# **HOPE HOME NEWS**

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Church Office Hours (July & August) 7:30 AM – 3:00 PM M, W, Th, F 9:00 – 3:00 PM Tu

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	Regular	Building	Memorial	Loan	Garden
Balance Beginning of Year	\$ 79,131.40	\$106,630.01	\$106,347.01	\$ 93,081.10	\$ (6,461.92)
Income - May	29,630.10	2,085.90	44.44	-	= = =
Income - JanApr.	150,370.21	10,490.95	11,379.68	3,834.92	2,000.00
Total Income	180,000.31	12,576.85	11,424.12	3,834.92	2,000.00
Expenses - May	43,800.56	523.00	-	-	
Expenses - JanApr.	135,632.59	10,491.31	1,482.50	2,000.00	4
Total Expenses	179,433.15	11,014.31	1,482.50	2,000.00	-
Net Income	567.16	1,562.54	9,941.62	1,834.92	2,000.00
Net Special Appeals	1,376.40			. 11, 10, 10, 10, 10, 10, 10, 10, 10, 10,	
Balance End of May	\$ 81,074.96	\$108,192.55	\$116,288.63	\$ 94,916.02	\$ (4,461.92)
SUMMARY:					

Expenses exceeded income in the Regular Fund for the month of May by \$14,170.46, and for the year 2017, income exceeded expenses by \$567.16, giving us a current balance in the Regular Fund of \$81,074.96. Last year the net income for the same period was \$1,114.08 with a balance of \$78,815.11.

# **NEWSLETTER SCHEDULE**

All committees, groups and persons submitting content for the church newsletter should follow the schedule listed below. Articles may be edited so we do not exceed Post Office guidelines. Please email your articles to Nina Weiss (communications@hopecherryville.org). Thank you.

<b>Edition</b>	Article Deadline	<u>Collation Date</u>
August	Friday, July 17 @ Noon	Thursday, July 20 @ 10:00 AM
September	Friday, August 14 @ Noon	Thursday, August 17 @ 10:00 AM

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 July 2017 issue of **Synod News** is available online.

Visit <a href="http://nepasynod.org/documents/synod-news/synod-news-2017-07.pdf">http://nepasynod.org/documents/synod-news/synod-news-2017-07.pdf</a>



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

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

#### From Pastor Jami Possinger

The amount of goods a family can accumulate over 30 years living in the same house can be overwhelming. And that is what Mitch and I have been grappling



with as we prepared to leave the home in which we raised three children and move into an apartment. Figuring out how to squeeze the contents of a house into a two-bedroom unit has taken lots of our time in recent months. On top of that it seems that every time our children finished a year in college – they dumped their stuff in our basement and it never left again! We found eight-year-old bottles of shampoo and other toiletries neatly stacked in boxes!

"We'll get through this – that's what I tell myself several times every day." Downsizing is hard because it is emotionally difficult for us to let go of our history and our memories. It's the worst anxiety associated with any move. But once you get started – once you realize that the memories are not tied to a house – they are tied to you – well, it's a whole lot easier getting rid of STUFF.

Just for one moment think about your life. What memories stand out? The number of toys you owned or the family and friends that you shared those special toys with? The kind of car you drove or the people who shared the ride with you? The places you lived or the people you lived with? Chances are good that it was the people and the experiences that made life memorable and enjoyable – not the stuff. Mitch and I have become very aware of that insight.

So... as I write this article, my car is filled with the last remnants of our home in Schnecksville. And I feel so blessed to have had 30 years in a home filled with laughter and joy, 30 years to have lived in a neighborhood that helped to form my children, 30 years to have shared all of this with the person who will always be the light of my life – my husband, Mitch.

Now we move on to a new chapter in our lives and we are both looking forward to a simpler life and not as many things about which to worry. Although we will miss what we've known for so many years – we are looking forward to new opportunities and making new memories. So – I leave you with this story...

In ancient times, a king had a boulder placed on a roadway. Then he hid himself and watched to see if anyone would remove the huge rock. Some of the king's wealthiest merchants and courtiers came by and simply walked around it. Many loudly blamed the king for not keeping the roads clear - but none did anything about getting the big stone out of the way. Then a peasant came along carrying a load of vegetables. On approaching the boulder, the peasant laid down his burden and tried to move the stone to the side of the road. After much pushing and straining, he finally succeeded. As the peasant picked up his load of vegetables, he noticed a purse lying in the road where the boulder had been. The purse contained many gold coins and a note from the king indicating that the gold was for the person who removed the boulder from the roadway. The peasant learned what many others never understand – things that seem to be challenging often present an opportunity.

God's Blessings, Pastor Jami

#### **WOMEN OF FAITH**

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



On Monday, July 17<sup>th</sup> (rain date Monday, July 24<sup>th</sup>) the Women of Faith will be visiting Kim and Dan Belletti's House of Lilies Daylily Gardens. There are hundreds of varieties to see – a painter's palette of colors. We will be

leaving from the church parking lot at 5:45 PM. After the tour, light refreshments will be provided. You can find out more about their gardens at <a href="https://www.facebook.com/houseoflilies">www.facebook.com/houseoflilies</a>.

Everyone is welcome to attend any events you may have interest in! Questions, call Jane Tretiak in the church office at 610-767-7203. Watch the weekly bulletins for more information on the above events.

## **PASTOR BRIAN'S PREPONDERANT BUSINESS**

This month I am writing about the spirituality of fun! Especially now that it's summer, I am reminded of what a gift it is to be alive. And while there inevitably will be



suffering in life and suffering can help us grow, we were created to experience fun, peace, and joy. God created the world to share the goodness of existence with God's creatures, and invites us to experience the tremendous enjoyment it is to simply be alive.

I'm not saying to seek pleasure at the expense of doing the right thing or to avoid our responsibility to love our neighbors. What I am saying is that being attentive to the simple pleasures of life deepens our spirituality and helps us grow closer to God. It is God's purpose for us to enjoy the simplicity and peace and joy that comes when we center ourselves and appreciate what a gift it is to be alive.

This summer I'll be going to the beach and I imagine many of you will too. Be present when you are there. Free yourself to encounter glimpses of the contemplative mind as you lay in the sand and think of nothing in particular. Allow the majestic sound of the waves to wash through your consciousness. Let the beams of sun warm your soul. And enjoy the peaceful stillness found in one of nature's most delightful settings. Practice that same attitude of surrender and enjoyment when you're sitting at home. Set out a picnic blanket and read a book in the open air. Watch a sunset. Go for a walk. Breathe in the gentle summer breeze. Allow the peace of God to reach your depths no matter where you are.

And don't miss out on opportunities for joy and excitement either. Laugh. Play. Dance. Be joyous. Watch kids play soccer or baseball — or play yourself! Take advantage of opportunities to feel the exuberance and joy of life. Even if you're not physically capable of getting outside and running around, you can practice your spirituality by finding joy in whatever you do — listen to music, share stories with family, laugh with friends. Discover how great joy is found in relationships.

Be intentional about creating spaces for fun and release yourself into the freedom of playing like a child and laughing like there's no tomorrow. Pray that you may experience the peace of God and the joy of being. Even in times that aren't particularly fun, seek the pleasure, the humor, and the joy hidden behind the mundane.

Blessings to you this month as you let your enjoyment of life be your spiritual practice!

With peace and joy,
Pastor Brian

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#### **WORSHIP SCHEDULE – JULY 2017**

## **Sunday, July 2, 2017**

9:00 AM Holy Communion / Holy Baptism

Sunday, July 9, 2017

VBS Installation

9:00 AM Holy Communion

Sunday, July 16, 2017 9:00 AM Holy Communion

Sunday, July 23, 2017 9:00 AM Holy Communion

Sunday, July 30, 2017
9:00 AM Holy Communion / Holy Baptism

**PLEASE NOTE** — we ask that no beverages are brought into the church. We appreciate your cooperation!



## **COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS – JUNE 2017**

- Calling all members who were at Hope when the building was built. We are trying to find the name of the company who did the steeple. Currently, the steeple has some cracks in it and is in need of repair. If you know who the company might be please call the church office.
- organization called Family Promise to host homeless families (no more than 14 people) for one week – four times per year. Churches that agree to host provide breakfast and a bag lunch as well as dinner and sleeping accommodations (cots for the people to sleep on are provided by Family Promise). The congregations commit to having members stay overnight. During the day the families are taken by Family Promise to their day center where the children attend their normal school and parents apply for jobs / attend skills training programs. This is a transition program for the families - designed to move them into housing within three months. Even as council continues to review materials about this program, they will be providing information to the congregation to see if there is enough interest/support for such an endeavor.
- The council approved a proposal from Meisner Services to replace the AC unit in Hanson Hall sometime this summer or early fall. Last summer this unit had to be serviced three times and it was recommended to us that we replace it soon. This is a capital improvement and will be paid for from the Building Fund. Council reminds members to use their building fund envelopes to help support major projects like this one.
- The Social Ministry Committee will again host the Senior Birthday Party on Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup>. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board for members to reserve their spot!

<u>VETERANS</u> – Bible School is looking for a few veterans (active duty, retired, reserves) to hand out flags to our Bible School students as they enter the church on Tuesday, July 11<sup>th</sup> from 8:30-9:10am. We ask that you please wear or bring your uniform as well. If you can help, please call the church office at 610-767-7203.

## **ELECTRONIC GIVING:**

## A SIMPLE AND CONVENIENT WAY TO GIVE!

If you think you may miss church services this summer due to travel or other commitments, consider setting up an

automatic giving schedule. Your consistent support is vital to our church, especially during summer months. To set up a recurring contribution, visit the church website at <a href="https://www.hopecherryville.org">www.hopecherryville.org</a> and locate the electronic giving page.

# **GIVE FROM YOUR SMART PHONE**

Make a contribution from your smart phone anytime by locating the Online Giving link on our home page... www.hopecherryville.org.





The yard sale is on the horizon – Labor Day Weekend – Friday, September 1 and Saturday, September 2. Watch for the storage units to arrive late July/early August.



In July & August, the office is staffed every day from 9:00 to 3:00 PM.

Jane is in until Noon Monday, Wednesday and Thursday and all day on Friday.

# **SUMMER HYMN SING**

Your favorite hymns will be sung for 15 minutes before each service. Anything goes! Our hymnal

has a lot of hymns to choose from, so pick your favorites and we will sing them. In order to accommodate as many requests as possible, we will only sing the first two



stanzas of each hymn requested.

# WELLNESS TEAM What is Juvenile Arthritis?

Children can get arthritis just like adults. Arthritis is caused by inflammation of the joints. It causes pain, swelling, stiffness, and loss



of motion. Juvenile arthritis is the term used to describe arthritis in children. The most common type that children get is juvenile idiopathic arthritis (idiopathic means "from unknown causes"). There are several other forms of arthritis affecting children.

Juvenile arthritis affects children of all ages and ethnic backgrounds. About 294,000 American children under age 18 have arthritis or other rheumatic conditions.

Juvenile arthritis is usually an autoimmune disorder. As a rule, the immune system helps fight off harmful bacteria and viruses. But in an autoimmune disorder, the immune system attacks some of the body's healthy cells and tissues. Scientists think it's a two-step process in children: something in a child's genes (passed from parents to children) makes the child more likely to get arthritis, and something like a virus then sets off the arthritis.

Please see more information on our monthly poster.



The next Blood Pressure
Screening by the
Wellness Team is on
Sunday July 9<sup>th</sup>
following worship in the
conference room.

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

#### **SUMMER BLOOD DRIVE**

Weekly sign-ups after Sunday service

If you can't sign-up after church, or are on vacation – Please sign-up for the Blood Drive at, **GIVEAPINT.org** and look for "see upcoming blood drives" or use this link...

Sunday July 23<sup>rd</sup> 7:30 AM - 12:00 PM



https://donor.giveapint.org/donor/schedules/dri ve\_schedule/38436

#### **YOUTH GROUP**

**7/24-7/25 St. Stephen's:** We're looking for youth volunteers to help at St. Stephen's summer program on Monday July 24 and Tuesday July 25. We need four



youth each day. We'll meet at Hope at 11:30am, take the van there, and be back by 3:30pm. Sign up on the youth board or by emailing Pastor Brian.

**7/31 PJ's Lake House:** July's youth group event will be a day at Pastor Jami's lake house on Monday July 31. We'll meet at church at 9:00 AM and return by 8:00 PM. We'll have lunch and dinner there and enjoy some time on the lake. Bring your suit, towel, and sunscreen—we'll swim, go tubing, and water ski! Sign up on the youth board or email Pastor Brian.

Please let Pastor Brian know if you can help or are interested in our day at the lake house.



#### **NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING**

The deadline for turning in deposits for the National Youth Gathering is July 15. There will be a mandatory NYG meeting for youth and parents after service on Sunday August 27. If you plan on going to the Gathering this meeting is mandatory and at least one parent must be present.

#### **HOPE'S HELPING HANDS**



It's Shrimp Boil time again! Come join Hope's Helping Hands on Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup> for our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual SHRIMP BOIL. Orders will be taken after church on July 30, August 6 and August 13<sup>th</sup>. Dinners

include: ½ lb. of shrimp, ¼ lb. sausage, baby potatoes, corn on the cob, salad, roll and butter, drink and dessert for only \$15.00. Dinners will be available for TAKE OUT or EAT IN. Dinners for TAKE OUT can be picked up in Kuntz Hall between 4:15

PM and 5:00 PM. Dinners for EAT IN will be available from 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM. All orders must be pre-paid. Orders may also



be placed by calling Leslie Daniel at 610-216-1340 until August 13<sup>th</sup>. Why not make this a church social event by eating in and sharing a meal with fellow church members. Hope's Helping Hands members are looking forward to seeing many of you on August 19<sup>th</sup>. We thank everyone who has supported our events as we continue our ministries of helping others in need.



# Saturday August 5 10:00 AM – 10:00 PM

Mark your calendars for Saturday August 5, 2017. We have a pavilion reserved at Knoebels Amusement Park in Elysburg, PA from 10:00 AM until 10:00 PM. Meal is \$12.00 per person. Knoebels has free parking, free admission and free entertainment all day long. The park is handicapped accessible. They also have stroller, wheelchair, scooter, and wagon rentals. There are numerous exhibits, a coal mine museum and much more. Knoebels has something for everyone of all ages. There are over 50 rides, from kiddie rides up to 2 world-class wooden roller coasters!

Sign up on the Bulletin Board!

# **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION / SUNDAY SCHOOL**

## Rally Day September 10, 2017



In Search Of... Police officers, EMTs, Firefighters, K9, teachers, doctors, dentists, military, food bank... We need Hope members – neighborhood Heroes – to volunteer! If this speaks to you

and you can help on Rally Day, please contact Michelle Hughes **shellsy2159@yahoo.com**.

Help wanted! Please contact Michelle if you are interested in teaching Sunday School. Help is needed for Grades 3, 4, and 6 for the 2017-2018 school year.



Teachers... There is a Sunday School staff meeting July 16<sup>th</sup> immediately following 9:00 AM worship.

#### HOPE LUTHERAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Hope Church offers scholarship money to college students. The requirements of eligibility are:

- Attending an accredited college/university full time
- Will be entering second year (or higher) of college in fall of 2017
- 3. Is a member in good standing of Hope Lutheran Church, Cherryville, PA

Applications can be picked up from the church office or can be obtained by phoning 610-767-7203 or by writing to PO Box 1030, Cherryville, PA 18035. The deadline for applications to reach the church office is <u>July 16, 2017.</u> (Recipients of scholarship awards will be invited to be at either worship service on August 6<sup>th</sup> to receive the first of two checks, the second of which will be <u>sent</u> the first week in January 2018.)

## **FLOWER SPONSOR CHART**

There are three flower sponsorships left for September, October and November for \$15.00 each. Sponsor envelopes are next to the chart, and are due to the office two weeks before the sponsorship.

#### **BULLETIN & PRESS SPONSOR CHARTS**

There are plenty of 2017 sponsor opportunities. These are \$8.50 and \$6.00 each.

## **EVANGELISM**



The Hope Church family picnic is Sunday, July 16, 2017 at Indian Trail Park beginning at 12 Noon, with lunch at 12:30 PM.

Evangelism will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, and beverages - please bring a covered dish to share and a prize for Bingo and/or the cake walk. New this year - musical entertainment by Emil Schanta beginning at 1:30 PM.

This will be a fun afternoon of plenty of good food, games, fellowship for all ages. Don't forget to bring your lawn chairs. You can also wade in the creek to cool off. In case of rain, we will move the picnic to the church fellowship hall.

Signup sheets will be posted on the narthex bulletin board soon. For further information on Evangelism Committee and its activities, please call Sharyn Kratzer @ 610.261.1277. We warmly accept new members and ideas for our committee.

BIBLE STUDY: A new Bible Study has begun. Currently, we are using a book titled CHRISTIAN VIRTUES written by Cindy Burnch. This is a nine study booklet and covers a variety of virtues such as justice, courage, wisdom, moderation and more. We meet on a Thursday evening in the second grade class room at 6:30 PM. Everyone is welcome - you may join into this study at any time. We are learning and growing in God's word together.

#### **PASTORAL ACTS**

#### **HOLY BAPTISMS**

Morgan Hope Heffelfinger was baptized on Sunday, May 28, 2017. Pastor Brian officiated.

Please welcome Morgan as the newest member of our church family.

#### **CONFIRMANDS**

Congratulations to Hope's 2017 Confirmation Class! Celebrated on Sunday June 4<sup>th</sup> were Andrea Fritz, Sarah Fritz, Seth Hankee, Morgan Heffelfinger, Ryleigh Hughes, Tommy Nichols,

Confirmation Kaitlyn Weiss, and Hunter Zehner.

#### **BASKET COMMITTEE**

Thank you for all the great and lovely jewelry you

donated or purchased at HopeFest. We received lots of beads and the basket ladies did a great job of organizing and selling. We donated some of the beaded necklaces to the ladies that go to nursing homes; they use them as bingo prizes. The ladies at the nursing home love new beads to wear!



The sale brought in a total of \$547.00. The money will go to purchase a couple new picnic coolers, an electric frying pan, a double boiler, and an insulated beverage container. The rest of the money will go to the building fund.

Thank you again for all your donations and purchases to make the jewelry sale a great success this year.

#### ~ The Basket Ladies

- The committee's annual summer picnic is at the Sidor's on July 19 at 6:00 PM.
- Hope's 23<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fall Social is Friday, October 13, 2017.

#### **CHURCH SOFTBALL TEAM**



The Church softball season is underway! All games 6:00 PM at either Independence or Kolapecha Park.

- July 2 vs St. John's
- July 9 HOLIDAY
- July 16 vs. St. Elizabeth
- July 23 vs First Pres
- July 30 BYE WEEK

Any confirmed youth or adult interested in playing in the coed church softball league should contact Lou Ventura for more info at 610-413-8502 or louis.m.ventura@jci.com. Check out their Facebook group "Hope Lutheran Softball" (the primary method of communicating with the team).

#### **CENTERING ON PRAYER WITH PASTOR BRIAN**

... is on hiatus for the Summer in July and August.





# 12:00 PM Indian Trail Park

Fun & Games \* Cake Walk \* Entertainment

hot dogs, hamburgers & beverages provided

Bring a dish to pass, a lawn chair and a prize for Bingo





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# **CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL**

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Tony Pagotto	Matt Sekol	Manfred
	Matt Sekui	Steiner
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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.	
A/V Committee	Pastor Jerry	610-442-8156	
Basket Cmte	Linda Sidor	610-767-8372	
Boy Scouts	Tom Nichols	570-905-6319	
Church Website	Tom Perry	610-261-0743	
Confirmation	Pastor Brian	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	
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