



HOPE HOME NEWS

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Cherryville, PA

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SUNDAY WORSHIP – WELCOME TO HOPE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2011

8 a.m. Holy Communion

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

10:30 a.m. Service of the Word
Holy Baptisms

Prayers for members who died and were baptized during the past year

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2011

8 a.m. Service of the Word

PENTECOST 22

10:30 a.m. Holy Communion

*Annual Meeting at **9:15 a.m.** in the Nave*

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2011

8 a.m. Holy Communion

CHRIST THE KING

10:30 a.m. Service of the Word

*Celebrate Pastor Kuntz's 40th Anniversary of his Ordination
Reception in Kuntz Hall after both worship services*

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2011

8 a.m. Service of the Word

ADVENT I

10:30 a.m. Holy Communion

Nativity Display

Special Advent/Christmas Craft in Sunday Church School

SPECIAL WORSHIP

WED. NOVEMBER 23 THANKSGIVING EVE

Holy Communion at 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.



SATURDAY EVENING ADVENT WORSHIP

Each Saturday evening in Advent from 5-5:30 p.m. we will gather using the beautiful Holden Evening Prayer (Saturdays, Nov. 26, Dec. 3, 10 & 17)



PASTORAL ACTS

Pastor Jami officiated at the following weddings.

MARRIAGES

Michael Eric Neff and Leiloni Lee Muthard were married on September 24, 2011 at Hope Church.

Matthew O'Connor and Amanda Zehner were married on October 8, 2011 at Hope Church.

Adam Holencik and Rachel Tretiak were married on October 8, 2011 at Evergreen Lake in Bath.

Dennis Santee, Jr. and Kelly Brandon were married on October 15, 2011 at Hope Church.

Congratulations to the above couples. Please pray that they always remember the promises made before God on their very special day.



RECENT BLOOD DONORS

The following members of Hope Lutheran Church who have recently donated blood are; Jeff Barber, Tina Marie Brown, Bev Goll and Paul Mishko. Thank you to our faithful blood donors. If you would like to give the gift of life, please call the Miller Blood Center at 610-691-5850.

RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED

The following persons were hospitalized from September 20th through October 18th; Kathy Creyer, Kris Doncsecz, Mim Borger, Allen Derhammer, Louise Beers, Clayton Miller and George Binder. ***Please keep these persons in your prayers.***





In the Lutheran Church, we refer to **all** the baptized people of God as "saints". While it is true that this designation applies to those whose life has been exemplary, God's ordinary people, like you and me, are also "saints".

In the course of our baptisms, we were made members of the church and so have been included in what is often referred to as the "communion of saints." All Saints Sunday provides us a wonderful occasion in the course of the liturgical year to celebrate the saints who are living among us as well as those who have died.

This year All Saints Sunday occurs on November 6th and we will again remember and pray for those from our congregation who have died during the past year. **We will also recognize and celebrate those who became saints since last year's All Saints Sunday through God's grace in the sacrament of baptism. These are the newest saints among us for whom we want to give thanks in worship!**

BAPTIZED

Joseph Trace Meleski
 Cole Bradley Grube
 Nicholas Ryan Dotter
 Grayson Tyler Connell
 Chase Marley Moyer
 Benjamin Xander Newton
 Jacob Martin Rehrig-Hicks
 Kaitlyn Grace Roth
 Jacob Ryan Gibson
 Sophia Hazel Medei
 Livia Kathryn Powers
 Maci Lynn Dovico
 Maxwell Alex Hove
 Khy Jeffrey Lehr
 Makinley Taylor Freed

ENTERED ETERNAL LIFE

Percy D. Knappenberger
 Dennis A. Binder
 William Ruch
 Bertha M. Hantz
 Richard S. Flickinger
 Norman A. Flick
 Gerald C. Woodring
 Sterling J. Graver
 Alex J. Oncheck
 Annamarie B. Kulig
 Clara E. Haydt
 Harold A. Kuehner
 John M. Roberts
 William R. M. Fritzinger

PASTOR KUNTZ'S 40th ANNIVERSARY OF HIS ORDINATION

Plan now to attend Sunday worship services on Sunday, November 20th to help us celebrate the 40th anniversary of Pastor Clark Kuntz's ordination. He will be our special guest that day. A reception will follow each service that morning in Kuntz Hall. Mark the date on your calendars now and come and congratulate him on this very special occasion.

NOVEMBER PRAYER LIST – was not available at the time of printing of the newsletter. Please watch weekly bulletins for the prayer names for November.

<u>2011 ZION CHORAL CONCERTS</u>		
October 30	Palm Schwenkfelder Church 833 Gravel Pike, Palm, PA	3:00pm
November 6	Quakertown United Methodist 1875 Freier Road, Quakertown, PA	3:00pm
November 13	Penn Valley Church 320 North Third Street, Telford, PA	3:00pm
November 20	Cedar Crest Bible Fellowship Church S. Cedar Crest Blvd, Allentown	3:00pm & 11:51 7:00pm
For more information – visit their website: www.zionchoral.com		

<u>THANK YOU LORD</u>	
Thank you Lord for...	a M ansion in heaven
Your A biding love	daily N ourishment
Many bountiful B lessings	O pportunities to witness
C hrist, Your Son	P ease with God
D eliverance from sin	Q uiet time with You
E verlasting life	R iches of your glory
true F riendships	S ins forgiven
G od, our Father	T estimonies to share
our H eavenly home	Your U nderstanding
I nterceding for us	V ictory in Jesus
J oy we have as Christians	W isdom from above
K nowledge from You	X tra grace when needed
You, our L ight of the world	Y ielded hearts
	Z eal for you.

Greetings from the Pastor.....

It's autumn! The leaves are changing colors and are beginning to fall. It's a beautiful time of the year. It's autumn - the leaves die and decay – covering the plants that are done blossoming and the grass which ceases to grow. Nature is preparing to move into another winter of hibernation so that spring can come again.

Nature and the seasons of the year provide a wonderful metaphor for life. Nature seems to know that things have to die and decay so that new growth and new life can occur. Think about it...after a devastating forest fire, new trees sprout...after the trees shed their fall beauty and appear to die, new buds will shoot from the branches...after the autumn and winter always comes spring.

What an awesome insight into our spiritual lives! Just ask yourself this question: What is it in me that needs to die and decay so that new growth can happen? It may be that grudge that you are clinging to that holds you back in your relationship with another person. It may be the cultural expectation that having more things will make you happy. It may be your over-controlling nature that turns others off or your passivity that allows others to take advantage of you. It may be your negative attitude that causes you to view life as a burden. It may be your addiction to food, shopping, alcohol, work or playing the lottery that steals time, energy and money. It may be the excuses you make every Sunday as you skip worship and hinder your relationship with God.

Whatever it is...autumn is the perfect time to shed it – let it die and decay – so that you can still yourself and allow new growth and new life to begin in you. May this season of autumn allow you to look closely at your life, at your relationship with God, so that you can rid yourself of the things that are not “life-giving” and move into a new season of life with God.

Blessings,
Pastor Jami

WELCOME TO OUR NEW STAFF

SEXTON

Bonnie Zmyewski has been hired as our new sexton. Although this is a new position for her as an employee, Bonnie has been serving as our interim sexton whenever Bill Fritzingler was on vacation and after he retired. She is married to her husband, John, and has three children, Sara, Johnny and Vicky. Bonnie has been a member of Hope for 20 years. She is active with Hope Fest, the yard sale and the basket socials. Bonnie works for First Student as a bus driver for 6 years.

COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST

My name is Steven Shermetta and I would like to thank the congregation for welcoming me as the new Communications Specialist at Hope Lutheran Church. I look forward to meeting and working with church members on ways to more effectively manage the communications both within and outside of the church. I was born and raised in Bethlehem, PA where I have lived with my father, Steve, my mother, Kathleen, and my younger sister Kaitlin. I am a 2006 graduate of Saucon Valley High School where I was involved with the TV studio as well as the football and track and field programs. I am a recent graduate of Penn State University where I received my BA in Communications and completed minors in Business Liberal Arts and IST. I am also an active member at New Jerusalem Lutheran Church in Hellertown, PA.

As many of you will come to know quite well, my greatest passion is the sport of football. I am a huge fan of the Nittany Lions and Chicago Bears. I had the privilege of serving as an undergraduate assistant for Coach Joe Paterno and the Penn State football program. This proved to be the experience of a lifetime as I got to work on the sidelines during games, travel with the team to away games and bowl games, and meet some of the biggest names in the history of the sport. I am currently an assistant football coach for the Saucon Valley Middle School. In my free time I enjoy fly fishing, skiing, and spending time with my friends and family.



A STEWARDSHIP CORNER

A few Sundays ago I mentioned to the congregation after a Stewardship temple talk that each one of us should consider what we think stewardship is. Betty Rock, one of our long time members sent me her story...

I was raised Catholic but 42 years ago I joined the Lutheran Church. I attended church whenever the spirit moved me and when we received our commitment card in the mail I would tear it up and throw it away. I would say "I am not filling one of these out". I gave to the church whenever I went, but did not concern myself with the Sundays that I was not there to give an offering. I did not think of the church on a regular basis but the church was always there when I needed a marriage of one of my children, or a baptism or even a funeral. It seems that is the only time we seem to need the church.

But my life changed 12 years ago when I joined Hope Lutheran. My husband became the sexton, which he did for 6 years before he had to give it up for health reasons. I learned a lot about the church and all the expenses that it had to keep going. It was something I never thought about before and I do not know why. I changed my giving over the years and I do tithe. GOD watches over us every day and we never fall short on our personal expenses. When I received that commitment card in the mail I always fill it out. Each year I try to increase my giving. I even try to five more that I commit to whenever possible.

GOD has taught me that we are the church. It is not just a building that we enter in each Sunday. Without the church (that are the people) where would we be today when we need a baby baptized or a marriage performed or someone praying over our loved ones that were taken home to the Lord. We are not giving our offerings to the pastor or the staff we are giving them to GOD to keep the church going all year not only when we need them.

Betty Rock

If you would like to share your story, please drop it in my mail slot or email it to pastor@hopecherryville.org.

COUNCIL NOMINEES - our nominating committee asked those persons running for a council position to please write a short biography about themselves; so that you can get to know them a little better before the election at the annual meeting on Sunday, November 13th. There are six adults running for four council positions; Tim Lockard, Tom Patterson, Albert Rock, Dave Roth, Sam Schaadt and John P. Zmyewski. Biographies below...

Tim Lockard – Joined Hope Lutheran Church in November 2010 with wife, Karen, daughter, Kelly - a junior at Parkland High School and Douglas – a freshmen at Bloomsburg University. Tim and Karen also have a daughter, Allison, who graduated from UNC-Greensboro and is now residing in North Carolina. Tim and Karen were married 28 years ago at Holy Trinity Slovak Lutheran Church in Northampton. Since that time Tim held positions on church council, sat on various committees and attended Synod assembly. Tim has an Associates Degree in Electronics Engineering and a Bachelors of Science in Information Systems from Muhlenberg College. Tim currently works for Ricoh Corp., as a Maintenance Contracts Manager.

Tom Patterson - Laurys Station has been home for me for 20 years. I live there with my wife, Lynn, who I have been married to for 37 years. We have been blessed with two daughters, Erica and Katrina. FedEx has been my place of employment for 30 years. For over 15 years, I have been a member of Hope Church. My church activities consist of singing in the choir, lock-up committee and participating in the church musical 2010. Previously, I served on the church council, the nominating committee and the stewardship committee. Trail biking, camping, reading, traveling and eating at Shady Maple Restaurant are a few of my hobbies.

John P. Zmyewski - I'm John P Zmyewski, the son of two people you all probably know, Bonnie and John Zmyewski. I am a nineteen year old freshman at Northampton Community College perusing a degree in secondary history education. I've been working at Redner's for a little more than two years now. This is my first year helping with fifth grade Sunday school. I've been a member of Hope my entire life. I'm involved in many activities here at hope like ushering, Hope Fest and helping with the nativity display just to name a few. I would like the opportunity to serve on our church council because I feel I have a lot to offer to our church.

COUNCIL NOMINEES CONTINUED...

Albert “Buddy” Rock – Hello, my name is Albert Rock; however some of you know me as “Buddy” which is my childhood nickname which I never could lose over the years. I was asked to write a bio so that our congregation could get to know a little more about me. I agreed because I believe it is important to know about people who are interested in playing an important role in the church such as Church Council. I have been a member here at Hope Lutheran for 12 years and most of you probably know my parents Bud and Betty Rock, who both have been active in the church throughout the years. I am 45 years old and am married to my wife Michelle for 15 years and reside in South Whitehall Township. We have three children, Crystal, 23, Nicholas, 19 and Michael, 14 who have been confirmed right here at Hope. Crystal has been married to her husband, John for 2 years and reside in Oley, PA. Nick and Michael still live with us and keep our lives “interesting”. I am a Master Electrician and am currently a Project Manager/Estimator for a commercial Electrical/HVAC contractor, Meisner Services and have been there for 14 years. I have worked on numerous projects throughout the Lehigh Valley and surrounding areas. I have enjoyed meeting new challenges in my career and giving my best efforts to ensure customer satisfaction whether our projects are large or small. Outside of work, I am on the South Whitehall Appeals Board and recently finished a 10 year term as Committee Chairperson for Cub Pack 8 in Greenawalds. I am also co-captain of the “Martini Islanders” which is a team that participates in the yearly MS Walk at Coca Cola Park. The Multiple Sclerosis Society is a charity which is close to our hearts because in 2005, my wife, Michelle was diagnosed with MS and it has changed our lives forever. When there is free time, we like to go camping and enjoy the great outdoors but most of all I enjoy riding my motorcycle throughout the beautiful Keystone State. Here at Hope, I am a greeter and serve on an ushering team. I even had a very short time playing on Hope’s softball team but had to retire due of lack of “age” related skills. I believe that Hope has a great mix of young and old, and a congregation of many personalities. I have always been a person who “thinks outside the box” and always tries to look at every situation from every angle. I think that change can be good as well as bad, however it is always an opportunity to make things better.

COUNCIL NOMINEES CONTINUED...

Dave Roth – I have been a member of Hope Lutheran Church since 1986. I am married to my wife, Kimberly and have two sons, Noah, age 12 and Joshua, age 10. I have been employed by Giant Food Stores for the past 13 years, the last two as a produce manager. I also serve as a parent advisor to the Allentown School District Safety Committee. My family has always been involved here at church. My children attend Sunday School and sing on the junior choir. My wife sings on the senior choir and had directed the choirs spring musicals for the past few years. I am currently serving on council and hope to be elected to a second term. In addition to church council, I am also a member of the Worship and Music Committee, I sing on the senior choir, have performed in the church musicals and I volunteer and teach lesson every summer at Vacation Bible School. I hope to be able to continue to serve our church and to finish the things council has set out to do to make our church even stronger. Thank you.

Samuel (Sam) A. Schaadt –

Married – wife is a member of Hope Lutheran Church
Two children – both members of Hope Lutheran Church
Three grandchildren
Retired
Currently a staff trainer for Northampton Community College Center for Business and Industry.
Former Lutheran Council – St. Paul’s Union Church, Indianland
Was on the original Council Committee that formed Hope Lutheran Church, Cherryville
Served on the board of Directors of Indianland Cemetery Association
Served on Hope Lutheran’s Yard Sale Committee 2010 & 2011
Volunteer Counselor for Apprise Senior Health Care Program (PA State Program)*
Volunteer Counselor for Medicare Part “D” Prescription Drug Program*
Volunteer Counselor for National Council on Aging’ Benefits Checkup Program*
*Note: All programs required specified qualification training.
Education – Parkland High School; Penn State University
Professional Attainments – Licensed Professional Engineer (State of California – Engineering Sector –Quality)
Registered International Quality Systems Auditor (Retired)

12th ANNUAL NATIVITY OPEN HOUSE DISPLAY

The Evangelism Committee will sponsor the 12th annual nativity display on Saturday, November 26 and Sunday, November 27. You can help us in the following ways:



1. We need for you to bring nativities for the display--as many as you are willing to share with us for the weekend. Last year's display had close to 500 different nativities. This year, hopefully we will top that number. You bring the nativities and we will have a place of honor for your nativity. Nativities can be brought to the church Friday afternoon or evening until 7:00pm.

2. We will need donations of cookies, snacks and beverages. There has been an average of 500-600 visitors that come to the display each year and we here at Hope Church welcome those visitors with our wonderful, free refreshments and hospitality.

3. We will need some people to help with set-up and clean-up. (This is a great project for confirmation students to assist with by giving a few hours over the weekend).

4. We also need some volunteers to serve as hostess/greeters to welcome the many visitors to Hope and help keep the refreshment area cleaned and well stocked.

So please mark your calendars and help your Evangelism Committee to get your Advent season off to a great start. And may we be one of the earlier wishes to you by saying May you have a Merry, Blessed Christmas filled with love, joy and peace.

Hope's Evangelism Committee

SATURDAY EVENING ADVENT WORSHIP

We will prepare for the Christmas season with an additional opportunity for weekly worship – Saturday evenings at 5:00pm on November 26, December 3, 10 & 17. Our worship will be approximately 30 minutes in length and will use the beautiful contemporary setting of Holden Evening Prayer. Please come join us for this special worship on these four Saturdays.



MILITARY ADDRESSES

If any of our members in the military would like to receive a goodie box for the holidays from Hope's Women of the ELCA, please submit their address to the church office as soon as possible.

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2012

Copies of the proposed budget for 2012 will be available at worship (and in the narthex) on Sunday, Nov 6th. This proposal will be reviewed at the Council meeting on Monday, November 7th and pending any changes will be brought to the Congregational Meeting on Sunday, November 13th for approval.



DID YOU RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION THIS YEAR?

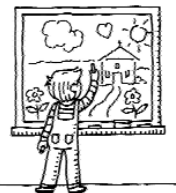
Did you sign the hospitality sheet indicating that you received communion this year? Please make sure you complete one the next time you receive Communion (if you didn't or you're not sure). Our constitution requires active members to receive Communion regularly.



HOPE LUTHERAN NURSERY SCHOOL

Is now accepting applications for next year (2012-2013). The school's structured learning environment helps to prepare the children for their formal school experiences. Activities include: music, crafts, gym, painting, language arts, field trips and much more. Please call Debbie Gable at 610-767-7523 for more

information or to register your child for Nursery School. Your child must be either 3 or 4 years of age by September 1st in order to register. Thank you.



**NURSERY
SCHOOL**



CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Our annual Christmas Program will be held on Sunday, December 18th at 6:00pm. There will be refreshments after the program in Kuntz Hall. Any donations of finger food items would greatly be appreciated. They can be dropped off in Kuntz Hall up to the start of the program.

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICE - Christmas Communion Worship for our shut-in members and members unable to get to a Christmas Eve service will be held at 11:00am on **Wednesday, December 21st**. A light luncheon will follow. Please call the church office if you need a ride.



Christmas Eve SERVICES

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

4:00pm - A family service of Candlelight, Lessons, Carols and Communion.

6:00 pm - A family service of Candlelight, Lessons, Carols and Communion.

8:30 pm and 11:30 pm - The Festival Communion Service with Candlelight and Carols.

Special music by our Youth and Senior Choirs and Hope's orchestra.

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE – there will be one service on Sunday, December 25, 2011 at 9:30am. This will be a service of lessons, carols and communion. No Sunday School.

NEW YEAR'S EVE WATCH NIGHT SERVICE – a brief service will be held on New Year's Eve at Hope Church on Saturday, December 31st at 6:00pm.

NEW YEAR'S DAY SERVICE - there will be one service on Sunday, January 1, 2012 at 9:30am. This will also be a service of lessons, carols and communion. No Sunday School.



ELECTION DAY
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8th
DON'T FORGET TO VOTE

MITTEN TREE



The mitten tree will be on display in the narthex in the beginning of November through November 27th. Your donations of knit or store bought hats, scarves, mittens/gloves, are welcome on the Mitten Tree. These items are part of the ingathering.

CHRISTMAS INGATHERING

The annual Christmas Ingathering of Northern Lehigh Valley Mission District will be held on **Thursday, December 1, 2011 at St. John's Church**, 835 Third Street. Packing of stockings and wrapping of gifts will begin at 1:00 pm. We will leave Hope Church at 12:00Noon. There will be an afternoon session only. The Ingathering will close with a Service of Dedication.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!! The ingathering provides gifts for people in area institutions. A basket containing slips of paper with suggested **NEW** items for Ingathering (**See list below!**) will be passed around the congregation on Sundays, November 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th. These gifts should be returned to the church **UNWRAPPED** by Sunday, November 27th. We will be packing the items on Wednesday, November 30th beginning at 6:30pm here at Hope Church. ALL are welcome to help. *Confirmands...this would be a great outreach event!* Large cardboard boxes would also be helpful! (**Please no gifts with pins or glass bottles, plastic only**) Monetary donations are accepted and will be converted into gifts. ***Please mark on your envelope "Ingathering 2011" and make checks payable to Hope Lutheran Church.**

INGATHERING WISH LIST

SAYRE CHILD CENTER

Bibs - all sizes; toddler size forks and spoons; single fruit or vegetable foods - stage 2; Infant cereal - rice or oatmeal; wash cloths for classroom use; kitchen cloths and dish rags; art and craft supplies of any kind; tissues; sidewalk chalk and bubbles; playground balls; books - all ages up to age 10; puzzles - 25-100 pieces; computer software for aged 4-10; diapers and wipes; batteries - AA, C, D; pencils, pens; markers, crayons, notebooks; drink mixes for afternoon snacks and field trips.

GRACEDALE

Male

Socks	Search-A-Word Books	Small Combs
Talcum	Handkerchiefs	After Shave Lotion
Pens/Pencils	Writing Paper	Flip open change
Purse Stamps	Playing Cards	Small Tablets

Female

Perfume	Panty Hose	Stuffed Animals
Socks	Baby Powder	Small change purse
Jewelry	Scarves	Hair Brushes
Cologne	Handkerchiefs	Knee Highs

TOPTON

Male -Cologne; Denture powder; Pre-shave lotion; Pajamas; underwear; ties; wallets; change purses; after shave lotion; socks; shirts (M-L); bedroom slippers with soles; socks

Female -Sewing kits; towel sets; placemat sets; perfume; hair nets; needlework kits; purses; wallet with change purse; washcloths; embroidery sets; after bath lotion; denture powder; cologne; stockings; panties; all size nighties; stretch gloves; bedroom slippers with soles

For All -Perfume; cologne; talcum; deodorant; toothpaste; toothbrushes; combs; soap; tissues; crossword puzzle books; postage stamps; stationery; pens

ALLENTOWN RESCUE MISSION

Mens Items Only – Sweatshirts, T-Shirts (colors and white), underwear and socks in sized L and XL, winter hats (beanies) and gloves of all sizes

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INGATHERING WISH LIST CONTINUED...

KIDSPACE - crayons, markers, coloring books, sketch pads, clay, paints, brushes, pajamas, socks, underwear, scarves, hats, mittens, red sweatshirts and pants (L, XL, XXL), shower gels, shampoo, deodorant, flavored lip balm, scented lotions, gift cards (all kinds – book stores, tunes, movie theaters, Target, K-Mart, etc.), personal diaries (no wire bound).

SENIOR FALL FEAST

On Saturday, November 12th the Social Ministry Committee invites any senior citizen or homebound member in our congregation to our annual Fall Feast. We will begin with worship of Holy Communion at 11:30am, and then enjoy a dinner of turkey, filling, cranberry sauce and all the “fixins.” To conclude the day, there will be entertainment. The Feast will end at approximately 2:30pm. Sign up sheet in located on the bulletin board in the narthex.



ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Mark your calendars for our Annual Congregational Meeting to be held on Sunday, November 13th, at **9:15am**. Sunday School will be held at the normal time with a movie being shown for the younger grades that allows teachers to attend the meeting. At least 50 members (in good standing) are needed for a quorum that morning. Please sign the sheet on the narthex bulletin board indicating that you are able to attend. Thank you!

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP

Please join us for Holy Communion at 11:00am or 7:00pm on Wednesday, November 23rd. “God has given us so much. We pray he might give us one more thing...a grateful heart!”



Thanksgiving

ALLELUIA RINGERS

Welcome Alleluia Ringers! This is the name of our three-octave bell choir. We rehearse Tuesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 PM, and ring at services once a month.

Our small bell ensemble has not yet been named. Stay tuned for that news! This group has begun rehearsals for our first targeted date of ringing on Nov. 20 at both services. Rehearsals are on selected Tuesdays from 7:30 to 8:30 PM.

Both groups still welcome additional ringers, so talk with any bell choir member or Janet Filchner for information. Email bells@hopecherryville.com or call 610-262-5215.

THANK YOU NOTES

Dear Friends at Hope, thank you so much for all your calls, visits and cards of well wishes and a speedy recovery. I cannot tell you how much that means to me. God Bless you all.

Kris Doncsecz

To the prayer shawl group and members of Hope Church, thank you for the many prayers for my recovery. The prayer shawl is just beautiful and also the prayer that came with it. God's Blessing upon all of you. Georgia Mohrey's sister,

Marian Reed

Thank you all for the many prayers, cards, and gifts during my recent hospital stay and recovery. Your concern was gratefully appreciated. I have been shown so much love and I pray you all may be blessed with the same. Thank you again. In Christian love,

Kathy Creyer

Dear Hope Church, a very special thank you to everyone for all of the cards, flowers, memorial donations and thoughts and expressions of sympathy. Your concern and prayers were greatly appreciated by all of us. God Bless you.

Jean Fritzingler and Family

CATECHETICAL CLASSES

☞ **Good Job!!** Youth and Parents have been taking advantage of the volunteer opportunities such as Gracedale Talent Night and the Basket Party, Thank you. Some opportunities in November are a few youth can help with our Sr. Fall Feast on Saturday, November 12th and many helpers are needed to set up and clean-up for the Nativity Display the weekend of Nov 26-27. Sign up with your Sunday School teachers.

☞ **Don't Forget...**check the progress/attendance charts in the narthex. Let Sunday school teachers know if there are any mistakes ASAP!

☞ **Don't forget** to complete a worship response sheet. They are available on the table in the narthex. Remember, this also counts as your attendance record. Thank you!

☞ **Keep an eye on your calendars and check upcoming events!**

PORK AND SAUERKRAUT DINNER

The youth group will be having a pork and sauerkraut dinner on Saturday, November 5th from 5:00-7:30pm. Adult tickets = advanced \$8.00, at the door \$9.00; children 3-7 = \$4.00; children 2 and under = free. Proceeds benefit the 2012 National Youth Gathering. Youth will be selling tickets after Sunday worship services.

POW – Pizza on Wednesdays – November 9, 2011 @ 5:00pm

FALL BIBLE STUDY AND DISCUSSION GROUP

The Evangelism Committee of Hope is offering a Bible study entitled "Fruit of the Spirit" written by Hazel Offner. This study continues through Wednesday, November 30th and begins each week at 6:30 PM. This is designed to be a group study and consists of nine weekly individual studies. You do not have to be a Bible scholar to enjoy and participate in this group. Hopefully, we will all learn and grow from each other. All are welcome to attend. Cost of the study will be \$6.80 for your booklet. Please call Sharyn Kratzer (610 261 1277) with any questions.

NORTHAMPTON AREA FOOD BANK HALLOWEEN WALK-A-THON

(rain or shine) Saturday, October 29, 2011 beginning at the Northampton Area Food Bank, 1601 Canal Street, Northampton. Registration at 8:30am; walk begins at 9:00am.

SCOUTING FOR FOOD DRIVE - November 12, 2011

The food bank has been experiencing a greater demand for services and is averaging the feeding of 350 families each month which is reaching approximately 1,000 people. We are depleted of the following items; canned soup, canned potatoes, jello, pudding, dried potatoes, mixed vegetables, baked beans, canned meats and beef stew. Items can be dropped off ANYTIME in our food bank wagon located in the narthex.

MDA BASKET SOCIAL

November 6, 2011 from 12:00pm-3:00pm held in Hope Church Kuntz Hall. Winners will be drawn at 3:30pm, (need not be present to win). All proceeds benefit Muscular Dystrophy. For further information or to donate a basket, please call Jane Meyers as 610-767-7721.

FRUIT AND NUT ROLLS

Orders are being taken now through November 3rd. The price per each roll is \$14.00; and the following are available: nut, poppyseed, lekvar, apricot and raspberry. Order forms are available on the table in the narthex.

MEMORIAL GARDEN – “AN ETERNAL GARDEN OF HOPE”

We hope to begin interring cremains in the Hope Lutheran Church Memorial Garden in spring of 2012. The cost of the interment of cremains is \$1000.00. Purchase agreement and authorization for engraving forms are available in the church office, on the website at hopecherryville.org or on the table by the crossometer. If you desire to give a memorial gift or a donation to the Hope Lutheran Church Memorial Garden or have questions please contact the church office at 610-767-7203.

FREE EYE EXAMS

The Lehigh Township Lions Club is offering FREE eye exams to residents of Lehigh Township, regardless of age, who are not covered by Eye Care Insurance. The eye exam will be performed by Walnutport Family Eye Care. To take advantage of this important and FREE opportunity, which ends Dec. 31, 2011, please contact Wayne Benninger, Community Action Chairman for the Lehigh Township Lions Club, at 610-349-3596 or any other Lehigh Township Lions Club member. As part of a public service project, the eye exam fees will be paid by the Lehigh Township Lions Club...serving Lehigh Township since 1951. This offer is limited to the first 200 qualified respondents.

PRAYER SCARVES FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

Attention all parents of college students...

Hope's Prayer Shawl Ministry is currently knitting and crocheting scarves for all of our college students. It's a surprise! We plan to ship them out when the weather gets cold – letting our students know that we continue to pray for them as they study. Here's how you can help...please call (610-767-7203) or email the church office (office@hopecherryville.org) and give us your child's address. We will be sending to all students in college, trade or technical schools and community colleges. If your child is living at home and commuting we need to know that as well. Please let us know as soon as possible so we make enough for everyone!

Hope Lutheran Church
Summary of Congregational Council Minutes
October 10, 2011

Roll Call: Jean Leibenguth, Wayne Weidner, Dennis Biechy, David Roth, Pastor Jami, Bob Small, Tim Moore, John Schuon, Christal Wrenn, John Zmyewski and Linda Mery

Secretary's Report: Motion to accept Secretary's report by Bob Small, motion seconded by Jean Leibenguth

Treasurer's Report: Motion to accept Treasurer's Report by David Roth, motion seconded by John Schuon

Correspondence/Transfer:

In: Gregory, Donna and AnnaMarie Gaugler from St. Stephen's Episcopal Church
Sherri Arndt from Holy Trinity, Slatedale
Earl and Toni Snyder from St. John's Lutheran, Slatington
Helene Mery from Holy Cross Lutheran, Moorestown
Cindy and Gary Stoudt from Holy Trinity Slovak Lutheran, Northampton
William Anderson
Robert and MaryAnn Miller from Ohio
Mary Anderson from First Presbyterian, Cranford, NJ
Kitty Meyer
Stephanie Laudenbach from the Penecostal tradition
Sue Horn from Shawnee Presbyterian, Shawnee on the Delaware
Rev. Donald Hayn from Jordan Lutheran, Orefield

Motion to accept transfers by Jean Leibenguth, motion seconded by Dennis Biechy

PASTOR'S REPORT: Worship – 6 services (preached 6)
Baptisms – 2; Funerals – 2; Weddings – 2
Counseling– 12; Pre-Baptismal meetings – 1
Pre-funeral - 2; Pre-marital counseling – 1
Hospital visits – 11
Home/shut-in visits – 3

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PASTOR'S REPORT: What's coming up?
Consecration Sunday – October 23rd
Job description for "new" staff person – part-time pastor/associate in ministry/lay person
New Member reception – October 30th
2012 Budget

COMMITTEE REPORTS

YOUTH: POW – October 12, 2011
Pork and Sauerkraut dinner – Nov. 5, 2011 5-7:30pm
POW – November 9, 2011

WORSHIP & MUSIC: Cherub choir will sing at the beginning of the 10:30am service. The director of the choir will decide when the choir will sing. New member reception will be held on October 30th.

PROPERTY: Security task force will be sending out requests for proposals for suggestions on building security.

STEWARDSHIP: Consecration Sunday will be held on Oct. 23rd.

EVANGELISM: Reception for new members on October 30th. Nativity Display will be held November 26-27th. Nine week bible study began on October 5th with 10 people present. Anyone can join the bible study at any time.

PERSONNEL/MUTUAL MINISTRY: Interview teams made recommendations for the positions of sexton and communications specialist.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: John Schuon reviewed the slate of candidates for council which will be voted on at the congregational meeting on November 13, 2011. Council also reviewed recommendations for the Nominating Committee.

CONSTITUTION TASK FORCE: New additions from the 2011 Church wide Assembly will need to be added to the constitution.

OLD BUSINESS:

We will celebrate Pastor Kuntz's 40th anniversary of his ordination on Sunday November 20, 2011. Council will sponsor a reception after both services.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, November 14, 2011 at 7pm

2011 FALL BASKET SOCIAL REPORT

The 17th Annual Fall Basket Social was held in Kuntz Hall on Friday, October 7th, 2011. Monies raised were given to the General Maintenance Fund of Hope Lutheran Church.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE who in some way helped to make this evening successful!

This Social was dedicated to The Loving Memory of Bill Fritzinger. Bill has been a good friend to the Basket Committee. Each Social he has helped with set up and then again the evening of the Socials we could always count on Bill to help us through any problems that might arise. He stuck with us right until the end of clean up and Church lock-up. We miss Bill's fun loving spirit.

Ticket sponsors were "in Loving Memory of Harry Weil" by Loretta Weil & Family, and "to the Glory of God" by LeAnn Chandler. Special thanks to Craig Reenock and Diane, who continue helping each year with behind the scenes support and publicity.

Boy Scouts & 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!

\$4,150.56 WAS RAISED AT THE 2011 FALL BASKET SOCIAL!

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

THE 2012 FALL BASKET SOCIAL IS ON OCTOBER 12, 2012 (proceeds to Hope's Building Maintenance Fund & proceeds from sale of baked/homemade goods to be announced upon Committee decision at their summer picnic).

Respectfully submitted by Rita Hulsizer, Jean Leibenguth & The Basket Committee of Hope Lutheran Church

*Special Note: The date for the "Spring Basket Social" is Friday, April 13 (the Friday after Easter); don't forget to save the date on your 2012 Calendar!