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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 - FEBRUARY 29, 2016					
	Regular	Building	Memorial	Scholarship Loan	Memorial Garden
Balance Beginning of Year	\$ 76,202.48	\$ 121,303.56	\$ 102,806.33	\$ 94,111.44	\$ (8,086.92)
Income - February	32,129.49	1,887.32	1,377.30	-	-
Income - January	29,779.91	3,923.05	2,145.58	2,630.08	-
Total Income	61,909.40	5,810.37	3,522.88	2,630.08	-
Expenses - February	33,520.29	5,246.00	525.00	-	-
Expenses - January	32,992.28	17,689.53	-	5,750.00	-
Total Expenses	66,512.57	22,935.53	525.00	5,750.00	-
Net Income	(4,603.17)	(17,125.16)	2,997.88	(3,119.92)	-
Net Special Appeals	619.55				
Balance End of February	\$ 72,218.86	\$ 104,178.40	\$ 105,804.21	\$ 90,991.52	\$ (8,086.92)
SUMMARY:					
Expenses exceeded income in the Regular Fund for the month of February by \$1,390.80, and for the year 2016, expenses exceeded income by \$4,603.17, giving us a current balance in the Regular Fund of \$72,218.86. Last year the net income for the same period was \$(21,396.66) with a balance of \$43,607.37.					

*** 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>
May	Friday April 15	Thursday April 21
June	Friday May 20	Thursday May 26
July	Friday June 17	Thursday June 23

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

Visit <http://nepasynod.org/documents/synod-news/synod-news-2016-04.pdf>



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GREETINGS FROM THE PASTOR...

Woodrow Wilson once said, “You are not here merely to make a living. You are here to enable the world to live more amply, with greater vision, and with a finer spirit of hope and achievement. You are here to enrich the world. You impoverish yourself if you forget this errand.”



I love this kind of thinking. You are here to enrich the world. It’s true – isn’t it? Our mere presence provides the potential for the world’s enrichment, but is our mere presence enough? I think not. And that gets me to thinking about our May 1st event – “The Church Has Left the Building.” You see, many of us want to do something that makes a small change in the world – but often we are not connected or don’t know where to go to help. Many of us want to reach out to the needs of others and the world and have no idea where to start. Well the good news is that Hope is here to help!

On Sunday, May 1st we are gathering volunteers to head out into the community to use our heads and hands and hearts to serve others. Back in October, 2015 we launched our first “the Church Has Left the Building” event and over 120 volunteers hit the streets in our community. The enthusiasm about the day was high and many asked us to do this again – soon. So here is your opportunity to find a place to share your time and talents. There will be many and varied opportunities – not all of which involve labor intensive work. Some projects will be in the community and others in our facility. There will be something for everyone!

It’s easy to get involved with this project. First, look for the display in the narthex where you can sign up for a service project. Next, pick the project that fits your skills and interests and join that team for the day. Then join us for lunch after church on May 1st after which we will launch ourselves for service. We’ll be out and about until 3 PM when we will return to the church for an ice cream social and a time to share our experiences.

The truth is that making a living is fairly easy for most of us - enriching the world takes that extra step or two. And it really isn't necessary to try to affect the world on a global level - we've been put where we are and given what we have because that's where we can do good today. Right now. So sign up to help with “The Church Has Left the Building!” By making an effort to enrich the world - contributing in positive ways to people - we contribute to ourselves and enrich our own lives, also.

Blessings, *Pastor Jami*

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS – MARCH 2016

- ⤵ “The Church Has Left the Building” – an outreach event for the whole congregation is Sunday, May 1st beginning with a lunch at 11:45, then launching for service projects at Hope and around the community followed by an ice cream social in Kuntz Hall to share our stories. Sign-up sheets in the narthex.
- ⤵ The Core Purpose announces **Hope Activity Expo** – an expo of all the committees and organized groups at Hope. This event will follow each worship service on Sunday, May 22nd in Kuntz Hall. Members can walk through and see the varieties of ministries in which they may want to be involved.
- ⤵ Coffee with the Council has been rescheduled to Sunday, September 25th at 9:15 AM in Kuntz Hall.
- ⤵ The Confirmation Mentor group and Youth Group will host a “Car Wash for a Cause” on Saturday, April 30th beginning at 9:00 AM. Cars will be washed for a free-will donation which will be used to support a “cause” the confirmation class will select.
- ⤵ July 17th is the date of the Church Picnic to be held at Indian Trail Park hosted by the Evangelism Committee.
- ⤵ The Evangelism Committee is also hosting a day at Knoebels Park in August 6th.
- ⤵ The Youth Group has planned a Geocaching event on May 21st and announced their annual shore trip from June 27th to July 2nd.

PASTOR BRIAN'S PREPONDERANT BUSINESS

A very blessed Easter season to you all! As I write this we are preparing for Holy Week and I am very excited to experience my first Holy Week at Hope. Ever since I was young I've always thought Good Friday was the holiest day of the year, worthy of the greatest devotion. It's a day for fasting, prayer, and contemplation. It's a serious time to meditate on Christ's death, its universal implications, and its meaning for our lives. It is also a day to dwell with our own mortality, to rest comfortably or uncomfortably with the fact that we will all one day face the inevitable. It's not a time to focus on the promise of resurrection; but a time of sackcloth and ashes, a time to face the absolute certainty of death and feel its tremendous effect on the human psyche. Then, only after we have thoroughly submerged ourselves in the darkness of Good Friday, are we ready to encounter an unexpected surprise...

Christ is risen we shout and sing! Death no longer has its sting! The tomb is empty and Jesus is free—the tomb is empty and we are free! Death no longer holds Christ bound, and death no longer holds us bound. We are free to live our lives to the fullest and to participate in eternal life both now and forever. Easter is a time of celebration, of joy and peace and love. Easter is the season that reminds us that no matter how bad life may look now, life is truly about sharing in the life of God and all the joy that entails. We gain a glimpse of heaven this day, and are assured that this universe is not about death and darkness and suffering, but so much more about life, light, and love.

And then we wonder: What if it's all true? What if our deepest longings for a better world, for eternal life, for peace and hope and love is not just a pipe dream made up by wishful thinkers who wrote ancient books; but that our own hearts contain the very blueprints for God's plan for the world? What if these stories of Jesus Christ, the kind of God He tells of, and the life He invites us into, are what actually comprise the essence of reality? These are questions I've often wondered, and in this time of Easter I think it is essential we explore them together. And not just, what happens when we die, but how does Christ living in me change my life today, this very moment?!? As we celebrate the Easter season this coming month, I ask you to reflect on these questions. Contemplate the divine mysteries; don't seek to understand as much as *experience* them. Invite God more and more into your life and allow the Spirit to comfort you, inspire you, and change you. Surrender your being to God and blow through life as the wind moves a leaf through a bright spring day.

Peace, *Pastor Brian*



NEW MEMBER CLASSES

Will be held on the following Sundays: April 17, April 24, and May 1 from 9:15 - 10:15 AM. The last class (May 1) 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.



WORSHIP SCHEDULE – APRIL 2016

<p><u>Sunday, April 3, 2016</u> 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Service of the Word</p>
<p><u>Sunday, April 10, 2016</u> 8:00 AM Service of the Word 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Holy Communion</p>
<p><u>Sunday, April 17, 2016</u> 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:15 AM New Member Class 10:30 AM Service of the Word</p>
<p><u>Sunday, April 24, 2016</u> 8:00 AM Service of the Word 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:15 AM New Member Class 10:30 AM Holy Communion</p>



HOPE FRIENDSHIP DANCE

Monday, April 18
7:00 to 9:00 PM
Kuntz Hall



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to the fifth grade class that celebrated First Holy Communion on Sunday, March 13th

Anna Bealer
Samuel Koplin
Emily Slepetz

Sarah Bird
Owen Laury
Megan Smith

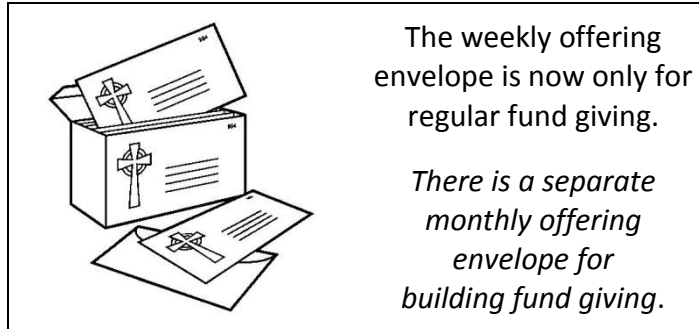
Bianca Carrion
Madison Miller

Brady Hassler
Ethan Rehrig

Thank you to their teachers, Robin and Andy Zamadics and Samantha Lambert for all the time, love and energy they put into preparing our children to receive this sacrament. The students received a study Bible and a corsage or boutonniere provided by the church.

STORY WEAVERS - DISCUSSION GROUP

StoryWeavers will meet on Tuesday, April 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.



The weekly offering envelope is now only for regular fund giving.

There is a separate monthly offering envelope for building fund giving.

WELCA

Tuesday, April 19, 9:00 AM - Adult Sunday School Room in front of Kuntz Hall

CENTERING ON PRAYER WITH PASTOR BRIAN



Center Prayer 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.

CONFIRMANDS

Level 1

Mentor Event: Munchies & Movie Night
March 15 at 6:30 PM

Level 2

Parent & Student Q&A
Sunday April 3 from 9:15 - 10:15 AM

Weekend Retreat

Friday April 8, 6:00 PM through
Sunday April 10, 12:30 PM

Mentor Event: Carwash for a Cause

Sunday April 30 at 8:30 AM

Outreach events:

Basket Social April 8 (Level 1 only)

Hope Friendship Dance, April 18 at 7:00 PM

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

OUTREACH MINISTRY TEAM AT HOPE

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

- Wednesday, April 13 at 2:30 PM > St. Stephen's
- Wednesday, April 27 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.

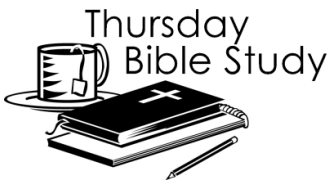
SOUP GROUP

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



EVANGELISM NEWS

Bible Studies: Bible Studies continue on Thursday evenings at 6:30 PM except the first Thursday of each month when meeting begins at 7:00 P M. We are currently finishing up the series on the Lord's Prayer but a new study will begin in April. More information on new study soon to be available. Everyone is welcome at our Bible study as we continue to learn more about the Word of God.



Day of Prayer: Evangelism Committee will sponsor a worship service in honor of Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 5, 2016. This service will be led by Pastor Jami and will begin at 11:30 AM. Following the service there will be a soup, salad, and dessert luncheon served. This is a day where citizens across the United States honor our God with prayer so come and join us in prayer. Please sign up on sheet posted in narthex.



HOPE LUTHERAN NURSERY SCHOOL

Hope Lutheran Nursery School



Now accepting registrations for the 2015 – 2016 school year! The school's structured learning environment prepares 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.

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.

HOPE CHURCH MUSICAL

Save the date!
Sunday, June 12, 2016
10:30 AM & 1:00 PM
Live on stage at the
Roxy Theater
"Once Upon a Parable"



PASTORAL ACTS

Pastor Jami officiated at the following:

HOLY BAPTISM

Jacob Ryan Shelly, son of Bradley and Jennifer (Gonzalez) Shelly, was baptized on Sunday, March 6, 2016. He was born in December 2015.

Aubrey Marie Green, daughter of Chad Mitchell Green and Jessica Marie Heller. Aubrey was born in May 2014.

Please welcome Jacob and Aubrey as the newest member of our church family.

FUNERAL

Elizabeth Mraz entered eternal life on February 20, 2016 at the age of 82 years old. Funeral services were held here at Hope Lutheran Church.

Betty Dougherty entered eternal life on February 21, 2016 at the age of 91 years old. Funeral services were held at St. John's Lutheran Church.

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

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS EXPIRING



If you are a Thrivent Member and have not yet delegated your 2015 Thrivent Choice Dollars you only have a little bit of time left. You have until March 31 to designate where your 2015 Thrivent Choice Dollars should go.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Save the date! Hope's Vacation Bible School will be held Monday, July 11 to Friday, July 15. Classes will be held from 9 AM until noon, with a closing program on Friday evening. Ages include 3 year olds (potty trained) to children completing 6th grade in June. More information to be will be available soon!



**New Amazon
Program Enables
Shoppers to Easily
Donate to Their
Favorite Nonprofits**

**Do you shop online
with Amazon?**

Register at

smile.amazon.com.

Shop... And designate
Hope Lutheran Church
as the recipient. .5% of
your purchase comes to
us direct from Amazon.



BEAR CREEK CAMP

Things are warming up outside and summer is approaching! Now is the time to register your camper(s) for Summer 2016! Don't miss out on the chance to have your camper come on their favorite week! **SEEKING ASSISTANT DEVELOPMENT & PROGRAM DIRECTOR** Bear Creek Camp is currently looking to fill a brand new, full-time, year-round position. More information about the position is on our website <http://bearcreekcamp.org/>.

YOUTH GROUP

Vera Bradley Bingo: Saturday, April 23rd The proceeds will benefit the 2018 National Youth Gathering in Houston. Doors open at 11:00 AM and bingo begins at 12:30 PM. Tickets \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door for 20 games of bingo. There will also be Specials and a Chinese Auction. The kitchen will be open as well.



We are currently in search of sponsors (individuals or businesses) for our Vera Bradley products. There are four categories of sponsors so individuals do not need to sponsor an entire bag, but have the option of contributing towards one. If you or anyone you know would be willing to be a sponsor for the bingo, please pick up a form from the table in the narthex. We will also have a Chinese Auction at the bingo and welcome any donations of baskets, gift certificates, or other items. Thank you in advance for making a difference in the lives of the young people of our church!

A few upcoming youth group events for your calendars:

- **April Trampoline Time:** Sunday April 3 at noon we'll meet after church for lunch. Then we'll head to Bethlehem for a reservation at SkyZone from 1:30-2:30 pm. We hope to be back at church by 3:00 pm.
- **May Geo-Cache:** On Saturday May 21 we'll journey through the Lehigh Valley, hiking, exploring, and looking for Geo-cache locations. Time and meeting location TBD.
- **June Shore Trip:** The last week in June from Monday June 27 through Friday July 1 we'll be spending a week at the shore! We'll be staying in Wildwood as in years past. I've heard a lot about this trip and am excited to join this year. Mark your calendars and watch for the sign up!

MEDICINE BOTTLE COLLECTION

We are collecting your old medicine bottles, any size (please remove the labels) and also items that are half used (also known as "halfies"). These personal care items are put into the medicine bottles by a group of women and then donated to local shelters on a weekly basis. They find that this is enough for one night's stay at a shelter (men and women). The items needed are hand lotion, shampoo, conditioner and liquid soap. Look for the box in the narthex!

WOMEN OF FAITH

Our mission is to enhance lives of women through service, fellowship and education.

Monday, April 25th - Pastor Jami will be teaching us about the "Bad Girls of the Bible (Part 2)". This will be a fun and interactive evening which will begin at 6:00pm. Watch for a sign-up sheet to be posted in the narthex. ALL are invited to attend any of our events that you may be interested in. Any questions, please call Jane Tretiak in the church office at 610-767-7203.



INDIANLAND GARDEN CLUB BUS TRIP

Join us for a bus trip to Nemours! on Thursday, May 19th. \$52.00 includes the bus, driver tip and two guided tours. Departing Hope Church at 7:30 AM. At 12:15 PM, we will depart the gardens for the Concord Mall for shopping and lunch and depart for home at 3:00 PM. Checks should be payable to Enzo Travel, 3320 Airport Road, Allentown, PA 18109 no later than April 1. Along with your check, include your name, cell number, email. Questions? Call Connie at 610-767-8420

BASKET COMMITTEE NEWS : SPRING BASKET SOCIAL

Friday, April 8, 2016 at 4:00 PM



Ticket sponsors: To the glory of God from Pat and Daryl Amey and in loving memory of Howard Strohl on his 90th birthday from Kathryn and Linda.

Thrivent is matching \$500 through their Care Abounds in Communities program for Northampton Food Bank.

Anyone interested in donating something for this fund raiser is encouraged to drop off a theme basket, gift card (please include receipt), case of water or soda, or baked goods on the evening of April 7 from 6-8 PM or the morning of April 8 from 10-12:00 PM.

Questions may be directed to the church office by calling 610-767-7203.

Thank you! *Hope Lutheran Basket Committee*



****Note New Date and Time!: The Basket Committee will meet on Monday, March 29 at 6:00 PM in Hanson Hall.**



HOPEFEST!

This year our annual HopeFest event will take place on June 17th and 18th and planning is well underway. We will be enjoying the sounds of the Rehrig Brothers on Friday night and the Large Flower Heads on Saturday night, as well as fun games, good food, and fellowship on both nights!

We again call out to the church for donations and support. The only way this event happens each year is through the support of the Church members and we have been very blessed with that support. We could not pull this off without it. This year we will be needing turkeys for BBQ, Cakes for the Cake Walk, and lots of soups! We again hope to find sponsors for our bands. We also need your support with setting up in the days leading up to the event, running the stands on Friday and Saturday, and cleaning up after the event. Signup sheets will be in the Narthex soon. Please take some time to not only enjoy attending HopeFest but also in lending a hand. All support is greatly appreciated! "Many hands make light work".

Every year we use the money raised from this event to support a cause or causes and fund things needed by the church. This year I am very pleased to announce that part of the funds raised will go to support children in need. We will be using part of the funds to support the Synergy Project and the St Stephens Outreach. A portion of the funds will also be used to support the purchase of the new church audio system.

If you would like more information, or would like to help in any way please come to our meeting, contact Josh Larkin at (610) 844-5832 or cjoshlarkin@gmail.com, or talk to any committee member you know.

FROM THE WELLNESS TEAM

April is National Donation Month

Donate the Gift of Life – Why?

121,407 people are waiting for an organ

22 people will die each day waiting for an organ

1 organ donor can save up to 8 lives

Because you may save up to 8 lives through organ donation and enhance many others through tissue donation. Last year alone, organ donors made more than 28,000 transplants possible. Another one million people received corneas and other tissue transplants that helped them recover from trauma, bone damage, spinal injuries, burns, hearing impairment and vision loss. Unfortunately, thousands die every year waiting for a donor organ that never comes. You have the power to change that. For more information see the bulletin board for April's poster.

WELLNESS TEAM SURVEY RESULTS

Recently, the Wellness Team surveyed the congregation about what the members of Hope want to see offered by the Wellness Team. Historically, there have been Blood Pressure screenings, blood drives, wellness fairs, etc. While we will continue some of these offerings, here are the results of the latest survey about what you want. The survey was distributed over 2 consecutive Sundays in December. General service attendance was about 500 for the two weeks, and 59 members completed a survey (~10%). Here's a brief description of who filled out the survey.

- 93% were > 40 years of age (59%, 40-65 years old; 34% > 65 years old)
- 20% Have an elderly parent
- 30% have a chronic condition themselves, and 42% have a family member with a chronic condition.

Here are the top areas of interest (respondents could pick more than one):

1. Stress! (69%)
2. Fitness (64%)
3. Nutrition (59%)

Most respondents picked a weekday evening as the best time to have an event on wellness (58%), followed by weekend morning (27% - it was more of a 3-way tie with weekday morning/afternoon, 24% and 25% respectively).

What does this all mean? For starters, a 10% response rate is, well, not unexpected, but we'd love to hear from more of the congregation! (more on that, later). Second, the interests most chosen could reflect the demographic of the largest number of the respondents. We think we may have missed out on the under 40 members of the congregation, and especially the teen/young adult members, which could change what wellness interests are chosen. Still, 69% of all respondents choosing stress is a clear message that we feel needs to be addressed. So, we're working on a program that is stress relieving focused and will keep you posted about that!

In the meantime, we'll display the survey and the results on a poster in the narthex. Fill out a survey if you haven't already. We'll re-tally results once we hit 120 surveys and see if things change.

Spring Basket Social

Friday April 8, 2016

Doors open
4:00 PM

Ticket drawing
begins at 7:30 PM

Refreshments!
Delicious baked goods,
other food items will be
available for purchase.



Tickets

\$5 per card
3 cards for \$10

Each card gives you
25 chances to win!

Specials

\$1 each
or
6 for \$5

Tickets available at the door



Northampton Area
Food Bank

**Bring a canned good or
nonperishable item for
the Food Bank**

*Proceeds will be divided between The Northampton Area Food Bank
and The Hope Lutheran Church Good Samaritan Fund*



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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**

REGARDING	CALL	PHONE NO.
Basket Cmte	Linda Sidor	610-767-8372
Boy Scouts	Tom Nichols	732-547-7118
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	Doug Daniel	610-767-7918
Girl Scouts	Karen Zimmerman	610-760-1887
Hope Fest	Josh Larkin	610-844-5832
Hope's Helping Hands	Leslie Daniel	610-767-7918
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
OutreachMinistry	LeAnn Chandler	610-440-0341
Prayer Chain	Dolores Reenock	610-767-6698
Prayer Shawl	JoAnne Creyer	610-262-3204
Property	Earl Snyder	610-703-5166
SCS/Christian Ed	Michelle Hughes	484-547-4585
Senior Center	Karen Ferraina	610-767-2977
Social Ministry	Marge Zimmerman	610-217-8324
Stewardship	Jim Gardner	610-767-8421
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 Maurer Stacey Ziegler	610-262-9197
Yard Sale	Doris Zellers	610-703-8550

CORE



PURPOSE

People of Hope:
working together, with God,
to love and serve others...



Dear Church Family,

It is with a sad heart that I write this short note of thanks to Pastor Jami and to all of you for the support and love you have shown me and my physical family in this time of the loss of my wife, our children's mother, grandmother, and just recently a great grandmother. I cannot find the words which would sufficiently express our thankfulness, for your cards, words and hugs of condolence and encouragement, in this time of loss. I thank Pastor Jami especially for her spiritual support in our moments of sorrow. All of this permits the time of sorrow to also be a time of joy, joy in knowing that our loved one has gone to be with the Lord and joy in having an extended family like Hope is in following His example of loving and caring for those in need. I thank all of you once again and ask that our Lord keep you, our spiritual family, in His care as we await the time when He will call all of us to His side in eternal life.

Jerry Mraz

Dear Council,

Better late than never... many thanks for remembering me at Christmas with a generous gift! It is wonderful to work in a congregation where the pastor is supported so well. This gift was used to support the clinical pastoral care department at Phoebe Ministries.

Blessings, Pastor Jami

Dear Friends in Christ,

You amaze me!

Every year your offerings to the mission we share in Christ is impressive. Your giving makes it clear that the Holy Spirit stirs in you. I can only imagine the ministry stories in your congregation and community that grow out of your faithful giving.

You amaze me not only because of ministry together in 2015, but also because of what God has in store for you in 2016. God surely has much in store for you because as mission support intentions for 2016 are submitted, those commitments already exceed support received in 2015. Thanks be to God for you.

With sincere gratitude,

The Rev. Samuel R. Zeiser

Dear Friends of the Food Bank,

Thank you for your recent contribution to the Northampton Area Food Bank. Your support makes a significant difference in the lives of families in our community. On behalf of the board of directors, the volunteers, and especially the clients we are privileged to serve, many thanks for your kindness and generosity.

Very sincerely,

Pamela Kamety

APRIL 2016

Calendar printed on March 19. For most up-to-date calendar, check <http://calendar.hopecherryville.org/>

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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					1:00 PM Eagle Scout Set Up (Kuntz Hall) (Tentative)	Eagle Scout Ceremony - (KH) and Sanctuary)
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:15 AM Level II Parent & Student Conversations (KH) 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Service of the Word 12:00 PM YG lunch & SkyZone (KH) Van Needed 6:00 PM Musical Rehearsal	6:00 PM Centering Prayer in Hanson Hall 6:30 PM Scouts	6:30 PM Brownies 7:00 PM Alleluia Ringers 7:00 PM Scouts 7PM Musical Choir Reh	9:00 AM Soup Group 2:00 PM Centering Prayer in Kuntz Adult Sunday School Room	10AM Pastor's Bible Study 6:30 PM Evangelism Meeting (Room #133) 7:00 PM Scouts 7PM Property Meeting 7 PM Sr Choir Rehearsal (Musical)	Basket Social (KH) Level II Retreat to Kenbrook Retreat Center (Meet at Hope at 6:00pm) 6:00 PM Brown / Edelman Wedding Rehearsal	Level II Retreat to Kenbrook Retreat Center 1:30 PM (KH) Rental
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Level II Retreat to Kenbrook Retreat Center (return to Hope approx. 12:30pm) 8:00 AM Service of the Word 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Holy Communion 3:00 PM Brown / Edelman Wedding 6:00 PM Musical Rehearsal	2:00 PM Centering Prayer in Kuntz Adult Sunday School Room 7:00 PM Worship and Music Committee - PJ's Office	10 AM StoryWeavers 2PM Garden Club Set Up 6 PM Garden Club (KH) 6PM Wellness team (HH) 6:30 PM Brownies Alleluia Ringers cancelled tonight 7:00 PM Scouts 7PM Musical Choir Reh	10:00 AM Staff Meeting 2:30 PM Outreach > St. Stephen's 5:30 PM POW Van Needed 6:00 PM Hope Fest Meeting (HH) 7PM Scout Committee Mtg	10AM Pastor's Bible Study 10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry - Room #133 7:00 PM Boy Scouts- (KH) 7 PM Sr Choir Rehearsal	12:00 PM Newsletter Content Deadline 6:30 PM Level I Students/Mentors Movie and Munchies Night (KH)	Eagle Scout Ceremony (KH and Sanctuary)
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Thrivent Coffee Hour - Narthex 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:15 AM Bear Creek Camp Presentation - (KH) 9:15 AM New Members Class 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Service of the Word 5 PM Church Pot Luck Dinner (KH) 6:00 PM Musical Rehearsal	6:00 PM Centering Prayer in Hanson Hall 6:30 PM Scouts 7 PM Hope Friendship Dance (KH)	9AM WELCA Meeting (KH) 6:30 PM Brownies 7:00 PM Alleluia Ringers 7:00 PM Scouts 7PM Musical Choir Reh	2:00 PM Centering Prayer in Kuntz Adult Sunday School Room 7:00 PM Worship and Music Committee - PJ's Office	10:00 AM Newsletter Collation 10AM Pastor's Bible Study 7:00 PM Boy Scouts (KH) 7 PM Sr Choir Rehearsal	5:00 PM Youth Group Vera Bradley Bingo Set up (KH)	9:00 AM Youth Group Vera Bradley Bingo - (KH)
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
8:00 AM Service of the Word 9:15 AM Hope's Activity Expo Group leader info mtg (KH) 9:15 AM New Members Class 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Holy Communion 11:45 AM Christian Ed Mtg 6:00 PM Musical Rehearsal	6:00 PM Women of Faith - Hanson Hall 6:30 PM Cub Pack Meeting (KH)	6:30 PM Brownies 7:00 PM Alleluia Ringers 7:00 PM Scouts 7PM Musical Choir Reh	10:00 AM Staff Meeting 2:30 PM Outreach > St. Stephen's	10AM Pastor's Bible Study 6:00 PM HHH Mtg 7PM Boy Scout Commissioner Mtg (HH) 7:00 PM Boy Scouts (KH) 7 PM Sr Choir Rehearsal		8:30 AM Level II Students/Mentors Car Wash 1:00 PM (KH) Rental