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Worship Hours

Sunday Worship at 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM

Regular hours resume Sunday September 7th

Church Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday: 7:30 AM – 4:00 PM

Tuesday 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - JULY 31, 2014

	Regular	Building	Memorial	Scholarship Loan	Memorial Garden
Balance Beginning of Year	\$ 76,661.59	\$ 83,981.26	\$ 90,833.11	\$ 103,109.55	\$ (13,046.92)
Income - July	27,109.84	3,407.51	3,670.10	4,428.74	1,000.00
Income - Jan.-June	183,580.39	16,736.27	10,040.17	7,560.76	1,025.00
Total Income	210,690.23	20,143.78	13,710.27	11,989.50	2,025.00
Expenses - July	35,710.88	924.00	537.64	-	-
Expenses - Jan.-June	208,011.37	3,397.86	891.40	3,750.00	-
Total Expenses	243,722.25	4,321.86	1,429.04	3,750.00	-
Net Income	(33,032.02)	15,821.92	12,281.23	8,239.50	2,025.00
Net Special Appeals	973.43				
Balance End of July	\$ 44,603.00	\$ 99,803.18	\$ 103,114.34	\$ 111,349.05	\$ (11,021.92)

SUMMARY:

Income exceeded expenses in the Regular Fund for the month of July by \$8,601.04, and for the year 2014, expenses exceeded income by \$33,032.02, giving us a current balance in the Regular Fund of \$44,603.00. Last year the net income for the same period was \$(25,367.33) with a balance of \$64,120.56.

Budget Comparison--Total Regular Fund Budget for 2014 is \$416,769.00. 30/52 of that figure is \$240,443.66. Our receipts in the Regular Fund for the seven months were \$210,690.23. So, we are behind in income by \$29,753.43.

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

NEWSLETTER SCHEDULE

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 (communications@hopecherryville.org) by **12:00 PM** on the deadline date. Thank you.

<u>Edition</u>	<u>Article Deadline</u>	<u>Collation Date (10:00AM start)</u>
October	Monday, September 22	Thursday, September 25
November	Monday, October 20	Thursday, October 23
December	Thursday, November 20	Monday, November 24

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 September 2014 issue of Synod News is available online.

Visit <http://nepssynod.org/publications/synod-news/> and select *September 2014*.

**** The Synod has completely redesigned their site – check it out!**



GREETINGS FROM THE PASTOR...

From Pastor Jami Possinger



It seems that, as a congregation, we find ourselves in a period of transition. You may be wondering – in light of Pastor Paulette’s departure – what comes next. Let me walk you through some council decisions that were made this past month to help you see how we hope to “fill in the gaps.”

Council has approved us moving into another call process for a new assistant pastor. This means that we need to put together a call committee which will be made up of six members chosen by the council. The call committee is designed to be representative of the overall membership of the congregation. So the council will look for a mix of longtime members, newer members, youth, young adults, older members and male and female members to fill the call committee positions.

It also means that the congregation must complete all the forms and surveys to begin putting a new Parish Study Report together – a report which is given to any interested candidate and offers them a “paper snapshot” of Hope Lutheran. Here is how we intend to complete this step:

The congregation will fill out a survey on three consecutive Sundays – September 21, 28 and October 5. Each member only fills out one form so we expect to have most of them completed on the first Sunday – but will offer them the next two as well. Linda Mery, Hope’s council president will lead this process.

Rev. Gene Handwerk, Associate to the Bishop, will be joining us on September 28th to meet with the congregation for about 30 minutes after each worship service. He will explain the call process to our members and then complete another survey with those who are here for these meetings.

The council and call committee will complete a more in-depth form – the Ministry Site Profile - which will be collated and submitted to the ELCA online and used to develop the Parish Study Report. The synod actually compiles the Study Report.

Once these steps are completed, the bishop looks for candidates who might “fit” our congregation and the job description we have developed for an Assistant Pastor. There may be a delay before a viable candidate is identified.

With that expectation in mind, the council approved job descriptions for two temporary positions:

Confirmation Coordinator – this person will coordinate, communicate and oversee the administration of the confirmation program in conjunction with the Pastor. It is a part-time position – up to ten hours per week – including Sunday mornings.

Visitation Pastor / Pastoral Care Visitor – This position includes hospital and homebound visitations as well as follow-up visits after hospitals / death of a loved one. It is a 16-20 hours position per week.

We will begin to recruit for these positions immediately through the bulletin and through the synod E-news.

Finally, I am working on scheduling a “guest” preacher one Sunday a month so that the congregation has the opportunity to hear different preaching voices and just to get a small break from preaching myself. If you have questions about this process, please stop in and see me or call me at the church office! And thank you for the ministry you all do and the support you offer our staff as we make this transition!

Blessings,
Pastor Jami

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 28, 2014

Rev. Dr. Gene Handwerk, Associate of the Bishop

Will be at Hope to hold informal meetings / discussions after each worship service.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE – SEPTEMBER 2014

Sunday, September 7, 2014

Regular Worship Schedule Resumes

Sunday School Installation – Both Services

8:00 AM Holy Communion
9:15 AM Sunday School Rally Day
10:30 AM Service of the Word

Sunday, September 14, 2014

Holy Cross Day

8:00 AM Service of the Word
9:15 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Holy Communion

Sunday, September 21, 2014

Parish Survey

8:00 AM Holy Communion
9:15 AM Coffee with the Council
9:15 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Service of the Word

Sunday, September 28, 2014

Harvest Home – Both Services

Parish Survey – Rev. Dr. Gene Handwerk

8:00 AM Holy Communion
9:15 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Holy Communion

NEW MEMBER CLASSES

The next class is scheduled for January 4th, 11th and 18th.

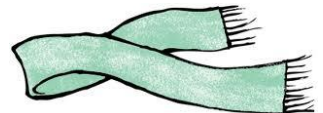
DiscoverRING BELLS

This is a six week class to learn about ringing handbells starting in September on Wednesday evenings. See the flyer on the bulletin board for all the information.



PRAYER SHAWL CRAFTERS

We are in need of baptism blankets for boys or gender neutral ones. There is a bin of yarn in the 2nd grade classroom marked specifically "Baby" with baby yarn that you can use. Thank you. We will start meeting again in September.



FALL CHOIR REHEARSALS

- Senior Choir:** Thursdays at 7 PM starting Sept 4
Youth Choir: Wednesdays at 8 PM starting Sept 3
Junior Choir: Wednesdays at 7 PM starting Sept 3



PASTORAL ACTS

Pastor Jami officiated at the following:

HOLY BAPTISMS

Carter Royce Stahley, son of Celine Stahley, was baptized on Sunday, August 17, 2014. He was born in April 2014.

Harley-Day (Trilli) Hallman, daughter of Joseph and Lynn Trilli, was baptized on Sunday, August 17, 2014. She was born in March 1977.

Douglas Schaedel, son of Douglas Bryan Schaedel and Harley-Day (Trilli) Hallman, was baptized on Sunday, August 17, 2014. He was born in June 2009. **Mason Schaedel**, son of Douglas Bryan Schaedel and Harley-Day (Trilli) Hallman, was baptized on Sunday, August 17, 2014. He was born in July 2011.

Please welcome Carter, Harley-Day, Douglas and Mason to Hope as the newest members of our church family.

MARRIAGE

Patricia Ann Ohl and David Lee Walker were married at Hope Church on Saturday August 23, 2014.

Congratulations to Patricia and David and please pray that they will always remember the vows made before God on their very special day.

FUNERAL

Richard Edward Hulsizer entered eternal life on August 20, 2014 at the age of 75 years old. Funeral services were held at Hope Church

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

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS – AUGUST 2014

- ⤴ Special Guests - Rev. Gene Handwerk, Associate to the Bishop, and Rev. Barry Mitchell, Dean of the Northern Lehigh Valley Mission District conducted Pastor Paulette's exit interview with the council.
- ⤴ Coffee with the Council is scheduled for Sunday, September 21st at 9:15 AM in Kuntz Hall. Members are invited to meet with council representatives for questions and conversation
- ⤴ As we move into the study process to prepare to call a new Assistant Pastor congregation survey dates have been set for Sunday, September 21st, 28th, and October 5th. Congregation members will be asked to complete a survey which will help a pastoral candidate get a feel for our church and its members.
- ⤴ Council approved two new job descriptions:
 - **Confirmation Coordinator** - this person will coordinate, communicate and oversee the administration of the confirmation program in conjunction with the Pastor. It is a part-time position – up to ten hours per week – including Sunday mornings.
 - **Visitation Pastor / Pastoral Care Visitor** – This position includes hospital and homebound visitations as well as follow-up visits after hospitals / death of a loved one. It is a 16-20 hours position per week.

- ⤴ Council will be appointing a six-member call committee as we prepare to call a new assistant pastor.
- ⤴ The Stewardship Committee is preparing for **Hope's Hidden Treasure Auction** – scheduled for Sunday, October 19th. Consecration Sunday events will be held during worship that day where members will be asked to complete and submit an *Estimate of Giving* card. Immediately after the late service a luncheon will be offered and the Time and Talent Auction will kick off. Sign-up sheets to participate in the auction will be available on Sunday, September 7th.
- ⤴ **The annual meeting of the congregation is scheduled for Sunday, November 9th at 9:00AM in Kuntz Hall.** All members are encouraged to attend.
- ⤴ Council approved the leasing of a new copier for the church office from Advanced Business. Our 11 year old copier died and needed to be replaced.
- ⤴ The church picnic held in July was a success. Many members attended and had a wonderful time playing games, sharing a meal and getting to know one another. The trip to Knoebel's grove was also well-attended and lots of fun.

HOPE'S HIDDEN TREASURE AUCTION

Everyone has something to offer – a talent or something that they can share. We want to identify the “hidden treasures” of Hope Lutheran and auction them off at our *Second Annual Time and Talent Auction* on Consecration Sunday 2014!



Here's how it works... think of something you can offer for the auction. Maybe it's some of your time... taking someone to run errands once a week for a month, free babysitting one day for a harried mom. Maybe it's a talent you have... handyman skills, computer skills, making flower arrangements or baking. Maybe it is something you can teach... scrapbooking, swimming or knitting. Maybe it's a treasure you can offer... an heirloom quilt, a weekend at your summer cottage, a special holiday ornament. You offer it – we'll auction it!

On Consecration Sunday - October 19th – we will have lunch and then bring in our auctioneer to start the bidding on a talent or treasure that you can purchase for a price. It's all about sharing what we have with others! Now that you know what it's all about these are your next steps...

- Save the date – October 19, 2014! Consecration Sunday will be celebrated at both services with the lunch and auction after the 10:30 service.
- Think about what you can offer – be creative! A tray of Christmas cookies? Walking someone's dog? Playing the piano for a house party? A hand-knitted afghan? Knife sharpening? A pie a month? iPad/iPhone consulting?
- Look for the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the hallway and sign up to join the auction. ***Because everyone has something to offer!***

Proceeds from the auction will benefit the ministries of Hope Lutheran Church!

CONSECRATION SUNDAY - OCTOBER 19, 2014

Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, such congregations see financial contributions as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes.

Our congregation's finance committee has selected the *New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program* as a way to teach the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving in our stewardship education emphasis this year.

New Consecration Sunday is based on the biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. Instead of treating people like members of a social club who should pay dues, we will treat people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. *New Consecration Sunday* encourages people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?"

During morning worship on Consecration Sunday, we are asking our attendees and members to make their financial commitments to our church's missionary, benevolent, and educational ministries in this community and around the world.

Every attendee and member who completes an *Estimate of Giving Card* does so voluntarily by attending morning worship on Consecration Sunday. We urge people to attend who feel strongly opposed to completing a card. The procedure is done in such a way that no one feels personal embarrassment if he or she chooses not to fill out a card.

We will do no home solicitation to ask people to complete cards. During morning worship our guest leader will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration, climaxed by members making their commitments as a confidential act of worship.

We will encourage participation in Consecration Sunday events through the Consecration Sunday team and governing board members. Since we will make no follow-up visits to ask people to complete their cards, we will make every effort to inform, inspire, and commit everyone to attend Consecration Sunday worship.

Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Consecration Sunday events.

Linda Mery
Council President

WOMEN OF FAITH

The Holy Spirit is alive and working at Hope Lutheran Church! The Women of Faith group has some exciting events planned that are open to ALL people of Hope Church.

- **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 3rd Monday of the month at 6:30 PM in Hanson Hall. 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.



HOLY CROSS SUNDAY

On **Sunday, September 14th** we will be celebrating Holy Cross Day in honor of Jesus' self-offering on the cross for our salvation. To celebrate this day, the Worship Arts Team is encouraging EVERYONE to bring – or create – their favorite cross. Bring your cross to worship that day and we will invite you to bring it forward to add to a display around the altar and encourage you to leave it for the day to be picked up the next week at worship. Please make sure you put your name and phone number somewhere on the cross. Mark your calendar so you don't miss the celebration!

BASKET COMMITTEE



Committee meeting
Monday, September 29th
at 6:30 PM.

Save the Date:
Fall Basket Social Friday
October 10th from 4-7:30
PM.

SOCIAL MINISTRY

- Friendship dances will resume on Monday September 15, 2014 at the church.
- Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 16, at 11:00 AM in the Conference Room.
- **Gracedale Talent Night:** Put those music lessons to use! Kids who sing, dance or make music are encouraged to entertain the folks at Gracedale October 6th.

WELCA

- WELCA, St. John's Nazareth - Breakfast Meeting, Saturday, September 13 at 9:00 AM.
- WELCA Meeting, Tuesday, September 16 at 9:00 AM.
- WELCA Cluster Event at Weisenberg Church, Saturday, September 20th at 9:00 AM.
- WELCA trip to Sight and Sound, Tuesday, September 23rd

OUTREACH MINISTRY TEAM AT HOPE

The Outreach Ministry Committee will meet on Tuesday, September 9 at 6:30 PM. Discussion will center on serving various groups and shelters throughout the year. Anyone interested in helping with the cooking of the meals, serving the people, or offering suggestions for people we could help, should plan to attend this organizational meeting. For more information, contact LeAnn Chandler at 610-440-0341.

NEW GRIEF SUPPORT LUNCH GROUP FORMED

A new grief support lunch group is beginning on Wednesday, September 10, at 11:30 AM. Just "bring your own sandwich" and enjoy the company and conversation – as we "check in" and provide support to one another. This is a continuation of the Grief Support sessions held in the Spring – and is open to people who are dealing with the loss of a loved one – and are seeking additional support and comfort as you move through your grief. The group will meet monthly – on the 2nd Wednesday of the month, at 11:30 AM, in the "Adult Sunday School Room" behind Kuntz Hall. For more information, you can contact Dawn Riso (610-767-3955).

SOUP GROUP



Soup Group will meet and deliver soup on Wednesday, September 3rd at 9:00 AM. All are welcome to help with the cooking or delivering of soup. Our goal is to deliver soup and visit with homebound members of our church. Any food or monetary donations are greatly appreciated. For more information, contact LeAnn Chandler 610-440-0341.

STORY WEAVERS - DISCUSSION GROUP

StoryWeavers will meet on Tuesday, September 9 at 10 AM. All are welcome to attend. All are welcome to attend. For more information, please contact LeAnn Chandler at lachandler7759@hotmail.com or 610-440-0341 if you need the question for the month.

CONFIRMATION COORDINATOR



Hope Lutheran Church is seeking a Confirmation Coordinator for the 2014/2015 confirmation year. This will be a paid, part-time position (up to 10 hours per week including Sunday mornings from 9-11am) overseeing the coordination and administrative aspects of our program. An Associate degree or Bachelor degree in education or a related field is preferred as well as demonstrated experience working with youth. Strong interpersonal, organizational and communication skills are required. A complete job description is available in the church office. An application form can be found on the

church website www.hopecherryville.org. Interested applicants are encouraged to complete the application and return it to Pastor Jami as soon as possible.

PENNY PARTY

The Northampton Area Food Bank is sponsoring a on **Sunday, September 28th** in Kuntz Hall of Hope Lutheran Church. Doors open at **1:00 PM** and the fun begins at **2:00 PM**. There will be refreshments, a raffle, and bake sale in addition to the Penny Party. So bring your pennies, spare change and even a few dollars for a chance to win food or household items and even some baked goods for just pennies at this fun-filled event. For additional information, please call Barbara Budnik at 610-262-6156. Hope to see everyone there!

SAVE THE DATE!

BEAR CREEK CAMP'S WOMEN'S RETREAT
IS APPROACHING! OCTOBER 3-5



Seasons of Faith
Ecclesiastics 3:3-8

Come and join us for a relaxing and fun weekend at Bear Creek Camp.

Our Women's Retreat will be full of many fun things!

Join us for worship, crafts, hiking, massages, great food and fellowship.

To learn more or to download a registration form, visit:
www.bearcreekcamp.org
570-472-3741


BEAR CREEK CAMP

YOUTH GROUP



It's time to start up the youth group again! Don't forget that new permanent permission slips are due for the 2014-15 youth group year. You can find those on our website hopecherryville.org/youth. Bring it with you to the first event that you can attend or drop it in the youth group mailbox at church.

September 27 – Potato Project near Kutztown, PA: If you have not attended this before it is a great way to help out our local community and reach out to those in need. We leave the church around 8 AM and return around 2 PM. Our job is to pick potatoes from the field, clean them off, bag them, and deliver them to our local food banks. After the work is done, there are usually fresh French fries, hot dogs, and cold drinks for everyone! Sign up on Facebook or on our Youth Group Board.

October 4th – Roast Beef and Turkey Dinner The meal will be served family style with roast beef, turkey, vegetables, potatoes, dessert, and a beverage. The cost of the meal will be \$13 for an adult and \$7 for children ages 4 - 12. Children 3 and under are free. There will be two different seatings for the meal. The first seating is from 4 - 5:30 PM and does not include entertainment. The second seating begins at 6:30 PM and features an interactive game night. Enjoy some friendly competition in a variety of games for people of all ages. Come out and have some fun with the youth group! Tickets will be on sale beginning in September and will be sold until Sunday, September 28th. You can purchase them after church services or by calling the church office and leaving a message on the youth group voicemail (ext. 9).

October 8 - POW (Pizza On Wednesdays): This is the kick-off to our POW season! Don't miss the first one. Come have pizza, devotions, and join us for a contemporary worship service at Emmanuel's Lutheran Church. We meet at Hope at 5:30 PM and return around 8:00 PM. This event will be held on the second Wednesday of every month (except during Lent).

October 18 - tentative Haunted Event - location TBD

INDIANLAND GARDEN CLUB

The garden club will meet on Tuesday, September 9, at 7 PM at Hope Lutheran Church. Doors open at 6 PM. Speaker will be Joe Veshinsky, a master gardener. Program will be "Dahlias for a Colorful Summer and Fall." The presentation will be followed by light refreshments and a brief business meeting. Members bring specimens, houseplants and arrangements for judging. For more information, call 610-657-0864.

LEHIGH TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY

- **ICE CREAM SOCIAL:** Mark your calendar for Sunday, September 7, to attend the Ice Cream Social and School day sponsored by the LT Historical Society from 1:30 PM. to 4:00 PM at St. Paul's UCC of Indianland. St. Paul's Schoolhouse will be open that day. A teacher will be leading the class and you can participate. Visit the historic 1865 one-room schoolhouse. There will be free ice cream and light refreshments. Admission is free but donations accepted. Please invite your friends and neighbors to join us!
- Open house at the Lehigh Township Historical Centre on September 14th and 21st, from 1 to 4 PM.
- Annual mum sale Saturday, September 27 (9 to 1 PM) and Sunday, September 28 (1 to 4 PM) or until sold out.
- Redner hoagie coupons sale \$4.50 each. Can be redeemed at your convenience with no expiration date. If interested, call the center and leave a message for Brenda or contact any LTHS member.

For more information, call the historical center at 610-440-0151



This monthly feature explores Hope’s “Hidden Gems,” to focus on the happenings that might fly under the radar of members. Learn and grow in the many facets of Hope. Maybe find a gem of your own!

Christian Education is a vital piece of life at Hope Lutheran. Sunday School takes place each and every Sunday of the school year at 9:15 AM between worship services. Michelle Hughes is beginning her second year as Superintendent, but because she started late last year, this is her first time seeing it from the very beginning. Starting with Rally Day on September 7th, Michelle hopes this will be a great year for staff and students alike.

This year, Sunday School will be using a brand new curriculum. This content is very hands-on and will help standardize the instruction children receive at all levels, and it will also make it easier when adults need to step in as substitutes. It even spells out what materials are needed from week to week.

The theme for Rally Day – Sunday September 7th – is a ‘70s Dance Party! There will be two sessions, one for older kids and one for younger ones. This will get the kids out of the classrooms and together with their teachers, so everyone can get to know faces and names, while building a sense of family and fun. Need a ticket to get into the dance? Just bring a parent and a completed registration form!

Other special events are planned throughout the year, including a very dynamic and personalized family Christmas program. Michelle would like to make Sunday School fun and dynamic and ultimately, she wants everyone to look forward to it.

Funding for Sunday School comes from the general budget; weekly at-will donations are funneled back into the program. Nancy Creyer serves as the Assistant Superintendent and Julie Sekol is the secretary. There are about 35 instructors every week. Michelle encourages parents to get involved – as much or as little as their schedules allow. To facilitate communication, teachers as well as parents will receive regular emails through Constant Contact, so make sure to provide the office with a current email address.

If you’d like to get involved with Christian Education, you can contact Michelle through the web site or come to one of their quarterly meetings; check the calendar. Currently, there is a need for an adult to help with Post Confirmation – see the Bulletin for more information or speak with Michelle. You can usually find her at Hope on Sundays in Room 117.

GUIDED

BIKE

RIDE

Join us on Saturday, September 27th, for a leisurely ride along the Delaware and Lehigh Rail Trail. Lehigh Township Rails to Trails will be leading the ride from the trailhead at Lehighton to Slatington, a one way distance of ~9 miles. Beginning at 9:00 AM, stops will be made to answer questions and discuss local history and botany. Restrooms available at the Slatington Trailhead, as are picnic tables and places to purchase food, or bring your own. From Slatington, riders may bike back to Lehighton or continue to ride along one of the other routes: The ride is FREE, but we ask that you register by September 20th by calling Nancy at 610 767-0676, or by sending an email to ltr2t@hotmail.com.

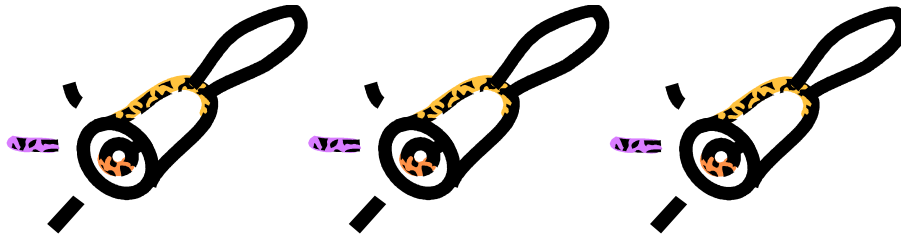
HELP WANTED

The Sunday School office is currently looking for recently confirmed youth members to assist in classroom aide and office positions. All interested candidates please email Michelle Hughes at shellsy2159@yahoo.com.

PATHMARK REWARDS

As of Friday, August 1, you no longer need to use your Pathmark Club Card to get their savings BUT you will have to use it in order for Hope to get the cash back rewards. Please continue using your Pathmark Club Card in order for the church to get 1% Pathmark Perks. If you are not signed up for this program, please contact Judy Dieter at 610-767-9170 or Nancy Hofmann at 610-440-0539.





discoverRING BELLS

What: A six week course to learn the basics of ringing handbells

When: Wednesdays Sept. 3, 10, 17, 24, Oct. 1, 8

Time: 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Where: Hope's sanctuary

Who: For anyone, any age, who would like to learn how to ring bells and read music

These sessions are designed to get you started in a fun, relaxing manner.

No commitment to join a bell choir.

Come discover something new!

Contact Janet Filchner: 610-262-5215 or bells@hopecherryville.org



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HOPE LEADERSHIP

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CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL

Linda Mery <i>President</i>	Tim Lockard <i>Vice President</i>	Amy Nichols <i>Secretary</i>
Kasey Frey	Jim Gardner	Tim Moore
Al Rock	Tony Pagotto	Tom Patterson
Bruce Schnabel	Bob Small	John P. Zmyewski

CONTACT INFORMATION

<p>New membership, baptisms, funerals, weddings, change of address, van requests, memorial sponsors, hospital admissions, facility rentals</p>	<p>Call the church office 610-767-7203</p>
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REGARDING	CALL	PHONE. NO.
Basket Cmte	Linda Sidor	610-767-8372
Boy Scouts	Mike Weber	570-905-6319
Church Website	Tom Perry	610-261-0743
Confirmation	Pastor Jami	610-767-7203
Cub Scouts	Emily Hassler	610-760-1547
Evangelism	Sharyn Kratzer	610-261-1277
Finance	Bob Small	610-428-3231
Girl Scouts	Karen Zimmerman	610-760-1887
Hope Fest	Wayne Weidner	610-767-1512
Memorial Garden	Barry Ritter	610-428-2320
Mentor Leaders	Trish Ninos	610-360-6034
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Nursery School	Deb Gable	610-767-7523
Prayer Shawl	JoAnne Creyer	610-262-3204
Property	Earl Snyder	610-703-5166
SCS/Christian Ed	Michelle Hughes	484-547-4585
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Social Ministry	Marge Zimmerman	610-217-8324
Stewardship	Jim Gardner	610-767-8421
Tae Kwon Do	Rich Mullen	610-760-0958
VBS	Kathy Ziegler	610-262-9197
WELCA	Judy Dieter	610-767-9170
Women of Faith	Jane Tretiak	610-767-7203
Worship Arts	Pastor Jami	610-767-7203
Worship & Music	Janet Filchner	610-262-5215
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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.

THANK YOU NOTES

"I would like to thank the Hope congregation and family very much for the scholarship award. The extra money will help offset the every-increasing costs of school and is greatly appreciate. Thank you all and God bless."

Thanks,
Kendall Belletti

Dear Friends,

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to you for your donation of household items, bedding/linens, and sheets to the Sixth Street Shelter. A great deal of our support comes from the local community. Without support from our donors, we would not be able to continue prociding for the residents who participate in the shelter's program.

Located in Center City Allentown, the shelter has 25 apartments, a Family Resource Center with a computer lab, a playground, information on a wide variety of community resources, and, above all, a dedicated staff. In addition to housing and casework, the shelter offers GED tutoring, an emergency food pantry, and an adult health clinic free to uninsured adults.

Thank you for being a part of the effort to aid these families in their transition from homelessness to self-sufficiency.

Sincerely,
Dawn Godshall, Director