



HOPE HOME NEWS

Hope Lutheran Church
Cherryville, PA

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May, 2011

WELCOME TO HOPE SUNDAY WORSHIP

SUNDAY, MAY 1, 2011

8:00 a.m. Holy Communion

EASTER 2

10:30 a.m. Service of the Word
Cherub Choir Sings

SUNDAY, MAY 8, 2011

8:00 a.m. Service of the Word

EASTER 3

10:30 a.m. Holy Communion

Mother's Day/Father's Day Program during Sunday School

SUNDAY, MAY 15, 2011

8:00 a.m. Holy Communion

EASTER 4

10:30 a.m. Service of the Word

9:15 a.m. New Member Class

Youth Sunday at both services

SUNDAY, MAY 22, 2011

8:00 a.m. Service of the Word

EASTER 5

10:30 a.m. Holy Communion

Last Day of Sunday School

SUNDAY, MAY 29, 2011

8:00 a.m. Holy Communion

EASTER 6

10:30 a.m. Holy Communion

9:15 a.m. New Member Class

Holy Baptism

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2011

Mark your calendars now for Vacation Bible School. This year's theme is "On Main Street". It is scheduled this year for the week of **July 11, 2011** with the closing program at 9:30am on Sunday, July 17th. Bible School will run from 9:00am to 12Noon. Registration forms are available on the table in the narthex. Also, you can register online at hopecherryville.org.



From Luther's Small Catechism: **The Seventh Petition of the Lord's Prayer:**
And deliver us from evil.

What is this? *Answer: We ask in this prayer, as in a summary, that our Father in heaven may deliver us from all kinds of evil--affecting body or soul, property or reputation--and at last, when our final hour comes, may grant us a blessed end and take us by grace from this valley of tears to himself in heaven.*

Bible reading: Matthew 15:21-28

May Prayer List

- 05/01/11 Kelly, Garrett Allabach and family
- 05/02/11 Irene Oplinger and family
- 05/03/11 Michael, Logan, Maggie Pagotto and family
- 05/04/11 Randy, Marlene Edelman and family
- 05/05/11 Suzanne Kutzler and family
- 05/06/11 Michele, Jenele, Lucas Vadelund and family
- 05/07/11 David, Judith Chase and family
- 05/08/11 Louis, Annette Knappenberger and family
- 05/09/11 Christine, Samantha, David Vinson and family
- 05/10/11 Francis, Treena, Michael, Lauren Haggerty and family
- 05/11/11 Joshua, Sherie, Allison Hahn and family
- 05/12/11 Gary, Louise Neifert and family
- 05/13/11 Dan, Nancy Xander and family
- 05/14/11 Dale, Alice Arndt and family
- 05/15/11 Catherine, Marcus, Zakkary Neith and family
- 05/16/11 Brad, Paula Santee and family
- 05/17/11 Jason, Tara, Karissa, Jevin Fritz and family
- 05/18/11 Stephanie, Kaitlyn, Morgan, Hannah Messinger and family
- 05/19/11 Linda Rabenold and family
- 05/20/11 Jeffrey, Gina, Julia, Jonathan Barber and family
- 05/21/11 Ronald, Joan Harley, Hali, Hanna Dennis and family
- 05/22/11 Kathy Bonfante and family
- 05/23/11 Marisa, Jeffrey, Brenda Lehr and family
- 05/24/11 Jeremiah, Bailey, Ashley, Arianna Patterson and family
- 05/25/11 Brian Beil and family
- 05/26/11 Dean, Fran, Miranda, Morgan Heffelfinger and family
- 05/27/11 Luther, Gloria Werley and family
- 05/28/11 Ernest, Kristina, Kaitlin, Kristen Doncsecz and family
- 05/29/11 John, Crystal Moccia and family
- 05/30/11 Kay O'Donnell and family
- 05/31/11 Harold Redline and family

CATECHETICAL UPDATE



SIXTH GRADE

✓ Learn confirmation duties such as acolyte, crucifer and nursery attendant on either Monday, June 6 at 6:00pm or Tuesday, June 7 at 7:00pm. Must choose one of the dates. Call the church office with your choice.

Since we are very near the end of the catechetical year, it is MOST important that you check the progress charts in the narthex and make sure that you are up to date on all the requirements. Talk to any catechetical teacher if you have questions.

LEVEL II

- ✓ Complete Sunday Church School requirement by Sunday, May 22nd (*our last day of Sunday School*). Complete church attendance requirement by Sunday, June 5th.
- ✓ Sunday, May 1st – Funeral Home visit
- ✓ Friday, June 3rd & Saturday, June 4th – Confirmation Retreat
- ✓ Saturday, June 11th – Confirmation Rehearsal @ 9:00am; Mentor potluck picnic @ 11:00am
- ✓ Even if you completed an outreach project, consider helping with our Gracedale Trip on Monday, May 2nd or our Nursery School Programs on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday, May 24-26.

LEVEL I

- ✓ Complete Sunday Church School requirement by Sunday, May 22nd (*our last day of Sunday School*). Complete church attendance requirement by Sunday, June 5th.
- ✓ Level I parents help with the confirmation reception on Sunday, June 12th.
- ✓ Even if you completed an outreach project, consider helping with our Gracedale Trip on Monday, May 2nd or our Nursery School Programs on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday, May 24-26.

CATECHETICAL MENTORS...Thank you for your participation in our Catechetical Program so far this year. Level II Mentors - there is one more event, a potluck picnic on Saturday, June 11th beginning at 11:00am. You will receive a post card asking for some help with the food.



GERANIUMS FOR PENTECOST

SUNDAY, JUNE 12, 2011



Geraniums will be placed near the altar on Pentecost Sunday, June 12, 2011. Their beautiful red flowers will help us remember the "fire" of that first Pentecost. Sponsors are needed (Cost = \$5.00 per sponsor) to help with the cost of purchasing and planting these flowers around the church (hopefully that same day). If you would like to remember a loved one or honor a family member or friend by being a

sponsor, ***(CONFIRMATION PARENTS, WHAT A WONDERFUL WAY TO CELEBRATE YOUR CHILD'S SPECIAL DAY, WE WOULD LIKE ALL CONFIRMATION STUDENTS TO HAVE AT LEAST ONE FLOWER SPONSORED)***, please fill out the form below by Sunday, June 5. Money must accompany orders and orders and money should be placed in a plain white envelope marked "Geraniums" and placed in the offering box or locked box in the narthex. Thank you!

GERANIUMS FOR PENTECOST ON JUNE 12, 2011

DEADLINE FOR ORDERING IS JUNE 5, 2011

COST FOR SPONSORSHIP: \$5.00

GERANIUM ORDERS

NAME _____

CIRCLE ONE:

IN CELEBRATION OF...

IN HONOR OF...

IN MEMORY OF...

BY: _____

ENVELOPE # _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____

I CAN HELP PLANT GERANIUMS: _____

PHONE # (IF HELPING PLANT): _____



Heartfelt Thanks

THANK YOU NOTES

To our friends at Hope Lutheran Church; On behalf of Access Services, I would like to thank you for letting us use your facilities for our Valentine's Day dance. Bill was very welcoming and willing to help us with anything we needed. All who attended had

a great time and really enjoyed themselves. It is nice to see the individuals that we serve have the chance to get out into the community to socialize and have a fun night out! Please accept this donation as a token of our gratitude. We would not be able to do what we do without the generosity of organizations like yours. We, and those we serve, deeply appreciate your generosity. We look forward to working with you in the future! Sincerely, **(\$50.00 donation received)**

Megan Brodsky, Coordinator
Access Services

Thank you to Hope Lutheran Church for the use of your Fellowship Hall on Saturday, March 5, 2011. It helped make our Blue and Gold Banquet this year a huge success. **(\$100.00 donation received)**

Cub Pack 26
Cubmaster, Steve Benko

To everyone who contributed Beanie Babies and other stuffed animals and dolls for the ARC Friendship dances here at Hope. The attendees of the dances were so excited to receive them. We gave one to everyone at the March dance and they were thrilled! I was just overwhelmed by the response we received to our request! Again, the folks here at Hope came through to help others. Thanks.

Judy Dieter

The family of Gerald Woodring would like to thank everyone at Hope for their many cards, visits and support before and after his death. Also, a special thank you to Pastor Jami who was there whenever we called. God Bless you all,

Wife, Martha and
Sons, Mark and Todd Woodring

THANK YOU NOTES CONTINUED...

Dear Sharyn and Weight Class Members, Thank you for the cash donation to Hope's spring basket social! \$2,362.00 was raised for The Northampton Area Food Bank and this same amount was given to Hope's Good Samaritan Fund. Plus, \$200.00 was raised selling baked goods and also given to the Food Bank. Your generosity helped make this possible. We appreciate your continued support. God Bless,
The Basket Committee of Hope Church



To Pastor Jami, Pastor Mraz and Hope Congregation: Thank you all for your well wishes either by telephone, cards or hospital and home visits during Don's hospitalization and subsequent home convalescence, which he is still continuing, although it is going very slowly. We appreciated all your prayers during this difficult time, as well as Pastors Jami's and Mraz's visits to administer communion to the both of us. Having a church family such as ours at Hope is certainly a blessing. God Bless all of you. Yours in Christian Love,
Loretta and Don Neustadter

Dear Friends, thank you very much for all the thoughts, cards and prayers the past few days. All the wonderful thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated. Thank you all very much. Love,
Annamarie Kulig

Members of Hope Church, Thank you for remembering us on our 71st wedding anniversary. The cards which we received were sincerely appreciated. Thank you.

Estella and Kenneth Beers

A very special thank you to Lee Blose for the shelves he made for our cradle roll (nursery) room. They look wonderful and will help keep our nursery organized. Thank you Lee!

BLOOD DONORS

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

MEMORIAL BLOOD DRIVE

On Saturday, May 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.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

In honor of National Day of Prayer, the Evangelism Committee will sponsor a Prayer Tent on May 5, 2011. Members of the Evangelism Committee will be available from 6:00 AM until 6:00 PM to pray with you. The tent will be located on the Lehigh Drive side of the church. Stop by the prayer tent at any time during the day and pray with our prayer leaders. Your prayer concerns will be confidential between you, the prayer leaders and God. The committee is also asking for a few volunteers to assist at the prayer tent during the scheduled prayer times. If you can help with this please speak to Sharyn Kratzer or any member of the Evangelism Committee.



CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

Ask the chief financial officer of almost any major company about the company's assets and they will more than likely give you dollar figures. Ask the chief operations officer the same question, and they might tell you about the company's facilities, or the people that work for the company and the projects they're working on. And if you ask the chief executive officer the same question, hopefully, they will tell you about the people, projects and the finances. Unfortunately our church does not have a CEO, CFO or a COO. However, we do have a very capable leader in Pastor Jami Possinger. Also, we have our congregation! Without the congregation, Hope is just a big brick building. But with the congregation, it is the home of a major corporation doing God's work every day all day. With this company, we are all stewards and own a share in the responsibility of keeping it running. Not only financially, but with the many different God given talents and skills that we all have. No matter how insignificant you think they are, they all add value to our corporation. See you at one of those board meetings, I mean church services on Sunday!

USED CLOTHING DRIVE – the youth group will be holding a used clothing drive the week of May 8th thorough May 13th. Fashion Republic is a small company specializing in processing used clothing and shipping it to people in need. They have an office and a 30,000 sq. ft. warehouse in Cranford, New Jersey. They ship the clothing to Poland, Republic of Georgia, Ghana, Liberia, Honduras, Nicaragua, Haiti, India, Mali, Senegal, Sierra Leone and Kenya. The clothing is sold at local markets and thrift stores at low, affordable prices. All wearable clothing is shipped out for people to wear. Nothing is shredded or cut into industrial rags. Keep cleaning those closets! See the next page for items that will be collected.

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 and 29 and June 5. New members will be received on Sunday, June 5.



HOPE FEST 2011

Mark your calendars for Hope Fest 2011, to be held **RAIN OR SHINE** on Friday, June 24th and Saturday, June 25th. See insert on the next page for more information.

JEWELRY FOR HOPE FEST

The basket committee of Hope Church is looking for your gold, silver, costume, even broken jewelry. The ladies are selling jewelry at Hope Fest on June 24th and June 25th. Anything, new or used including watches, tie and money clips, pins, necklaces, rings, etc. even the jewelry box itself. Please drop off your donations in the marked "jewelry" box in the narthex. Your donations are greatly appreciated. Come visit us at Hope Fest to look for a new treasure to wear home.

HOPE FEST HELP IS NEEDED

June 24th and June 25th. Volunteers are needed for 2- hour shifts. A set-up and clean-up crew is also needed. Watch for sign-up sheets soon! Cakes and goodies are needed for the raffle, as well as soups and halushki to be sold at the stands. Call Bonnie Zmyewski at 610-767-7260 for more information. Please help; we can't do this without YOU!

HOPE FEST CHINESE AUCTION

Chinese Auction items needed. Please help by donating "**NEW**" items to our auction. Items or gift certificates can be dropped off in the church office. Your donations are very much appreciated.



PASTORAL ACT

FUNERAL

Sterling J. Graver, Jr. entered eternal life on March 25, 2011 at the age of 81 years. Services were held at the George Bensing Funeral Home with interment at Danielsville Union Cemetery. Pastor Jami officiated.



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



HOMEBOUND SERVICES PROGRAM

Persons living in the Northampton Area Public Library's direct service area who because of age, illness or other temporary or permanent disability are unable to use the library are eligible for homebound services. Eligibility for each individual will be determined by the director. The patron may

borrow books, magazines, music CDs, videos, DVDs, Playaways (portable digital books), books on tape, and books on CD. The patron may also choose between regular or large print books. These materials are delivered and picked up by a home delivery service volunteer. The reference librarian will determine what sort of materials each homebound patron would like to receive and can send an assortment matched to their interests or pull specific titles requested by the individual. The library will also borrow books from other libraries (through interlibrary loan), if we do not own a specific title. If you are interested in this service and would like to apply, or if you have any questions on this service, please contact the Northampton Area Public Library at 6120-262-7537.

Greetings from the Pastor,

Over the past two weekends my husband, Mitch, has been working hard – getting our back yard patio ready for summer. He’s been putting out tables and chairs, sweeping dead leaves away, washing down the concrete, and potting new plants. He’s sprucing it all up so that we can dine outside, have picnics and just chill out in front of a fire pit. All this wouldn’t happen if he didn’t take it upon himself to get it going. It’s a lot of work and he does it every year – getting us ready for a new season.



As I was sitting out last night with him I thought that we, in the church, need to do the same thing every year. As we look at our ministry and our mission we, too, should be getting ready for new things. We should be sweeping away dead programs, sprucing up ministries that are growing dull and potting new ministries in our midst. It won’t happen if we don’t take the initiative to look intentionally at what we do, why we do it and how we do it.

“Hope – for the Future,” our congregation-wide visioning event to be held on April 30th, is a first step in this process of getting us ready for new things. Those people who attend will be making a conscious effort to take seriously Jesus’ calling to follow him – to spread the gospel – to share God’s love – to be the presence of Jesus in our world. I look forward to sharing with you next month some of the outcomes of that event.

Blessings,

Pastor Jami



GRACEDALE TALENT NIGHT

On Monday, May 2nd, Hope Church will travel to Gracedale to entertain the residents for “Talent Night”. Everyone is welcome to come along! The residents especially like when **children** visit with their parents. We will leave Hope’s parking lot at 6:15pm. The program begins at 7:00pm. Talent and cookies are needed for this evening of fun. To volunteer your talent, speak to Marge Zimmermann. Cookies may be dropped off on the narthex table before 6:00pm that evening. Thank you! *Catechetical students – this is a great outreach opportunity if you still need to meet that requirement for confirmation.*



RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED

The following members were hospitalized from March 15th through April 27th; George Binder, Gary Nagy, AnnaMarie Kulig, Katie Rehrig, Clara Haydt, Otto Hontz and Karle Smith. Please keep these persons and their families in your prayers.

WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU ARE HOSPITALIZED

- 1) When being admitted give our **Church Code #251**.
- 2) **Give your permission** for the hospital to release your admittance information to the church when we call.
- 3) Have someone call the church office 610-767-7203 when being admitted to the hospital if you desire a visit.

SYNOD ASSEMBLY - The 24th annual synod assembly of the Northeastern PA Synod is scheduled to be held at Muhlenberg College, Allentown, PA on June 17-18, 2011. More info can be found at www.godslove.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 emailing the church office at office@hopecherryville.org. 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 Sunday, August 7th to receive the first of two checks, the second of which will be **sent** the first week in January 2012).

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HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE GRADUATES

We need names of high school/college/university graduates from Hope's members who are graduating this spring! They will be included in our July/August issue of The Hope Home News. Please fill out the form below and return it to the church office as soon as possible! Thanks!

STUDENT'S

NAME _____

GRADUATING

FROM _____

FUTURE

PLANS _____

ADDRESS AS OF SEPT. 2011 (IF KNOWN)

Graduate Recognition Sunday will be on June 5th at both services

2011 SPRING BASKET SOCIAL

The 12th Annual Spring Basket Social was held in Kuntz Hall on Friday, April 8, 2011. Monies raised were divided equally between The Northampton Area Food Bank and Hope Church's Good Samaritan Fund.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE who in some way helped to make this evening successful! The Northampton Area Food Bank thanks everyone who supported this fundraiser and also brought along a canned good or non-perishable item. Hope Church thanks everyone who supported this fundraiser, which helps the Pastor's discretionary (or Good Samaritan) fund, which in turn helps members and/or persons in our community with special needs.

NEW, beginning with this Social, was the selling of baked/homemade goods. This decision was received well and made a profit of \$200.00 extra monies for The Food Bank, which will be sent in the form of a separate check from Hope Congregation.

The Basket Committee has said farewell and Godspeed to committee members, Dawn Wainwright and Sally Kraus and thanked them for sharing their time and talents; we also thank Connie Cuellar for the many Longaberger and other items she has so generously donated to our Church and the ministry of fundraising and wish her Godspeed as she seeks a new Church home.

Ticket sponsors were "In Loving Memory of Harry Weil" by Loretta Weil and Family; "In Loving Memory of William Laubach and Alex Nagy" by Connie and Gary Nagy; "In Honor of All Basket Social workers" by Dot Beers; and "To The Glory of God" by Terry and Shirley Green. Bill Fritzinger and Craig Reenock continue helping each year with behind the scenes support and publicity. Boy Scouts and Leaders of Troop 242 set up tables/chairs the evening prior to the social. At each social, more volunteers come forth to help sell tickets, serve in the kitchen area and/or help with clean up. You know who you are and we appreciate you!

\$4,724.00 WAS RAISED AT THE 2001 SPRING BASKET SOCIAL!

EVERYTHING needed for this fundraiser was graciously donated. Thank you, thank you, thank you!!

Amount given to The Northampton Area Food Bank: \$2,362.00 (+\$200.00 separate check from sale of baked/homemade goods.

Amount given to Hope's Good Samaritan Fund: \$2,362.00).

THE 2011 FALL BASKET SOCIAL IS ON OCTOBER 7, 2011 (proceeds to Hope's Building Maintenance Fund and proceed from sale of baked/homemade goods to be announced upon Committee decision at their summer picnic).

Respectfully submitted by Kathy Fogle, Linda Sidor and The Basket Committee of Hope Lutheran Church

NORTHAMPTON AREA FOOD BANK

The annual Food Bank meeting/pot luck dinner will be held on May 10, 2011 at 6:00pm (dinner) with the meeting to follow at the Queenship Mary Church in Northampton. Check out the new Food Bank website www.northamptonareafoodbank.org. If anyone is interested in learning more about the Food Bank, please come out to hear more about the accomplishments and needs of the Food Bank. The Food Bank continues to serve more than 1,000 people each month and appreciates all donations of volunteers and food items.

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 coal mine 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! The sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board 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



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

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

May 8, 2011 – Mother's Day/Father's Day Program - 9:15-10:15 a.m. during the Sunday School hour. The children will report to their classrooms for attendance and offering. Everyone will then gather in the church around 9:30 a.m. for 30 minutes of music and entertainment. Refreshments will follow in Kuntz Hall. Hope to see you ALL there!

May 22, 2011 – Last day of Sunday School – recognize teachers who are retiring at the beginning of both church services.

June 20, 2011 - Christian Ed. meeting @ 7:00pm at church – all are invited.

Anyone interested in teaching Sunday School next year, please see Lynn or Nancy,

SOFTBALL



LEAGUE

CHURCH SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Any confirmed youth or adult (men and women) interested in playing in the church softball league, or if you have questions, please call Wayne Weidner at 610-767-1512. Games are on Sunday evenings. Watch for the weekly game schedule in the Sunday bulletins.

Hope Lutheran Church
Summary of Congregational Council Minutes
April 11, 2011

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

Secretary's Report: *Motion to accept by Bob Small, motion seconded by Dennis Biechy.*

Treasurer's Report: *Motion to accept by David Roth, motion seconded by Bob Small.*

Correspondence/Transfer:

We've received a grant in the amount of \$1,500.00, which was recommended by Martha E. Hontz on behalf of the Martha E. Hontz Charitable Fund.

IN/OUT: Out: Kim Howe and daughter Amy, transfer to Wyomissing Church of the Brethren, Wyomissing.

Reinstated: Wendy Weighknecht and children, Tanner and Connor

PASTOR'S REPORT: Summary of February 2011:
Worship – 17 services (preached 17)
Funerals – 2
Counseling – 6
Pre-Marital Counseling – 1
Pre-Funeral Meetings – 2
Hospital Visits – 7
Home/Shut-in Visits – 1

What's coming up?

Confirmation Retreat June 3-4

Work on Staffing needs / Visioning for our future – Hope for the Future, April 30, 2011.

Updating of Hope's Constitution- to be done in spring.

Preparing Holy Week and Easter 2011

Women's Retreat for 2011

Request for vacation- April 26 & 27, 2011.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

YOUTH: Pierogie sale

Easter candy sale

Clothing Drive – May 8, through May 14 (Kuntz Hall has been reserved)

SOCIAL MINISTRY: Gracedale Talent Night – May 2, 2011

Mother and Daughter Tea Party – May 7, 2011 (*cancelled*)

WORSHIP & MUSIC: Summer worship schedule will begin on June 12, even though Sunday School ends earlier. Next meeting, April 20, 2011 at 7PM

Summary of Congregational Council Minutes continued...

PROPERTY: Kuntz Hall air conditioner fixed.

Locks have been changed on all outside doors.

Parsonage-fix roof slate/top of window and pine trees needs trimming.

Bids for lawn care have been awarded to Rich's Lawn & Landscape for one year.

It has been recommended to council to have one outside door open after staff leaves for the day and to lock all other doors for limited access. As a result of this, it has been recommended by Wayne Weidner to create a new Safety Task Force Committee. Members of this committee are David Roth, Tim Moore, Wayne Weidner and Dennis Biechy.

STEWARDSHIP: Committee Recognition- Starting in September 2011, a committee will be asked to submit an article for the newsletter.

In addition, each committees month being spotlighted will host a coffee hour the second Sunday of the month until May 2011.

A letter will be sent to each chairperson with further details.

Possible future events- Workshops on spiritual gifts/how to use everyday/identify strengths. Estate Planning-possible speaker.

EVANGELISM: Bible Study; Thursday, April 28, 2011 at 6:30 and will continue each Thursday through June 30, 2011, taking off on June 23.

National Day of Prayer, Thursday, May 5 from 6am – 6:30pm.

New members reception June

Knoebel's outing, Saturday, August 6, 2011. Cost is \$12.00 per person, children under 4 are free.

Next meeting tentatively scheduled for June 2, 2011 at 6PM.

CHRISTIAN ED: Next meeting June

PERSONNEL/MUTUAL MINISTRY: Next meeting 14, 2011

MEMORIAL GARDEN: The congregation approved the building of The Hope Lutheran Memorial Garden on March 20, 2011.

NEW BUSINESS: Computer update- Keystone Technology is suggesting the following: Switch phone & internet to Blue Ridge Cable
Add 2 WiFi hot spots
Update to Office 2010
Purchase 2 external hard drives, "remote access"
Estimated cost \$1,250.00 (It has been suggested to use a portion of the balance from the \$10,000.00 donation previously received).

Building Usage: Sunday, May 29, 2011 – Kuntz Hall-Baptismal Lunch-Kim Ritter-Roth

Sunday, June 5, 2011-Kuntz Hall-Baptismal Lunch-Linda Sidor

Next Meeting: Monday, May 9, 2011 at 7:00pm

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HOPE LUTHERAN'S BOY SCOUT TROOP #242 NEWS

We had fourteen new Scouts join Troop 242, Crossing over from Pack 26; Zachary Vilkauskas, Mathew Weber, Zachary Fodor, Nathaniel Jones, Edward Thierer, Devin Thomma, and Jacob Treichler; crossing over from Pack 242; Bryce Swanger, Conner Frey, Nicholas Dziedzic, Richie Montalvo, Justin Nixon, Bailey Patterson, and Stezelberger. If you see them give them a warm welcome.

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. Below is are Troop schedule for the next month.

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 / Scout Games

New Troop leadership was elected SPL Dylan Kohler, ASPL Joel Benko, Scribe Hunter Moore, Quarter Master Sean Denczyszyn, Patrol Leader (Grey Timber Wolves Patrol) Joshua Mendez, Patrol Leader (Steelers Patrol) Zachary Vilkauskas, Patrol Leader (The Scouts Patrol) Troop Guide (The Scouts Patrol) Kendall Belletti, Troop Guide (Steelers Patrol) William Christman and Junior Assistant Scout Master Sheldon Mann. If you see then please congratulate them on their new positions.

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. For more information call Scout Master Kenneth Mann at 610-951-4112 or e-mail him at kmann@ptd.net.

Yours in Scouting, Kenneth Mann Sr.