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HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Worship Hours

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

Sunday School 9:15 AM

Church Office Hours

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

Tuesday 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

GREETINGS FROM THE PASTOR... *From Pastor Jami Possinger*

Emmanuel – God with us. That’s what it is all about – Christmas I mean. Emmanuel – God with us. In the midst of the shopping, the baking, the wrapping, the caroling, the decorating the gift giving do you find him? In the wonder of the festivity, the worship, the candlelight, the community do you find him? In the midst of the silence, the joy, the holiness, the wonder do you find him? Because Emmanuel – God with us – is what Christmas is all about.



It is not surprising if you answered “no” to the questions above. After all, two thousand years ago people missed him. The throngs of people who came to Bethlehem on the night of his birth to be counted in the census missed him. As he grew up, the people from his home town in Nazareth missed him. Many who heard him preach, saw him heal, witnessed his miracles missed him. The scribes and Pharisees who confronted him during his ministry missed him. And yet he was never disguised!

Only those who were open to his presence – only those who trusted his message – only those who dared to believe God was at work among humanity – only those people experienced Emmanuel – God with us.

Emmanuel – God with us – continues to come. Entering the world... in the bright eyes of a child witnessing for the first time the sacredness of Christmas Eve worship – as she lifts her candle high and sings “Silent Night”... in the grateful heart of the one who has experienced forgiveness... in the open arms of the ones who welcome the rejected... in the wandering feet of the ones who spread the gospel... in the listening ears of the ones who hear acceptance... in the faith-filled voices of the ones who give thanks for his coming.

This year... may you find him – Emmanuel –

God with us. May you be awakened to his presence within you. May you be filled with wonder and awe for the way he works in your life. May you experience joy and hope and gratitude as he touches your soul. May you hear his voice as he whispers your name and calls you to help him enter the world. Because he comes – Emmanuel – God with us.

Christmas Blessings,
Pastor Jami

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS – NOVEMBER 2014

- ⚓ Council reviewed the proposed 2015 budget and voted to send it to the congregation for their review and approval at the annual congregation meeting on November 9th.
- ⚓ **2015 Estimate of Giving Cards have been sent to all members who were not in attendance for Consecration Sunday. Council encourages all members to complete their Estimate of Giving card and return it to the church office as soon as possible.**
- ⚓ The annual Nativity Display is scheduled for November 29th and 30th.
- ⚓ Council approved Meisner Service’s bid to replace the 40 year old boiler at a cost of \$17,564.00 from the Building Fund.
- ⚓ The Time and Talent Auction held on Consecration Sunday was a hit again this year. Proceeds from the auction will be used for Hope’s ministries.
- ⚓ Council appointed a Call Committee which will be ready to interview an Assistant Pastor candidate whenever one is available. The members of the Call Committee are: Amy Nichols (Council representative), Nancy Hofmann, Michael Rock, Lee Creyer, AJ Szwast and Brian Schell.
- ⚓ Council approved the transfer of Pastor Paulette and Peter Obrecht to Emmanuel’s Lutheran Church and the reinstatement of Carl Nemeth and Kevin, Vicki, Danielle, Brianna, Megan and Robert Weaver.
- ⚓ Council approved the purchase of a video camera to tape worship services for homebound members. The AV committee will look into this purchase.
- ⚓ The next “Coffee with the Council” is scheduled for Sunday, January 11th from 9:15 – 10:15 AM. This is an opportunity for members to meet informally with council representatives and ask questions, offer suggestions, review financial statements, etc. Members are encouraged to take advantage of this information sharing time.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE – DECEMBER 2014

<p><u>Wednesday, December 3, 2014</u> 7:00 PM Advent Worship <i>The Gift of Expectancy</i></p>
<p><u>Sunday, December 7, 2014</u> 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Service of the Word</p>
<p><u>Wednesday, December 10, 2014</u> 7:00 PM Advent Worship <i>The Gift of Grace</i></p>
<p><u>Sunday, December 14, 2014</u> 8:00 AM Service of the Word 9:15 AM Sunday School Christmas Program 10:30 AM Holy Communion</p>
<p><u>Wednesday, December 17, 2014</u> 7:00 PM Advent Worship <i>The Gift of Reconciliation</i></p>
<p><u>Sunday, December 21, 2014</u> 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Service of the Word</p>
<p><u>Wednesday, December 24, 2014</u> 4:00 PM Christmas Eve Family Service 6:00 PM Christmas Eve Family Service 8:30 PM Christmas Eve Service 11:00 PM Christmas Eve Service</p>
<p><u>Sunday, December 28, 2014</u> 8:00 AM Service of Lessons, Carols & Communion 10:30 AM Service of Lessons, Carols & Communion</p>

MITTEN TREE

Thank you! We always have the coziest looking tree, don't we? Your kindness is very much appreciated.



WELCA

No meeting on Tuesday December 16 but lunch at Assante in Northampton at noon.

2014 SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL TAX STATEMENTS

Statements to be used for income tax purposes will be given only to those who request them. Please provide your name and envelope number with your child's offering, or phone Nancy Creyer at 610-767-8942 (leave message). Statements will be completed in January of 2015.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Stewardship is about:

Caring for and managing God's abundant gifts
Counting your blessings intentionally
Giving as you have received—and the giving of "first fruits"
Allowing your passions for mission to take flight
Focusing on abundance rather than scarcity
Developing your charitable portfolio
Passing on committed giving to the next generation
Talking about money positively in the church, in concert with your values
Walking your talk
Sharing, saving and spending



CONSECRATION SUNDAY RESULTS

Consecration Sunday commitment cards continue to come in to the office. Council reminds members that it is not too late to return the Estimate of Giving Cards through the end of the year. Commitments from the Consecration Sunday Event as of November 17th are \$229,100.00.

2014 OFFERINGS

Please “catch up” with your 2014 commitment or “intended” giving by the end of December or give an extra gift before the end of the year. Let’s keep Hope’s ministries STRONG!! THANK YOU! 2014 OFFERINGS must be received or postmarked on or before December 31, 2014 to receive credit for this year. Any offerings received after January 1, 2015 MUST be credited as 2015 contributions.



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.

Our next meeting of the Women of Faith will be held on Monday, December 15th. We will be meeting at the church at 6:00 PM and going to the Lovelight House in Treichlers to sing Christmas carols with the residents. We will then return to the church for fellowship and a cookie exchange. Please watch for a sign-up sheet to be posted on the bulletin board. Please indicate on the sheet what kind of cookies you will be making. DEADLINE to sign up will be, Sunday, December 7th. Jane Tretiak will give you a call the week before to let you know how many cookies to make (depends on how many sign up)! Questions, please call her at 610-767-7203.

- **January 19** – Yoga with Amy
- **February 19** – Service! Northampton Food Bank
- **March 16** – Pysanky Hand painted eggs with Steph Ziegler

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

Events are held the third 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 our activities. Come enjoy fun and fellowship.

RECENT BLOOD DONORS

The following members of Hope Lutheran Church donated blood in October – thank you – Nancy Biechy
Wendy Clowes Strohl, Brenda Mack, Sharon Schell. **We have 65 pints YTD on our goal of 32!** If you would like to give the gift of life, please call the Miller Blood Center at 610-691-5850.



OUTREACH MINISTRY TEAM AT HOPE

The Outreach Ministry Committee has the following activities on the calendar for December:

- **Tuesday, Dec. 2 – 5:30 PM** gift wrapping
- **Monday, Dec. 8 – 2 PM** visit to St. Stephen's
- **Wednesday, Dec. 17 – 2 PM** visit to St. Stephen's Christmas party

Anyone interested in finding out more about our Outreach Ministry and their activities should attend. For more information, contact LeAnn Chandler at 610-440-0341.

FLOWER SPONSOR CHART

Our new flower chart for 2015 will be posted on the bulletin board in the narthex very soon. Two sponsors (*and only two*) are needed each week, at a cost of \$15.00 per sponsor. Sponsor envelopes are next to the chart, the sponsor money and the envelope is due in the church office two weeks before the sponsorship. Thank you to Sis Livermon for making our flower chart.

BULLETIN SPONSOR CHART

Our bulletin chart for 2015 will also be posted on the narthex bulletin board shortly. Three sponsors are needed per week at a cost of \$8.50 per sponsor.

PRESS SPONSOR CHART

Our press sponsor chart for 2015 will be posted on the narthex bulletin board shortly. One sponsor is needed per week at a cost of \$6.00 per sponsor.

GRIEF SUPPORT LUNCH GROUP

Due to dwindling participation, the grief support lunch group has decided there will be no further meetings.



GIANT A+ SCHOOL REWARDS

Hope Lutheran Nursery School participates in the Giant A+ School Rewards Program. Every time you shop at Giant and use your bonus card between now and March 21, 2015, you earn CA\$H for our Nursery School. To register your Bonus Card, visit www.giantfoodstores.com/aplus and use our School ID #06640. If you prefer, we can register your card for you – just write down your last name and 11 digit bonus card number and place it in the Nursery School mailbox and we will take care of the rest. Thank you for supporting the Nursery School.



HOPE LUTHERAN NURSERY SCHOOL

... is now accepting registrations for next year (2015-2016). 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 Deb 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 DISCOUNT CARDS

The Nursery School will be selling Discount Cards offering 10% off or a special offer at area business for \$10 each. Discount cards will arrive in time for the holidays and make great gifts! For more information or to order cards, please see the flyer on the Nursery School bulletin board or contact Erica Szawast (610) 653-5392 or eszawast@hotmail.com or anyone affiliated with the Nursery School. Thank you for supporting the Nursery School.



STORY WEAVERS - DISCUSSION GROUP

StoryWeavers will meet on Wednesday, December 10 at 10:00 AM. *** Note change of date.* All are welcome to attend. For more information, please contact LeAnn Chandler at 610-440-0341 or lachandler7759@hotmail.com.

HOPE'S HELPING HANDS

A huge THANK YOU to everyone that supported the Hope Helping Hands recent crab patties and potato filling sales. Through your efforts and support, the HHH committee is able to continue to help those less fortunate than us. Four of our Hope members recently returned from another successful trip to Tuscaloosa, Alabama working with Habitat for Humanity building houses for people that lost their homes during the tornado that ripped through Tuscaloosa several years ago. In addition, two of our members have been working locally with Habitat for Humanity of the Lehigh Valley, helping those closer to home. Look for another crab patty sale coming up during Lent. Thanks again for all of your support and prayers.

NEW MEMBER CLASSES

Will be held on the following Sundays: January 4, 11 and 18 from 9:15 - 10:15 AM. The last class (January 18) will be a reception and the new members will also be received during the worship services that morning. If you know of someone who is interested in joining our church, please give them this information.



SOUP GROUP

Soup Group will meet and deliver soup on Wednesday, December 3 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.

WORSHIP ARTS

Is seeking Newspaper donations. Please bring to the narthex.



HOPE FRIENDSHIP DANCE

Monday, December 15
7:00 to 9:00 PM
Kuntz Hall

YOUTH GROUP

Christmas Party – Saturday, December 6 at 4:00 PM.

Christmas POW with a Twist – Wednesday, December 17, time TBD (may vary slightly from usual time). We were again invited to Blue Mountain Community Church's Christmas Party.

Christmas Eve – Wednesday, December 24 at 4:00 and 6:00 PM Family Services. Needed: Puppeteers & Scene movers. No speaking lines or memorization! We will also need ushers, volunteers to read lessons, and greeters. This is a really fun evening and everyone enjoys seeing the youth involved. Check FB for more info. 😊



DID YOU RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION THIS YEAR?

Did you complete the hospitality pad this year indicating you received Holy Communion? Please complete the Hope Hospitality pad next time you receive communion (if you didn't or you're not sure). Our constitution requires active members to receive communion regularly.

VIDEOTAPING WORSHIP SERVICES



Our new Audio/Visual Committee is looking for a few people who would be willing to videotape some worship services that are coming up in November. No experience is necessary – training will be provided. Interested members may choose the service to be taped - either the 8:00 AM service or the 10:30 AM service. If you are interested please speak to Pastor Jami or call the church office.

IS THERE CHURCH?

If the weather is extremely bad on any given Sunday or Wednesday this winter, and you are wondering if Sunday Church School or worship services are cancelled, please listen to the radio station WAEB (AM 790), check the website at www.hopecherryville.org or call our church office (610-767-7203).



CATECHETICAL CLASSES

Confirmands,

November was a busy month! Level 1 visited Temple Beth El and they did a great job representing our congregation. I am sure Level 2 did the same at the Northampton Food Bank for their mentor event. There are also a lot of students participating in the Nativity Display, and another church visit for Level 1 before the end of the month.

December will be a little bit slower for us! There are outreach opportunities coming though, including; caroling with the Women of Faith of the choir, helping to decorate the church for Christmas, or delivering poinsettias to the homebound members.

Remember that December is also a great month to make up church services if you are behind, because Advent and Christmas services count towards you total - just remember to turn in your completed church attendance sheets at the end of the service.

Thank You!

Rachel Holencik, Confirmation Coordinator

CHURCH GIVING

It is important to keep up with your regular giving. Please remember to fulfill your commitment to the mission and ministries of Hope Lutheran Church. Here is an update on giving to the general fund as of 010/31/14.

Income	\$303,751.37
Expenses	\$338,135.96
Net Income	(\$34,384.59)

15TH ANNUAL NATIVITY DISPLAY

Evangelism will sponsor the 15th Annual Nativity Display on **Saturday, November 29**, from **10:00 AM to 8:00 PM** and **Sunday, November 30** from **8:00 AM to 5:00 PM**



Merry Christmas to all and God's Blessings.
Hope's Evangelism Committee



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!

Hope Lutheran Preschool

If you've ever been in the hallways at Hope between nine in the morning and 11:30, from September through May, you know just how busy, noisy and brimming with little voices and footfalls it can be. Hope Lutheran Nursery School has been a fixture here and in the community for well over twenty years. You might even remember Bev and Ro, who were here for about 19 years. With the ability to enroll up to 60 children a year... do the math and figure the number of Hope Church members and local residents who received their earliest education here at Hope.

The stated mission of Hope Lutheran Preschool is to reach out to a growing community and provide high quality education and social contact in a non-discriminatory environment to three and four-year-olds. Currently, Monday-Wednesday-Friday brings in the four year olds, while Tuesday and Thursday is the domain of the three year olds.

Preschool is self-funded; most of the funds come from monthly tuition, which is slightly lower for Hope Church members. There are fundraisers that go on throughout the year, including Redner's Register tapes, Turkey Hill Moo Money, Giant Rewards and Pathmark Community Rewards program, which all contribute programming dollars to the preschool program. There is also the sale of discount cards (going on right now!) that earn money for the school. Thrivent participants can also specify a percentage that can go towards the school.

Throughout the year, the children mark the usual milestones of the school year, with activities including but not limited to class pictures, Christmas and Easter programs, Halloween and Valentine's Day parties, and students rotate classroom jobs and responsibilities weekly as well as celebrate each other's birthdays throughout the year. There are parent conferences and classroom observation times for parents. Twice a year, at Christmas and Easter, Pastor Jami pays the kiddos a visit.

Their day includes Bible stories, painting, gym, colors, weather, calendar, crafts, show & tell, snack time, and fun with food. They also mingle with the Senior Center that runs concurrently on site. Recently the kids served as judges of the seniors' pumpkin decorating contest and for Christmas, they will carol at the Senior Center. In addition, the preschoolers go on field trips to the firehouse, a local veterinarian's office, mini golf and Rita's, and to the Lehigh Valley Zoo. When three year olds finish their first year here, there is a promotion ceremony and when four year olds finish the program, there is a graduation ceremony and a visit to Lehigh Elementary School.

Hope Lutheran Nursery School is governed by a board of six people: Trish Ninos, President; Erica Szwast, Vice President; Dale Newhart, Finance; Nancy Biechy, Treasurer; Julie Sekol, Secretary and Deb Gable is the staff representative on the board.

Deb has been here for 17 years and notes that her own kids went here; that's what sparked her involvement. "Hope's preschool has one of the better reputations in the area, that's one of the things that I hear a lot when people call for information," says Deb. There are two teachers – Deb and Carmella, who hold degrees in education, and two aides, Louise and Toni. When necessary, they have a list of parents who serve as substitutes.

Without the preschool, mornings in the office would surely be quieter and less chaotic, but really, the bustle is all worth it, especially when the little ones file by dressed as Pilgrims, Native Americans, Halloween and Nativity characters and more, and bringing smiles to all whose paths they cross.

For more information on Hope Lutheran Preschool, visit http://hopecherryville.org/nursery_school.php, check them out on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/HopeLutheranNurserySchool> or you can call the Church Office, and we'll put you in touch with Deb. Enrollment is always open!



SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Save the Date! Sunday School Families...
join us as we take the "Follow the Star" tour on
Sunday, December 14th
during the Sunday School hour for
this year's Christmas Program.

Travel back in time and take the journey to the Nativity.

Please make your "reservations" now by
emailing Michelle Hughes at shellisy2159@yahoo.com;
please put "Follow the Star" in the subject line.
You can also call the church office to RSVP.

15th Annual Open House
Nativity Display

Hope Lutheran Church, Cherryville, PA

Saturday November 29
10:00 AM – 8:00 PM

Sunday November 30
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

- ✚ Hundreds of Nativities on display
- ✚ Free admission and refreshments
- ✚ Children's Nativity craft center

If you would like to share a nativity with us for the weekend, please bring it to church on Friday November 28th between 1:00 PM and 7:00 PM

For more information, please call the Church Office at (610) 767-7203
Sponsored by Hope's Evangelism Committee

Keep Christ in Christmas



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MIDWEEK ADVENT SERIES: The Gifts of Christmas

Christmas gifts come in all kinds of sizes, shapes and styles. This Advent you will meet three people who discover that the true gifts of Christmas can't be bought or wrapped. Join Pastor Jami each Wednesday evening at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary for worship with *Holden Evening Prayer* and a look at what is behind the best Christmas gifts ever...

Week 1 (December 3rd) – *The Gift of Expectancy:*

One dad discovers a way to place Jesus at the center of his family's life.

Week 2 (December 10th) – *The Gift of Grace:* A man discovers that Christmas is about more than just saying "Merry Christmas."

Week 3 (December 17th) – *The Gift of Reconciliation:* A father goes out of his way to reconcile with his children.

JESSE TREE FOR ADVENT

Each day during Advent, a volunteer places a symbol on the Jesse Tree in the narthex. The symbol represents one of the Bible Stories, which leads to the birth of Jesus. A scripture and prayer are included on the back of each symbol for a brief devotion before placing the symbol on the macramé tree. If you can help with this, please sign the list in the narthex.

SOUP LUNCH

Will be held after the 10:30 worship service on Sunday December 21st at about 11:30 AM.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

All ages are invited to go caroling on Sunday afternoon, December 21st following the soup lunch at approximately 12:30 PM. We go visit as many homebound members as possible.



SPECIAL CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICE

Christmas Communion Worship for our homebound members and members unable to get to a Christmas Eve service will be held at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, December 23rd. A light luncheon will follow. Please RSVP on the bulletin board or call the office 610-767-7203; also let the church office know if you need a ride.

ALTAR GUILD

We will have four worship services on Christmas Eve: 4:00, 6:00, 8:30 and 11:00 PM. **We could use two to three people to help our altar guild for each service.** The volunteers will help fill the candles with liquid wax and straighten up the pews for the following service. Please call the church office at 610-767-7203 if you can help.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

4:00 and 6:00 PM – A family service of lessons, carols, communion and service of lights.

8:30 and 11:00 PM – A service of lessons, carols, communion and service of lights.

CHRISTMAS EVE CHURCH NURSERY

The nursery will be open for all of the worship services on Christmas Eve; however the nursery will not be staffed. If you feel your child needs a little break from any of the services, please feel free to use the nursery as long as needed. Thank you!

POINSETTIA SALE



The last day to order poinsettias is December 7th. Order forms are available in the narthex.

AFTER CHRISTMAS CLEAN-UP

Please come out on Friday, December 26th at 8:00 AM to help clean up the church and also put some of the Christmas decorations away. Any help would be greatly appreciated.



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HOPE LEADERSHIP

STAFF

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<p><u>TREASURER</u> Mrs. Trudy Mertz</p>	<p><u>FINANCIAL SECRETARY</u> Mrs. Deb Gardner</p>
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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	Rachel Holencik	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
Mutual Ministry	Charlie Kutzler	610-262-4588
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
Senior Center	Diane Esch	610-767-2977
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
Youth Group	Steph Ziegler Stacey Ziegler	610-262-9197
Yard Sale	Ralph Fisher	610-392-4985

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.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - OCTOBER 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 - October	30,700.35	7,274.73	(1,696.71)	(2,453.84)	-
Income - Jan.-Sept.	273,051.02	26,273.99	14,438.60	11,989.50	3,025.00
Total Income	303,751.37	33,548.72	12,741.89	9,535.66	3,025.00
Expenses - October	33,215.60	99.00	1,592.10	-	-
Expenses - Jan.-Sept.	304,920.36	6,632.79	1,624.04	7,950.00	-
Total Expenses	338,135.96	6,731.79	3,216.14	7,950.00	-
Net Income	(34,384.59)	26,816.93	9,525.75	1,585.66	3,025.00
Net Special Appeals	968.68				
Balance End of October	\$ 43,245.68	\$ 110,798.19	\$ 100,358.86	\$ 104,695.21	\$ (10,021.92)

SUMMARY:

Expenses exceeded income in the Regular Fund for the month of October by \$2,515.25, and for the year 2014, expenses exceeded income by \$34,384.59, giving us a current balance in the Regular Fund of \$43,245.68. Last year the net income for the same period was \$(44,419.10) with a balance of \$45,381.79.

Budget Comparison--Total Regular Fund Budget for 2014 is \$416,769.00. 43/52 of that figure is \$344,635.91. Our receipts in the Regular Fund for the ten months were \$303,751.37. So, we are behind in income by \$40,884.54.

*** 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>
January	Thursday, December 18	Monday, December 22
February	Monday, January 19	Thursday, January 22
March	Monday, February 17	Thursday, February 19

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 December 2014 issue of Synod News is available online.

Visit <http://nepsynod.org/publications/synod-news/>



