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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 - JANUARY 31, 2018					
	Regular	Building	Memorial	Scholarship Loan	Memorial Garden
Balance Beginning of Year	\$ 90,211.44	\$118,773.68	\$126,841.49	\$ 96,378.33	\$ (4,461.92)
Income - January	31,869.87	4,151.91	3,306.97	3,239.35	1,000.00
Expenses - January	37,013.52	99.00	-	2,600.00	-
Net Income	(5,143.65)	4,052.91	3,306.97	639.35	1,000.00
Net Special Appeals	-				
Balance End of January	\$ 85,067.79	\$122,826.59	\$130,148.46	\$ 97,017.68	\$ (3,461.92)
SUMMARY:					
Expenses exceeded income in the Regular Fund for the month of January by \$5,143.65, giving us a current balance in the Regular Fund of \$85,067.79.					
Last year the net income for the same period was \$(4,724.37) with a balance of \$74,407.03.					

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

<u>NEWSLETTER SCHEDULE</u>		
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.		
<u>Edition</u>	<u>Article Deadline</u>	<u>Collation Date</u>
April	Friday, March 16 @ Noon	Thursday, February 22 @ 10:00 AM
May	Friday, April 20 @ Noon	Thursday, April 26 @ 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 March 2018 issue of *Synod News* is available online.

Visit <http://nepasynod.org/documents/synod-news/synod-news-2018-03.pdf>



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GREETINGS FROM THE PASTOR...

From Pastor Jami Possinger

There is something about spring that puts a smile on my face. Maybe it's the smell of flowers blooming or the warm sunlight on my face. Maybe it's the longer days or the new life I see in the creation all around me. Whatever it is – spring makes me happy. That's not to say I'm not happy all year round – but there is something about spring that makes me realize how happy I am.



Which reminded me of an article I read in [Psychology Today](#), where University of California researcher Sonja Lyubomirsky stated: "40 percent of our capacity for happiness is within our power to change." And I thought of all the unhappy people I know and thought that if this is true - there's hope for us all. There are billions of people on our planet and clearly some are truly happy. The rest of us bounce back and forth between happiness and unhappiness depending on the day. The truth is that we all have bad days - even bad weeks. That article led me to another that offered 7 qualities of chronically unhappy people. I thought I'd share them with you. Read them carefully and see where you stand...

1. Your default belief is that life is hard.

- Happy people know life can be hard and tend to bounce through hard times with an attitude of curiosity versus victimhood. They take responsibility for how they got themselves into a mess, and focus on getting themselves out of it as soon as possible. Perseverance towards problem-solving versus complaining over circumstances is a symptom of a happy person.
- Unhappy people see themselves as victims of life and stay stuck in the "look what happened to me" attitude versus finding a way through and out the other side.

2. You believe most people can't be trusted.

- Most happy people are trusting of others. They believe the good in people, versus assuming everyone is out to get them. Generally open and friendly towards people they meet, happy people foster a sense of community around themselves and meet new people with an open heart.
- Unhappy people are distrustful of most people they meet and assume that strangers can't be

trusted. Unfortunately this behavior slowly starts to close the door on any connection outside of an inner-circle and thwarts all chances of meeting new friends.

3. You concentrate on what's wrong in this world versus what's right.

- Happy people are aware of global issues, but balance their concern with also seeing what's right - they keep it in perspective. They know our world has problems and they also keep an eye on what's right.
- Unhappy people tend to close one eye towards anything good in this world in fear they might be distracted from what's wrong. You can spot them a mile away, they'll be the ones complaining and responding to any positive attributes of our world with "yeah but".

4. You compare yourself to others and harbor jealousy.

- Happy people believe they carry a unique blueprint that can't be duplicated or stolen from - - by anyone on the planet. They believe in unlimited possibilities and don't get bogged down by thinking one person's good fortune limits their possible outcome in life.
- Unhappy people believe someone else's good fortune steals from their own. They believe there's not enough goodness to go around and constantly compare yours against theirs. This leads to jealousy and resentment.

5. You strive to control your life.

- Happy people take steps daily to achieve their goals, but realize in the end, there's very little control over what life throws their way. Happy people can be focused, yet still have the ability to go with the flow and not melt down when life delivers a curve-ball.
- Unhappy people tend to micromanage in effort to control all outcomes and fall apart in dramatic display when life throws a wrench in their plan.

6. You consider your future with worry and fear.

- Happy people experience fear and worry, but make an important distinction between feeling it and living it. When fear or worry crosses a happy person's mind, they'll ask themselves if there's an action they can be taken to prevent their fear or worry from happening and they take it.

- Unhappy people fill their thoughts with what could go wrong versus what might go right.

7. You fill your conversations with gossip and complaints.

- Happy people live in the now and dream about the future. You can feel their positive vibe from across the room. They're excited about something they're working on, grateful for what they have and dreaming about the possibilities of life.
- Unhappy people like to live in the past. What's happened to them and life's hardships are their conversation of choice. When they run out of things to say, they'll turn to other people's lives and gossip.

Obviously none of us are perfect. We're all going to swim in negative waters once in a while, but what matters is how long we stay there and how quickly we work to get ourselves out. Practicing positive habits daily is what sets happy people apart from unhappy people, not doing everything perfectly. Spring is on the way and it's a great time to assess your life and be open to the possibilities of new life all around you!

*Blessings,
Pastor Jami*

PASTOR BRIAN'S PREPONDERANT BUSINESS



This Lent on Wednesday mornings we're exploring the fruits of the Spirit. More accurately the Bible uses the singular word "fruit" to describe all nine expressions of

the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Perhaps Paul didn't care if "fruit" was singular or plural, or perhaps he was making a theological point. Maybe what he's saying is that all nine fruits go hand in hand. The idea is that as we mature as children of God, as the Holy Spirit takes root in us and manifests in our lives, we will naturally bear this kind of fruit. We will naturally find ourselves more loving, joyous, peaceful, and so on. Like a tree naturally bears fruit, so will Christians naturally bear the fruit of the Spirit as we grow.

This fruit isn't simply an inward thing. They are all outward expressions of an inward state. Such that, even if we don't feel loving on a particular day we might still act loving, thus bearing the fruit of love. This might manifest in concrete ways: like volunteering at the local food bank, teaching Sunday School, advocating for racial justice, marching with students who are afraid to go to school after yet another mass shooting. The Spirit bears fruit in our lives in a wide variety of ways and we are called to discern the Spirit's voice in our hearts.

This Lent I hope you will make it a point to invite the Holy Spirit to transform you. Saints and mystics speak of a desire for the Spirit welling up so much that they beg for God's presence to the point of tears. I pray I might have a similar thirst for God. And I hope you will join us at 11:00am on Wednesday to walk through how these fruits might manifest in our lives!

*Peace,
Pastor Brian*

PASTORAL ACTS

HOLY BAPTISMS

Dominic Romeo Geigel, son of Luis and Celine (Stahley) Geigel, was baptized on Sunday, February 18, 2018. He was born in October 2017. Pastor Jami officiated.

Jace David Adams, son of David and Krystina (Bailey) Adams, was baptized on Sunday, February 18, 2018. He was born in September 2017. Pastor Jami officiated.

Please welcome Dominic and Jace as our newest members of Hope.

FUNERALS

Pamela J. Holubowski entered eternal life on January 29, 2018s at the age of 57. Services were held here at Hope Church on February 4, 2018. Pastor Brian officiated.

Loretta K. Neustadter entered eternal life on January 17, 2018 at the age of 84. Services were held here at Hope Church on February 3, 2018. Pastor Brian officiated.

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

WORSHIP SCHEDULE – MARCH 2018

<p>Sunday, March 4, 2018 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Service of the Word</p>
<p>Wednesday, March 7, 2018 11:00 AM Midweek Lenten Service 7:00 PM Midweek Lenten Service</p>
<p>Sunday, March 11, 2018 8:00 AM Service of the Word 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Holy Communion / First Communion / Baptism</p>
<p>Wednesday, March 14, 2018 11:00 AM Midweek Lenten Service 7:00 PM Midweek Lenten Service</p>
<p>Sunday, March 18, 2018 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Service of the Word / Girl Scout Sunday</p>
<p>Wednesday, March 21, 2018 11:00 AM Midweek Lenten Service 7:00 PM Midweek Lenten Service</p>
<p>Sunday, March 25, 2018 <i>Palm Sunday</i> 8:00 AM Service of the Word 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Holy Communion</p>
<p>Thursday, March 29, 2018 <i>Maunder Thursday</i> 11:00 AM Holy Communion / Luncheon 7:00 PM Holy Communion / Foot Washing</p>
<p>Friday, March 30, 2018 <i>Good Friday</i> 12 Noon Community Service (Emmanuel's) 7:00 PM Tenebrae 9:00 PM Prayer Vigil Begins</p>
<p>Saturday, March 31, 2017 <i>Prayer Vigil Continues</i></p>
<p>Sunday April 1, 2018 <i>Easter Sunday</i> 7:00 – 10:30 AM Breakfast 6:00 AM Easter Sunrise Service / Holy Communion 8:00 AM Holy Communion 10:30 AM Holy Communion</p>

SHARING OF THE PEACE

During this cold and flu season, please feel free to share the peace verbally without shaking hands.

LENTEN SERVICES

Fruits of the Spirit

Morning Mid-Week Lenten Services

Pastor Brian invites you to explore the themes found in Galatians 5: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control beginning Ash Wednesday February 14, and continuing February 21, February 28, March 7, March 14, March 21, and ending on Maundy Thursday March 29. Join us at 11:00 AM to explore the Fruits of the Spirit this Lent!



The Power of Forgiveness

Evening Mid-Week Lenten Services

Imagine what the world would be like without forgiveness. Imagine what it would be like if every one of us carried every single hurt, every single resentment, all the anger that came up, when we felt betrayed. If we just kept that in our hearts and never let it go – it would be unbearable. I have heard it said that “To err is human. To forgive is divine.” And yet... sometimes forgiveness feels impossible. There is perhaps no greater gift you can offer God than a heart that knows the power of forgiveness and decides to set others free. Forgiving shows that the love, grace, and mercy of Jesus are operating in our lives. It is time to access this life-changing grace of forgiveness.

Please join Pastor Jami at 7:00 PM each Wednesday evening in Lent as we delve into the possibilities and power of forgiveness. Beginning on Ash Wednesday and continuing through Lent we will explore forgiveness from a number of different scenarios. We'll “travel” with...

- Eva Kor and her twin sister who were victims of the infamous Nazi doctor, Josef Mengele
- Immaculee Ilibagiza and other survivors of the 1994 genocide in Rwanda, Africa
- Sammy Rangel, a victim of child abuse who shares, “we hold the power to change our story”
- The Amish community of Nickel Mines school tragedy

...and others as we come to see and understand that among the most powerful of human experiences is to give or to receive forgiveness.

CENTERING ON PRAYER with PASTOR BRIAN

Centering Prayer is still meeting every first and third Monday 6:00 to 7:00 PM and Wednesday 2:00 to 3:00 PM. We've had a bit of a dip in attendance in the winter months — don't miss out on this wonderful experience!



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS – FEBRUARY 2018

- ⚓ The council approved membership for Dennis Shoemaker; Bonnie Confer; Krystina, David, Thea and Jace Adams and Celine, Luis, Carter and Dominic Geigel
- ⚓ Hope experienced a break in the water line coming into the church which was repaired in February. The cost of the repair was paid out of the Building Fund – used for major repairs and capital improvements to our facility. There is some damage to the lawn near the Kuntz Hall kitchen which will be repaired in the spring.
- ⚓ The Youth group has a number of fundraisers coming up for the ELCA Youth Gathering this June. They will be selling homemade Easter Candy to be available in March, a Clothing Drive to be held from March 5th to March 9th and a Vera Bradley Bingo on May 5th.
- ⚓ Tim Lockard has been added to the Mutual Ministry Committee to replace Charlie Kutzler, whose term expired. Current committee members are Michelle Costanzo, Leslie Daniel, Tim Lockard, Sharon Schell, Matt Sekol and David Zehner.

“SOUPER” BOWL OF CARING

During worship services on Super Bowl Sunday, we collected \$625 for the ELCA World Hunger Fund. Thank you for supporting this annual endeavor!



PICTURES HAVE ARRIVED

If you had your picture taken for the directory and did not purchase a package, your free 8x10 picture is here. Please contact Jennifer at 610-767-7203 or email: office@hopecherryville.org to make arrangements to pick up your picture.

HOSPITALIZED?

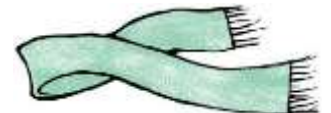
If you, or a family member, are hospitalized, please remember to give our church code which is 251. Also, please call the church office in addition to giving our code. We do not always receive your information when calling the hospitals. Also, if you are moved to a rehab center, please let us know that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

LAMPa

Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in Pennsylvania is a group focused on social advocacy throughout Pennsylvania's seven ELCA synods, and we're starting our own LAMPa group here at Hope. If you are interested in making an impact on social justice issues, come to our first meeting on **Wednesday February 28 at 6:00 PM**. We'll brainstorm ideas incorporating a dual purpose of advocacy education and advocacy events. Pastor Brian hopes you'll come see what this group is all about! If there is interest, this new group will meet monthly to discuss advocacy issues: matters of racial justice, poverty, creation care, and any number of social justice topics important to you.

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 (March 13). 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.

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP NEWS

To improve our security on a Sunday morning, the door at the Hanson Hall exit will no longer be unlocked. Please use the doors in the main parking lot or the double doors on the Route 248 side of the building. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

ELECTRONIC GIVING

During this Lenten season, we hope you will consider additional giving 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 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.



Monday March 19th
7:00 – 9:00 PM
Kuntz Hall

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



First Holy Communion is March 11, 2018 at the 10:30 AM service. There will be a reception with cake and beverages following the service. Rehearsal will be held March 10, 2018 at a time to be determined.

ALTAR DRESSING

The paraments on the altar and pulpit are a gift to the congregation from the Budihas and Creyer families in memory of Denice Budihas, who served as a member of the altar guild for many years. They were dedicated in January for use in our worship space. Thank you to the Budihas and Creyer families for their generosity.



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Come join one of our great adult Sunday School classes: one led by A.J. Szwast in the room behind Kuntz Hall and one led by Bob Small in the Hanson Hall kitchen. These are great opportunities to nourish your faith, share new ideas, and enjoy fellowship with other members of Hope. And perhaps attending one of these classes could be your Lenten discipline to take on for the next few weeks!

WOMEN OF FAITH

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



Monday, March 26 – join us for our first ever “Treasure Trade”! Start looking around your house for three or four items that you no longer need or want. Anything you bring should be in very good condition. You will be able to pick the same amount of items that you bring from the other donations. Remember, one woman’s “junk” is another woman’s treasure!

Watch for a special retreat led by Pastor Jami in April or May (date to be announced soon). Also, we are always looking for ideas for our meetings. If you have any suggestions for fun, fellowship or service for this active women’s group, or any questions about our events, please call Jane Tretiak at 610-767-0918.

Daylight Savings
Time

March 11th



WELCA

WELCA meets Tuesday March 20th at 9:00 AM

WELLNESS TEAM

Brain Injury Awareness Month

The human brain is magnificent and complex. The brain is made up of many parts, each with a specific and important function. It controls our ability to balance, walk, talk, and eat. It coordinates and regulates our breathing, blood circulation, and heart rate. It is responsible for our ability to speak, to process and remember information, make decisions, and feel emotions. Every brain is unique, ever-changing, and extremely sensitive to its environment.



Brain injury is unpredictable in its consequences. Brain injury affects who we are and the way we think, act, and feel. It can change everything about us in a matter of seconds. The most important things to remember are:

- A person with a brain injury is a person first.
- No two brain injuries are exactly the same.
- The effects of a brain injury are complex and vary greatly from person to person.
- The effects of a brain injury depend on such factors as cause, location, and severity.

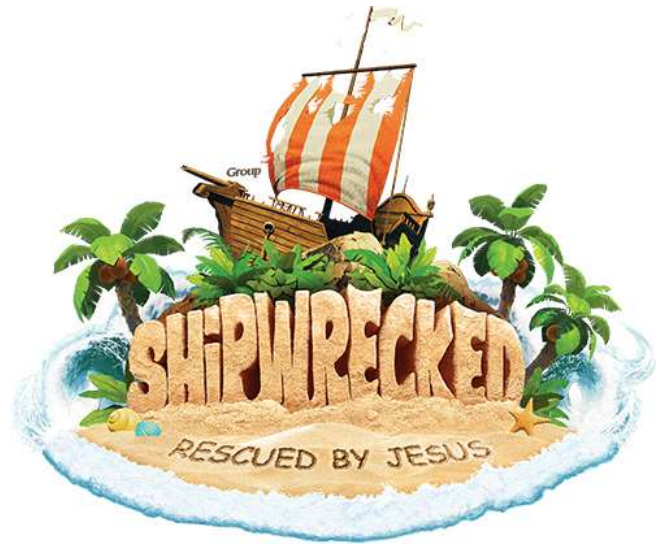
Please look to the Bulletin Board for more information. Also, be sure to peruse the information available on our carousel in the narthex; we're always adding new health-related literature.

The Wellness Committee thanks everyone who supported the recent blood drive. We collected 31 pints of blood.

SPONSORS FOR THE YEAR

All sponsor charts are posted in the narthex. Sponsor envelopes are next to the chart, and are due to the office two weeks before the sponsorship.

- **Altar Flowers:** Two sponsors (*and only two*) of \$15.00 each are needed each week. ***flowers are yours to keep and may be removed after the late service.*
- **Bulletins:** Three sponsors are needed per week at a cost of \$8.50 per sponsor.
- **The Press:** One sponsor is needed per week at a cost of \$6.00 per sponsor.



SAVE THE DATES!

Vacation Bible School is coming July 9 to 13

Registration will be open soon!

JOURNEYS THROUGH GRIEF

Grief is a confusing, tangled and painful process of discovering how to live, feel, cope and heal in the midst of coming to terms with loss. No one should have to face grief alone. LCS offers "*Journeys Through Grief*" counseling in small groups where for six 1½ hour sessions, you will learn about the stages of grief and explore your feelings about the loss you have experienced. Our goal is not to make grief disappear, but to equip the group's participants with the tools needed for lifelong healing and understanding. Under the guidance of a professional Christian counselor or trained facilitator, you will learn how you can live with the grief associated with loss.

- ❖ Moravian Church in Emmaus, PA - Tuesday nights from 7:00 to 8:30 PM from February 20 to March 27.

To register, contact Bereavement Coordinator Sylvia Havlish at 610.395.5045. There is no cost to attend. Look for fliers on the bulletin board.



EVANGELISM

Evangelism Committee is sponsoring a bus trip to Sight and Sound, Lancaster to see JESUS on Wednesday June 27, 2018. The bus will leave Hope at 8:30 AM. After the show we will go to Shady Maple for lunch and will return approx. 6:00 PM. Cost is \$90.00 for adults and \$54.00 for children under 12 which includes bus, show and meal. Sign-up sheet on bulletin board in narthex. Please make checks payable to Hope Lutheran Church (note in memo for Evangelism Bus trip) and give your check to Sharyn Kratzer when signing up for this enjoyable outing. For more about the show, visit <https://www.sight-sound.com/shows/lancaster/jesus/2018>

Day of Prayer will be on **Thursday, May 3, 2018**. Following the worship service, a lunch will be served.

Bible studies continue. Currently, we are using a study entitled THE TEN COMMANDMENTS. We meet weekly in the second-grade classroom at 6:30 except please note that the first Thursday of each month we meet at 7:00 PM. Everyone is welcome to join us at our studies at any time. We would love to welcome you into our group.

Evangelism Committee invites you to become a part of our committee. We meet the first Thursday of each month at 6:00 PM. New members and new ideas for bringing God's love to our church family and our community are always welcome. Don't be shy! Join the committee. For further information about Hope's Evangelism Committee and its events, please call Sharyn Kratzer @ 610 261 1277.



Flower Sale

EASTER FLOWERS

The last day to order Easter flowers is Sunday March 18th. Look for envelopes in the narthex. Choose from tulip, daffodil, crocus, azalea, iris, lily, and hyacinth.

Support Hope Lutheran Church.

When you shop at **smile.amazon.com**,
Amazon donates.

[Go to smile.amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com/smile)

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Shop through **smile.amazon.com** and Amazon will donate .5% of sales back to Hope Lutheran Church! Our direct link... [smile.amazon.com/ch/23-1948837](https://www.amazon.com/ch/23-1948837)

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

We are in need of more congregation members to join in this ministry as Communion Assistants, Ushers, Altar Guild and Audio/Visual volunteers. Thank you to all who share their time and talents in making services run smoothly here at Hope Church! If you are interested in serving, please contact Jennifer in the church office at 610-767-7203 or office@hopecherryville.org.

NORTHAMPTON AREA FOOD BANK

March is Hope Church month at the Northampton Food Bank. Please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for specific dates and times. Be sure to list



your phone number so that you can be contacted if there is a change in the schedule. We need at least four volunteers for every time slot. Please do your part to help with this very important community outreach activity. Hope Church has always been very supportive of the work done at the food bank through both food donations and on-site volunteer hours. Several of our church members are there on a regular basis every month so come join us! Any questions, please contact Leslie Daniel at 610-216-1340.

YOUTH GROUP March's youth group event will be a youth sleepover at church March 9 to 10; from 6:00 PM Friday night to 10:00 AM Saturday morning.



Please eat dinner before you come and bring a snack to share. We will provide breakfast in the morning. And don't forget all the necessities for a sleepover: sleeping bag, pillow, PJs, toothpaste and brush, etc.

March's POW will be Wednesday March 14 from 5:30 to 8:00 PM. We'll have pizza, games, and devotions, and then join everyone for worship here at Hope at 7:00 PM.



EASTER CANDY

Youth group is making our Easter Candy again this year and you may place your order on the form on our youth board. Pickup days will be Sunday March 18 and Sunday March 25. Thanks for your support!



THANK YOU: To all who volunteered and came out to support the Valentine's Dinner. Your hard work and dedication are greatly appreciated. It was another successful year with many compliments to all!



NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING

NYG youth are required to help with the Clothing Drive the week of March 5 to 10; as well as making Easter Candy on March 17 and/or March 24 with shifts 9:00 AM – 12 PM and/or 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM. Please sign up via Sign-Up Genius.

March's pre-departure meeting will be Sunday March 18 following the second service, 11:45 AM to 1:15 PM.

POST-CONFIRMATION

Post-confirmation will meet Sunday March 4 and 18. We'll watch and discuss a Rob Bell Nooma video on March 4 and Charlie Brown's Easter Beagle on March 18. As usual we'll have donuts and hot chocolate. Come join us!

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation Levels 1 and 2 will have their spring mini-retreat on Saturday March 3rd 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM. We'll cover the Lord's Prayer. This is a mandatory event—if you will miss it see Pastor Brian for makeup work.

CLOTHING DRIVE



Youth group's clothing drive is here again! Please bring your gently used clothing to the narthex anytime during the day the week of March 4th to 9th, or to our youth drive thru in the Adult Sunday School room 6:00 to 8:00 PM Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, or 5:00 to 7:00 PM Wednesday night. This year the company asked us to separate clothes and shoes, so if you could please do this before you bring them to us it would help a lot. Thank you so much!

VERA BRADLEY BINGO

Mark your calendars for youth group's Vera Bradley Bingo on Saturday May 5! We look forward to hosting this again and appreciate all the support you've given this event in the past!



20TH ANNUAL SPRING BASKET SOCIAL

FRIDAY, APRIL 13, 2018

DOORS OPEN AT 4 PM

TICKET DRAWING BEGINS AT 7:30 PM

TICKETS: \$5/CARD OR 3 CARDS FOR \$10

EACH CARD GIVES YOU 25 CHANCES TO WIN!

***DOOR PRIZES TO CELEBRATE THE 20TH
ANNIVERSARY***

SPECIAL TABLE OF ITEMS VALUED AT \$50 AND UP:

TICKETS \$1 EACH OR 6 FOR \$5

PROCEEDS WILL BE DIVIDED BETWEEN THE
NORTHAMPTON AREA FOOD BANK AND THE HOPE
LUTHERAN CHURCH GOOD SAMARITAN FUND

PLEASE BRING A CANNED GOOD OR
NONPERISHABLE ITEM FOR THE FOOD BANK

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SOLD ALONG WITH
DELICIOUS BAKED GOODS!

(PROCEEDS FROM SALE OF BAKED GOODS IS
DETERMINED BY BASKET COMMITTEE)

*ANYONE INTERESTED IN DONATING SOMETHING
FOR THIS FUND RAISER IS ENCOURAGED TO DROP
OFF A THEME BASKET, GIFT CARD (PLEASE INCLUDE
RECEIPT), CASE OF WATER OR SODA, OR WRAPPED
BAKED GOODS ON THE EVENING OF APRIL 12
FROM 6-8 PM OR THE MORNING OF APRIL 13
FROM 10 AM-12 PM

QUESTIONS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE CHURCH
OFFICE BY CALLING 610-767-7203.

THANK YOU!

THE BASKET COMMITTEE OF HOPE LUTHERAN
CHURCH



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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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REGARDING	CALL	PHONE NO.
A/V Committee	Bill & Reece Anderson	610-261-4744
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	Leslie Daniel	610-767-7918
Preschool	Deb Gable	610-767-7523
Outreach / Soup	LeAnn Chandler	610-440-0341
Prayer Chain	Dolores Reenock	610-767-6698
Prayer Shawl	JoAnne Creyer	610-262-3204
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
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
Youth Group	Pastor Brian	610-767-7203
Yard Sale	Doris Zellers	610-703-8550

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to love and serve others...



A Special
THANK YOU



It has now been a year since our beloved Mother, Helen Marsh, passed away. We would like to thank friends and family for being there for my sister and I throughout this time. Our grief was eased with each passing holiday or special event that we shared with her. Our heartache will always be here, but we now celebrate her life with us with fond memories. Thank you to friends and family for helping us get through, your support and prayers will always be appreciated.

A special thank you to Pastor Jami for Mom's service and for the words in her eulogy that are etched in our hearts and minds forever.

In Christian love,
Nancy Creyer and Susan Harrell

Dear Members of Hope Lutheran Church,
Thank you very much for the gift we received in December 2017. We are grateful for your support and for your partnership in the Gospel. It takes a great team of people and congregations to keep the ministry of Bear Creek Camp alive and well and we are very thankful that your congregation is part of that team

Sincerely,
Dan Scharnhorst
Bear Creek Camp Executive Director

Dear Friends of the Food Bank,
Thank you for your recent contribution to the Northampton Area Food Bank. NAFB is a charitable organization, operated entirely by volunteers. Your support makes a significant difference in the lives of families in our community. On behalf of the board of directors, the volunteers, and especially the clients we are privileged to serve, many thanks for your kindness and generosity.

Very sincerely,
Pamela Kamety

Dear Neighbor,

We would like to take this opportunity to extend a person thank you for your donation for our 2017 Fund Drive.

As we are all going through a time with challenging financial demands on our discretionary income, the extra consideration which you gave to the Lehigh Township Volunteer Fire Company No. 1's request for financial support is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for helping us help you.

Sincerely,
Lehigh Volunteer Fire Company No. 1

Thank you so much for this blessing, it is greatly appreciated.

Merry Christmas and God bless,
The Barry Family