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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 - DECEMBER 31, 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 - December	55,034.85	3,846.34	425.28	-	-
Income - Jan.-Nov.	333,602.69	47,830.53	4,216.59	(1,308.77)	1,135.00
Total Income	388,637.54	51,676.87	4,641.87	(1,308.77)	1,135.00
Expenses - December	33,682.31	5,131.85	-	-	-
Expenses - Jan.-Nov.	344,863.64	36,140.90	2,423.20	9,275.00	1,200.00
Total Expenses	378,545.95	41,272.75	2,423.20	9,275.00	1,200.00
Net Income	10,091.59	10,404.12	2,218.67	(10,583.77)	(65.00)
Net Special Appeals	806.86				
Balance End of December	\$ 76,202.48	\$ 121,303.56	\$ 102,806.33	\$ 94,111.44	\$ (8,086.92)

SUMMARY:

Income exceeded expenses in the Regular Fund for the month of December by \$21,352.54, and for the year 2015, income exceeded expenses by \$10,091.59, giving us a current balance in the Regular Fund of \$76,202.48. Last year the net income for the same period was \$(12,466.24) with a balance of \$65,304.03.

*** 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>
March	Monday, February 15	Thursday, February 18
April	Friday March 18	Tuesday March 22
May	Monday April 18	Thursday April 21

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 February 2016 issue of *Synod News* is available online.

Visit <http://nepasynod.org/documents/synod-news/synod-news-2016-02.pdf>



GREETINGS FROM THE PASTOR...

The Lenten season is often used as a time to focus on our lives – the lives we live day to day and our spiritual lives. All of us have some kind of vision for our lives and we plan our lives around that vision. As I look around me, it's interesting to see that most of us "plan" lives that follow socially acceptable definitions of success – money in the bank; a good job; a home and a mortgage; the admiration of friends, family, colleagues and business partners; diplomas and certificates on the walls. But life – at least the life God wants us to live – is more than degrees and deposits into a savings account.



Just how much of the life you are leading now is the result of your attempts to "forge" the life you want – versus allowing God to push you in certain directions that would be the best for you as a spiritual being that is having a human experience? I mean... if your focus is on building up your bank account, then your desire to be an artist or a musician may slip aside and you may never lead the life of an artist or a musician. If you put all your effort into climbing the corporate ladder, then you may never travel and learn about other people, cultures, and ways of life. If you spend your entire Sabbath day of rest working or golfing or playing sports instead of spending *some* time worshipping God, your relationship with God may suffer. So... what kind of life would you truly like to be living?

During the Lenten season we would like to address that issue with you through our mid-week Lenten services. Our 11:00 AM service theme will be "Open Me Life, Lord" – a five-week series that will focus on how we can better open our whole lives to God's influence and instruction. At the Wednesday evening 7:00 PM service, the theme will be "Giving It Up" – a six week series that will help us see the things in our lives that burden us and get in the way of our relationship with God.

Life, truth be told, is always changing – despite our efforts and desires to plan and control and envision. The comedian Gilda Radner once said, "I wanted a perfect ending. Now I've learned, the hard way, that some poems don't rhyme, and some stories don't have a clear beginning, middle, and end. Life is about not knowing, having to change, taking the moment and making the best of it, without knowing what's going to happen next."

Join us for Lenten worship and see how God is at work shaping you and molding you to be the child of God you are called to be. I can almost guarantee that you will identify with some of the images and characters you will encounter this Lenten season – images and characters who will nudge you to moments of awareness and transformation. Please take time IN your life to think ABOUT your life!

Lenten Blessings,
Pastor Jami

From Pastor Brian—

Resolutions

HOPE
Love
JOY
Peace
FAITH

I hope everyone's New Year is off to a good start. Did anyone make resolutions? I've always found January 1st to be the perfect time to start doing something I've been meaning to do for the past few months. It's an easy excuse to push yourself to something more, something you've been wanting to do for months but haven't had the motivation to get started. In high school I made a commitment to work out three days a week for a year. My brother and I were both successful in this, and helped push each other. On and off over the years I've been able to get back into a good work-out routine (but now I'm in one of those "off" periods). In college I made it

a resolution to become a vegetarian for a year—and that’s something that has stuck with me ever since! And my first year of seminary I made it a resolution to practice centering prayer every day for a year—a good habit which, by the grace of God, has also stuck with me!

I’ve also found it a good time to start reading something new: a daily devotional reader with 365 entries, or begin an attempt at reading a chapter of the Bible every day—a rate at which it takes a little over three year to make it through (but there’s only 260 chapters in the New Testament so you can do that in a year with time to spare!). Or even making it a habit to spend the first 20 minutes of every morning in prayer.

And then there’s those growing opportunities a new year presents us with that focus on inner transformation. How can I grow this year? Can I become more patient? More confident? More kind? Better able to express my love to family and friends? Less attached to material things, to others’ opinions of me, or the need to be in control and secure? To be more attentive of and surrendered to God’s will in my life? And what concrete practice can I begin to accomplish these goals?

These are all good questions and I encourage you to meditate on them and ask God’s guidance on which resolution, if any, you are called to establish. The funny thing about resolutions though, more often than not, is that we break them. But fear not... Lent is coming! A new opportunity to live out those resolutions that we broke in January or forgot to make in December! Lent is an even better time to push yourself in doing something you can’t imagine doing for 365 days but would like to try for 40. So take this opportunity to prayerfully discern what God is calling you to take up or give up this year or this Lent. Ask for the Spirit’s inspiration for an idea, the motivation to get started, and the discipline to keep going when enthusiasm is lacking. May this be a meaningful time of growth for you as you deepen your relationship with Jesus Christ and mature into the person God calls you to be.

Peace, Pastor Brian

COFFEE WITH THE COUNCIL



Sunday, January 31st at 9:15 AM in Kuntz Hall. Members are invited to meet with council representatives for questions and conversation.



HOPE FRIENDSHIP DANCE

Monday, February 15

7:00 to 9:00 PM

Kuntz Hall

WELCA: Tuesday, February 16, 9:00 AM

STORY WEAVERS - DISCUSSION GROUP

StoryWeavers will meet on Tuesday, February 9 at 10:00 AM. All are welcome to attend. For more information, please contact LeAnn Chandler at 610-440-0341 or lachandler7759@hotmail.com.

OUTREACH MINISTRY TEAM AT HOPE

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

- The Outreach Ministry Group will meet on Monday, February 1 at 6:00 PM to plan activities for February and March.
- Feb. 10 and 24 Time TBD – Bethlehem Emergency Shelter
- Feb. 17 at 2:30 PM – St. Stephen’s

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.

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS – JANUARY 2016

New Council Officers were elected for 2016.

President	Jim Gardner
Vice President	Linda Mery
Secretary	John Zmyewski
Treasurer	Trudy Mertz
Financial Secretary	Deb Gardner

The council members were assigned to be liaisons to committees. The assignments are as follows:

Christian Education Committee	Bob Small
Evangelism Committee	John Zmyewski
Finance Committee	Matthew Sekol
Mutual Ministry Committee	Linda Mery
Nominating Committee	John Zmyewski
Property Committee	Tony Pagotto, Manfred Steiner, Ed Tretiak
Social Ministry Committee	Greg Gaugler
Stewardship Committee	AJ Szwast
Worship & Music Committee	Trish Ninos
Youth Ministry	Maya Costanzo

- ⚓ The next Coffee with the Council is scheduled for Sunday, January 31st at 9:15 AM in Kuntz Hall. Members of the congregation are encouraged to join council leaders for refreshments and conversation about the happenings at Hope.
- ⚓ The kitchen renovation is continuing. New flooring will be installed the week of January 25th after which the stoves will be connected. Many thanks to the Kitchen Committee and those who took a lead role in helping to keep this project moving – Todd Leibenguth (plumbing), Al Rock (electric), Manfred Steiner (“general contractor”), Bruce Schnabel (Committee Chair).
- ⚓ The Youth Group will hold its annual Valentine Dinner on Saturday, Feb. 13th (snow date will be Sunday, Feb. 14th). Tickets will be on sale through Sunday, Feb. 7th.

CENTERING ON PRAYER WITH PASTOR BRIAN



Continues on the first and third Mondays at 6:00 PM in Hanson Hall and the first and third Wednesdays at 2:00 PM in the Adult Sunday School Room (behind Kuntz Hall). All are welcome to join at any time. Questions, please speak to Pastor Brian.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE – FEBRUARY 2016

Sunday, February 7, 2016

***Souper Bowl Sunday – Noisy Offering –
Both Services***

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

Wednesday, February 10, 2016

Ash Wednesday

11 AM Holy Communion & Imposition of Ashes
7 PM Holy Communion & Imposition of Ashes

Sunday, February 14, 2016

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

Wednesday, February 17, 2016

11:00 AM Lenten Worship
7:00 PM Lenten Worship

Sunday, February 21, 2016

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

Wednesday, February 24, 2016

11:00 AM Lenten Worship
7:00 PM Lenten Worship

Sunday, February 28, 2016

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

WOMEN OF FAITH

On Monday, January 25th, we will have a movie night here at Hope Church. We will be watching the movie, "Courageous". On Monday, February 22nd we will making Easter cards for our homebound members with the help and guidance of Kathy Creyer. All are welcome to join us for any event you may have interest in. Questions about the Women of Faith? Please contact Jane Tretiak at 610-767-7203.



SOUP GROUP

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



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The fifth grade class will celebrate First Holy Communion on Sunday, March 13th.

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.

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 posted. One sponsor is needed each week for \$6.00 per sponsor.

CONFIRMANDS

Level 1: Pizza & Trivial Pursuit w/Mentors, February 20th at 7:30 PM (Snow date February 27th)

Level 2: Pizza & Jeopardy w/Mentors, February 20th at 5:00 PM (Snow date February 27th)

Outreach events:

Outreach Opportunities: Hope Friendship Dance, February 15th at 7:00 PM

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

PASTORAL ACTS

Pastor Jami officiated at the following:

HOLY BAPTISM

Charles Anthony Musser, son of Nicholas and Ericka (Belletti) Musser, was baptized on Sunday, December 27, 2015. He was born in July, 2015.

Please welcome Charles as the newest members of our church family.

YOUTH GROUP

Snow Tubing - Sunday, January 31 4:00 – 7:00 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.



**Valentines
Dinner**

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. Seatings every half hour from 4:30 to 7:00 and music throughout the evening.

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.



FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT – YEAR END 2015

A belated Happy New Year from the finance committee to all our members.



At our annual meeting last November, the finance committee presented the financial outlook for 2015 and also presented the 2016 budget to the congregation. As part of the presentation, we revealed important data regarding our 2015 financial status in an effort to prepare the 2016 budget. For those who missed the congregational meeting we presented the information in the December Newsletter for review. The analysis brought to light many points of interest, but two key areas were revealed and shared with all.

First, the pledge commitments over the last 10 years were never fully met. We reported that we would need about \$55,000 in the remaining 7 weeks to meet 100% of the total pledged amount for 2015. While we did not meet the total amount pledged for 2015, we came very close at about 96%. That means those that pledged in 2015, caught up with their commitments by approximately \$50,000. That is a tremendous accomplishment that you should all be very proud of. Pledges are down for 2016 so far. While pledges are not the sole element in budget preparation it is a good indicator of the congregations intended financial support. If you have not filled out your pledge card please do so as soon as you are able.

Secondly, our financial analysis showed that total envelope giving over that last three years has remained very flat at about \$310,000 per year in 2012, 2013 and 2014 with projections that 2015 would be the same. As it turns out, total envelope giving for 2015 was no different and came in at about \$310,000. This steady state giving is actually not a terrible story when you consider a lot of congregations are going in the wrong direction. However, let's not be complacent either as we did tap into our reserves the past two years to meet our expenses. Hope Lutheran is a very active church and we will need further financial support in 2016. Please remember to stay current during those summer months by mailing in your donations or signing up for Simply Giving.

Finally, to answer the big question, how did we do overall in 2015? With tremendous expense control by our staff, through the kind generosity of our congregation and visitors, an unexpectedly warm Christmas season and blessings from above, we stayed in the black by about \$10,000. This is good news but the pressure is still on to make 2016 an equally successful year. Our staff has grown and we need to maintain our support in the ministry we provide within and outside our community. Accolades, praise and blessing to everyone for keeping the spirit alive at Hope Lutheran Church.

HOPE'S HELPING HANDS

Thank you to everyone for your support of our recent sale of meat pies and apple dumplings. Your continued support is greatly appreciated. Watch for our crab patty sale starting on Sunday, February 21st and continuing thru March 6th with delivery on Sunday, March 13th. More details to follow soon!



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HOPE HELPS THE NORTHAMPTON FOOD BANK



It is that time of year again when Hope Lutheran Church is responsible for providing volunteers to work at the Northampton Area Food Bank during the month of March. Volunteers are needed to assist with unpacking the food delivered to the food bank, packing of orders for distribution to needy families and distribution at the food bank of packed orders. Volunteers are needed on the following dates and times:

DAYS/DATES	TIMES	DUTIES
Monday March 7	1:00 PM – 3:00 PM	Un-packing of food delivery (ability to lift cases of food)
Wednesdays: March 2, 9 and 16	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Packing of food orders
Thursdays: March 3, 10 and 17	5:30 PM – 8:00 PM	Distribution of food orders
Fridays: March 11 and 18	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Packing of food orders
Saturdays: March 12 and 19	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Distribution of food orders

A sign up list is located on church bulletin board. The Northampton Area Food Bank is located at 1601 Canal Street, Northampton. For additional information or to sign up to volunteer, contact Leslie Daniel at 610-216-1340.

NORTHAMPTON AREA FOOD BANK

The Northampton Area Food Bank is sponsoring a Vera Bradley Bingo on February 7, 2016 at Good Shepherd Catholic School (formerly Our Lady of Hungary School), 1320 Newport Avenue, Northampton. Tickets are \$20 for 20 regular games with 5 specials for \$5 available for purchase at the door. Doors and kitchen open at 12:00 pm with Bingo beginning at 2:00 pm. For tickets and information contact Barbara Budnik, 610-262-6156.

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.

BASKET COMMITTEE NEWS

The Spring Basket Social of 2016 will be held in Kuntz Hall on Friday, April 8th! Save the date! Doors open at 4 p.m. and the drawing will begin at 7:30. As always, delicious homemade foods and baked goods will be available for purchase.

It's time to begin thinking about ways you can help. Past ideas are gift cards, maybe a theme basket (or the Committee would be happy to fill one if you donate the items!), a case of water or soda, baked goods (to be dropped off in Kuntz Hall kitchen the evening of April 7th or morning of April 8th), or monetary donations toward specific items. Call the church office at 610-767-7203 with any questions.

Watch March Newsletter for further information!
Thank you! *Hope Lutheran Basket Committee*

MORE FROM THE WELLNESS TEAM

February is Heart Health Month

Why Blood Pressure Matters



Uncontrolled blood pressure (HBP) can injure or kill you. It is sometimes called the "silent killer"; HBP has no symptoms, so you may not be aware that it is damaging your arteries, heart and other organs.

Possible health consequences that can happen over time when HBP is left uncontrolled include: Damage to the heart and coronary arteries (including heart attack, heart disease, congestive heart failure, and atherosclerosis), Stroke, Kidney damage, Vision Loss, Memory loss, Fluid in the lungs, Angina, Peripheral artery disease.

Your risk increases even more if you have HBP along with other risk factors: Age, Heredity (including race), Gender (male), Obesity, Smoking, High cholesterol, Diabetes, Physical inactivity, Through risk reduction and treatment of HBP, you can lower your risk for many of these diseases.

If you are interested, wear **RED** on February 14th, an in between Church services as well as after the second service, members of the Wellness Team will be available to take your blood pressure.

THANK YOU FROM THE WELLNESS TEAM!

The Hope Community Blood Drive held Sunday, the 10th of January was a huge success. The teams' goal of 30 (pints) donors was surpassed with 37 donors, members of the congregation and walk-ins donating. The Blood bank was especially appreciative, since January and July are the most critical months of the year with a greater need at these times. Thank you to all donors, especially the "first time" donors and those who supplied the delicious baked items. Just a reminder – you can donate again after 8 weeks. Look for news regarding our future drive, July 17th 2016.



EVANGELISM NEWS

Evangelism Committee would like to thank EVERYONE who helped in ANY way with helping to make this a successful event; many people shared their beautiful nativities with Hope, many helped with setting up and cleaning up, and many delicious. Desserts and beverages were shared and we were fortunate to enjoy the talents of quite a few of our musicians during the display. All of which made the 16th annual display another successful year. More than 300 visitors came to Hope to enjoy the Nativity display and commented on such a beautiful event. Further saying that this is what Christmas is all about. Thanks to the generous offerings given we were able to provide a Christmas for a family of three children from Northampton school district, donate to Peter's Elementary School in Northern Lehigh School Districts, and donate to Northampton Food Bank. So again thank you to everyone for your help and support at the 16th annual display.

At the February Evangelism meeting, we will be discussing this annual event so if anyone has suggestions about the display, please forward opinions to our Evangelism committee. Evangelism meeting is the first Thursday of every month at 6:00 PM. New members and new ideas are always welcome.

EVANGELISM BIBLE STUDY

A new study entitled The Lord's Prayer written by Douglas Connelly began January 21. This is a series of an eight week study, everyone is welcome and can join our study at any time. We meet at 6:30 on a Thursday evening every week except the first Thursday of each month when we meet at 7:00. Come and join this study cost is \$7.65 which pays for the booklet Remember you do not have to be a Bible scholar to participate in the study as we are all growing and learning God's words together. For further information, about the Bible Study, please call Sharyn Kratzer @610 261-1277.



Lenten Worship in 2016

Every year Hope Lutheran Church has two opportunities for mid-week Lenten worship. This year will be no different. Beginning with Ash Wednesday on February 10th we will offer a service each Wednesday at 11:00 AM and another one at 7:00 PM. Here's what the "line up" looks like for 2016...

Mid-week 11:00 AM Service – Open My Life, Lord

How do we open ourselves to God and the work God calls us to do in the world? All too often we simply go through the notions of worship or allow ourselves to be drawn into activities as it happens. But what if we were to intentionally look at all aspects of our lives and open them up? This will be our task at the 11:00 AM mid-week services. Each week we will open a part of ourselves up to Jesus as Pasto Brain and Pastor Jami share the ways we can do this.

- ☩ Wednesday, Feb. 10th – Ash Wednesday
- ☩ Wednesday, Feb. 17th – Open My Eyes, Lord
- ☩ Wednesday, Feb. 24th – Open My Hands, Lord
- ☩ Wednesday, March 2nd – Open My Ears, Lord
- ☩ Wednesday, March 9th – Open My Heart, Lord
- ☩ Wednesday, March 16th – Open my Life, Lord

Mid-week 7:00 PM Service – Giving It Up

Many of us give up certain things for the forty days of Lent – and this can be very beneficial for us. But this year, let's give up more than chocolate – let's take it a step further by giving up the things that GOD wants us to give up – and not just for forty days, but forever. What might those things be? And how will it help us to give them up? Join Pastor Jami and Pastor Brian as they present this series every Wednesday evening.

- ☩ Wednesday, Feb. 10th – Ash Wednesday – Giving It Up – What Does That Mean?
- ☩ Wednesday, Feb. 17th – Giving Up Control
- ☩ Wednesday, Feb. 24th – Giving Up Expectations
- ☩ Wednesday, March 2nd – Giving Up Superiority
- ☩ Wednesday, March 9th – Giving Up Stress
- ☩ Wednesday, March 16th – Giving Up Popularity



Ash
Wednesday

February 10th
Worship at 11:00 AM and 7:00 PM

Thank yous...

Dear Church Council,

Thank you for the monetary gift I received at Christmas. I appreciate the thoughtfulness and generosity. Wishing each of you a very blessed, happy and healthy new year!

Love,
Jane

Dear Congregational Council,

Thank you for the monetary Christmas gift! It's a pleasure working with all the staff here at Hope. I look forward to serving as financial secretary again in 2016.

Deb Gardner

Dear Council and Church Members,

Thank you so much for the generous Christmas gift. It is an honor and a privilege serving as your treasurer. I have been very blessed with the kindness and support from the staff and members of Hope throughout the years. Thank you and blessings to everyone in the New Year.

Trudy Mertz

Dear Council,

Many thanks for the Christmas bonus. It serves as a nice reminder to indulge in something for myself, perhaps a new yoga class. Peace and love in the New Year.

Nina

Dear congregation of Hope,

Thank you for the monetary Christmas gift! I am very appreciative of your generosity and your support of the bell program. The bell choir enjoys preparing music for the glory of God. Soli Deo Gloria. Best wishes to each of you for a happy and healthy new year.

Love,
Janet

Dear Fellow Members of Hope,

This note is to express my gratitude for the scholarship gift you have given me. With your support, I am able to further pursue my

educational goals. I am currently a senior at Moravian College working to finish my History degree, including a minor in German Studies. With such generous support given to me by yourselves and others, I am able to continue to grow both intellectually and as a person. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,
William Christman

Jane,

I would like to thank Pastor Jami for coming to our home and his summer to give Jane Communion also visiting with her group. I also would like to thank the youth group and Pastor Brian for cleaning leaves at my house. Thanks to Pastor Jami and Pastor Brian and David and choir for singing Christmas carols at my home. Thanks to all who helped to make the Thanksgiving meal and soup and for the special Christmas service for homebound.

Ralph Fisher

To the congregation of Hope Lutheran Church, I am writing to sincerely thank you for supporting me through the second installment of scholarship funds for the 2015-2016 academic year. Currently, I am in my final semester of graduate school for speech-language pathology! My heart is filled with gratitude. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to complete my education through your generous financial support.

Sarah Galloway

Hope Lutheran Church,

Please accept the enclosed check from the Indianland Garden Club in appreciation for the use of your building for our Club's use in 2015. We are so fortunate to be able to use such a spacious room and kitchen for our meetings! We look forward to a continuing relationship going forward.

Sincerely,
Anita Brosky, Treasurer



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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**

<u>REGARDING</u>	<u>CALL</u>	<u>PHONE NO.</u>
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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	Josh Larkin	610-760-0367
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