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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

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - NOVEMBER 30, 2015					
	Regular	Building	Memorial	Scholarship Loan	Memorial Garden
Balance Beginning of Year	\$ 65,304.03	\$ 110,899.44	\$ 100,587.66	\$ 104,695.21	\$ (8,021.92)
Income - November	38,002.81	97.93	(5,059.04)	(6,259.43)	50.00
Income - Jan.-Oct.	295,599.88	47,732.60	9,275.63	4,950.66	1,085.00
Total Income	333,602.69	47,830.53	4,216.59	(1,308.77)	1,135.00
Expenses - November	30,918.65	4,036.57	-	-	-
Expenses - Jan.-Oct.	313,944.99	32,104.33	2,423.20	9,275.00	1,200.00
Total Expenses	344,863.64	36,140.90	2,423.20	9,275.00	1,200.00
Net Income	(11,260.95)	11,689.63	1,793.39	(10,583.77)	(65.00)
Net Special Appeals	870.61				
Balance End of November	\$ 54,913.69	\$ 122,589.07	\$ 102,381.05	\$ 94,111.44	\$ (8,086.92)
SUMMARY:					
Income exceeded expenses in the Regular Fund for the month of November by \$7,084.16, and for the year 2015, expenses exceeded income by \$11,260.95, giving us a current balance in the Regular Fund of \$54,913.69. Last year the net income for the same period was \$(29,290.59) with a balance of \$48,342.18.					

*** 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>
February	Monday, January 18	Thursday, January 21
March	Monday, February 15	Thursday, February 18
April	Monday, March 21	Thursday, March 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 January 2016 issue of **Synod News** is available online.

Visit <http://nepasynod.org/documents/synod-news/synod-news-2016-01.pdf>



GREETINGS FROM THE PASTOR...

By the time you read this newsletter article we will be getting ready to ring in the New Year 2016. As I anticipate this, I cannot help but wonder what the year will bring. Most definitely there will be lots of things that are not on my radar right now. But there will be things of which I am certain... another notch on my age belt... a presidential election... the constant threat of terrorist attacks around the world... new opportunities for ministry here at Hope... new ways to live our lives.



And that got me to thinking about how I might look at life with a different view this year – how I might be very conscious about how I perceive things and how I am perceived. This struck me because I recently read a quote by Zig Ziglar who said, “When you choose to be pleasant and positive in the way you treat others, you have also chosen, in most cases, how you are going to be treated by them.”

I know people who never make an effort to be pleasant and positive to others – and who were constantly complaining about how other people treat them. It is astonishing to me to hear them complain about how others act when I know how they treat others. The reality is that every person longs to be recognized as a unique, caring individual with needs and wants and hopes and dreams. Every one of us longs to be treated with dignity and respect – and not walked all over. Truth is – if we treat other people poorly we're going to be treated poorly, too.

A friend shared what she observed recently when she was on a short vacation. A couple came to the front desk of the hotel – not just once, but several times. To my friend, it was quite obvious that they were looking for a big discount or an upgrade to a different room. They said just one of the staff lied to them and that all the rest were unprofessional and unable to do their jobs. The woman at the desk tried to treat them well and be reasonable for a very long time, but that didn't work. Finally, she told them, “Fine, we'll just refund your money and you can go somewhere else to stay.” This stopped them in their tracks. Their complaining immediately stopped and they turned and left. Why did it have to come to that?

My friend reflected to me, “Life is a mirror. It gives back to us what we give to it. People will treat us as we treat them, and they'll remember our rudeness – and the next time we show up where they work or live, we'll be treated based on how they remember us treating them.”

There are many reasons to change our attitudes to more positive and loving ones – but the most important reason of all is to turn our own lives into positive experiences that allow us to be happy and fulfilled. That can come only from us and not from any other source. The world will not give us the conditions that will nurture happiness and fulfillment until we show to the world a face that is ready for both.

So this year maybe you want to reflect with me on these two questions: What kind of attitude do you generally give to the world? What kind of attitude does the world generally give to you in return? Turn your gaze inward. If you wonder why people treat you as they do, look inside and discover the face that you're giving to the world. And once you determine that... decide how you want the world to treat you and present a face that will attract just that kind of treatment. Correct yourself and your world will change.

New Year Blessings, Pastor Jami



2015 OFFERINGS

Please catch up with your 2015 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!! 2015 offerings must be received or postmarked on or before December 31, 2015 to receive credit for this year. Any offerings received after January 1, 2016 MUST be credited as 2016 contributions.

From Pastor Brian—

What an adventure these first three months have been! As I write this, I'm looking forward to the Christmas season and everything that will go on here at Hope. We're in the midst of Advent and the new year is almost upon us. This past month, I've had a lot of fun getting to know more people, being invited over for dinners, and learning more and more names. Forgive me if I don't know them all yet, but I promise it'll come—just keep reminding me every time you see me!

I was very pleased with the turnout for Centering Prayer and am so excited that many of you have found it to be a meaningful practice. I hope to continue meeting in 2016; look out for more info on when and where. I've also been excited to be getting to know our youth better and better. We recently baked cookies to deliver to some of our congregation's homebound and I had a blast caroling the next day as we delivered them after worship. I also had a great time taking part in the Sunday School Christmas Program—it was a very fun experience and I know our kids enjoyed it, too! And I have to say how very impressed I was by the Nativity Display in Kuntz Hall; it was beautiful, such a wonderful turnout and magnificent display!

I wish you all the best this Christmas and pray your new year is filled with God's love, peace, and joy. May this coming year be a deeply transformative year for you and for me. May we grow together in deeper relationship with God and with each other. May the power of the Spirit motivate us more than ever to transform ourselves and the world we live in, and help us discern God's will for our lives and how best to serve our neighbors. Many blessings to you all as we anticipate Christmas and New Year's; I look forward to all 2016 has in store!

Peace, Pastor Brian

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS – DECEMBER 2015

- ⤵ Council recognized outgoing council members with gratitude for their service. Tim Moore, Amy Nichols and Bruce Schnabel have all completed their terms in office. The 2016 Council will be installed January 10th.
- ⤵ Kuntz Hall kitchen renovations are underway. There may be some inconvenience during this time.
- ⤵ The Facility Use fees – fees for renting various rooms in the facility – have been updated. The new Facility Use forms can be found on the website.
- ⤵ Council received a proposal from the Audio-Visual Team regarding projection and recording equipment for the sanctuary which was tabled until the January meeting.
- ⤵ The new Wellness Team
- ⤵ will be hosting a Community Blood Drive in Kuntz Hall on Sunday, January 10, 2016. Members will have the opportunity to schedule appointments before and after services on Sunday, December 20th, 27th and January 3rd.
- ⤵ The next "Coffee with the Council" is scheduled for Sunday, January 31st. *Please note: the date was changed from January 10th to accommodate the Community Blood Drive.*
- ⤵ Hope is looking for additional people for the "Lock-Up" crew. These people check the doors of the building on Saturday and Sunday nights to make sure it is secure. Teams are scheduled for a month at a time. Interested individuals should contact the church office.
- ⤵ Tickets for the annual Valentine Dinner, sponsored by Hope's Youth Group, will be on sale in the narthex on Sunday, January 17th, 24th, 31st, and February 7th.

2015 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 2016.

WELCA

Tuesday, January 19, 9:00 AM

WORSHIP SCHEDULE – JANUARY 2016

<p><u>Sunday, January 3, 2016</u> 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Service of the Word</p>
<p><u>Sunday, January 10, 2016</u> <i>Installation of Church Council Members</i> 8:00 AM Service of the Word 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:15 AM New Member Class 10:30 AM Holy Communion</p>
<p><u>Sunday, January 17, 2016</u> 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:15 AM New Member Class 9:15 AM 2018 Nat'l Youth Gathering Meeting 10:30 AM Service of the Word</p>
<p><u>Sunday, January 24, 2016</u> <i>Installation of New Members</i> 8:00 AM Service of the Word 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:15 AM New Member Class 10:30 AM Holy Communion</p>
<p><u>Sunday, January 31, 2016</u> 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:15 AM Coffee with the Council 10:30 AM Holy Communion</p>



HOPE FRIENDSHIP DANCE

Monday, January 21

7:00 to 9:00 PM

Kuntz Hall

FLOWER SPONSOR CHART

The flower chart for 2016 is posted. Two sponsors (*and only two*) of \$15.00 each are needed each week. Sponsor envelopes are next to the chart, and are due to the office two weeks before the sponsorship. Thank you to Sis Livermon for making our flower chart.

BULLETIN SPONSOR CHART

The bulletin chart for 2016 is posted on the narthex bulletin board. Three sponsors are needed per week at a cost of \$8.50 per sponsor.

PRESS SPONSOR CHART

The press sponsor chart for 2016 is also posted. One sponsor is needed per week at a cost of \$6.00 per sponsor.



Why We Give

By Tim Krick

In his book, "Giving to God", Mark Allen Powell wrote, "We are invited to put money in the offering plate on Sunday morning not because the church needs our money but because we want and need to give it."

For many of us, this may fly in the face of our typical notion of giving our offering. We may have been brought up thinking we give because the church has bills. There is a building that has upkeep and expenses, staff needs to receive a salary and there is the larger church that receives our support also. In essence, we give because of the need of others.

While this is true, this is not the primary reason why we receive an offering during our worship service. If we simply view giving as a way to meet budget needs then we most likely will not find a whole lot of joy in giving, we will view it as we view paying our gas or electric bill for our home.

As Allen points out, if giving is simply to meet the budgetary expenses, then why is this part of the service at all? We should simply have dues and let everyone know their share. *But if we give because we recognize our need and desire to give, then offering becomes an act of worship and it changes our motivation for giving.* We turn from meeting an obligation to "expressing our love of God in the purest way imaginable, by giving up something that we value."

This is, in essence, why we receive an offering during our worship service. Yes, it helps to pay the bills, but more importantly, it is a way for us to actively participate in and recognize and express our emotions to God. This is why it is part of our worship service.

WOMEN OF FAITH

On Monday, January 25th, we will have a movie night here at Hope Church. Watch future bulletins and next month's newsletter for more details on this event. Questions about the Women of Faith? Please contact Jane Tretiak at 610-767-7203.



OUTREACH MINISTRY TEAM AT HOPE

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

- Jan. 13 at 4:30 PM Wed – Bethlehem Emergency Services
- Wed. Jan. 20 at 3:00 PM – St. Stephen's
- Wed. Jan. 27 at 4:30 PM – Bethlehem Emergency Services

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.

SOUP GROUP

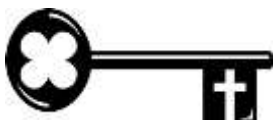
The Soup Group will meet and deliver soup on Wednesday, January 6 at 9:00 AM. All are welcome to help with the cooking and/or delivering of soup and visit with homebound members of our church. For more information, contact LeAnn Chandler 610-440-0341.



STORY WEAVERS - DISCUSSION GROUP

StoryWeavers will meet on Tuesday, January 12 at 10:00 AM. All are welcome to attend. For more information, please contact LeAnn Chandler at 610-440-0341 or lachandler7759@hotmail.com.

LOCK UP



A few volunteers are needed to be added to our lock up crew. You would be assigned a month of the year and your responsibility would be to check the building to make sure all doors are locked and lights are off. Volunteers are only needed for Saturday and Sunday evenings. Please call the church office at 610-767-7203 for more information or to sign up!

HOPE'S HELPING HANDS

Hope's Helping Hands will be selling delicious meat pies and apple dumplings to help everyone get through the post-holiday blues and the cold days of winter. Helping Hands members will be located in the narthex after church services on **January 10th** and **January 17th** to take orders. The homemade chicken or beef meat pies and apple dumplings are made from scratch by Zook's Homemade Pies in Lancaster, PA. Pies are 9 inches in diameter and can be ordered in either chicken or beef and sell for \$10.00 each. The apple dumplings can be purchased in either single or twin packs. Single apple dumpling sells for \$3.50 and the twin pack is \$6.00. Delivery will be on **Saturday, January 30th** at the church. Unable to make it to church, no problem, just call Leslie Daniel at 610-216-1340 to place your orders. Thank you in advance for your continued support of Hope's Helping Hands Mission Team. Our fundraising allows us to assist others in need without putting additional pressure on the church budget while doing God's work.

HOSPITALIZED? if you or a family member are hospitalized, please remember to give our church code which is 251. Also, please call the church office in addition to giving our code. We do not always receive your information when calling the hospitals. Also, if you are moved to a rehab center, please let us know that as well. We can only visit you if we know where you are! Thank you

YOUTH GROUP

POW (Pizza On Wednesdays) Wednesday, January 13 5:30pm – 8:00pm

NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING 2018 INFORMATIONAL MEETING – There will be a meeting **on Sunday, January 17th at 9:15** during the Sunday School hour for anyone interested in attending the next National Youth Gathering in Houston, Texas. The gathering will be late June of 2018. All youth currently in grades 6 – 10 will be eligible to go to Houston. Those Sunday School classes will be attending the meeting during Sunday School that day. We encourage parents of those students to attend as well.



Snow Tubing - Sunday, January 31 **3:30 – 7:30 PM - *Change in time!*** Be sure to eat before you come. The cost for snow tubing will be \$20 per person. Be sure to dress warm! We will meet at Hope and return there for pick up as well.

Annual Valentine's Dinner – Bring your sweetheart to the 8th annual Valentine's Dinner on **Saturday, February 13th** Dinner options are prime rib, chicken Marsala, chicken Oscar or vegetable lasagna. Meals are served with potatoes, vegetables, soup, roll and dessert. Junior portions and child meals are also available. Adult tickets \$12, junior portions \$7, and children's meals (hot dogs and mac & cheese) \$2.50. Tickets will be available after each service starting Sunday, January 17th or call the church and leave a message on the youth group mailbox, ext. 9. The deadline for tickets is Sunday, February 7th. Reservations are required. No walk-ins will be accepted. Snow date – Sunday, February 14th.



Youth Group Annual Clothing Drive! Start cleaning out your closets of extra clothes, shoes, purses, sheets, towels, and much more. We will be collecting clothing the week of March 13th. All clothing must be dropped off by March 18th. More details will follow as March approaches.



DID YOU RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION THIS YEAR?

Did you complete the hospitality pad indicating you received Holy Communion? If you didn't or you're not sure, please complete the Hope hospitality pad next time you receive communion. Our constitution requires active members to receive communion regularly.

IS THERE CHURCH?

If the weather is extremely bad and you are wondering if Sunday School or worship services are cancelled, please check WFMZ, radio station WAEB (AM 790), or check the website at www.hopecherryville.org.



CONFIRMANDS

Level 1: Mentor Brunch, January 24th at 11:45 AM

Level 2: POW with Mentors, January 13th at 5:30 PM (Snow date January 20th)

Outreach events:

Outreach Opportunities: Hope Friendship Dance, January 18th at 7:00 PM

Questions? Contact Rachel at confirmationco@gmail.com or 484.347.9406

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The fifth grade class will begin First Holy Communion instruction on Sunday, January 3rd. There will be 10 Sundays of classes before their First Holy Communion on Sunday, March 13th. Students are allowed to miss two Sundays, and will be expected to make up the work at home. If your child is not currently enrolled in Sunday School but is in the fifth grade and would like to come for the instruction, please call the church office at 610-767-7203.

NORTHAMPTON AREA FOOD BANK

The Northampton Area Food Bank is sponsoring a Vera Bradley Bingo on **Sunday, February 7, 2016** at Good Shepherd Catholic School gym located at 1300 Newport Avenue, Northampton. The doors open at noon and bingo starts at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$20 for 20 games. There will also be 5 special bingo games for \$5.00 as well as a Chinese auction, a 50/50 drawing, door prizes, mystery envelopes, food and more. All bingo and specials prizes will be Vera Bradley products. The snow date will be Sunday, February 14, 2016. To purchase tickets or for more information, please contact Barbara Budnick at 610-262-6156. Be sure to purchase tickets early as this event is a sell-out every year. Come join us for some pre-superbowl fun!

PASTORAL ACTS

Pastor Jami and Pastor Brian officiated at the following:

HOLY BAPTISMS

Camryn Dawn Daniel, daughter of Ryan and Rachael (Lewis) Daniel, was baptized on Sunday, December 20, 2015. She was born in June, 2015.

Kam Charles Lehr, son of Devin and Tuasha (Schultz) Lehr, was baptized on Sunday, December 6, 2015. He was born in February 2015.

Maia Elizabeth Wolfel, daughter of Christopher and Beth (Pagotto) Wolfel, was baptized on Sunday, December 6, 2015. She was born in October 2015.

Please welcome Kam, Maia, and Camryn as the newest members of our church family.

NEW MEMBER CLASSES

Will be held on the following Sundays: January 10, 17 and 24 from 9:15 - 10:15 AM. The last class (January 24) 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.



THE WELLNESS TEAM

The Holiday Season is a Time for Giving... What's a gift you can give that costs you nothing? Well... you may think of others but here's one you may not have considered. A pint of blood. That's all – a pint of blood. Did you know?



- The gift of blood is the gift of life – there is no substitute for blood – and the only way to get it is from a donor.
- Every two seconds, someone in the United States needs blood.
- Only 5% of the eligible population donates blood.
- 4.5 million American lives are saved each year by blood transfusions.
- Blood is perishable – red blood cells have a usable lifespan of 42 days and platelets must be used within 5 days of donation.
- Approximately 450 donors are needed every day to meet the transfusion needs of our community hospitals.

Our Wellness Team is offering you an opportunity to give this free gift at our January Blood Drive. Why January you ask? ***Because there is traditionally a shortage of donated blood in the winter months.*** So the Wellness Team will be hosting a Miller Memorial Blood Drive here at Hope **on Sunday, January 10th from 8:00 AM through 1:00 PM in Kuntz Hall.** We are making it conveniently easy for you to donate before or after church – without leaving the building!

Wellness Team members will be setting appointments for blood donations on Sunday, **December 20th, 27th and January 3rd** before and after worship services. If you are unsure whether or not you are an eligible donor the team members will have additional information about who qualifies. Please stop by their table to make an appointment. Additionally we will be looking for people to bake and share goodies with our donors and you can sign up on the list on the bulletin board. Please consider giving the gift that costs you nothing and just may save a life!

MORE FROM THE WELLNESS TEAM

January is glaucoma Awareness Month



Glaucoma is a condition that causes damage to your eye's optic nerve and gets worse over time. It's often associated with a buildup of pressure inside the eye. Glaucoma tends to be inherited and may not show up until later in life.

The increased pressure, called intraocular pressure, can damage the optic nerve, which transmits images to the brain. If damage to the optic nerve from high eye pressure continues, glaucoma will cause permanent loss of vision. Without treatment, glaucoma can cause total permanent blindness within a few years.

Because most people with glaucoma have no early symptoms or pain from this increased pressure, it is important to see your eye doctor regularly so that glaucoma can be diagnosed and treated before long-term visual loss occurs.

If you are over age 40 and have a family history of glaucoma, you should have a complete eye exam with an eye doctor every one to two years. If you have health problems such as diabetes or a family history of glaucoma or are at risk for other eye diseases, you may need to visit your eye doctor more frequently.



NATIVITY DISPLAY

Thank you to everyone who helped in any way with last month's nativity display. What a beautiful way to start the Advent Season!

BASKET COMMITTEE NEWS

Hope Lutheran Basket Committee sends out a special thank you to Kim Ritter-Roth! Kim has been a member of the Basket Committee for a very long time, working closely with her dearly departed mother and our beloved co-worker, Rita. Kim has decided to take some time off from the Committee. So, thank you, Kim, for all you have done throughout the years to help make Hope's Basket Socials successful!

A few new members have expressed their desire to help with future basket socials as they are able. Thank you to Cynthia Hertzog, Roslyn Scott, and Elena Lalik!

Jot down the date of Friday, April 8, 2016 and plan on attending Hope's Spring Basket Social!

Wishing everyone a blessed new year... *Hope Lutheran Basket Committee*

LEARNING MINISTRIES DAY

This year's event will be held on Saturday, January 23rd from 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM at Atonement Lutheran Church in Wyomissing, Pennsylvania. The topic for Learning Ministries Day 2016 is "Living Abundantly in the 21st Century: Luther and his Catechism." The keynote presenter, the Rev. Dr. Karl Krueger is the Director of the Krauth Memorial Library and Professor of the History of Christianity at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia. There will be over a dozen workshops offered on a variety of topics related to faith formation. More information about the workshop choices are available on the synod website (nepasynod.org). If interested in attending, please stop by the Christian Ed. office, deadline to register is Sunday, January 3rd. Transportation will be provided!

INGATHERING

Thank you to everyone who donated presents for our annual Ingathering. What a wonderful way to give back and help others in need. Thank you to everyone who also helped organize the event, wrap gifts and host the event, which was held at Hope Church this year. We helped the following local organizations: Lutheran Congregational Services, Sayre Child Center, Gracedale, Hamburg Center, Allentown Rescue Mission, KidsPeace and the Synergy Project.

The Synergy Project: An outreach program of Valley Youth House



The Synergy Project spoke at the Ingathering assembly in early December. We learned about this unique outreach program charged with offering assistance to a nearly invisible demographic. Look for a project to benefit the Synergy Project in January; more information will be in the weekly bulletin and on the board. The following is from the brochure they left behind:

The Synergy Project is... A program designed to help runaway, homeless, nomadic and street youth 21 and under, currently in Allentown or Bucks County. Maybe that's you. Maybe that's someone you know. Perhaps you or someone you know needs someone to talk to. The streets can be a lonely and difficult place to live. Whether you or someone you know is sleeping in the woods, on the streets, in a car, or just couch surfing, you can be sure we're here to help.

The Synergy Project can offer... Survival supplies (food, clothing, hygienic products, sleeping bags, tents, tarps, etc...); peer support; information and referral services; and assistance to get you off the streets, if desired.

If you allow us to assist you... You can do so without giving your name and without any strings attached. If you need to talk, we can listen; if you are cold and hungry, we can provide a blanket and food; and if you need a safe place to go, we can help direct you to that safe place.

Learn more at: www.facebook.com/synrgyprjct



Thank You Notes...

Hope Lutheran,

Thank you for all the cards, visits and well wishes, they were much appreciated during my recent stay in the hospital.

Jean Fritzing

Please convey our thanks to the members of Hope Lutheran Church for the donation of cakes to the Bath Area Food Bank. I'm sure everyone will enjoy them. With our sincere thanks and appreciation,

Marjorie Rehrig,

Bath Area Food Bank

Linda and I want to thank you for remembering us and our mission. 100% of your donation will be used to provide services and support for children battling cancer. Please thank all the angels for us.

Yours at Angel 34,

Doug and Linda

Dear Jami,

Linda and I had a great time at Hope Cherryville yesterday! Thanks so much for the warm welcome. I was happy to participate in Brian's installation service and once again get a feel for the spirit of the congregation assembled for worship. The energetic rejoicing was a gift and the spirited fellowship was engaging. The delicious meal wasn't bad either. Please convey my gratitude to the members and leaders of Hope for the warm hospitality extended to Linda and me during our visit. We were embraced in ways that made us feel relaxed and welcome. God bless you as you continue your gifted leadership of Hope, Cherryville.

With sincere appreciation,

Bishop Sam Zeiser

Dear Trudy,

The check representing offerings received at Pastor Rajcok's installation service arrived at the synod office this morning. It is designated for the Bishop's Discretionary Fund. Please convey to the leaders of Hope Church my sincere gratitude for this generous gift. The fund provides vital assistance to leaders facing difficult financial services. Recipients are always deeply grateful. On their behalf, I extend heartfelt thanks.

Yours in Christ,

Bishop Sam Zeiser



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Hope Lutheran Church

COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

**4131 Lehigh Dr., Cherryville, PA
Held in Kuntz Hall**

Sunday, January 10

8am – 1pm

Visit www.GIVEaPINT.org to create your donor profile and schedule your appointment - **Use Sponsor Code 0288**

For more information contact Helene Mery at
(610) 837-0792

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HOPE LEADERSHIP

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CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL

Jim Gardner	Trish Ninos	Maia Costanzo
Greg Gaugler	Linda Mery	Tony Pagotto
Matt Sekol	Bob Small	Manfred Steiner
A.J. Szwast	Ed Tretiak	John P. Zmyewski

CONTACT INFORMATION

New membership, baptisms, funerals, weddings, change of address, van requests, memorial sponsors, hospital admissions, facility rentals

**Call the church office
610-767-7203**

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
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