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8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Sunday School

9:15 AM

Church Office Hours

7:30 AM – 4:00 PM M, W, Th, F

9:00 – 3:00 PM Tu

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - AUGUST 31, 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 - August	27,069.56	2,549.91	1,227.25	-	-
Income - Jan.-July	230,742.80	17,386.48	26,025.86	5,062.06	2,000.00
Total Income	257,812.36	19,936.39	27,253.11	5,062.06	2,000.00
Expenses - August	31,481.97	2,386.80	1,209.20	2,000.00	-
Expenses - Jan.-July	237,299.62	43,334.69	18,875.82	5,750.00	-
Total Expenses	268,781.59	45,721.49	20,085.02	7,750.00	-
Net Income	(10,969.23)	(25,785.10)	7,168.09	(2,687.94)	2,000.00
Net Special Appeals	2,097.68				
Balance End of August	\$ 67,330.93	\$ 95,518.46	\$109,974.42	\$ 91,423.50	\$ (6,086.92)

SUMMARY:

Expenses exceeded income in the Regular Fund for the month of August by \$4,412.41, and for the year 2016, expenses exceeded income by \$10,969.23, giving us a current balance in the Regular Fund of \$67,330.93. Last year the net income for the same period was \$(8,218.55) with a balance of \$57,775.22.

**** 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). Thank you.

<u>Edition</u>	<u>Article Deadline</u>	<u>Collation Date</u>
November	Friday, October 14 @ Noon	Thursday, October 20 @ 10:00AM
December	Monday , November 14 @ Noon	Thursday, November 17 @ 10:00AM
January	Friday, December 16 @ Noon	Monday , December 19 @ 10:00AM

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

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Visit <http://nepasynod.org/documents/synod-news/synod-news-2016-10.pdf>



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GREETINGS FROM THE PASTOR...

From Pastor Jami Possinger

My son, Scott, belongs to Mount Vernon Place – a historic Methodist Church in Washington, DC – just blocks from the National Mall. Recently he sent me the words a member of his church shared in worship on a Sunday morning. I am choosing to share them with you because I found them to be real and profound. Here is what she said:



“As many of you know, my life was turned upside down in January of this year when I was diagnosed with Stage III Inflammatory Breast Cancer. It’s been hard to find the words to explain what it feels like to be told you have cancer at such a young age. I know some of you have lived it; you don’t need me to tell you what it feels like. But here I was, in the middle of all my plans, being told that life had already happened, that this might be all I get.

The best description I’ve heard comes from Kate Bowler, a Professor at Duke Divinity School fighting cancer. She describes the moments after learning about her diagnosis as feeling like she was behind a pane of glass, and everyone she loved was on the other side.

Cancer is so isolating. A lot of people just don’t know how to talk about it, so we don’t. There aren’t enough words in this language or any other to explain the pinch of the needle or the rush of the dangerous radioactive drugs through your veins. There aren’t enough words to describe the headache and the fog. There aren’t words to explain the burn on your scalp when your hair starts falling out in chunks or the indignity of taking a lint roller to your head in the mornings in a vain attempt to contain the mess and pass for normal, healthy. There are not words to explain to your 35 year-old friends what it feels like to be in chemically induced menopause, and there are no words to explain to your 50 year-old friends what it feels like to be 35 and know this. There are not words to explain what it feels like to stand in a hotel room alone, unable to open the individual serving coffee or the tiny conditioner bottle, because the drugs have pushed back the cancer, but they’ve taken the feeling in your fingertips and your dexterity with them as they went. And I really, honestly don’t have the words to describe the excitement and the fear of knowing that in a few short days, they will cut out the cancer and the rest of my breasts with it, and that my body will very clearly never be the same again. But it doesn’t really matter if there are enough words, because even if there were, I’m too exhausted to explain it, too exhausted to answer the phone, too exhausted to carry on a conversation. And anyway, no one wants to hear the messy details. It’s awkward, and private, and gross.

But this place. You people. You have repeatedly broken that plate glass between us. You knew that it was messy and ugly and private on the other side, and you kept breaking that glass anyway. I protested, and I hid, and I didn’t answer the phone. It was so hard to accept help, over and over again. I mean, I wasn’t even a member for goodness sake, I wasn’t in your small group, I may not have even known your name. And yet you kept knocking on that glass, with tiny rocks, and giant bricks, and sledgehammers. And I didn’t feel so alone. I was able to see a small glimmer of hope. When the offers to help died away and everyone else was tired of talking about my cancer, you kept showing up.

When Donna (the pastor at MVP) talks about God living within you so that others can know Christ... this is it. I get to bring my whole cancer-ridden, out of control life in here every week. I don’t have to stop outside the door and pull myself together. I don’t have to tell you everything is going great. You don’t want me to sugar coat it for you. You want to stand next to me in the mess and hold my hand. And for that I will be forever grateful.”

For me – this is church – this is community – this is what it means to be the body of Jesus Christ. Many of us know people who are dealing with cancer – or other debilitating diseases. Many of us know people suffering from depression or other forms of mental illness. I have often said that worship on a Sunday morning is a hospital for those who are sick – in mind, body or spirit – in need of healing and peace and restoration. But this woman put into words something we all need to hear. And it is that the church **MUST** be a place where people can come as they are – with their sickness, their worries, their joys, their problems, their faith – and be accepted and loved.”

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May this incredibly courageous woman's testimony call you to prayer and deep reflection as you remember those among us who share her journey. And may we all seek to be part of a community that is showing up for each other in real and powerful ways.

God's Blessings,
Pastor Jami



PASTOR BRIAN'S PREPONDERANT BUSINESS

Summer is drawing to a close and the school year has begun again. I, too, have begun my second year at Loyola's pastoral counseling program and the anniversary of my ordination at Hope falls November on 1st!



Rally Sunday at Hope was a fabulous time—kids and teachers dressing up as superheroes and gearing up for a year of learning about the heroes of the Bible. As the new school year begins I think it's appropriate to reflect on some of the things I asked our Level 1 Confirmation students on their first day of Confirmation last week. I told them that Confirmation is about learning the Lutheran understanding of the Christian religion; but it's also much more than that. In Confirmation, I said, we want to challenge you to discover your own understanding of who God is, of why we're here, and what this universe is all about. Ask questions like: "Why does anything exist at all?" "What's the purpose of life, the meaning of existence?" "Who was Jesus and what did he teach about the shape of reality?" "Who is Jesus and why does it matter to me today?" I wanted to get the kids thinking these questions, and while their response wasn't as enthusiastic as I'd hoped for, I want Confirmation to be a time for them to explore the mysteries of the universe—to learn the joy of seeking more than just learning the "right" answers.

And it's not just Confirmation when people should wonder such questions. That is what church is all about: providing a place for people to ask the tough questions, ponder the great mysteries, discover the sacredness of our surroundings and of ourselves. Spiritual seeking is what led me on the path to ministry and it is that spiritual hunger that fuels me even today. I wish everyone could feel that same sense of adventure I get when I contemplate the mysteries of God, life, and the universe.

I recall many nights when I was young sitting outside my parents' house in rural New England, looking up at the stars. I remember how small I felt and yet how connected to the magnificent display above my eyes. Fearful awe would strike when I thought of what an insignificant speck I was in this vast universe. The world would keep on spinning without me and even our world could disappear and make little difference to the beauty of our galaxy. Nevertheless, over the years I learned to see I was also a player in that great cosmic orchestra. We humans are endowed with such a precious gift, being able to think and reflect on the great mystery in which we find ourselves. God loves us and takes great joy in us and all creation. The awe I still feel when I look at the stars, or a mountain, or the tiny lines on a leaf continues to inspire me to explore, discover, and grow closer to the God who is in the midst of the stars, mountains, and leaves, as well as eternally beyond them.

As summer fades into autumn, I pray you will observe the wholeness of creation and be humbled by how little you are compared to the stars in our galaxy (nevermind the entirety of the universe!) but also never forget how extremely important you are to God and that you know how much God loves and the great joy you give God for just being you!

Peace,
Pastor Brian

CONFIRMANDS

October 15 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

First Mini-Retreat (Levels 1 & 2) Saturday

Saturday October 29 8:45 AM - 10:00 AM

Level 2 Mentor Brunch

If you are unable to attend these events, please see Pastor Brian for makeup work. Call or email with any questions/concerns:

asstpastor@hopecherryville.org

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS – SEPTEMBER 2016

- ⚓ **“Generosity Sunday”** scheduled for October 2. On this **ONE** Sunday, members are encouraged to tithe their weekly income in order to observe the difference tithing generosity has in their lives and in the life and ministry of the congregation. Biblically a tithe is 10%.
- ⚓ The congregation will be asked to complete a Congregation Vitality Survey prior to worship on Sunday, October 2nd and Sunday, October 9th. The results will help inform the council about the perceptions members have regarding our ministry and where to put our energy as we move into our future together.
- ⚓ Hope’s Youth Group will be holding a Chicken and Waffle dinner on Saturday, Oct. 22nd as a fund raiser for the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, Texas.
- ⚓ The third “Church Has Left the Building” event is scheduled for Sunday, October 16th. Members are encouraged to sign up on the sheets in the narthex for community service projects; following the late worship, gather for lunch and then move into the community. There will be a few projects held at Hope for members who prefer or are not able to go into the community.
- ⚓ The date for the annual congregation meeting is Sunday, November 13th at 9:00 AM in Kuntz Hall. ALL members are encouraged to attend. During this meeting we will elect new council members and review the proposed budget.

PASTORAL ACTS

FUNERALS

Darlene Paoli, 62, entered eternal life September 7, 2016. Services were held Saturday, September 10 at Hope Lutheran Church. Pastor Jami officiated.

Doris M. (Wassum) Metzger, 83, entered eternal life on July 13, 2016. A celebration of her life was held at Hope on July 23, 2016. Doris was interred at Union Cemetery in Slatington with her late husband Clarence (“Chuck”) on August 2, 2016. Pastor Jami officiated. (**contains corrections*)

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



Monday, October 17

7:00 to 9:00 PM Kuntz Hall

Halloween Dance

Anyone interested in volunteering with the dance, contact Judy Dieter 610-767-9170



WORSHIP SCHEDULE – OCTOBER 2016

<p><u>Sunday, October 2, 2016</u> <i>Generosity Sunday</i> 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, October 9, 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>
<p><u>Sunday, October 16, 2016</u> <i>Commitment Sunday – Turn in Cards</i> 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:15 AM New Member Class 10:30 AM Service of the Word 12:30 PM The Church Has Left the Building Launch</p>
<p><u>Sunday, October 23, 2016</u> 8:00 AM Service of the Word 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Holy Communion</p>
<p><u>Sunday, October 30, 2016</u> <i>Reformation Sunday</i> 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Holy Communion</p>



There will be a HopeFest meeting on November 9th at 6:00 PM in Hanson Hall.

CENTERING ON PRAYER



Pastor Brian will continue his centering on prayer sessions the first and third Mondays at 6:00 PM and the first and third Wednesdays at 2:00 PM of each month. The classes will be using a new book, Richard Rohr’s “Everything Belongs” (\$10.00 each). All are welcome to join at any time. Speak to Pastor Brian with any questions.

WELCA

WELCA meeting Tuesday, October 18 at 9:00 AM



The Yard Sale Committee would like to thank everyone who donated, helped and attended the yard sale.
The total amount we raised is **\$14,076.37** (Wow! – ed.)

The money will go to buy 17 new plastic tables for the Sunday School rooms downstairs (we even sold some of the old ones) and a new commercial refrigerator and freezer for the kitchen (the old ones were sold at the yard sale). The rest of the money will go to the general fund to help pay expenses.

- We had 30 people for the early bird special.
- We would like to thank the Boy Scouts for carrying the heavy tables from the lower Sunday School rooms.
- Storage.com for donating the storage units that housed the yard sale goods.
- Thrivent for the gift cards to help pay expenses.
- The most unusual item this year was a slot machine. A couple of gentlemen from the church got it working and did demonstrations on how to win. Sold!
- A young woman bought a family cookbook that relatives put together with recipes. She did not have a copy.
- A special needs gentleman bought religious children books to read. He was happy buying the books.
- We received a pair of high heel sandals that are the same brand that Carrie Bradshaw would buy in Sex in the City. Cost new \$300.
- We received the set of *Fifty Shades of Grey*. A young woman was happy to find them.
- The beanie babies were bought and went to Operation Christmas Child.
- Some leftover yard sale objects were donated to different organizations, with the majority going to Purple Heart. The children's books went to St. Stephens Church and Community Service for Children in Allentown. Some stuffed animals went to a nursing home for bingo prizes.
- A woman from Kenya was there. She bought a bike and numerous other items. She was getting ready to ship the goods back to Kenya in a container.
- The puzzles went to the Senior Citizen Center at Hope.
- Bedding, towels and miscellaneous fabric items that was torn or stained was washed and donated to Peaceable Kingdom.
- Other clothing went to an organization that will sell it by the pound to help a local man that needs a liver transplant.

Putting the yard sale together is a lot of hard work and long hours. The committee and volunteers worked hard, but in the end it all paid off and we even had fun. Start saving your treasures for the 2017 yard sale!



ENJOY THE CONVENIENCE OF ELECTRONIC GIVING

Consider electronic giving as a way to automate your regular weekly contributions. Electronic giving offers convenience for members and provides much-needed contribution consistency for our congregation. Visit the church website at www.hopecherryville.org and locate the Online Giving page.

Online Giving

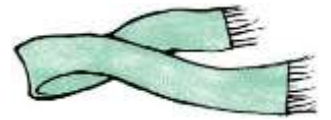
GIVE FROM YOUR SMART PHONE

Make a contribution from your smart phone anytime by simply scanning the image below using your phone's QR code reader or locate the Online Giving link on our home page...
www.hopecherryville.org.



PRAYER SHAWL

The group will meet October 13th (the second Thursday each month) at 10:00 AM. All are welcome any time.



SAVE THE DATES!

November 13	Congregation Meeting
December 24	Worship 4, 6, 8:30, 11 PM
December 25 	Worship 9:00 AM Lessons Carols & Communion

SOCIAL MINISTRY

Gracedale Talent Night – Monday, October 3rd. We'll leave Hope at 6:00 PM and return approximately at 8:30 PM. Bring your talented self! Cookies are also needed. Questions, please call Marge Zimmermann at 610-217-9134.

Allentown Rescue Mission Dinner – Our Social Ministry Committee will be helping with the annual spaghetti dinner for the Allentown Rescue Mission to be held on Saturday, October 15th. All are welcome to join us to help with this very rewarding afternoon. Meet at Hope Church at 3:00 PM, or just meet us at the Asbury Methodist Church at 1533 Springhouse Road in Allentown. Questions, please call Marge Zimmermann at 610-217-8324.



Senior Fall Feast – On Saturday, November 19th the Social Ministry Committee invites any senior citizen or **STAR** (**S**eniors with **T**ransportation or **A**ccessibility **R**estrictions, formerly known as homebound) members in our congregation to our annual Fall Feast. We will

begin with worship of Holy Communion at 11:30 AM, and then enjoy a dinner of turkey, filling, cranberry sauce and all the “fixins.” To conclude the day, there will be entertainment. The Feast will end at approximately 2:30 PM. See the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

KNOW FOR SURE IF YOUR CHILD IS IN THE RIGHT CAR SEAT:

Free car seat safety check

Date: Saturday October 1, 2016

Time: 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Location: Kmart, Walnutport

Phone: 610-760-8800

Email: jroth@lehightownship.com

NEW MEMBER CLASSES

Classes will be held on Sundays **October 2, 9, and 16 from 9:15 - 10:15 AM**. The last class (October 16) 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.



WOMEN OF FAITH

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



Monday, October 3rd – visit the home of Madeline and Arthur Reph to see their beautiful train display (watch for a sign-up sheet).

On **Thursday, October 27th** from 4:30 - 8:00 PM, Hope's Women of Faith once again teams up with Nazareth Ford to help at **Suites and Treats** event at Coca-Cola Park in Allentown. The Iron Pigs Charities host this safe trick-or-treating opportunity for underprivileged Lehigh Valley children who might not otherwise be able to trick-or-treat. We decorate and staff a designated area within the ballpark and distribute trick-or-treat items for the children. The candy is provided by Nazareth Ford. Last year over 750 kids attended the event! The children are invited through various non-profit organizations, a few of which

include: Boys and Girls Clubs, Miracle League of the LV, Pediatric Cancer Foundation of the LV, Dream Come True, Sixth Street Shelter and more!

Book Fair and Book Drive – October 23 through November 6: The Women of Faith are hosting a Sparkhouse book fair and a book drive for Community Services for Children. See the bulletin board and Sunday bulletin for more info!

Call Jane Tretiak in the church office at 610-767-7203 with questions.

YOUTH GROUP

Here's our youth events for October:



National Youth Gathering Meeting: Sunday October 2 after second service. If you are going to the National Youth Gathering in Houston in 2018, you must make a \$100 deposit at the October 2 meeting. The Chicken & Waffle Dinner is our first fundraiser for the trip.

POW: Wednesday October 12 at 5:30 PM

Dorney Park: Friday October 14 at 5:00 PM

Leaf-raking for The Church Has Left the Building: Sunday October 16 after second service

Chicken & Waffle Dinner: Saturday October 22 for 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (helpers be here at 3:30).

CHICKEN & WAFFLES DINNER

The youth group of Hope Lutheran Church is hosting their first ever all-you-can-enjoy **Chicken & Waffle Dinner!** The full dinner will feature a salad, chicken & gravy (PA Dutch style shredded chicken in gravy) over a waffle, green beans, and your choice of one of our featured dessert waffles (ice cream, peaches, caramel apples, or butter & sugar). The cost of the tickets is \$10 per person and \$4 for a child (ages 3 – 7). **We are also offering a single serving dessert waffle only option for \$4.** Tickets will be sold beginning October 2nd and the last day to buy your ticket will be October 16th. Seatings will be every half hour beginning at 4:30 with the last seating at 7:00 and will be limited, so make your reservation with us by calling the church at 610-767-7203, ext. 9 and leaving a message. Come try our new dinner and support our youth traveling to Houston for the 2018 National Youth Gathering.



Daylight savings time begins on November 6th



Little Italy Buffet

Save the Date!
Boy Scout Troop 242 will be hosting their annual
Little Italy Buffet on

Saturday November 5th from 3:00 to 8:00 PM

Adults \$10.95 | Children \$4.95

Tickets available from Troop 242, in the church office, or at the door.

GIANT A+ REWARDS FOR HOPE'S PRESCHOOL



Hope Lutheran Preschool is participating in A+ School Rewards through Giant! This is an easy way for you to help our school earn money each time you shop there. Register your GIANT CARD at www.giantfood.com/aplus using ID#26640. You will need your 12-digit Giant number.

**** if you supported our school last year, you DO NOT need to register your card again!**

Our school needs your support! Please take a moment to register your GIANT CARD today! And don't forget to tell your friends and neighbors to do the same. It could mean the world to our school. Thank you!

HOPE'S HELPING HANDS

Hope Helping Hands Mission Team is having their semi-annual **Crab Patty** sale in October. Orders will be taken after both services on October 9, 16 and 23. Crab patties will be made with lump crab meat and will weigh approximately six ounces and will be sold for \$5.00. They will be available both breaded and un-breaded and ready for cooking. Crab patties will be made and packaged by Todd's Island Seafood of Allentown. Crab patties will be ready for pick-up on **Sunday, October 30th** 9:00 AM to 12 Noon in Kuntz Hall kitchen. Please continue to support our Hope Helping Hands Mission Team and place your orders for these delicious crab patties. You may also contact any team member (Kim Belletti, Cathy Moore, Georgene and Lee Blose, Leslie and Doug Daniel, Laurie and Rod Christman or Sherri Arndt) to place an order or call Leslie Daniel at 610-216-1340. All orders must be **pre-paid** by October 23.



Three members of Hope's Helping Hands will be traveling to David, Kentucky, October 16 to October 22, 2016.



We are traveling with members of Ziegel's Church Mission Team and will be working on rehab projects in conjunction with the St. Vincent Mission who has been actively involved in mission work in David, Kentucky for over 25 years. We look forward to this opportunity to extend our reach of Hope's Helping Hands while working under the guidance of an established mission team involved in rehabilitation projects. Please keep this group in your prayers during this time.

EVANGELISM NEWS

Fall Bible studies have resumed. The group has chosen to study the book of Revelation. We meet Thursday evening at 6:30 PM. Everyone is welcome – it is certainly not too late – we have a seat waiting for you!

Annual Nativity Display: Where has the year gone? Planning is underway by the Evangelism committee for this beautiful display and we need your help the days before and the weekend after Thanksgiving. Volunteers are needed with the electrical work that adds to the beauty of our display. And don't forget... we'd love to display your nativity for the weekend! Contact Sharyn Kratzer if you can help us welcome in the Advent season.



2016 FALL BASKET SOCIAL INVITATION

Mark the date! Friday, October 14, 2016, is the date for Hope's 22nd Fall Walk-in Basket Social! Proceeds to benefit the Church's Maintenance Fund. Doors open at 4:00 PM and drawings begin directly following 7:30 PM announcements.



Tickets to win theme baskets or specialty items are sold as you enter. Theme basket cards are \$5 each (25 tickets per card) or 3 cards for \$10. Specialty item tickets are sold for \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

If you have baskets, new items, gift cards, soda, water, or baked goods you would like to donate, please drop them off in the office on October 13th or contact Linda Sidor at 610-767-8372.

Special thanks to Thrivent for their help with the Action Team Grants.

Thank you!

The Basket Committee of Hope Lutheran Church

Sherri Arndt, Georgene Blose, LeAnn Chandler, Delores Derhammer, Marian Druckenmiller, Kathy Fogle, Jean Fritzinger, Felisha Quinta, Susan Hildebrand, Cindy Kocher, Lori Lambert, Sami Lambert, Clair Larkin, Jenny Laury, Jean Leibenguth, Diane Reenock, Betty Rock, Roslyn Scott, Linda Sidor, Diane Silfies, Toni Snyder, Kathryn Strohl, Loretta Weil and Marge Zimmermann

***Basket Committee Members are reminded of the upcoming meeting in Hanson Hall on Tuesday, October 4, at 6:30 PM.**

WELLNESS TEAM : STRESS



The kids are back in school - piano lessons, dance class, sports practice and games. Your boss added more work to your already heavy caseload. You are watching the grandkids 2 days a week, but Mom and Dad need you five days. But, you just joined a new committee at Church.

We generally use the word "stress" when we feel that everything seems to have become too much - we are overloaded and wonder whether we really can cope with the pressure placed upon us.

When you are in a stressful situation, your body launches a physical response. Your nervous system springs into action, releasing hormones that prepare you to either fight or take off. It's called the "fight or flight" response, and it is why, when you are in a stressful situation, you may notice that your heartbeat speeds up, your breathing gets faster, your muscles tense, you start to sweat. This kind of stress is short-term and temporary (acute stress), and your body usually recovers from it.

But if your stress system stays activated over a long period of time (chronic stress), it can lead to more serious health problems. The constant rush of hormones can put a lot of wear and tear on your body causing it to age more quickly and making it more prone to illness.

For more information see the monthly poster.

Thank you from the Wellness Team



STEWARDSHIP CORNER



Where did they go? Out into the community to help and serve others!

The Stewardship Committee is getting ready for **Consecration Sunday on October 16th** – “**The Church Has Left the Building**” and encourages all members to sign up to find a place to serve our community that day.

A light lunch will be provided after the 10:30 AM service and then members will be “launched” into service projects around the area. Sign-up boards are in the narthex. ***Who will you help?***

CAKES FOR FOODBANKS

for THE CHURCH HAS LEFT THE BUILDING

Anyone interested in baking and frosting a cake for the Bath, Northern Lehigh or Northampton food banks, please pick up foil pans, cake mix and frosting with directions on October 9th after service in the back of our church. The baked cakes are to be brought to Kuntz Hall and placed on the table anytime Sunday October 16th. The cakes will be delivered to the food banks on Monday October 17th. If you have any questions or need cake mixes and foil pans, please contact Judy Christman (610) 767-7102.



SUPPLIES NEEDED for THE CHURCH HAS LEFT THE BUILDING!

Three of the service projects we will be doing for our event called The Church Has Left the Building will be assembling care packages for the Allentown Rescue Mission – and program for homeless men, and the Synergy Project – a program for homeless youth, and doing a food drive for the Northampton Food Bank. **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

Please consider purchasing some of the items below and dropping them off in the bin by the white church in the narthex. We will be collecting them through the day of the event – October 16th.

Items for men at the Allentown Rescue Mission:

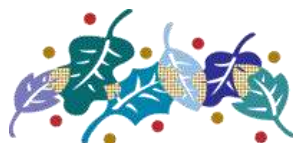
- Travel size shaving cream
- Travel size Q-tips
- Packs of disposable razors
- Warm blankets
- Thermals

Items for youth via the Synergy Project:

- Backpacks
- Socks (Girls/guys common sizes)
- Travel size toothpaste
- Tooth brushes
- Travel size hand sanitizer
- Individually-wrapped food (fruit cups, snacks, cereal, oatmeal, granola bars, etc.)

Items for the Northampton Food Bank (drop off in food wagon by the office):

Canned Goods, Pasta, Cereals, Peanut Butter, Snacks, Canned Meats, Things that you regularly buy that have a shelf life!



LEHIGH TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY 15TH ANNIVERSARY

The Lehigh Township Historical Society was organized in January of 2001. This year, they are celebrating their 15th anniversary with a buffet dinner and entertainment.

You are invited to attend the fifteenth anniversary celebration of the Lehigh Township Historical Society on Sunday, November 6, beginning at 5:00 PM at Hope Lutheran Church. You can view the displays and chat with friends before dinner. At 5:30 PM, Fairview Catering will provide the buffet dinner. The menu consists of a tossed salad with dressing, slow roasted beef sirloin with gravy, boneless chicken breast filled with old-fashioned filling, mashed potatoes, Normandy blend of vegetables, applesauce, rolls and butter, beverage and dessert. Piano music will be played during the dinner and following the dinner, Joe Lazorik (Good Times Piano Music) will provide the entertainment for the evening. The entertainment features themes, ad jingles and sing-along classic hits.

You will find ticket forms in the LTHS fall newsletter, online at www.lehightownshiphistoricalsociety.org and on Facebook, or by contacting a member of LTHS. You may also call 610-440-0151 for more information. Advance tickets only. Cost of adult tickets is \$15.00; reduced prices for children. Reservations are due on or before October 15. Come out and celebrate with us!

THANK YOU NOTES

Dear Hope Lutheran Church,

It was very thoughtful and comforting to receive such a beautiful shawl blanket. It was so caring of you to tell the ladies in the prayer group of my diagnosis. I appreciate your care and prayers,
Love & friendship,

Judy

Dear Hope Lutheran,

Thank you so much for the scholarship you awarded me. I am truly grateful for all the opportunities the church has given me and all the support over the years as well. I feel truly blessed to be a part of this congregation.

Thank you,

Kasey Frey

Dear Pastor Jami and Pastor Brian,

I feel incredibly blessed to be surrounded by so many friends during this very sad and stressful time. You have been pillar of strength for me and my family. We were there for our mother in the hospital during her illness and at our parents' interment. A special thank you to the social ministry committee, who helped with our mother's celebration of life. Thank you for all your love and support,

Linda Smith and Family





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working together, with God,
to love and serve others...

