

# HOPE HOME NEWS

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***Summer Worship Hours***

Sunday Worship at 8:00 AM and 9:30 AM

***Summer Church Office Hours***

Monday – Friday: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - MAY 31, 2014					
	Regular	Building	Memorial	Scholarship Loan	Memorial Garden
<b>Balance Beginning of Year</b>	\$ 76,661.59	\$ 83,981.26	\$ 90,833.11	\$ 103,109.55	\$ (13,046.92)
Income - May	25,319.80	2,109.62	320.23	-	-
Income - Jan.-Apr.	127,143.78	11,908.57	7,916.70	7,560.76	25.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>152,463.58</b>	<b>14,018.19</b>	<b>8,236.93</b>	<b>7,560.76</b>	<b>25.00</b>
Expenses - May	40,128.22	99.00	272.40	-	-
Expenses - Jan.-Apr.	138,296.29	3,199.86	619.00	3,750.00	-
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>178,424.51</b>	<b>3,298.86</b>	<b>891.40</b>	<b>3,750.00</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>(25,960.93)</b>	<b>10,719.33</b>	<b>7,345.53</b>	<b>3,810.76</b>	<b>25.00</b>
Net Special Appeals	973.43				
<b>Balance End of May</b>	<b>\$ 51,674.09</b>	<b>\$ 94,700.59</b>	<b>\$ 98,178.64</b>	<b>\$ 106,920.31</b>	<b>\$ (13,021.92)</b>
<b>SUMMARY:</b>					
Expenses exceeded income in the Regular Fund for the month of May by \$14,808.42, and for the year 2014, expenses exceeded income by \$25,960.93, giving us a current balance in the Regular Fund of \$51,674.09. Last year the net income for the same period was \$(15,704.21) with a balance of \$73,583.68.					
Budget Comparison--Total Regular Fund Budget for 2014 is \$416,769.00. 21/52 of that figure is \$168,310.56. Our receipts in the Regular Fund for the five months were \$152,463.58. So, we are behind in income by \$15,846.98.					

*\*\* The current income statement is posted in the narthex. \*\**

<b>NEWSLETTER SCHEDULE</b>		
All committees, groups and persons submitting information for the church newsletter should follow the schedule listed below. Your articles may be edited so we do not exceed the Post Office guidelines. Please email your articles to Nina Weiss ( <a href="mailto:communications@hopecherryville.org">communications@hopecherryville.org</a> ) by <b>12:00 PM</b> on the deadline date. Thank you.		
<b><u>Edition</u></b>	<b><u>Article Deadline</u></b>	<b><u>Collation Date (10:00AM start)</u></b>
August	Monday, July 21	Thursday, July 24
September	Monday, August 18	Thursday, August 21
October	Monday, September 22	Thursday, September 25

***Please let the office know if you need to update your delivery method of the Hope Home News. The paper copy contains all the news that's fit to print on six pages. The digital version generally runs longer.***

**SYNOD NEWS**

The July 2014 issue of **Synod News** is available online. Visit [http://www.godslove.org/publications/synod\\_news.htm](http://www.godslove.org/publications/synod_news.htm) and select *July 2014*.



## GREETINGS FROM THE PASTOR...

*From Pastor Jami Possinger*



Last month when I wrote about transitions I had no idea that Hope would be experiencing a major change almost as soon as the article was printed and the newsletter mailed! Regretfully, at the church council meeting in June we accepted Pastor Paulette's resignation as Assistant Pastor – which threw us into an immediate transition. Such is the case in life, though – transitions sometimes happen slowly and, they sometimes happen suddenly.

So... I imagine that many of you are asking, "What comes next?" It's a great question and, frankly, I do not have a definitive answer to share. I can tell you that the council voted to begin looking for another assistant pastor. However, the call process takes time and is dependent on having potential candidates available for a position such as we have available at Hope. We will be in consultation with the Bishop's office to work through the process. In the meantime, we will be forging ahead looking at ways we can continue to fulfill some of Pastor Paulette's responsibilities in new and creative ways until we begin a call process!

That sounds simple but, in reality, will be a challenge. So I refer back to my article last month and ask: How do we get a sense of clarity and purpose around transitions that happen in the life of our congregation?

- First – we keep coming to church to be a community of care and support and service as we navigate this new transition. Worship connects us to God and to each other so that, together we are strengthened and empowered to face change.
- Second – we open our Bibles to see God's insights. Philippians 4:6-7 says: "Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Good advice which reminds us that everything is not up to us – that we need God's assistance.
- Third – Pray. God does want to hear from us – God does want to hear our joys, frustrations and fears... even in the midst of transitions. And through prayer we open ourselves to the many and varied ways the Spirit speaks to us – giving us wisdom and insight as we move into our future.

We wish Pastor Paulette God's speed as she transitions into a CPE residency program at St. Luke's Hospital knowing she is following God's call for her. We send her off with the words of Fred Rogers, a Presbyterian minister and well-known children's TV program star, who said, "*Transitions are almost always signs of growth, but they can bring feelings of loss. To get somewhere new we may have to leave somewhere else behind.*"

Blessings,  
Pastor Jami

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## ASSISTANT PASTOR'S WORD...

*From Pastor Paulette Obrecht*



This will be my last article for *Assistant Pastor's Word* as I prepare to leave Hope Church and venture into new territory into a call to service at St. Luke's Hospital in Bethlehem.

I approach this change with mixed emotions. I am sad to leave all of you and the friendships that were formed here and I'm grateful for the ways in which we were able to serve the Lord together, doing what matters to God. I thank God for the time we had together and ask you to remember the church and me in your prayers as we all undergo this transition. But, I am also excited about the opportunities I will have to serve people and families dealing with illness as a hospital chaplain and to learn more about ways to



invite people to notice God's presence with them in times of distress. Chaplaincy also offers ways to learn more about oneself and one's reliance on God's Spirit to lead us into uncharted experiences.

I will always remember that Hope Church was my discerning church – and maybe that's why the Spirit saw fit to lead me here again. It was while attending Hope Church as my home church that the Spirit called me to study at Seminary – and I will always be grateful to you all for nurturing and supporting me during those years of study. Yet, it was also at Hope Church that the Spirit again entered my heart and made me yearn to do something different than congregational ministry right now. And, through much contemplative prayer and discernment, I felt called to enter a chaplaincy program. Working with small groups and individuals who are hospitalized or dealing with illnesses and other distressing events has always inspired and energized me.

I am glad I had the opportunity to become involved in beginning or re-energizing a variety of new ministries and small groups at Hope Church. I will miss helping the Disaster Response Team discern their purpose and guidelines for their ministry, as well as being inspired by the amazing work they do in various locations. I will miss witnessing the ways in which the Homeless Ministry Team is growing and serving more and more people – both with loving care, but also with opportunities to become involved in sharing God's love in locations outside our location – and comfort zone. I will miss the excitement shared by the new Women of Faith group as they brainstormed what activities to offer and invite people to attend and enjoy. I will especially miss the close bonds formed with the people of the grief support group and remember how we often had tears in our eyes, but also shared times of laughter. I will miss the people in the Sunday School and Youth program, especially the children involved, and the lively and blessed people on the committees on which I served.

I would never have been able to explore so many ways to serve God and share the Good News without the help of a great ministry and office staff and a supportive church council. Special thanks to Pastor Jami and Jane, to Nina and Bonnie and John, whom I worked with on a daily basis.

So, thank you Hope Church for the wonderful years of opportunities and for strengthening me to find new and exciting ways to love God and to serve our neighbors in the world. You will always be in my prayers – and in my heart. God's blessings to you all.

*Creator God, whatever it is you want me to do today, this is what I want to do. Whatever it is you want me to say today, Creator, that is what I want to say. Wherever it is you want me to go today, Creator, that is where I want to go.*

*- (from Sequoyah, a Native American)*

#### **COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS – MAY 2014**

- ⤴ Council received, with regret, Pastor Paulette's letter of resignation. She will share this with the congregation on Sunday, June 15<sup>th</sup> and a letter to the congregation will go out early the same week so that everyone is informed.
- ⤴ "Coffee with the Council" has been rescheduled to Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:15 AM in Kuntz Hall. Members are encouraged to join the council for coffee and to ask questions, share insights and get to know our leadership better.
- ⤴ As of September 2014, the Arc Friendship Dance will become a ministry of Hope Lutheran Church and simply be called the Friendship Dance. It will continue to be run by Darlene Pioli, Judy Dieter and other members of Hope as well as interested volunteers. The Friendship Dance is held in Kuntz Hall on the third Monday of the month from September through May.
- ⤴ The security team informed council that the building is now locked 24 hours a day. Hope groups and groups using the building during the week now have entry codes to access the facility. Rentals are given access codes for their events as they are scheduled. Members who need access to the building outside of office hours are asked to contact the church office for more information.
- ⤴ The Evangelism Committee is hosting a church picnic at Indian Trail Park on Sunday, July 20<sup>th</sup> beginning at 12:30 PM. A sing-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board.

- ↯ The Youth Group is having a Vera Bradley Bingo on Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup> beginning at 12:00 PM. Tickets can be purchased from Youth Group representatives on Sunday mornings or by calling the church and choosing extension 9.
- ↯ The annual Hope Knoebel's Day is scheduled for Saturday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board to save a spot.



### **SUMMER VACATION**

WELCA, ARC Dance and Prayer Shawl take a break for the months of JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST. Activities resume in September.

To those women signed up for the **WELCA** trip to see "Moses" at Sight and Sound on Tuesday, September 23, cost is \$49.50 payable to Judy Dieter.

### **PASTORAL ACTS**

#### ***HOLY BAPTISMS***

**Tyler Joshua Neff**, son of Michael and Leiloni (Muthard) Neff, was baptized on Sunday June 1, 2014. He was born in August 2013. Pastor Jami officiated.

**Anthony David Schaffer, Jr.**, son of Anthony and Brittany Moyer, was baptized on Sunday June 15, 2014. He was born in July 2012. Pastor Jami officiated.

***Please welcome Tyler and Anthony as our newest members of Hope.***

#### ***MARRIAGE***

**Kailee Liebguth and Andrew Knecht** were married on June 21, 2014. Pastor Jami officiated.

**Aaron Lamparter and Teresa Sandri** were married in Colorado on June 20, 2014.

***Congratulations to Kailee and Andrew and Aaron and Teresa. Please pray that they will always remember the vows made before God on their very special day.***

#### ***FUNERALS***

**Harold Gross** entered eternal life on June 11, 2014. Funeral services were held at Harding Funeral Home. Pastor Jami officiated.

**Harold Mast** entered eternal life on June 23, 2014. Funeral Services were held at Hope Lutheran Church. Pastor Paulette officiated.

***Our sympathy to family and friends of Harold and Harold; may God Continue to be their guide and strength.***

### **BASKET COMMITTEE NEWS**

Picnic Wednesday August 6<sup>th</sup> at the home of Linda and Tom Sidor to begin at 6 pm. Each committee member is to bring a dish to share.

### **SOCIAL MINISTRY**

Social Ministry Committee will meet on Tuesday, July 15, at 11:00 AM to finalize plans for the worship service at Gracedale (on July 27, at 10:00 AM – all are welcome to help) – and to plan the Senior "Birthday" Picnic (on Saturday, August 16, at 11:00 AM). They will also set some dates for upcoming fall activities. There are many ways to become involved in social ministry activities at Hope Church. Check the on-line calendar to learn more.

## DISASTER RESPONSE TEAM

The next meeting of the Team will be on Tuesday, July 1, at 6:30 PM in Hanson Hall. We will be discussing final details for anyone going with the Zeigel's Team to Camden, New York. We also want to offer Doris farewell and Godspeed as she prepares to travel with the Hope-Breinigsville Mission Team to Belize. The third agenda item will be to pick a date for a Hope team to work with Habitat for Humanity – Lehigh Valley. Even though it's summer – there is still a lot going on with the Hope Disaster Response Team. Please feel free to attend our meetings to learn more about our upcoming projects.

## YOUTH GROUP

### Pulled Pork and Chicken BBQ



The youth group is hosting a summer BBQ featuring **Pulled Pork Sandwiches** and a **Chicken BBQ** on Sunday, August 10. Tickets cost \$10 per person and each meal includes a pulled pork sandwich or half a chicken, a baked potato, corn on the cob, and a dessert item. The food is provided by Lorah's Pig Farm in Walnutport with the exception of the desserts. The meals can be picked up for take-out or eaten at the church in Kuntz Hall. Tickets will be available for purchase beginning in July. They can be purchased following each church service or by calling the church and leaving a message on extension 9, the youth group voice mailbox. All proceeds benefit youth attending the 2015 National Youth Gathering.



## STEWARDSHIP CORNER

### Top Ten Stewardship Verses



#### **# 10: 2 Corinthians 8**

*"Anything you can do I can do better"* Generosity is not circumstantial and giving is a privilege. In this passage, Paul uses the story of the Macedonians' abundant generosity in the face of trial to encourage the Corinthians to give generously.

#### **# 9: Micah 6:8**

"Three steps to the good life"... The focus of stewardship is not our money or our possessions, but rather the attitude of our heart. The attitudes of justice, kindness and humility shape the way we view, use and give our money and possessions.

#### **# 8: Luke 18:18-27, especially 18:25 (Mark 10:17-22)**

"Let's hope that camel has been on a diet"... Stewardship is a matter of the heart. Our possessions often interfere with our relationship with God, steering our focus from creator to creation. Although wealth brings many privileges and benefits, Jesus cautions his followers to beware of wealth's power to lure their hearts away from God.

#### **# 7: Genesis 1-2:4, especially 1:26-27, 31**

"Who do you see when you look in the mirror?" ... Stewardship originates from the creation story. In this story, God impresses God's own image upon humanity and charges humanity to care for all creation. God is the maker of all things and we are called to be responsible stewards of God's creation.

#### **# 6: 2 Corinthians 9**

"Reaping, sowing and your pearly whites"...God provides all that we need and we give in response to God's provision. God desires intentional gifts that can be freely given with a smile. As we give we not only meet the needs of others but we also give thanks to God.

**# 5: Luke 19:1-10**

"So money does grow on trees"... Stewardship is, first and foremost, about relationships. Zacchaeus' relationship with his possessions, and by consequence his relationship with others, is affected by Jesus' initiation of a relationship with him. Through our relationship with Jesus we are changed; our relationship with Jesus ignites within us a desire to use our possessions responsibly to meet the needs of others.

**# 4: Luke 21:1-4 (Mark 12:41-44)**

"Two coins makes all the difference"... Jesus commends the widow for giving all that she had to live on. As stewards we are called to give our whole life—time, talent and treasure—to God. We are also called to create sustainable systems of giving so that the rich do not prosper at the expense of the poor. Stewardship is for everyone, the rich and the poor.

**# 3: Matthew 6:21 (Luke 12:34)**

"Burying your treasure in the clouds"... Where you put your money takes your heart with it. "The point isn't that how we spend our money reveals what sort of people we are, but that how we spend money determines what sort of people we become." (Giving to God, Mark Allan Powell, Robert and Phyllis Leatherman professor of New Testament, Trinity Lutheran Seminary)

**# 2: Luke 10:25-37**

"Yes, your neighbor includes that random naked guy"... The parable of the Good Samaritan reminds us that we, as stewards of God's world, are called to care for all creation, including our neighbors. Good stewards recklessly give of themselves to their neighbor and in doing so model God's love for all creation.

**# 1: Matthew 25:13-40**

"Where have you been hiding your money lately?" ... The parable of the ten talents emphasizes that we are all stewards, no matter how little or how much God has entrusted us with. As stewards, how we spend, save and share our money matters to God.

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE – JULY 2014**

<p><b><u>Sunday, July 6, 2014</u></b>        8:00 AM Holy Communion        9:30 AM Service of the Word / Holy Baptism</p>
<p><b><u>Sunday, July 13, 2014</u></b>        8:00 AM Service of the Word        9:30 AM Holy Communion</p>
<p><b><u>Sunday, July 20, 2014</u></b>        8:00 AM Holy Communion        9:30 AM Service of the Word / Holy Baptisms</p>
<p><b><u>Sunday, July 27, 2014</u></b>        8:00 AM Service of the Word        9:30 AM Holy Communion</p>

**HOMELESS MINISTRY TEAM AT HOPE**

The Homeless Ministry Team met on Sunday, June 15, after the late worship service (10:30 AM), to discuss their latest projects. A meal was planned for serving at St. Stephen's Neighborhood Center on Wednesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 4-7 PM. Activities were also planned for the children who attend there. The group will also prepare and serve a meal on Wednesday, July 23, for about 75 people at the Allentown Rescue Mission for men. Some of the Team will prepare the meal the day before and 4-5 other members of the team will serve the meal.

The next meeting of the Team will be on Sunday, July, at 10:30 AM. People will share feedback about the 2 recent events – and plans will be made for our next venture – hopefully, in August. Anyone interested in homeless ministry – or helping at St. Stephens Neighborhood Center are invited to the meetings. As this ministry expands, more help will be needed.

### SENIOR BIRTHDAY PARTY

On Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, there will be a Birthday Party for any senior member of Hope Church. The party/picnic will begin at 11:30 AM in Kuntz Hall. There will be food, fellowship and entertainment. Mark your calendars now – sign-up sheet posted in the Narthex.



### HOPE A / V COMMITTEE

New-ish committee looking to establish (reboot?) an Audio / Visual team at Hope. Initial planning meeting to discuss opportunities (special events, social media) and set goals will be held on Monday, July 7 at 8:00 PM in Room 125. Join us



### WOMEN OF FAITH

The Holy Spirit is alive and working at Hope Lutheran Church! The new Women of Faith group has employed some of the Spirit's energy to plan some exciting events – that are open to ALL people of Hope Church. Here is a list of their upcoming meetings and activities:

- **July 21 – Slide presentation by Doris Zellers** – telling about her inspiring trip to Belize. Meet at Jane Tretiak's house – and bring a snack, dessert, or beverage to share.
- **August 25 – Butterflies by Sharon Schell** – in Hanson Hall. Come learn and participate in this inspiring ministry based on the life cycle of the monarch butterfly. Families and children are welcome, too.
- **September 15 – Fleece blanket project** – Come "tie" fleece blankets that we will give to the children at Camp Noah. Let's see if we can provide 30 blankets!
- **October 20 – Bead-making with Penny Fasching** – Come make a necklace or bracelet with glass beads. A small fee will be charged to pay for materials.
- **November 17 – Christmas card making** – with stencils and stuff! More details to come.
- **December 15 – Caroling and cookie swap** – Bring your voices and 1 dozen cookies to share with others in the group. Everyone will go home with plenty of cookies for the holiday – and hearts filled with the Spirit of Christmas.
- **January 19 – Yoga with Amy Nichols** – More details to follow.

More to come next spring: Safety for Women – by Rich Mullen; Guide Dog presentation; make your own concrete stepping stones.

Events are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month at 6:30 PM in Hanson Hall – unless listed otherwise. All members and friends of Hope Church – of all ages – are invited to join in for one – or more – or all of our activities. Come have fun, fellowship, and food – and get to know your church family – plus participate in some fun activities.



### EVANGELISM



Come to Hope's "Old-Fashioned Church Picnic" on Sunday, July 20, at Indian Trail Park! It will be an exciting time to share food, fellowship and fun - begin at 12:30 PM and continuing until at least 6:00 PM. Everyone's asked to bring their favorite covered dish - and the Evangelism Committee will supply the burgers, hotdogs, rolls, beverages, condiments, etc. Oh - and if you want to play a game of bingo - remember to bring a "white elephant" item to use as a prize. It should be new or gently-used and gift-wrapped. And - if you think that's not enough - there will be an old-fashioned "cake walk" - where everyone is invited to bring their favorite specialty cake. Plus - look for games, music, and lots more. Anyone can sign-up at the Narthex Bulletin Board (or come even if you're not signed up).

### SUMMER WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Please attend worship regularly this summer while at home or on vacation. Also, please remember your church with regular offerings. Hope's expenses continue all summer and it is a season when we typically get behind with our finances. Incidentally, your envelopes can be dropped directly in the mail with first class postage. Have an enjoyable summer as you take time to appreciate God's wonderful creation.

### SOUP GROUP



The Soup Group will meet and deliver soup on Wednesday, July 16. This is not the normal meeting time because of the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday and Bible School the following week. All help is welcome, especially with delivering soup; call LeAnn Chandler at 610-440-0341 or merely show up that day.

### STORY WEAVERS - DISCUSSION GROUP

StoryWeavers will not meet in July. The next meeting is Tuesday, August 12 at 10 AM with lunch to follow. All are welcome to attend. For more information, please contact LeAnn Chandler at [lachandler7759@hotmail.com](mailto:lachandler7759@hotmail.com) or 610-440-0341 if you need the question for the month.

### HOPE LUTHERAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Hope Church offers scholarship money to college students. The requirements of eligibility are:

1. Attending an accredited college/university full time
2. Will be entering second year (or higher) of college in fall of 2014
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 **July 27, 2014**. (Recipients of scholarship awards will be invited to be at either worship service on August 3<sup>rd</sup> to receive the first of two checks, the second of which will be **sent** the first week in January 2015.)



... is on vacation this month.



**Saturday August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014**

**Pavilion reserved from 10:00 AM – 10:00 PM**

Lunch served at 2:00 PM

*burgers, hot dogs, salads, dessert, snacks and drinks*

**\$12.00 per person – children 4 and under free**

- Free parking, free admission and free entertainment all day long
- Handicapped accessible – stroller, wheelchair, scooter, & wagon rentals
- Over 50 rides, including kiddie rides and 2 world-class wooden roller coasters! Numerous exhibits, a coal mine museum and much more!
- Make checks payable to **Hope Lutheran Church**

Questions? Call **John Zmyewski** 610-767-7260 or the church office 610-767-7203

#### **HOPE CHURCH AND ELCA WORLD HUNGER**



So how can one lone church in rural Cherryville, PA, end world hunger? Well, the answer might be one person at a time. But – just think what can happen when one lone church pools its resources with the resources of many other churches? And what can a bunch of churches do to end world hunger? Well, the answer is exactly the same – by pooling their resources with the resources of other people and organizations. And – that’s just what Hope Church did on Saturday, June 14, when the WELCA group and the Women of Faith group joined with all the churches of the Northeast PA Synod at Union Lutheran Church – and pooled all those resources with End Hunger NE, Inc. On that day, a group of about 150 people were able to package enough meals of rice, soy, and beans to provide 550,542 meals to share with the local food banks and shelters of the Northeast PA Synod.

*So, let me tell you a little bit about End Hunger NE, Inc. – which is a branch of Outreach, Inc. in Iowa.*

Outreach was created in 2004 when its founders, Floyd Hammer and Kathy Hamilton, returned from a mission trip to Tanzania. During that journey, their hearts were touched by the many children they saw dying from starvation and hunger-related diseases – and they vowed to help. However, they did not merely want to provide a bit of food to starving villages, but they wanted to empower them to be able to produce and provide their own food. So, they bartered with the people for over 12,000 woven baskets – in return for food, water, medicine, and education. And, an ongoing relationship was born that helped the people build wells, plant food, supply medical help and education. All because 2 people pooled the resources of their churches and communities – and let the Holy Spirit begin working. A young man from Minnesota attended one of their “packaging events” while in college. After he graduated from seminary and became a Lutheran pastor in Massachusetts, he formed End Hunger NE, Inc. and linked it to Outreach, Inc. in Iowa. In 2013, End Hunger NE packaged over 1.5 million meals – and they hope to double that amount in 2014.

Thus, even 2 people or 1 Lutheran pastor or a lone church in tiny little Cherryville can make big things happen when we all work together to do what matters to God. To learn more about End Hunger, Inc. – check out their web-site:

**<http://www.outreachprogram.org/outreach-northeast/about/>**

## SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

As requested...

Come cheer on Hope's softball team! All games at 6:00 PM.

- **June 29** : Hope v. Asbury Methodist, North Whitehall Township, Levans Road, Coplay
- **July 6** : Hope v. St. John's UCC, NWT
- **July 13** : Faith Lutheran v. Hope, Kolapecha Park, Coffeetown Road, Coplay
- **July 20** : Hope v. St. Elizabeth's, NWT
- **July 27** : BYE



## VOLUNTEER SCREENING

The Mutual Ministry Committee of Hope Church has recently established new guidelines for individuals who serve as volunteers in various capacities for our church. Council has approved these guidelines and the procedures. The [Hope Volunteer Information Sheet](#) explaining the new guidelines more thoroughly is available on the church website. Volunteers will be classified as either an **Occasional Volunteer** or a **Program Volunteer** with **Program Volunteers** being defined as those individuals who have the opportunity for varied contact and interaction with the children and youth of Hope Church. Those individuals who volunteer as confirmation mentors, nursery assistants, youth group advisors and chaperones, Sunday school teachers and assistants, and Vacation Bible School volunteers are classified as **Program Volunteers** and are required to have a Criminal Record and Child Abuse Check completed by the church. The [Hope Criminal Record and Child Abuse Request Form](#) is available on the church website in the forms section or from the church office. Occasional volunteers will be required to complete a [Hope Volunteer Affidavit](#) form. If you have any questions regarding the new guidelines that have been established for volunteers, please see any member of the Mutual Ministry Committee.

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## **Thank You Notes**

### ***To All My Friends at Hope,***

Maybe you said a prayer, sent a card, or gave me a much needed hug. I want you to know how much it meant of all of us.

The meal you prepared for all of us was really great. Thanks to the funeral group. If I missed anyone, thank you for your kindness.

Pastor Jamie, you lifted me up through the long months of Bill's illness. You will never know how much it meant to me.

*Thanks to all, May God Bless you,*

***Betty Krupa and Family***

# CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR 2014 GRADUATES!



<b>Name</b>	<b>Graduating From</b>	<b>Degree Earned</b>	<b>Future Plans</b>
<b>Colleen Smith</b>	Lebanon Valley College	BA, Religion; Minor in Music, Concentration in Voice	Continuing on to Seminary
<b>Jen LaBarre</b>	Bucknell University	BS, Cell Biology and Biochemistry	Graduate School: University of Michigan, Public Health
<b>John LaBarre</b>	University of Pennsylvania	BS, Nursing	Nurse at Hospital of University of Pennsylvania
<b>Shelbey Ziegler</b>	Parkland High School		LCCC, Early Childhood Education
<b>Nathan Miller</b>	University of Pittsburgh, School of Law	Juris Doctorate	Associate in Law Firm
<b>Jacqueline Frohnheiser</b>	Palmerton High School	Philadelphia University	Study Business Administration, Philadelphia University
<b>LeAnn Makovy</b>	Northampton High School		Kutztown, Criminal Justice
<b>Sarah Galloway</b>	Bloomsburg University		Graduate Study at Bloomsburg University, Speech Pathology
<b>Cory Ninos</b>	Northampton High School		
<b>Frankie Zamadics</b>	Northampton High School		Bloomsburg University, Business Administration
<b>Rachel Wainwright</b>	DeSales	BS, Biology	Graduate Studies at DeSales to become a Physician's Assistant



## HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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### CONTACT INFORMATION

New membership, baptisms, funerals, weddings, change of address, van requests, memorial sponsors, hospital admissions, facility rentals	<b>Call the church office 610-767-7203</b>
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## Our Mission

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*To witness the love of God through both words and actions so that we may make others aware of God's claim on their lives and in doing so, seek to become more perfectly the Body of Christ in the world.*



