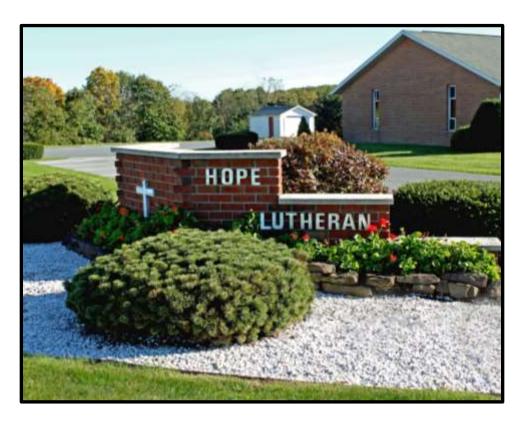
# HOPE HOME NEWS

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	Regular	Building	Memorial	Scholarship Loan	ľ	Memorial Garden
Balance Beginning of Year	\$ 76,202.48	\$121,303.56	\$102,806.33	\$ 94,111.44	\$	(8,086.92)
Income - October	38,606.80	7,803.14	3,153.26	3,407.60	2	120
Income - JanSept.	286,204.58	25,919.52	37,525.13	5,062.06		2,000.00
Total Income	324,811.38	33,722.66	40,678.39	8,469.66	8	2,000.00
Expenses - October	34,400.12	43.47	150.00	11.51		(20)
Expenses - JanSept.	301,708.85	49,953.33	35,707.52	9,500.00		123
Total Expenses	336,108.97	49,996.80	35,857.52	9,500.00		:20
Net Income	(11,297.59)	(16,274.14)	4,820.87	(1,030.34)		2,000.00
Net Special Appeals	1,244.13					(m)C+20xxxx,m2+xx+x
Balance End of October	\$ 66,149.02	\$105,029.42	\$107,627.20	\$ 93,081.10	\$	(6,086.92)
SUMMARY:						

Income exceeded expenses in the Regular Fund for the month of October by \$4,206.68, and for the year 2016, expenses exceeded income by \$11,297.59, giving us a current balance in the Regular Fund of \$66,149.02. Last year the net income for the same period was \$(18,345.11) with a balance of \$48,242.41.

#### **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 (<a href="mailto:communications@hopecherryville.org">communications@hopecherryville.org</a>). Thank you.

<u>Edition</u>	Article Deadline	Collation Date
January	Friday, December 16 @ Noon	Monday, December 19 @ 10:00AM
February	Friday, January 20 @ Noon	Thursday, January 26 @ 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**

The December 2016 issue of <u>Synod News</u> is available online. Visit <u>http://nepasynod.org/documents/synod-news/synod-news-2016-12.pdf</u>



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<sup>\*\*</sup> The current income statement is posted in the narthex.\*\*

#### **GREETINGS FROM THE PASTOR...**

#### From Pastor Jami Possinger

Emmanuel – God with us. That's what it is all about – Christmas I mean. Emmanuel – God with us. In the



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

It is not surprising if you answered no to the questions above. After all, two thousand years ago people missed him. The throngs of people who came to Bethlehem on the night of his birth to be counted in the census missed him. As he grew up, the people from his home town in Nazareth

missed him. Many who heard him preach, saw him heal, witnessed his miracles missed him. The scribes and Pharisees who confronted him during his ministry missed him. And yet he was never disguised!

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

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

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

Christmas Blessings, Pastor Jami

## PASTOR BRIAN'S PREPONDERANT BUSINESS

Ever wonder why others seem to hold so strongly to their opinions when you're absolutely sure they're wrong? Do you think others have ever thought that about you? The truth is we all mistake our opinions for absolute truth sometimes. We grab hold of our opinions of the way the world should work, what the right religious ideas are, who the right political candidate is, and we turn those opinions into part of our identity. Ideas are fine to have, but when we over-identify with them and use them to define ourselves, we lose sight of our true identity as beloved children of God — an identity we share with every other human being on this planet.



This year's election has been hard on everyone. Some are thrilled with the election results. Others are confused and fearful. And everyone's happy the incessant political commercials have finally stopped! Whatever your political opinion is, I think the most important thing this election has taught us as a nation is that we need time for reflection and introspection. We all need time to contemplate, to work on understanding ourselves and our society, learning why we think the way we do and to be open to new perspectives.

Social media has been flooded with evidence of just how divided people are these days. A common theme seems to be: "I'm right, you're wrong, here's why..." There seems to be a longing for others to understand one's own point of view, but an unwillingness to understand anyone else's. The words of St. Francis of Assisi come to mind: "O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love." May this be our prayer in the coming months as our nation moves forward.

As Christians we can be models of this humility. When we stop expressing our opinions every time an opportunity arises, we deny our egos the opportunity to boost ourselves up. This type of self-denial can be a deep spiritual practice. We then have an opportunity to understand the other person, rather than seeking to change their minds. When we seek to understand ourselves and to honor each person's life story, we can't help but feel empathy and compassion toward those we disagree with. And when we better understand ourselves and others, we can't help but gain insight into the mystery of God, the universe, and the human journey on this planet.

With an outburst of post-election protests and an increase in hate crimes, we need to stand with our fellow Americans, especially those most vulnerable. We need to stop arguing and start trying to understand. If we can observe our own mind's desire to prove itself right and others wrong, we may get to the heart of why most people refuse to ever change their mind about something they have a strong opinion about. If we are open to change and growth we may find ourselves changing and growing and helping others to change and grow more than ever before!

So make this a spiritual practice this month and this coming year. Catch yourself when you feel the urge to tell someone they're wrong. Try to understand why you feel the way you feel and seek to understand your neighbor's point of view. Talk with people who are different from you. Learn from them. That way we can all learn and grow together.

Peace and blessings to you, Pastor Brian



## Monday, December 19 7:00 to 9:00 PM Kuntz Hall

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

# WELCA meeting Tuesday, December 20 at 9:00 AM



#### **IS THERE CHURCH?**

If the weather is extremely bad on any given Sunday, and you are wondering if Sunday Church School or worship services are cancelled, please check WFMZ either online or TV, listen to radio station WAEB (AM 790), check our website at <a href="www.hopecherryville.org">www.hopecherryville.org</a> or as a last resort, call the church office (610-767-7203).



## **WORSHIP SCHEDULE – DECEMBER 2016**

## Wednesday, November 30, 2016

7:00 PM Midweek Advent Worship

## Sunday, December 4, 2016

8:00 AM Holy Communion

9:15 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Service of the Word

## Wednesday, December 7, 2016

7:00 PM Midweek Advent Worship

## Sunday, December 11, 2016

8:00 AM Service of the Word

## 9:15 AM Sunday School Christmas Program

10:30 AM Holy Communion

## Wednesday, December 14, 2016

7:00 PM Midweek Advent Worship

## Sunday, December 18, 2016

8:00 AM Holy Communion

9:15 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Service of the Word

## Wednesday, December 21, 2016

7:00 PM Midweek Advent Worship

## Saturday, December 24, 2016

4:00 and 6:00 Family Service:

Communion and Service of Lights

8:30 and 11:00 Communion and Service

of Lights with Orchestra

## Sunday, December 25, 2016

**Christmas Day** 

9:00 AM Lessons, Carols & Communion

## 17<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL NATIVITY DISPLAY

Saturday, Nov. 26 from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM Sunday, Nov. 27 from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Please bring your nativities to Hope on Friday November 25<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 to 5:00 PM for display.

Pick up on Sunday after 4:00 PM.



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



## There will be a HopeFest meeting on December 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM

## **COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS – NOVEMBER 2016**

- Council reviewed the 2017 proposed budget and recommended it be put before the congregation at the annual meeting on Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM.
- Thrivent Financial will be hosting a coffee hour in the narthex on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> between services.
- The Stewardship Committee had a third successful "the Church Has Left the Building" event. Following a lunch in Kuntz Hall over 80 volunteers participated in service projects that included work at the Northampton Food Bank, cleaning up the community garden and playground at St. Stephen's Outreach Center in Allentown, clean-up at Indianland Cemetery, hosting a bingo party at Westin Senior Living Center in Northampton, activities for special needs adults, packing care packages for the Synergy Project (homeless youth), the Allentown Rescue Mission (homeless men) and the Bethlehem Women's Emergency Shelter.
- <sup>‡</sup> 2017 Commitment cards have been slow coming in. As of Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup> we have received 70 commitment cards this is about half of what was received last year! It is not too late to complete a commitment card and submit it for 2017. Cards are available on the table in the narthex and can be returned to the church office anytime. Please consider making a financial commitment to the ministry of Jesus as it is lived out at Hope Lutheran!
- The Youth Group will be baking cookies and delivering them to our STAR members the weekend of December 10<sup>th</sup>.
- The next Coffee with the Council is scheduled for Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:15<sup>th</sup> in Kuntz Hall. Members are encouraged to stop in and share some coffee and goodies with council members who will be available for questions / comments / review of monthly financial statement.

## **HOPE'S HELPING HANDS**

Thanks to everyone for your awesome support of our crab patty and lobster bisque sale that was held. We're taking a break for the holidays (November and December). Our next scheduled meeting will be Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM in the conference room. As always, anyone is welcome to attend and join our group. Watch your newsletter and bulletins in January, as we are going to be selling the delicious meat pies and apple dumplings from Zook's in Lancaster. Orders taken January 26<sup>th</sup> and February 5<sup>th</sup> with delivery on

February 18<sup>th</sup>.

#### **2016 SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL TAX STATEMENTS**

Statements to be used for income tax purposes will be given only to those who request them. Please provide your name and envelope number with your child's offering, or phone Nancy Creyer at 610-767-8942 (leave message). Statements will be completed in January of 2017.



## **ENJOY THE CONVENIENCE OF ELECTRONIC GIVING**

In this season of thanksgiving and gift giving, we hope you will also consider an additional gift to your church. It is through the contributions of every member that we are able to fulfill our mission. You can use our electronic giving option for both regular offerings and one-

time gifts. Help us achieve a more consistent level of funding by setting up a recurring giving plan. Visit the church website at <a href="https://www.hopecherryville.org">www.hopecherryville.org</a> and locate the Online Giving page.

## **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**.



## **STEWARDSHIP**

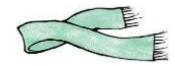
## Stewardship is a Way of Life

- Our standard of living should not determine our standard of giving; instead our standard of giving should determine our standard of living.
- The New Testament model of stewardship of money is based not on what you give but on what you keep.
- Life is meant to be given away; horde it and you wither and die; pass it on and you blossom and flourish.
- It is not how much you give; it is how much you have left after giving.
- If giving isn't giving you joy and bringing you fulfillment, don't give.
- God doesn't need your money but you need to honor God's claim on everything you are and have including your money.
- We are not fully devoted followers of Jesus until we learn to master our money.
- Show me your checkbook and I'll tell you who you are and who or what you worship.
- You are not giving to the church; you are giving to God's mission in the world.
- Owe no more than you absolutely have to.

You can't go wrong if you apply any of the above to your life.

## **PRAYER SHAWL**

The group meets the second Thursday of each month at 10:00 AM. All are welcome.



#### **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. \*\*Mondays will change to Tuesdays in 2017! 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.



## LEHIGH TOWNSHIP LIONS OFFER FREE EYE EXAMS FOR LEHIGH TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

To take advantage of this important and FREE opportunity, which ends December 31, 2016, please contact Wayne A. Benninger at 610-349-3506 or any other Lehigh Township Lions member.



#### **WOMEN OF FAITH**

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



Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup>: Christmas caroling at the Lovelight House (Personal Care Home) in Treichlers. We will meet at the church at 6:00 PM. We will then return to the church to enjoy a small Christmas party with refreshments and fellowship. All are invited to attend. Please sign-up on the sheet located on the bulletin board in the narthex. If you are attending, we ask that you bring cookies or a snack to share. Watch future bulletins and next month's newsletter for more information of 2017 events. Questions about the Women of Faith; please contact Jane Tretiak at 610-767-7203.

## **CONFIRMANDS**

## **Level 2 : Sunday December 11**

9:00 AM to 11:00 AM

visit to St. Nicholas Roman Catholic Church

## **Cookies & Carols**

If you come to both portions (see below), it will count as your outreach event for the year.

## **Nativity Display**

Sign up in the narthex for a 2-hour shift

## Level 2: POW on January 14<sup>th</sup>

from 5:30 to 8:00 is mandatory!

If you are unable to attend these events, please see Pastor Brian for makeup work. Call or email with any questions/concerns: <a href="mailto:asstpastor@hopecherryville.org">asstpastor@hopecherryville.org</a>



#### **YOUTH GROUP**

## Here's our youth events for December:

Cookies and Caroling: Sat 12/10 5:30 to 8:30 PM and Sun 12/11 12 Noon to 3:00 PM

In December, youth group will do Cookies & Carols! We'll bake cookies the evening of Saturday December 10 5:30 - 8:30 PM and deliver them while singing Christmas carols to our homebound (STAR) members the following day after service. Sunday after service.

to our homebound (STAR) members the following day after service. Sunday after service, we'll meet in Kuntz Hall for soup and hot chocolate before heading out to the STAR members' homes. If parents are able, please bring some soup for us to share. We should be all wrapped up by 3:00 PM. Hope you can make it!

**POW**: Wed. December 14 from 5:30 – 8:00 PM



## **WELLNESS TEAM: FLU VACCINES**

## National Influenza Vaccination Week December 4-10, 2016

Flu vaccination coverage from past years has shown that influenza vaccination activity drops quickly after the end of November. CDC and its partners choose December for NIVW to remind people that even though the holiday season has arrived, it is not too late to get your flu vaccine.

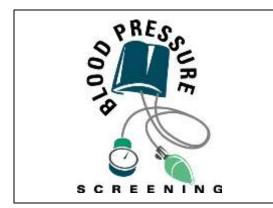
As long as flu viruses are spreading and causing illness, vaccination should continue throughout the flu season in order to provide protection against the flu. Even if you

haven't yet been vaccinated and have already gotten sick with one flu virus, you can still benefit from vaccination since the flu vaccine protects against three or four different flu viruses (depending on which flu vaccine you get).

Another goal of NIVW is to communicate the importance of flu vaccination for people who are at high risk for developing flu-related complications.

People at high risk of serious flu complications include young children, pregnant women, people with certain chronic health conditions like asthma, diabetes, heart disease or lung disease, and people ages 65 years and older. For people at high risk, getting the flu can mean developing flu-related complications, like pneumonia, or a worsening of existing health conditions, which can lead to hospitalization or death.

For more information, please visit the bulletin board. Thank you from the Wellness Team



The next Blood Pressure Screening by the Wellness Team is on Sunday December 11<sup>th</sup> following both worship services in the conference room.

## **COUNCIL ELECTIONS**

...were held on November 13<sup>th</sup>. We welcome new council members Allison Lockard, Kim Belletti and Jim Gardner and Maya Costanzo return for 2017-2020. More to info to come in January!

## **FLOWER SPONSOR CHART**

The flower chart for 2017 will be available soon. Two sponsors (and only two) of \$15.00 each are needed each week. Sponsor envelopes are next to the chart, and are due to the office two weeks before the sponsorship. Thank you to Sis Livermon for making our flower chart.

## **BULLETIN SPONSOR CHART**

The bulletin chart for 2017 will also be posted on the narthex bulletin board shortly. Three sponsors are needed per week at a cost of \$8.50 per sponsor.

## **PRESS SPONSOR CHART**

The press sponsor chart for 2017 will be posted on the narthex bulletin board shortly. One sponsor is needed per week at a cost of \$6.00 per sponsor

## **CHRISTMAS WORSHIP**

## Mid-Week Advent Worship at Hope - "What Child is This?"

As we countdown to Christmas 2016, it is always helpful to carve out some time from our busy schedules to



focus on the coming of our Lord at Christmas. This year we will be holding four mid-week Advent services each Wednesday evening at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary – beginning on Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup>. We will be using the Holden Evening Prayer service and centering our meditations on the theme, "What Child is This?" Using the gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John we will take a peek at the child, Jesus, through the eyes of each gospel writer. Join us each Wednesday to receive a glimpse of Jesus that you may not have seen before!

## **Sunday Mornings during Advent**

This Advent we are doing something a little different for the sermon time. Focusing on four characters from the gospels we will hear about planning, preparation and anticipation as we await the birth of Jesus. Each Sunday of Advent, beginning on Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, we will be introduced to Elizabeth, Joseph, John the Baptist and Mary to hear how Jesus changed their lives – and how he just may change ours too. Don't miss these opportunities to experience Jesus through the eyes of people who knew him. Join us for worship each Sunday at 8:00 AM or 10:30 AM during Advent.

### JESSE TREE FOR ADVENT

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



## **SPECIAL CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICE**

Christmas Communion Worship for our STAR members and members unable to get to a Christmas Eve service will be held at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup>. A light luncheon will follow. Please RSVP on the bulletin board or call the office 610-767-7203.

## **CANDLE SPONSORSHIPS**

Candle sponsorships are available for Christmas Eve. If you would like to help defray the costs of the beeswax candles and the red frill tissue paper, you can do so by sponsoring candles in memory of or in honor of someone. You can donate any amount you wish (no donation too small). Please call the church office.

Please call the office if you can help with Altar Guild, Ushering or Greeting on Christmas Eve!

Or sign up online using our new sign up tool at

http://www.signupgenius.com/go/409054dacaa2baafa7-christmas



## **POINSETTIA SALE**

Order forms are available and being accepted until December 11. Plants are \$8.50 each.





## **SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**

On December 11<sup>th</sup> during the Sunday School hour, join us for a cute story where the Sunday School children sharing the Christmas story with a homebound couple. There will be a take-home family craft for each child at the conclusion. Sunday School classes cradle roll through grade 6 will participate. Children will meet in their classrooms and then come to the sanctuary for the program. All are welcome! Snow date is December 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Sunday School** is collecting items to stuff stockings for St. Stephen's. Goldfish, pudding cups, fruit cups, candy bars, pretzels, tissue packs, lip balm, small flashlights, power bars. They can be brought to church before December 4<sup>th</sup>. Also as part of the December superhero mission, Sunday School is collecting decorative knee socks.







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## DID YOU RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION THIS YEAR?

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

#### **2016 OFFERINGS**

Please "catch up" with your 2016 commitment or "intended" giving by the end of December or give an extra gift before the end of the year. Let's keep Hope's ministries STRONG!! THANK YOU! 2016 OFFERINGS must be received or postmarked on or before December 31, 2016 to receive credit for this year. Any offerings received after January 1, 2017 MUST be credited as 2017 contributions.

## **HOSPITALIZED?**

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

## **PASTORAL ACTS**

## **HOLY BAPTISMS**

<u>Eyvin Edward Cinamella</u>, son of Mark and Brittany (Amey) Cinamella, was baptized on November 20, 2016. He was born in February 2016. Pastor Jami officiated.

<u>Hannah Rose Hanchick</u>, daughter of Andrew and Kate (Steiner) Hanchick, was baptized on November 6, 2016. Hannah was born in September 2016. Pastor Jami and Pastor Brian officiated.

<u>Addilyn Jean Maurer</u>, daughter of Justin and Stephanie (Ziegler) Maurer, was baptized on November 6, 2016. Addilyn was born in July 2016. Pastor Jami officiated.

<u>Aria Roslynn Silfies</u>, daughter of Shawn Silfies and Rachel Snyder, was baptized on November 6, 2016. Aria was born in June 2015. Pastor Jami officiated.

<u>Emmalin Nolan Zedalis</u>, daughter of Zachary and Brittany (Smith) Zedalis, was baptized on November 13, 2016. She was born in August 2016. Pastor Jami officiated.

Please welcome Eyvin, Hannah, Addilyn, Aria and Emmalin as the newest members of our church family

#### **FUNERAL**

<u>Alverta Kern</u>, entered eternal life on October 29' 2016. She was 83 years old. Services were held on November 4, 2016. She is interred New Hope Cemetery. Pastor Brian officiated.

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

#### NORTHAMPTON AREA FOOD BANK

The Food Bank will be holding their annual bingo on Super Bowl Sunday, February 5th (snow date-February 12th) at Good Shepherd Catholic School at 1320 Newport Avenue, Northampton. Prizes will be designer purses and gift cards to local stores. There will be 20 games of regular bingo, 5 special games, 100 mystery envelope prizes, and a Chinese auction. More details will be available in the January newsletter. If you are interested in helping out before the Bingo, during intermission, or in the kitchen, you can contact Pam Kametz at 610-439-4814.





## **THANK YOU**

Donations for the Northern Lehigh Mission District Ingathering and Mitten Tree are due in the narthex no later than Sunday November 27<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your kind contributions to this annual effort!



## **THANK YOU NOTES**

Dear Family of Hope,

I want to thank you for the many cards I received before and during recovery after my surgery. The procedure went quicker than expected and my recovery swift and nearly pain free! I know this was due to the many positive thoughts and prayers lifted on my behalf. There are not enough words to express my gratitude. I am blessed to be a part of God's family at Hope.

Love,

Vicki

Pastor Jami and Pastor Brian,

We want to thank you both for your prayers and visits while Dale was in the hospital. It meant a lot to all of us. Also, thank you to the members of the congregation for keeping Dale in your prayers. All of your prayers helped, he is now home doing well.

Thanks again,

## **Alice Arndt & Family**

Dear Pastor Jami and Congregation,

Thank you so much for the scholarship for books. It has been extremely helpful and I was able to purchase all of my books for the semester.

#### Natasha Sawickij

Dear Friend at Hope Luthern Church,

Thank you for your recent donation of \$150.00. Thank you; two simple words pregnant with meaning. Brimming with gratefulness. Overflowing with joy. Thank you for trusting us. Thank you for your unwavering faith. Your support enables this community center to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus the Christ. Thank you for making Christ proclaimed and embodied through all our ministries in partnership with our community. Your support transforms lives.

Sincerely,

Pastor Maritza Torres Dolich



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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

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