 7:00-10:00am. Join us in Kuntz Hall on Easter morning. A suggested \$3.00 per person would be appreciated (6 years old and up); baskets

will be available in the center of each table for your convenience. Donations of baked items would be appreciated. Any help would be appreciated on Saturday, April 23rd to help set up and also for food preparation. Please call Wayne Weidner at 610-767-1512 for more information and times of set up. *Catechetical students and parents – helping the night before, or the morning of the breakfast would count as a social outreach event.*

CATECHETICAL CLASSES UPDATE:

Please let the Sunday School teachers know if there are any problems or concerns. Attendance needs to be monitored by each student/parent. Missed assignments must be made up at the initiative of the student.

LEVEL II

- ✓ Sunday, April 10th, visit Bethany Wesleyan Church @ 9:00am
- ✓ Weekend Retreat is May 20th – May 22nd. This is a mandatory retreat in preparation for confirmation on June 12th.

LEVEL I

- ✓ Sunday, April 10th, Campton Funeral Home Visit @ `11:30am

PRAYER VIGIL



Again this year, we will have a prayer vigil from **11:00pm** on Good Friday until **5:00am** on Easter Sunday morning. This means we need volunteers to spend an hour in the church sanctuary during these hours in prayer and

reflection. A sign-up sheet is posted on the rear wall of the nave. Any questions, please call the church office. Thanks for your help! *Please return to church by Good Friday.*

PRAYER VIGIL

Our Prayer Vigil is from **11:00pm** Good Friday to **5:00am** Easter morning.

PRAYER REQUEST(S)

Please pray for:

Requested by:

*Please indicate if prayer request is for military personnel.

PLEASE DROP IN OFFERING PLATE



**HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
EASTER FLOWER SALE – 2011**

**(PLEASE USE A SEPARATE FORM
FOR EACH PLANT!!!)**

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|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| _____ LITTLE CROCUS - \$4.00 | _____ AZALEA - \$10.25 |
| _____ LITTLE IRIS - \$4.00 | _____ HYACINTH - \$6.50 |
| _____ TULIP - \$6.50 | _____ LILY - \$8.75 |

IN LOVING MEMORY OF: _____

BY: _____

IN HONOR OF: _____

BY: _____

Please check here if you **will not** be picking up your plant –
all plants left will be taken to homebound or hospitalized members.

Orders will be taken after the worship services in the narthex.

Please make checks payable to Hope Lutheran Church.

Any questions should be directed to Deb Gardner at 610-767-8421.

PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY ORDER
DEADLINE FOR ORDERS IS SUNDAY, APRIL 10th, 2011
(after the late service). Thank you!

SOCIAL MINISTRY NEWS



Gracedale Easter Visit

GRACEDALE EASTER VISIT

On Saturday, April 16th a group from Hope Church will travel to Gracedale to deliver Easter baskets. Donations of the following would be greatly appreciated to fill the Easter baskets for the residents of Gracedale. Small individual packets of crackers, pretzels, cookies. Also, individual servings of Jell-O and pudding. All are invited to go along. We will meet at Hope Church at 10:30am. We should return to the church about 2:30pm. *Catechetical students – this is a great outreach opportunity.*

GRACEDALE TALENT NIGHT

On Monday, May 2nd, we 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, please speak to Marge Zimmermann. Cookies may be dropped off on the narthex table before 6:00pm that evening. *Catechetical students – this is a great outreach opportunity.*

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

EASTER SUNDAY

This is a reminder that **there is no Sunday Church School on Easter Sunday.** Classes will resume the following week on May 1st.



DATES TO REMEMBER

- April 24, 2011** – Easter Sunday, No Sunday School
- May 8, 2011** – Mother’s Day/Father’s Day Program
- May 22, 201** – The Last day of Sunday School
- June 12, 2011** – The Day of Pentecost – Confirmation @ 10:30am

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

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.

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 worshiping 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!!!

IRON PIGS GAME – if you are signed up to go to the Iron Pigs game on Sunday, May 15th, money is due to Wayne Weidner as soon as possible. The cost per ticket is \$35.00.

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 4:00 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 6th 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 8:30 p.m.).

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 8th!

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

Thank you to our ticket sponsors –

In Loving Memory of William Laubach and Alex Nagy, by Connie and Gary Nagy

In Loving Memory of Harry Weil, by Loretta Weil and Family

In Honor of ALL the Basket Social Workers, by Dot Beers

To the Glory of God by Terry and Shirley Green

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

From Luther's Small Catechism: **The Sixth Petition of the Lord's Prayer:** Save us from the time of trial.

What is this? *Answer: It is true that God tempts no one, but we ask in this prayer that God would preserve and keep us, so that the devil, the world, and our flesh may not deceive us or mislead us into false belief, despair, and other great and shameful sins, and that, although we may be attacked by them, we may finally prevail and gain the victory.*

Bible reading: Matthew 4:4-11

April Prayer List

- 4/01/11 Dennis, Marilyn Keenly and family
- 4/02/11 David, Pearl Beers and family
- 4/03/11 Jeffrey, Sara Hall and family
- 4/04/11 Stephen Millheim and family
- 4/05/11 Marcus, Marcelus Solt and family
- 4/06/11 Edward, Evelyn Kohler and family
- 4/07/11 Chad, Christy, Ethan, Aubrey Rehrig and family
- 4/08/11 Richard, Kelly Kulp and family
- 4/09/11 Kimberly, Olivia, Sophia Eckroth and family
- 4/10/11 Rebecca Steward and family
- 4/11/11 Melissa, Chloe Fischl and family
- 4/12/11 Bert, Naomi Beil and family
- 4/13/11 Wendy, Ethan Kish and family
- 4/14/11 Hailee Bloch, Francis, Holly, Nikolas, Ryan Carr and family
- 4/15/11 Gary, Robin, Michael, Andrea Hall and family
- 4/16/11 Avery Gill and family
- 4/17/11 Richard, Christine, Ashley Hildebrand and family
- 4/18/11 Kenneth, Marilyn Kemmerer and family
- 4/19/11 Audrey, Sean, Owen Rosario and family
- 4/20/11 Walter, Shanon, Kylee Beers and family
- 4/21/11 Jennifer, Molly, Owen Laury and family
- 4/22/11 Anthony, Deborah Pagotto and family
- 4/23/11 William, Barbara Cassium and family
- 4/24/11 Eleanor Meckes and family
- 4/25/11 Terry Oswald and family
- 4/26/11 Georgia Mohrey and family
- 4/27/11 Luis, Heather, Jessica, Jakob Santos and family
- 4/28/11 Barbara Gerlach and family
- 4/29/11 Carl, Barbara, Christopher Weidner and family
- 4/30/11 Peggy Holtzinger and family

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

If you have not already designated your Thrivent Choice Dollars to Hope Church, it is not too late. You have until March 31st to do so. This can be for your 2010 and 2011 dollars. Thank you to all of the members who have designated our church as their choice!

PRAYER SHAWL

Our newly formed prayer shawl ministry is collecting yarn and large gift bags. Yarn needed is worsted weight or bulky weight. More information on types of yarn and patterns is located on the narthex bulletin board. Any donations would be greatly appreciated. Please place them in the box in the narthex. Thank you. Next meeting(s) will be held on Thursday, April 14th either at 10:00am or 6:30pm.

SHARE-A-MEAL

This program was developed to help families or singles that have health issues that prevent them from cooking a meal for themselves. A team of women has already volunteered their time and cooking talents to provide and deliver meals. We try to deliver a hot meal over the supper hour on Monday, Wednesday and Friday for a maximum of two weeks. We work on a rotating basis so as not to depend on the same people all the time. Naturally the more people we can get involved the better the scheduling can be. A sign up sheet is posted on the narthex bulletin board; if you are interested in volunteering, please sign up today. You can also contact Pastor Jami or Georgene Blose at 610-767-1755. If you love to cook (or just provide a meal) and would like to help those in need, this is a good opportunity to get involved. The people really appreciate it and it's so rewarding for you.

SURVIVING AND THRIVING THROUGH SEPARATION OR DIVORCE

A free six-week support group will meet Wednesday evenings, April 13 to May 18, from 7:00 to 8:30pm, at The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit in Emmaus, PA. The group is open to anyone who has experienced the end of a long-term relationship and seeks support as they navigate the multiple life changes brought about by the end of the relationship. To register, call Diakon Family Life Services at 610-682-1337 or 1-888-499-2699 (toll free).

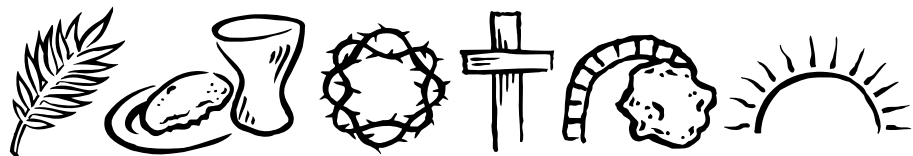
Greetings from the Pastor...

By the time you get this newsletter we will be in the middle of the Lenten season. During Lent we take time – literally – to enhance our faith life by attending mid-week services, fasting, prayer and meditation. The season begins with the repentance of sins and the mark of ashes on Ash Wednesday and concludes with Palm Sunday – the day Jesus rode into Jerusalem to shouts of the crowds yelling “Hosanna.” From there we enter the Three Days – Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday – days where, in the church, we walk through the events of Jesus last meal with his disciples, and his trial and crucifixion.

It is amazing to me that within the course of one week the shouts of “Hosanna” turned into the mob screaming “Crucify him.” And that is why it is critical for us to observe the Three Days. If we simply come to church on Palm Sunday and do not enter the doors of the church during the rest of Holy Week we miss the entire crux of the gospel. If we move from the Palm Sunday “hosannas” to the Easter Sunday “alleluias” we miss out on the point of why Jesus was born. For it is in traveling with Jesus to the cross – in hearing his sentence of death pronounced – in remembering the 39 lashes that ripped open his back – in watching him take his last breath - that we relive and recognize the supreme sacrifice he made – for you and me.

This year don't miss that opportunity. This year make the time observe a “holy” week. This year join me on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday in worship so that on Easter Sunday morning when you sing the first “alleluia” and shout the first “he is risen indeed” you will know the joy that those words bring.

Blessings,
Pastor Jami



“Hope – for the Future”

That’s what we’re calling the special event, which is being held on Saturday, April 30th from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM. What is “Hope – for the Future?” It is an opportunity for every member of the congregation to have a voice in the future of our ministry. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this very important workshop where we will be taking time to talk about and plan for ministry in the upcoming years. This is a congregation-wide event – we are asking EVERYONE to participate.

We’ll begin in Kuntz Hall at 10:00 AM and work through lunch, which will be provided for all those in attendance. We’ll be asking questions that will help us determine who we are as a congregation, what assets we have and how God is calling us into ministry in the future. Answering these questions will help us determine future staffing, plan for new programming, develop strategies to reach out to the surrounding community and share the gospel.

It is imperative that as many people as possible attend and have their voice heard. Do you want to help shape our future? Do you want to have input on ministry as we move into the next five to ten years? Do you want to help discern what God is up to in our community – and what God is calling us to be about? If you answered “yes” to any of those questions join us on April 30th.

So that we are prepared to serve everyone for lunch we are asking that you RSVP to the church office (610-767-7203) and let us know how many in your family will be attending. Looking forward to seeing you on April 30th!



MUHLENBERG GOSPEL CHOIR, "REJOICE"

Will be at Hope Church on Sunday, April 3rd for both worship services. Don't miss this energetic, spiritually uplifting choir perform. All are encouraged to attend.



PHONES OFF DURING WORSHIP

Please be considerate and turn off your cell phones and electronic equipment during worship. We strive to provide a sacred and reverent worship space and a respect for other worshippers.

NUT AND FRUIT ROLLS

We will be selling nut and fruit rolls for Easter. The proceeds from the sale will benefit the youth going to the National Youth Gathering in 2012. Please see any youth member or stop by the table in the narthex to place your order on Sunday mornings. Deadline to order will be Sunday, April 3rd.

EVANGELISM NEWS

KNOEBELS TRIP

It's time to look ahead to summer! Saturday, August 6th 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.

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!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The Fifth Grade Class is completing preparation for First Holy Communion, which will be held on March 27th at the 10:30am worship service.

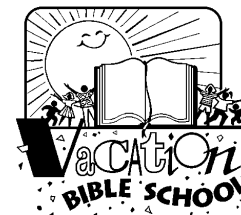


RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED

Hope members who were hospitalized from February 15th through March 14th were: Clara Haydt, Donald Saunders, Donald Benninger and George Binder. Please keep these persons in your prayers.

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. Keep checking our website at hopecherryville.org for registrations. Forms are available on the table in the narthex.



SOFTBALL



LEAGUE

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 for more information. Games start in April....Sunday evenings.

HOPE FEST 2011

Mark your calendars for Hope Fest 2010, to be held RAIN OR SHINE on Friday, June 24th and Saturday, June 25th. Watch for more details in upcoming bulletins and newsletters.



New Members Class



NEW MEMBERS CLASSES

If you know of someone who is interested in becoming a member of Hope Church, please invite him or her to our new members classes, which will begin in May. Classes will be held from 9:15-10:15am on the following Sundays; May 15, 22, 29 and June 5. New members will be received on Sunday, June 5.

MOTHER/DAUGHTER TEA

The Social Ministry Committee and the WELCA Ladies will be hosting a Mother/Daughter Tea Party on May 7, 2011 from 10:30am until 12:00pm. All women are welcome to attend. Please join us for brunch, tea and fun. Don't forget your outrageous hat and baubles. Please see upcoming bulletin for additional information.



MEMORIAL BLOOD DRIVE

On Saturday, May 21st 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 17th 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.

BLOOD DONORS

Members of Hope who have recently donated blood for the Miller Memorial Blood Center are as follows: Ann Reinhard, Ronald Gable, Bev Goll, Jeffrey Barber, Stanley Royer 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.



BEAR CREEK CAMP



You can register now for summer camp. Remember you qualify for discounts if you have Pastor Jami sign your registration form and an additional discount for a Bear Creek Ambassador (Kim Roth) attending the annual meeting. Please contact Kim Roth (610-820-0587) with any questions, for a

registration form or for more information. You can register online at www.bearcreekcamp.org

HOPE LUTHERAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Hope Church offers scholarship money to full-time college students. Funds are available for the 2011-2012 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 2011**
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 22, 2011.** (Recipients of scholarship awards will be invited to be at either worship service on August 7th to receive the first of two checks, the second of which will be **sent** the first week in January 2012.)



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 _____

DEGREE

EARNED _____

ADDRESS AS OF SEPT. 2011 (IF KNOWN)

Hope Lutheran Church
Summary of Congregational Council Minutes
March 7, 2011

Attendees: Jean Liebenguth, Kris Doncsecz, Pastor Jami, David Roth, Wayne Weidner, Tim Moore, John Zmyewski, Linda Mery, Bob Small and Dennis Biechy.
Absent: Donald Saunders, Stacey Ziegler, Christal Wrenn

Secretary's Report: All committees are required to complete and submit meeting minutes to Jane. In addition, a committee meeting minute template is to be completed the night of your meeting and placed into Jane's mailbox. A copy of the template can be found in a file folder in Kris Doncsecz's mailbox.

Treasurer's Report: *Motion to accept by Bob Small, seconded by Jean Leibenguth.*

PASTOR'S REPORT: Summary of February 2011:
Worship – 6 services (preached 6)
Baptisms – 2; Funerals – 2; Counseling – 3
Pre-Baptismal Meetings – 2; Pre-Funeral Meetings – 2
Hospital Visits – 8; Home/Shut-in Visits – 3
What's coming up?
Bishop's Conference – March 13 (after worship) – March 15
Confirmation Retreats on March 11 and May 20-22
Preparing for Lent, Holy Week, Easter 2011
Women's Retreat for 2011

COMMITTEE REPORTS

YOUTH: Lock-In, March 25-26, 2011
Youth Sunday, May 15, 2011.
Clothing Drive – May 8-14, 2011
Pierogje sale
Easter candy sale

SOCIAL MINISTRY: Good Shepherd visit – March 20, 2011
Gracedale visit and deliver Easter baskets–April 16, 2011
Lenten Lunch – April 21, 2011
Gracedale Talent Night – May 2, 2011
Mother and Daughter Tea Party – May 7, 2011

WORSHIP & MUSIC: The theme for the Wednesday evening Lenten Services will be Liturgical Terminology.
Children's parade will be held on Palm Sunday at the 10:30 service.
Prayer Vigil – April 22nd beginning at 11pm until April 24th at 5am.
Foot washing will take place on Maundy Thursday.
New member class will take place May 15, 22, and 29.
New members received on June 5th.

PROPERTY: Next meeting March 14, 2011

STEWARDSHIP: Next meeting March 17, 2011

EVANGELISM: Bible Study; Thursday, April 28, 2011 and will continue each Thursday through June 30, 2011, taking off on June 23, 2011.
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.
Committee meeting time change from 7:00pm to 6:00pm.

PERSONNEL/MUTUAL MINISTRY: Chairperson - Charlie Kutzler
Committee will put together booklet containing information on each committee and their function.
Working on a new mission statement.

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: Property Committee will be taking bids for grass cutting. A certificate of insurance will be required.
We will be receiving an anonymous donation of \$10,000.00, which has been designated to pay off the remaining balance of the van and then to be used for some project or program at the council's discretion.
Rich Mullen is experiencing a surplus from the Tae Kwon Do school that he will be donating to Hope – around \$400.00. He is asking if this could purchase something that is not in our budget.
Building Usage:
Fri.-Sat. 04/08-9/2011 – Hanson Hall- Girl Scout Sleepover-Shelly Pringle
Fri.-Sat. 04/29-30/2011- Hanson Hall- Girl Scout Sleepover-Kim Doult
Friday, 04/29/2011-Kuntz Hall-Daisy Fun Night-Mandy Neff
Friday, 05/06/2011-Kuntz Hall-Access Services Spring Dance-Megan Brodsky

Next Meeting: Monday, April 11, 2011 at 7:00pm

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 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Boys between the ages of 11 and 18 years old are invited to join us. Below is our Troop schedule for the next few months.

April Service Patrol: Diamond Backs Theme: Cooking

Thursday April 7 6:00 Basket social set up 7:00 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
Palm Sunday attend church Washington DC

Thursday April 21 No Meeting Maundy Thursday

Thursday April 28 Family Night New Leadership

May Service Patrol: Food Fighter Theme: Canoeing

Thursday May 5 Patrol Cook Offs

Thursday May 12 Review Canoeing Strokes @ Canal

Thursday May 19 Prep for Canoeing trip

Friday May 20 – Sunday 22 Canoeing Trip Hunter Lead

Thursday May 26 Advancements / Games

Scouting is about teaching life skills, learning First Aid, Outdoor 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.

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.

- PLEASE NOTE: 1. We will not accept books, VCR tapes, CDs, Kitchen appliances and furniture.
2. Hard toys should fit a box 24" x 24" x 21"

The week of the clothing drive will be May 8th through May 13th. You may start dropping off your bags after the late worship service on Sunday, May 8th and all week long. The last day to drop items will be Friday evening, May 13th. All items can be dropped off in Kuntz Hall.

Proceeds from the clothing drive will benefit our youth group.

The youth will receive a donation for the total poundage that we can collect. Please put clothing items in **well tied** plastic bags.

