

# HOPE HOME NEWS

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***Sunday Worship***

**8:00 AM & 10:30 AM**

***Sunday School***

**9:15 AM**

***Church Office Hours***

**8:30 – 3:00 PM**

**Monday – Friday**

**FINANCIAL SUMMARY - SEPTEMBER 30, 2017**

	Regular	Building	Memorial	Scholarship Loan	Memorial Garden
Balance Beginning of Year	\$ 79,131.40	\$106,630.01	\$106,347.01	\$ 93,081.10	\$ (6,461.92)
Income - September	25,981.65	15,472.59	3,055.80	-	-
Income - Jan.-Aug.	263,825.86	21,103.11	18,681.08	6,926.32	2,000.00
Total Income	289,807.51	36,575.70	21,736.88	6,926.32	2,000.00
Expenses - September	32,186.46	870.84	-	740.00	-
Expenses - Jan.-Aug.	273,425.11	18,287.76	2,573.20	6,350.00	-
Total Expenses	305,611.57	19,158.60	2,573.20	7,090.00	-
Net Income	(15,804.06)	17,417.10	19,163.68	(163.68)	2,000.00
Net Special Appeals	1,212.60				
Balance End of September	\$ 64,539.94	\$124,047.11	\$125,510.69	\$ 92,917.42	\$ (4,461.92)

**SUMMARY:**

Expenses exceeded income in the Regular Fund for the month of September by \$6,204.81, and for the year 2017, expenses exceeded income by \$15,804.06, giving us a current balance in the Regular Fund of \$64,539.94. Last year the net income for the same period was \$(15,504.27) with a balance of \$62,012.89.

**\*\* The current income statement is posted in the narthex.\*\***

**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](mailto:communications@hopecherryville.org)). Thank you.

<u>Edition</u>	<u>Article Deadline</u>	<u>Collation Date</u>
December	Friday, November 17 @ Noon	Tuesday, November 21 @ 10:00 AM
January	Friday, December 18 @ Noon	Thursday, December 21 @ 10:00 AM

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**SYNOD NEWS**

The November 2017 issue of *Synod News* is available online.

Visit <http://nepasynod.org/documents/synod-news/synod-news-2017-11.pdf>



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## GREETINGS FROM THE PASTOR...

*From Pastor Jami Possinger*

Thanksgiving has always been a special holiday in my family – and this year will be no exception. Most years our whole family gathers at our home for lively conversation, reconnecting with each other, lots of fun playing games and The Feast. It's always a lot of work putting it together but the rewards more than make up for the work. Thanksgiving is a time set aside to give thanks for all we have – and this year I want to especially give thanks for the people who I love and who love me. And I'd like to challenge you to do the same. So let me share a story with you and then offer you the challenge I am going to do with my family this Thanksgiving. First – the story...



He was in the first third grade class I taught at Saint Mary's School in Morris, Minnesota. All 34 of my students were dear to me, but Mark Eklund was one in a million. Very neat in appearance, but had that happy-to-be-alive attitude that made even his occasional mischievousness delightful.

Mark talked incessantly. I had to remind him again and again that talking without permission was not acceptable. What impressed me so much, though, was his sincere response every time I had to correct him for misbehaving - "Thank you for correcting me, Sister!" I didn't know what to make of it at first, but before long I became accustomed to hearing it many times a day.

One morning my patience was growing thin when Mark talked once too often, and then I made a novice teacher's mistake. I looked at Mark and said, "If you say one more word, I am going to tape your mouth shut!" It wasn't ten seconds later when Chuck blurted out, "Mark is talking again." I hadn't asked any of the students to help me watch Mark, but since I had stated the punishment in front of the class, I had to act on it. I remember the scene as if it had occurred this morning. I walked to my desk, very deliberately opened my drawer and took out a roll of masking tape. Without saying a word, I proceeded to Mark's desk, tore off two pieces of tape and made a big X with them over his mouth. I then returned to the front of the room. As I glanced at Mark to see how he was doing, he

winked at me. That did it! I started laughing. The class cheered as I walked back to Mark's desk, removed the tape, and shrugged my shoulders. His first words were, "Thank you for correcting me, Sister."

At the end of the year, I was asked to teach junior-high math. The years flew by, and before I knew it Mark was in my classroom again. He was more handsome than ever and just as polite. Since he had to listen carefully to my instruction in the "new math," he did not talk as much in ninth grade as he had in third. One Friday, things just didn't feel right. We had worked hard on a new concept all week, and I sensed that the students were frowning, frustrated with themselves and edgy with one another. I had to stop this crankiness before it got out of hand. So I asked them to list the names of the other students in the room on two sheets of paper, leaving a space between each name. Then I told them to think of the nicest thing they could say about each of their classmates and write it down. It took the remainder of the class period to finish their assignment, and as the students left the room, each one handed me the papers. Charlie smiled. Mark said, "Thank you for teaching me, Sister. Have a good weekend." That Saturday, I wrote down the name of each student on a separate sheet of paper, and I listed what everyone else had said about that individual.

On Monday I gave each student his or her list. Before long, entire class was smiling.

Really?" I heard whispered. "I never knew that meant anything to anyone!" I didn't know others liked me so much." No one ever mentioned those papers in class again. I never knew if they discussed them after class or with their parents, but it didn't matter. The exercise had accomplished its purpose. The students were happy with themselves and one another again.

That group of students moved on. Several years later, after I returned from vacation, my parents met me at the airport. As we were driving home, Mother asked me the usual questions about the trip – the weather – my experiences in general. There was a lull in the conversation. Mother gave Dad a sideways glance and simply says, "Dad?" My father cleared his throat as he usually did before something important. "The Eklunds called last night," he began "Really?" I said. "I haven't heard from them in years. I wonder

***(Continued on page 2...)***

how Mark is.” Dad responded quietly. “Mark was killed in Vietnam,” he said. “The funeral is tomorrow, and his parents would like it if you could attend.” To this day I can still point to the exact spot on I-494 where Dad told me about Mark.

I had never seen a serviceman in a military coffin before. Mark looked so handsome, so mature. All I could think at that moment was, “Mark, I would give all the masking tape in the world if only you would talk to me.” The church was packed with Mark’s friends. Chuck’s sister sang “The Battle Hymn of the Republic.” Why did it have to rain on the day of the funeral? It was difficult enough at the graveside. The pastor said the usual prayers, and the bugler played taps. One by one those who loved Mark took a last walk by the coffin and sprinkled it with holy water. I was the last one to bless the coffin. As I stood there, one of the soldiers who acted as pallbearer came up to me. Were you Mark’s math teacher?” he asked. I nodded as I continued to stare at the coffin. “Mark talked about you a lot,” he said.

After the funeral, most of Mark’s former classmates headed to Chuck’s farmhouse for lunch. Mark’s mother and father were there, obviously waiting for me. “We want to show you something, his father said, taking a wallet out of his pocket. “They found this on Mark when he was killed. We thought you might recognize it.” Opening the billfold, he carefully removed two worn pieces of notebook paper that had obviously been taped, folded and refolded many times. I knew without looking that the papers were the ones on which I had listed all the good things each of Mark’s classmates had said about him. “Thank you so much for doing that,” Mark’s mother said. “As you can see, Mark treasured it.” Mark’s classmates started to gather around us. Charlie smiled rather sheepishly and said, “I still have my list. I keep it in the top drawer of my desk at home.” Chuck’s wife said, “Chuck asked me to put his in our wedding album.” “I have mine too,” Marilyn said. “It’s in my diary.” Then Vicki, another classmate, reached into her pocketbook, took out her wallet and showed her worn and frazzled list to the group. I carry this with me at all times,” Vicki said without batting an eyelash. “I think we all saved our lists.” That’s when I finally sat down and cried. I cried for Mark and for all his friends who would never see him again.

The density of people in society is so thick that we forget that life will end one day. And we don’t know when that one day will be. So please, tell the people you love and care for, that they are special and important. Tell them, before it is too late.

Now – the challenge... when your family and friends gather for Thanksgiving pass out a list with everyone’s name on it. Give one to each person there and ask them to write down the nicest thing they can say about each person on the list. Then read out a name and have everyone share what they wrote. Offer a prayer of thanksgiving for all these special people in your life. Collect the sheets when you have finished sharing and collate them for each person – sending them the list of nice things that were said about them – because we are all special and important and sometimes... just sometimes... we need to hear that.

*Thanksgiving Blessings,  
Pastor Jami*

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**WORSHIP SCHEDULE – NOVEMBER 2017**

<p align="center"><b><u>Sunday, November 5, 2017</u></b>  <b><i>All Saints’ Day</i></b>  <b>8:00 AM</b> Holy Communion  <b>9:15 AM</b> Sunday School  <b>10:30 AM</b> Service of the Word</p>
<p align="center"><b><u>Sunday, November 12, 2017</u></b>  <b><i>Annual Congregational Meeting</i></b>  <b><i>Recognition of Veterans</i></b>  <b>8:00 AM</b> Service of the Word  <b>9:00 AM</b> Congregational Meeting Kuntz Hall  <b>9:15 AM</b> Sunday School  <b>10:30 AM</b> Holy Communion</p>
<p align="center"><b><u>Sunday, November 19, 2017</u></b>  <b>8:00 AM</b> Holy Communion  <b>9:15 AM</b> Sunday School  <b>10:30 AM</b> Service of the Word</p>
<p align="center"><b><u>Wednesday, November 22, 2017</u></b>  <b>11:00 AM</b> Thanksgiving Eve Worship  <b>7:00 AM</b> Thanksgiving Eve Worship</p>
<p align="center"><b><u>Sunday, November 26, 2017</u></b>  <b><i>Christ the King</i></b>  <b>8:00 AM</b> Service of the Word  <b>9:15 AM</b> Sunday School  <b>10:30 AM</b> Holy Communion</p>

## PASTOR BRIAN'S PREPONDERANT BUSINESS

In the 500 years since the Reformation began, the world has changed a great deal. Technology has transformed our world: from Guttenberg's printing press to modern electricity, cars, and the internet. As I reflect on the Reformation and think about the past 500 years, I am drawn to wonder what the next 500 years may look like for Christianity and the world in general. Twentieth century theologian Karl Rahner famously said, "The Christian of the future will be a mystic or he will not exist at all". What Rahner had in mind by "mystic" is someone who practices the experiential side of Christianity—seeking God in prayer, meditation, and spiritual practice. Essentially he was saying that unless Christians are taught to experience the divine for themselves, there won't be Christians any more. Father Richard Rohr (the modern day Franciscan priest Pastor Jami and I so often quote) says something similar: "I predict that in the coming years we will be moving from a mere belief-based religion, which asks almost nothing of you except vague intellectual assent, to a *practice-based religion*, where you can experience things and know things for yourself".



And so my own thought about the next 500 years is that as humanity progresses toward a more global society, as the frontiers of science deepen their reverence for the mysteries of the universe, and as religion moves from rational dogmatism toward experiential spirituality, the world will change a lot. This transformation I foresee is in line with the biblical account and also seems to reflect the insight of evolutionary science. It seems humanity is moving in the direction of a more holistic, global sense of our oneness; and recognizing that our shared humanity is our shared divine image. I am excited and optimistic about the next 500 years, and although none of us will live to see it, I am sure the reforming that goes on in these next 500 years will be even more amazing than the past 500!

*With peace and joy,  
Pastor Brian*

PEACE LOVE HOPE JESUS PEACE LOVE HOPE JESUS

## WOMEN OF FAITH

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



Thank you to all of the women who helped with October's Suites and Treats at the Iron Pigs. A very special thank you to Kailee Knecht for all of her artistic talent! What a truly wonderful evening to give back to our community.

Our next meeting will be held on Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. We will be packing the hurricane items that were collected. If you didn't have a chance to bring any donations, please bring them in by Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup> (a list of items needed is posted in the narthex). We will be delivering the cleaning supply kits to the Lehigh Valley Outreach Depot, a ministry of Wesley UMC, Bethlehem. THANK YOU to everyone who helped in any way with the hurricane relief efforts.

Questions, call Jane Tretiak 610-767-0918. Watch for more information in the weekly bulletins.

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## COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS – OCTOBER 2017

- ↓ Synod rep Rev. Gary Walbert visited us to share how Hope's financial contributions to the synod have helped shape ministry in Northeast Pennsylvania.
- ↓ Council approved three new AC units: two for the front of the sanctuary and one for Hanson Hall.
- ↓ The Summer Worship Survey results were presented. Of the 178 survey responses, 80% of the respondents were in favor of keeping a summer schedule of one 9:00 AM service. 20% of the respondents preferred to return to two services at 8:00 AM and 9:30 AM. Total attendance for the summer remained relatively unchanged and total offering went up slightly in comparison to attendance and offering in 2016. Council will offer a decision on summer 2018 in the coming months.

### ELECTRONIC GIVING:

#### **A SIMPLE AND CONVENIENT WAY TO GIVE!**

As our congregation looks forward to a new year and prepares the 2018 financial budget, it is important to know what support we can depend on from our congregation members. By knowing what we are willing to commit financially, we are able to better plan for the future. Please consider setting up a recurring giving plan. Automating your financial commitments means your contributions will be received on a steady, uninterrupted basis. Visit the church website at [www.hopecherryville.org](http://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 locating the Online Giving link on our home page... [www.hopecherryville.org](http://www.hopecherryville.org).

### PASTORAL ACTS

#### HOLY BAPTISMS

**Pastor Jami officiated, Pastor Brian assisted at the following:**

Sunday October 1, 2017 the 10:30 AM worship service, we were blessed to have the Baptisms of:

✠ **Zoe Isabella DeRosa.** Zoe is the daughter of Anthony & Rebecca (Lobus) DeRosa. Zoe was born in July 2014. Her sponsors are Michael DeRosa and Halyna Deihl.

✠ **Olivia Mae DeRosa.** Olivia is the daughter of Anthony & Rebecca (Lobus) DeRosa. Olivia was born in October 2016. Her sponsors are Jillian & Jeffery Bruch.

✠ **Kendall Ryan Smith.** Kendall is the daughter of Garrett & Christina (Weil) Smith. Kendall was born in January 2017. Her sponsors are Shannon & Megan Weil and Brandon Weil.

**Abel Joseph Supinsky** son of Kyle and Cassandra Supinsky, was baptized on Sunday October 22, 2017. He was born in April, 2017.

**Please welcome Zoe, Olivia, Kendall and Abel, as our newest baptized members of faith.**



Monday November 20<sup>th</sup>

Monday December 18<sup>th</sup>

7:00 – 9:00 PM

Kuntz Hall

### STORYWEAVERS

StoryWeavers will once again meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 10:00 AM. It is a social group for women where topics on all subjects are discussed. There is much laughter, sharing, and sometimes, even tears shed. The meeting is followed by lunch at a variety of restaurants. All women are welcome to attend. For further information, call LeAnn Chandler (610-440-0341).

### WELCA

WELCA meets Tuesday November 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 AM in the Adult Sunday School room.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS



Sunday School is underway. We are super excited to start the new year! This year's theme is hometown heroes and how each of us can help our neighbor. Each month the

Sunday School classes will be collecting for the charity of the month. The first month of collection will be October with the charity "Color for Kids." This local charity collects new crayons, coloring books, markers, paints & color pencils to give to classrooms in the U.S. and abroad that are in need. This year's collection will be going to Texas. Just as a reminder, each Sunday School student must register each year. Be sure to fill out and hand in your child's registration as soon as possible. The Christian Ed office is hoping to start sending out monthly newsletters to keep everyone up-to-date on Sunday School activities and events.

## WELLNESS TEAM

### *Disorders of the Thyroid*

While approximately 59-million people in the US suffer from thyroid issues - the great majority aren't even aware they have a problem. The



thyroid gland is an essential organ for producing thyroid hormones, which maintain our body metabolism. The thyroid gland is located in front of the neck below the Adam's apple. When this butterfly-shaped gland is dysfunctional, it can cause an array of health issues - including weight gain, depression, heart disease, sexual dysfunction, and extreme fatigue. Thyroid disease can also sometimes lead to enlargement of the thyroid gland (in the neck) which can cause symptoms directly related to the increase in size of the organ (such as difficulty swallowing and discomfort in front of the neck).

Specific kinds of thyroid disorders (hypothyroidism, hyperthyroidism, goiter, thyroid nodules, and thyroid cancer) will be displayed on the bulletin board for November.

#### Looking forward:

**Blood Drive:** January 24, 2018 in Kuntz Hall from 7:30 AM to 1:00 PM. Sign-up Sundays in January or online.

Beginning in January, monthly blood pressure screenings will change, to the Sundays Church Council has their "meet and greet" coffee hour. We will "tag along" and be set up in one corner of the room in Kuntz Hall.

**\*\* No Blood Pressure screening in December.**

Any time you feel the need to have your blood pressure checked, Pastor Jami can point you to a member of the team and we will be glad to check your pressure.

More information to follow in the coming weeks. Also, be sure to peruse the information available on our carousel in the narthex.



	<p>The next Blood Pressure Screening by the Wellness Team is on <b>Sunday November 12<sup>th</sup></b> following worship in the conference room.</p> <p><i>Please note there is no screening in December.</i></p>
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### HOPEFEST

First, the HopeFest committee would like to extend a large thank you to the volunteers we had this year that made HopeFest possible.

*HopeFest may be called off in 2018*

Unfortunately, after a great community turn out for the 2017 event, HopeFest is in jeopardy of being discontinued. While we have some wonderfully dedicated people that volunteer every year, their numbers are simply not enough to staff the event. Due to the low turnout in help, many of our volunteers have to work two or three shifts each day just to keep things running. Without a show of support from our church members, we will no longer be able to hold the event.

The 2018 HopeFest was to be scheduled on June 22<sup>nd</sup> and June 23<sup>rd</sup> from 5:00 PM until 10:00 PM. Act now if you would like to save HopeFest. We have set up an email account where you can voice your opinion and let us know if you would be willing volunteer some time to keep this event running. Your email can be sent to [hopefestcherryville@gmail.com](mailto:hopefestcherryville@gmail.com). We also have a mailbox next to the church office where you can drop off a note.

Thank you.

## EVANGELISM

### **Annual Nativity Display**

Mark your calendars... It hardly seems possible that another year has gone by and the annual display is just around the corner. The display will be Saturday, November 25 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM and Sunday, November 26 from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM. In order for this to be another successful year you can help by:

- Help set up for the display Wednesday November 22 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM and Friday, November 24 from 9:00 to 2:00 PM.
- Bring nativities to share on Friday November 24 between 1:00 and 5 PM.
- Help during the display in the kitchen and helping to keep food trays filled.
- Donate baked goods or other finger foods or beverages. Hope has a wonderful reputation for being quite hospitable to our approximately 500 visitors.
- Share your musical talents either vocal or instrumental for an hour during the display.
- Help with cleanup on Sunday, November 26 beginning at 3:30 PM until we are finished.
- The children's nativity center will be open, and you can help the children to make a craft while parents enjoy the open house nativity display.

While the Evangelism Committee feels that this is an excellent ministry and a wonderful way to welcome in the Christmas season and also to remember the real reason why we celebrate Christmas, we cannot accomplish this activity without the help of the congregation .It is a great way for some of our youth to earn community hours either for school, scouts or confirmation (For confirmation, you must donate at least two hours of your time for other areas the time required is decided by the group leaders.) Depending on how much assistance and support is received for the 2017 display will help to decide if the annual nativity display should continue in 2018. So please come out and share your time and talents to make this year's display another successful one.

**Bible Studies:** This group meets on Thursday evenings in the second grade classroom beginning at 6:30 PM. Anyone desiring to study God's Word is welcome to participate in our study. You don't have to be a Bible scholar as we are all learning and growing

together. Currently, we are using a booklet entitled "CHRISTIAN VIRTUES" After the holidays, we will be using a booklet entitle " THE TEN COMMANDMENTS" Please join us. Our studies include reading of scripture, discussing it and trying to fit it into the lifestyle of now.

**Worship At Weston Village** (formerly Northampton Village): The second Wednesday of each month at 10:00 AM we go to visit the residents of the Weston Assisted Living where we provide a worship service and communion for them When our committee first went there, we had 12 people come to our service but now we have an average of 25 to 28 people worshipping with us. Anyone wishing to help with this ministry is welcome to join us.

Your Evangelism committee is always searching for new ideas to better serve God, our congregation, and our community. New members to our committee are always welcome. For further information about Hope's Evangelism Committee or any of our events, please contact Sharyn Kratzer (610) 261-1277.

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### HOPE'S HELPING HANDS

Hope's Helping Hands will again sell delicious meat pies and apple dumplings from Zook's in Lancaster. You can order either chicken, beef or sausage 9" meat pies for only \$10. They make a delicious wintertime meal and come frozen so you can stock up for the cold weather ahead! The apple dumplings are \$3.50 for a single and \$6.00 for a twin pack. We had great feedback from our sale of the meat pies and apple dumplings last year, and hope that if you didn't order previously, you'll give them a try this year! Look or Helping Hands members in the narthex following church services on **Sundays, October 29, November 5, and November 12.** If you are unable to get to church to order, you may call Leslie Daniel at 610-216-1340 to order prior to **November 15<sup>th</sup>.** Pick-up will be on **SATURDAY morning, December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM.** All orders must be prepaid by November 15, 2017. Thanks for your continued support of Helping Hands!



### YOUTH GROUP

November's POW is Wednesday November 8<sup>th</sup>! We'll meet at Hope at 5:30 PM, have pizza, games, and devotions here then go to Emmanuville for worship and be back by 8:00 PM.



On Saturday November 18<sup>th</sup> youth group will have a Thanksgiving Mystery Dinner 4:30-8:00 PM. Sign up on the youth board!

Youth going to the National Youth Gathering will be meeting Sunday November 19<sup>th</sup> after the second service at 11:45 AM.

In December we'll be singing Christmas carols to some of Hope's STAR (homebound) members on Sunday December 10<sup>th</sup>. And Friday December 15<sup>th</sup> we will go to Big Church Night Out at Stabler Arena in Bethlehem!

### POST-CONFIRMATION

Post-Confirmation will meet again Sunday November 5 and Sunday November 19. Any high school students are welcome to attend, and feel free to bring a friend! Hope to see you there!

### CONFIRMATION

Confirmation Level 1 will do two congregation visits in November. First, on Friday evening November 3 we will visit the Jewish synagogue Temple Beth El in Allentown—meet at Hope by 4:45 PM and we'll be back by 8:30 PM. Then on Sunday November 19 we'll visit Slatington Baptist Church—leaving right after Sunday School to get there for their 10:45 AM service.

Confirmation Level 2 students who missed either of the above visits last year need to join in with Level 1. Also, half of the Level 2 students and their mentors will be going to Northampton Food Bank on Saturday November 18. The other half will be going Saturday December 16.

### VETERAN'S DAY RECOGNITION

Please submit your name to the office prior to November 9<sup>th</sup>.

### BOY SCOUTS LITTLE ITALY BUFFET

All you can eat Italian Style

Buffet Dinner

Presented by: Hope Lutheran's

Boy Scout

Troop 242

**Saturday, November 4, 2017**

**3:00 – 8:00 PM**

**\$12.00**

Children < 12: \$6.00

Children < 3: free



Little Italy Buffet

Tickets available from Troop 242 Scouts or the Church office. Tickets are also available at the door Proceeds will be used to maintain Hope Lutheran's Troop 242 equipment and defer the cost of some Troop Outings.



### SENIOR THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON

Saturday November 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM

Worship – Food – Fellowship

Sign up on the board before November 5<sup>th</sup>

**Don't be late  
for church!**

**Daylight Savings  
Time Ends  
Sunday  
November 5<sup>th</sup>**



### BAKE SALE – ELECTION DAY

Hope Cherryville is a polling location for Election Day on Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. We would like to offer a bake sale – if anyone or any group is willing to supervise baking and selling, please let Pastor Jami know! Polls are open 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM.

### ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

**Is Sunday November 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM in Kuntz Hall. Please plan to attend, as we need a quorum and will be approving the 2018 budget and voting on new Council members!**



## ANNUAL FALL BASKET SOCIAL

The 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Fall Basket Social was held in Kuntz Hall on Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup> and was dedicated in loving memory of Delores Derhammer, our dear friend and a member of Hope's Basket Committee since its beginning. THANK YOU to everyone who in some way helped make it a successful fund raiser!



A total of **\$4,885.00** was deposited into Hope's General Maintenance account. \$379.00 was raised from the sale of baked goods toward the purchase of Christmas gifts for St. Stephen's ministries.

- Tickets sponsored were In Loving Memory of Denice Creyer Budihaus by parents, Kathy and Larry Creyer, In Loving Memory of Howard Strohl by wife, Kathryn and In Loving Memory of husband Harry and son Brian by Loretta Weil.
- Special thanks to Thrivent for Action Team seed money which funded foods, paper goods, etc. Thrivent also approved a separate grant of Action Team seed money to purchase baking supplies for the cake table and Christmas gifts for the children of St. Stephen's Ministry.
- Boy Scouts and Leaders of Troop 242 set up tables/chairs, retrieved baskets from cars and helped set them on tables. Catechetical students and others helped with the drawing of tickets, running of prizes and clean-up.

\*Note that a request has been made for Congregational Council to approve the dates of Friday, April 13, 2018 for Hope's 20th Annual Spring Social and Friday, October 12, 2018 for Hope's 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Social.

Respectfully Submitted by Officers and Members of  
~ *The Hope Lutheran Basket Committee*

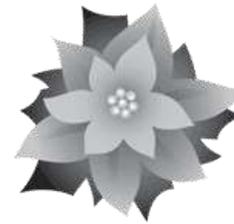
**Basket Members – our annual Fall Breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 AM, at Blue Mountain Restaurant, Danielsville.**

## PRAYER SCARVES FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

If you have a college student who would like a prayer scarf in time for finals, please let the office know their address before November 15<sup>th</sup>.

## A LOOK AHEAD

We will soon be taking poinsettias orders for Christmas Eve. Price is \$10.00. Deadline is December 10<sup>th</sup>. Special note... There will be a revised process to order plants.



Instead of order forms, look for preprinted envelopes, similar to the ones we use for bulletins and flowers. Just complete the outside of the envelope, include your payment and return the sealed envelope in the offering plate, offering box on wall, or turn in to the office.

## MIDWEEK ADVENT WORSHIP

Wednesday November 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM

## CENTERING ON PRAYER WITH PASTOR BRIAN

Centering Prayer group meets the first Tuesday and Wednesday of the month. We'll meet Wednesday November 1 in the Kuntz Hall adult Sunday School room and Tuesday November 7 in the Hanson Hall second grade Sunday School room. And the third Wednesday the 15<sup>th</sup> and third Tuesday the 21<sup>st</sup>. We'll be reading chapter 4 of "The Wisdom Jesus" for the first week and chapter 5 for the third week. Newcomers are always welcome!



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**CORE**



**PURPOSE**

*Statement*

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



*A Special*  
**THANK YOU**



**Dear Hope Church Members,**

Wow! What a wonderful celebration you provided for my retirement. The reception was beautiful and I thank everyone for your kind words and best wishes. Thank you all so very much for the gift certificate to the Glasbern Inn and the beautiful tree of life necklace. I truly appreciate the gifts and especially enjoyed the meaning behind the necklace. It has been a pleasure and an honor to work for all of you these past 20 years! Although I couldn't get the words right the morning of the reception (I was nervous and I don't even know what I said); but I know I didn't not convey my sentiments that morning. My gratitude to all of you is deeply felt and all I can say is thank you!

See you all in church –

***Love, Jane***

Thank you also to all of the members who sent cards, called and wished me well in this next chapter of my life. 😊

**Dear Pastor Jami, Pastor Brian and Hope Congregation,**

Thank you for the farewell, recognition and gifts in honor of my retirement as handbell director. The crystal bell is beautiful and will be a lasting memory that I will keep in a special place in my house. Dave and I will enjoy a show with the gift card to the State Theatre. I very much appreciate everyone's generosity, but most importantly I appreciate all the support and kind words I've received. I have shared the enclosed acrostic poem with all the bell choir members. I decided to share in with you also. I wrote it as a reflection on ringing handbells. "After silence, that which comes nearest to expressing the inexpressible is music."

***Sincerely, Janet***