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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 - OCTOBER 31, 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 - October	35,808.69	9,364.38	3,879.50	3,460.91	-
Income - Jan.-Sept.	289,807.51	36,575.70	21,736.88	6,926.32	2,000.00
Total Income	325,616.20	45,940.08	25,616.38	10,387.23	2,000.00
Expenses - October	36,103.38	99.00	947.50	-	-
Expenses - Jan.-Sept.	305,611.57	19,158.60	2,573.20	7,090.00	-
Total Expenses	341,714.95	19,257.60	3,520.70	7,090.00	-
Net Income	(16,098.75)	26,682.48	22,095.68	3,297.23	2,000.00
Net Special Appeals	2,072.60				
Balance End of October	\$ 65,105.25	\$133,312.49	\$128,442.69	\$ 96,378.33	\$ (4,461.92)

**SUMMARY:**

Expenses exceeded income in the Regular Fund for the month of October by \$294.69, and for the year 2017, expenses exceeded income by \$16,098.75, giving us a current balance in the Regular Fund of \$66,105.25. Last year the net income for the same period was \$(11,297.59) with a balance of \$66,149.02.

**\*\* 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>
January	Friday, December 18 @ Noon	Thursday, December 21 @ 10:00 AM
February	Friday, January 19 @ Noon	Thursday, January 25 @ 10:00 AM

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**SYNOD NEWS**

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Visit <http://nepasynod.org/documents/synod-news/synod-news-2017-12.pdf>



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## GREETINGS FROM THE PASTOR...

*From Pastor Jami Possinger*

**E**mmanuel – 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*

### **WORSHIP SCHEDULE – DECEMBER 2017**

<p><b><u>Sunday, December 3, 2017</u></b> 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Service of the Word</p>
<p><b><u>Wednesday, December 6, 2017</u></b> 7:00 PM Midweek Advent Worship Service</p>
<p><b><u>Sunday, December 10, 2017</u></b> 8:00 AM Service of the Word 9:15 AM Sunday School / Christmas Program 10:30 AM Holy Communion</p>
<p><b><u>Wednesday, December 13, 2017</u></b> 7:00 PM Midweek Advent Worship Service</p>
<p><b><u>Sunday, December 17, 2017</u></b> 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:15 AM Sunday School / Christmas Program (Snow Date) 10:30 AM Service of the Word</p>
<p><b><u>Wednesday, December 20, 2017</u></b> 7:00 PM Advent Midweek Worship Service</p>
<p><b><u>Sunday, December 24, 2017</u></b> 9:00 AM Holy Communion 4:00 &amp; 6:00 PM Family Service: Communion and Service of Lights 8:30 &amp; 11:00 PM Communion and Service of Lights with Orchestra</p>
<p><b><u>Sunday, December 31, 2017</u></b> 8:00 AM Lessons, Carols &amp; Communion 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Lessons, Carols &amp; Communion</p>



## PASTOR BRIAN'S PREPONDERANT BUSINESS



The Advent season is upon us. And once again we are bombarded with distractions to our spirituality: shopping deals, commercials, and signs of Christmas savings! It's

almost as if some satanic energy has co-opted Christmas for its own evil purposes, with consumerism and materialism completely obscuring the real meaning of Christmas. Yet, I don't believe it's sacrilegious to buy gifts for each other around the holidays; and I think criticizing others for saying "Happy Holidays" is often just a diversion to make us feel less guilty about the ways we ignore the true meaning of Christmas and buy into consumer culture ourselves.

What really matters about Christmas is that God became incarnate in a human person, and with so many non-Christians celebrating Christmas nowadays I think the church can use this as a marvelous opportunity for mission. Jesus came into the world to save all people, not just those who are lucky enough to know him in this life. But since we are lucky enough, then it's our responsibility and privilege to tell the world about him! And what shall we say? That on Christmas Day we remember the divine becoming human and adopting the human to become divine. That's the whole meaning of Christmas: that Christ is born in Bethlehem, and in my soul, too!

In my PhD program I'm taking a class on the Franciscan Intellectual Tradition. It's quite different from what Lutherans emphasize, but there are no fundamental contradictions between these two styles of Christianity. One of the most intriguing things about the Franciscans is they believe Christ would have come even if humans never sinned. It's startling at first, but when we put it in perspective it makes sense. In many branches of Christianity sin is at the center of the universe, with human mistakes forcing God to respond with Jesus. But for Franciscans (and other branches like the Eastern Orthodox Church), the Incarnation is at the center of the universe. For them, Christ becoming human is the point and purpose of all creation. God's plan all along was to become incarnate so that the

human may interabide with the divine. The whole direction of the universe is to "christify" it, to become participants of the divine nature (2 Peter 1:4). That's why Christmas is so important—because it is God's statement that the physical is a good and integral part of ultimate reality which is being brought to fullness in Christ.

I hope you may see the point of Christmas is not just to celebrate the birth of our Savior some 2000 years ago, but also to encourage and honor the birth of Christ in you. That birth in all of us is the reason Christ became incarnate; it's the purpose of Christmas and the inevitable direction of the universe. It is the mystery hidden throughout the ages revealed to us: Christ in you, the hope of glory (Colossians 1:26-27). Please remember that this Christmas, and tell it to a non-Christian friend. I imagine it might provide a new perspective for them on why we celebrate the birth of this baby whom we call the Son of God, and why we say we are all sons and daughters of God.

*Advent and Christmas blessings,  
Pastor Brian*



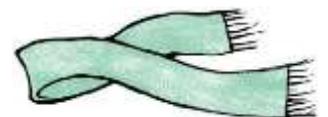
### CENTERING ON PRAYER with PASTOR BRIAN

The Centering Prayer group meets on the first and third Tuesday and Wednesday of the month. We'll meet Wednesday December 6 and 20 at 2:00 PM and Tuesday December 5 and 19 at 6:00 PM. Continue reading "The Wisdom Jesus" Newcomers are always welcome!



### PRAYER SHAWL

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



### STORYWEAVERS

StoryWeavers meets 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.

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### WELCA

WELCA meets Tuesday December 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM in the Adult Sunday School room.

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### WOMEN OF FAITH

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



Our next meeting will be held on Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. We will be Christmas caroling and visiting with the residents at the Lovelight House (a personal care home) in Treichlers. We will then come back to the church for some

fellowship and fun by having a small Christmas party. We will meet in the church parking lot at 6:00 PM.

In January, we will be hosting a movie night at the church. We will be watching "The Shack" on Monday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 PM. All are welcome! Join us at any time for any of the events you may be interested in. Questions, please call Jane Tretiak at 610-767-0918.

THANK YOU to everyone who helped in any way with the hurricane relief efforts.



### LIHEAP ASSISTANCE

If you need help paying your heating bills, or have a heating emergency, LIHEAP may be able to help you. If you would like a brochure for more information, they will be located on the table in the Narthex.

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### ELECTRONIC GIVING:

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

In this season of thanksgiving and gift giving,

Online 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 [www.hopecherryville.org](http://www.hopecherryville.org) and locate the Online 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](http://www.hopecherryville.org).



### IS THERE CHURCH?

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



Monday December 18<sup>th</sup>

7:00 – 9:00 PM

Kuntz Hall

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## COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS – OCTOBER 2017

- ⚓ Council reviewed the proposed 2018 which will be presented to the congregation at the annual meeting on November 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM.
- ⚓ Worship committee reported that there will be ONE service on Sunday morning, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM and it will be a communion service. Christmas Eve services times are 4:00, 6:00, 8:30 and 11:00 PM.
- ⚓ The Christmas Decorating Committee is asking for help to change the sanctuary from Advent blue to Christmas red. They will be setting up immediately following the morning service on December 24<sup>th</sup> and could use lots of people to help decorate the Christmas tree, put up the Nativity set, change the bows on the wreaths from blue to red. If you are available for a short while please come! Many hands make light work!!!
- ⚓ The next coffee with the council is scheduled for Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 am in Kuntz Hall. This is a time when members can meet with council people to ask questions, review financial reports, and comment on the ministry of Hope. Take time to share your thoughts with them.
- ⚓ On the afternoon of December 12<sup>th</sup> the Youth Group will be caroling to our STAR (Seniors with Transportation and Accessibility Restrictions) members.
- ⚓ The Property Committee has approved updating the parking lot lights to LEDs to improve visibility and reduce electric costs.



### 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 BAPTISM

***Kadence Sharon Maurer*** was baptized on Sunday October 1, 2017. Kadence is the daughter of Justin C. and Stephanie A. (Ziegler) Maurer. Kadence was born in October 2017. Pastor Jami officiated with Pastor Brian assisting.

***Please welcome Kadence as our newest baptized member of faith.***

### WEDDING

***David G. Ondich and Brittany L. Grube*** were married at Hope Church on Saturday, November 18, 2017. Pastor Jami officiated.

***Congratulations to Brittany and David; please pray that they always remember the vows made before God on their very special day.***

## CHURCH DIRECTORY

Put names with faces and be a part of our new church family directory. We are partnering with Lifetouch to tell our story. These very convenient photographs will be taken at the church.

The directory will not be complete without you!

Portrait dates are as follows:

- Wednesday, December 27 through Friday, December 29: 2:00 PM – 9:00 PM
- Saturday, December 30: 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM
- Tuesday, January 2 through Friday, January 5: 2:00 PM – 9:00 PM
- Saturday, January 6: 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

***Appointments:*** Make an appointment after worship services on Sunday November 19, 26, December 3, 10 or 17.

## ANNUAL MEETING BALLOT RESULTS

Congratulations to our elected Council Members:

- ✝ Lee Creyer
- ✝ Trish Ninos
- ✝ Manfred Steiner
- ✝ Susan Stephens

Congratulations to our elected Nominating Members:

- ✝ Michelle Costanzo
- ✝ Tim Lockard
- ✝ Linda Mery
- ✝ Stephanie Patterson
- ✝ Bob Small
- ✝ A.J. Szwast

## MONEY MOMENT

Just wanted to share a couple of random thoughts that popped into my mind during the Budgeting process:

- It is going to be really close at year end between Giving and Expenses. It is very possible we could end up in the red this year, as little as \$500 dollars could be the difference between red or black. So, if you're behind in your giving please consider catching up before December 31<sup>st</sup>. Of course, if you happen to hit the lottery before the end of the year, a little extra giving would be much appreciated.
- As I mentioned at our Congregational meeting (the Budget review portion), if you're utilizing the electronic giving format, there is an extra step needed to give for special occasions such as Christmas and Thanksgiving. You will have to set up another payment for the special giving or utilize the printed envelopes many of you still receive. A request was made for next year to print a packet of special giving for electronic givers, this will be discussed in January's finance meeting.
- As this is the last newsletter in 2017, I would like to call for any interested members to join the Finance Committee starting in January 2018. We could use more membership representation. We meet for 1 hour per month on the second Monday of the month at 6PM.

Thank you to all the folks who work on putting the Operating Budget together, it is my pleasure to work with all of you.

Doug Daniel  
Finance Chair



## 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 set up in one corner of the room in Kuntz Hall. See you January 14.

***\*\* 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; we're always adding new health-related literature.

The logo for Blood Pressure Screening. It features the words "BLOOD PRESSURE" in a large, black, sans-serif font, with "SCREENING" in a smaller font below it. The text is arranged in a circular pattern around a central graphic of a blue blood pressure cuff and a stethoscope.	<p><b>The next Blood Pressure Screening by the Wellness Team is on Sunday January 14<sup>th</sup> following worship in the conference room.</b></p> <p><i>Please note there is no screening in December.</i></p>
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## EVANGELISM

**Bible Study:** 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 entitled "THE TEN COMMANDMENTS" 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.

For further information about Hope's Evangelism Committee or any of our events, please contact Sharyn Kratzer (610) 261-1277.

## HOPE'S HELPING HANDS

Please pick up your meat pies and apple dumplings on **SATURDAY** morning, **December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM.** Questions? Call Leslie Daniel at 610-216-1340. Thanks for your continued support of Helping Hands!



## CONFIRMATION

Level 2 students will visit St. Nicholas Roman Catholic Church on Sunday December 10<sup>th</sup>. We'll leave from Hope at 9:00 AM at the start of the Sunday School hour and be back around 11:00 AM. This is a mandatory event; if you do not attend you will need to visit St. Nick's on your own.

The second half of our Level 2 students and mentors will volunteer at the Northampton Food Bank on Saturday December 16. One group will work the 8:45 - 10:30 AM shift and another the 10:15 - 12:00 PM shift.

## YOUTH GROUP

**POW:** Wednesday December 13<sup>th</sup> 5:30-8:00 PM join us for pizza, games, devotions, and worship. This month we'll stay at Hope for our own Advent worship service.



The next **National Youth Gathering** meeting will be Tuesday December 19 6:00-7:30 PM.

**Concert "Big Church Night Out":** Friday December 15<sup>th</sup> we'll meet at Hope at 6:00 PM and head to Stabler Arena in Bethlehem for the contemporary Christian concert at 7:00 PM.

**Cookies & Carols:** Sunday December 10<sup>th</sup> youth group will be travelling to some of our STAR members' homes with cookies and sing Christmas carols. We'll meet in Kuntz Hall after the second service for a short lunch of soup and bread. Please bring soup ready to be served to share with the group. We'll leave around 12:30 PM and be back to church by 3:30 PM.

**Valentine's Dinner!** Mark your calendars for youth group's annual Valentine's Dinner on Saturday February 10<sup>th</sup>. Tickets will be for sale at the four Sunday services preceding the dinner on January 14, 21, 28 and February 3. Thanks for all your support in years' past and we look forward to serving you again this year!

## POST-CONFIRMATION

Post-Confirmation will meet again Sunday December 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. We're happy to see this group is growing! Join us in the downstairs post-confirmation room (the one with the couches) and come see what it's all about!

## AUDIO/VISUAL SQUAD

### **WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS NEEDED**

We are in need of volunteers to join the AV Team of Hope Lutheran Church! Training will be provided to all newcomers, and a basic understanding of Windows 10 System is helpful. Please contact Pastor Jerry Mraz at 610-440-3435.

## END OF YEAR BUSINESS

### 2017 OFFERINGS

Please “catch up” with your 2017 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! 2017 Offerings must be received or postmarked on or before December 31, 2017 to receive credit for this year. Any offerings received after January 1, 2018 MUST be credited as 2018 contributions.

### 2017 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 2018.

### 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.

### HOLIDAY WORSHIP PARTICIPANT SCHEDULES



Please note all schedules for Advent Evening Worship Services as well as Christmas Eve Services have been sent out. All Ushers, Greeters and Communion Assistants, please remember to utilize the Sign-Up Genius to select a time to assist with Christmas Eve Services. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to

contact Jennifer in the Church Office at 610-767-7203 or email: [office@hopecherryville.org](mailto:office@hopecherryville.org). Thank you all for your continued sharing of your time and talents!

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/409054daca2baafa7-christmas1>



## INGATHERING WISH LIST

### SAYRE CHILD CENTER (children’s items only)

**NO STUFFED ANIMALS.** Bibs; toddler size forks and spoons; single fruit or vegetable foods - stage 2; Infant cereal - rice or oatmeal; wash cloths for classroom use; kitchen cloths and dish rags; art & craft supplies; tissues; sidewalk chalk and bubbles; playground balls; books - all ages up to age 10; puzzles - 25-100 pieces; computer software for ages 4-10; diapers and wipes; batteries - AA, C, D; colored pencils, plain paper for drawing, glue sticks, board books and washable books, computer software (ages 4-10); puzzles (25 & 50 piece), construction paper, watercolors, finger paint, stickers, Playdoh, tissues, waterproof markers, and crayons.

### GRACEDALE

**Male:** Socks, Search-A-Word Books, Small Combs, Talcum, Handkerchiefs, After Shave Lotion, Pens/Pencils, Writing Paper, Change Purses, Stamps, Playing Cards, Small Tablets

**Female:** Perfume, Panty Hose, Socks, Baby Powder, Small change purse, Jewelry, Scarves, Hair Brushes, Handkerchiefs, Knee Highs.

**Male:** Knee/ankle socks, medium weight rain ponchos, medium eight elastic pants, diabetic socks, sweatshirts, sweaters, T-shirts (all clothing Med-XL)

**Female:** cardigan sweaters, flannel pjs, cotton nighties, nonskid booties (size 6 and up), nail polish and remover, costume jewelry (no pins); barrettes, headbands, fashion hats, fitted twin bed spreads (all clothing Med-XL)

**For All:** Posters, adult (mosaic) and child coloring books, puzzles (25 pieces or less), toiletries and toiletry bags, regular and jumbo crayons, balls, wooden toddler puzzles, body/hand lotion, mild scented cologne/body sprays, washable markers, Crayola model magic, playdough, greeting cards, soft baby dolls or any kind of soft toys, porcupine style Legos, nature books (grade school level), deodorant, removal wall decals, window decals, anything to stimulate the senses, for example: musical things or music boxes, textured books, framed moving sand art/water.

### ALLENTOWN RESCUE MISSION

Men’s Items Only – Sweatshirts, T-Shirts (colors and white), underwear and socks, jeans or khaki’s (new or gently used, 32-34 waist, 30-34 length), deodorant, winter hats (beanies) and gloves of all sizes, belts, casual wear, jelly, cereal, travel size toiletries, razors (2-3 per pack); personal size shaving cream and Q-tips.

### KIDSPACE

Crayons, markers, coloring books, sketch pads, clay, paints, brushes, pajamas, socks, underwear, scarves, hats, mittens, red sweatshirts and pants (L, XL, XXL), shower gels, shampoo, deodorant, flavored lip balm, scented lotions, gift cards (all kinds – book stores, tunes, movie theaters, Target, K-Mart, etc.), personal diaries (no wire bound).

### TRUTH FOR WOMEN

BBQ sauce, brown sugar, cereal, coffee, crackers, dishwasher detergent, flour, grape jelly, ketchup, mayo, mustard, pasta, pretzels, sauce, sugar, toilet paper

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

### Evangelism's 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Nativity Display

Saturday, Nov. 25 from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Sunday, Nov. 26 from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM

*Please bring your nativities to Hope on Friday November 24<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 5:00 PM for display.*



*Merry Christmas to all and God's Blessings.*

### MID-WEEK ADVENT SERVICES

#### *"The Redemption of Scrooge"*



Come and join us each Wednesday evening at 7:00 PM, beginning Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>, as we go from "Bah! Humbug!" to a Blessed Advent and Merry Christmas. This year the theme for our mid-week services is "The Redemption of

Scrooge." Based on Charles Dickens's *A Christmas Carol*, we will explore the world of Ebenezer Scrooge, Tiny Tim and the Crachits – with an eye to our Christian faith. Along the way we will meet the Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present, and Yet to Come and learn about living with and for others in a world blessed by Jesus. Join us as we set the tone for the coming of our Lord!



We are taking poinsettias orders for Christmas Eve. Price is \$10. Deadline is December 10<sup>th</sup>. Please look for the display in the narthex and use the pre-printed

envelopes. 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.

Help decorate our tree

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Help keep hands and heads warm this holiday season!



### 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 Jane in the church office at 610-767-7203.

### 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. Watch for the Jesse tree and the sign-up sheet to be posted in the narthex.

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## HOPE LEADERSHIP

### STAFF

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New membership, baptisms, funerals, weddings, change of address, van requests, memorial sponsors, hospital admissions, facility rentals	<b>Call the church office 610-767-7203</b>
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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
Preschool	Deb Gable	610-767-7523
Outreach / Soup	LeAnn Chandler	610-440-0341
Prayer Chain	Dolores Reenock	610-767-6698
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Property	Charlie Kutzler	610-262-4588
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
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Worship & Music	Janet Filchner	610-262-5215
Youth Group	Steph Maurer Stacey Ziegler	610-262-9197
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**CORE**



**PURPOSE**

*Statement*

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



*A Special*  
**THANK YOU**



***Dear Friends,***

The ongoing dream of Mary's Shelter is to see the continued growth and success of our young mothers. We strive to empower each new mom to reach her full potential. Whether it is through continuing education, job training, or simply being the best mother she can be for her child, we want every woman to know she has the power to make her dreams come true.

With your donation of \$500.00, you are reassuring the triumph of every client we serve. We thank you for your generosity. With each passing day, our mothers come close to achieving their dream, and creating a future full of possibilities for their children.

Thank you for being an influential part of that journey.

Sincerely,  
**Amy Folk**  
Business Office