

# HOPE HOME NEWS

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**HopeCherryville**

***Summer Worship Hours***

9:00 AM Sunday

Through September 2<sup>nd</sup>

***Church Office Hours***

8:30 – 3:00 PM | Monday – Friday

**FINANCIAL SUMMARY - MAY 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 - May	33,807.95	1,886.54	2,612.08	-	-
Income - Jan.-Apr.	147,580.16	9,236.40	3,853.63	2,307.45	1,000.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>181,388.11</b>	<b>11,122.94</b>	<b>6,465.71</b>	<b>2,307.45</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>
Expenses - May	39,619.95	99.00	779.15	-	-
Expenses - Jan.-Apr.	142,640.62	13,985.01	190.00	2,600.00	-
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>182,260.57</b>	<b>14,084.01</b>	<b>969.15</b>	<b>2,600.00</b>	<b>-</b>
Net Income	(872.46)	(2,961.07)	5,496.56	(292.55)	1,000.00
Net Special Appeals	1,241.38				
<b>Balance End of May</b>	<b>\$ 90,580.36</b>	<b>\$115,812.61</b>	<b>\$132,338.05</b>	<b>\$ 96,085.78</b>	<b>\$ (3,461.92)</b>

**SUMMARY:**

Expenses exceeded income in the Regular Fund for the month of May by \$5,812.00, and for the year 2018, expenses exceeded income by \$872.46, giving us a current balance in the Regular Fund of \$90,580.36. Last year the net income for the same period was \$567.16 with a balance of \$81,074.96.

**\*\* 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>
August	Friday, July 20 @ Noon	Thursday, July 26 @ 10:00 AM
September	Friday, August 17 @ Noon	Thursday, August 23 @ 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 June 2018 issue of *Synod News* is available online.

Visit <http://nepasynod.org/documents/synod-news/synod-news-2018-06.pdf>



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## GREETINGS FROM THE PASTOR...

*From Pastor Jami Possinger*

It is summer – Sunday School is taking a hiatus, Confirmation is done for the year, public schools have the summer off, we’ve moved to one service until the week after Labor Day, and many of us will be taking some time for a vacation or a “staycation.” But summer is not a time to stop coming to church.



Admittedly, I’ve seen articles on why people aren’t coming to church – and there are some good reasons. But I’d like to share my top 10 reasons why you *should* be coming to church:

1. Our church – like any church worth its salt – has really good food on a regular basis.
2. Not all churches are after your money. We want you to have a healthy relationship with money. Sure, we need to pay the electric bill and the pastors and the music director – but money and the church is more about you than it is about the church. It’s about your own relationship with money. Church can help you with that.
3. Our church is not anti-something. We are for people, for acceptance, for hospitality.
4. You’ve got a gift – probably two or ten of them. Becoming involved in the ministry of our church will help you discover and use gifts you never even knew you had.
5. Our church offers paint-by-number opportunities to serve. Many people would like to help the poor, the hungry the homeless, the hurting – but they don’t know how to get involved, how to make the time to be involved, or what they can do to really make a difference. Our church offers you ways to plug in to help those who need it most.
6. Taking a break from our hectic lives to come to church is accepting the gift of Sabbath. We don’t take a Sabbath day and come to worship because we have time and have finished up everything that needs to be done. We take a Sabbath day because it is time to stop – and we are designed to stop, rest and reflect. Those don’t are destined to crash and burn.
7. Bad stuff is going to happen in your life. It just is. Our church community cannot be everything to

everyone in times of crisis, but when the bottom falls out of your world, it’s great to have a community to lift you back up.

8. Bad stuff is going to happen in your life... part two. The time to build a relationship with God is not when life turns ugly, and you’ve run out of all other options. Attending worship regularly helps build a relationship with God and others that will give you a solid foundation when the winds blow and the storms come.
9. Coming to church doesn’t mean you have no doubts about God or faith or religion. It means you have a place you can share with people who have their own doubts.
10. Jesus is really cool. Even if you don’t know if you can believe in the whole Son-of-God thing – even though those of us in church often do a lousy job of following him sometimes – come to church
11. to get to know Jesus. The more you get to know him, the more you’ll understand why people call his way...The Way.

So on any given Sunday, when you feel like sleeping in or skipping church, remember these top ten reasons why you may want to change your mind and take that hour for you and God to reconnect.

*Summer Blessings,  
Pastor Jami*



### **WORSHIP SCHEDULE – JULY 2018**

<b><u>Sunday, July 1, 2018</u></b> 9:00 AM Holy Communion
<b><u>Sunday, July 8, 2018</u></b> 9:00 AM Holy Communion / VBS Installation
<b><u>Sunday, July 15, 2018</u></b> 9:00 AM Holy Communion
<b><u>Sunday, July 22, 2018</u></b> 9:00 AM Holy Communion
<b><u>Sunday, July 29, 2018</u></b> 9:00 AM Holy Communion

## PASTOR BRIAN'S PREPONDERANT BUSINESS



As I write this message, we are preparing to leave for the National Youth Gathering next week, and when you receive this we will probably be in Houston! The National Youth

Gathering is an event like no other. When I had the privilege of going as a youth director with the church I served in Minnesota, I had the chance to see how absolutely transformative this experience can be, and I look forward to witnessing our youth have this experience as well. It is truly a mountaintop experience.

The Christian life is full of stories about mountaintop experiences. But in the Christian life it is not so much the mountaintop experiences that matter most, but our response to those experiences: what we do when we come back down the mountain. Incredible, life-changing experiences become most credible when they actually change our lives. We can and should create space for these experiences to happen: by going to gatherings, retreats, periods of solitude, or getting away in nature. These experiences nourish our faith and deepen our connection with God. And then we are called to return to the valley and serve God's children in need. It is in this coming down off the mountain that we transfer the energy of an amazing experience that transformed us and use it to transform the world around us.

I hope you have had experiences in your life where you encountered God on the mountaintop. But even if you have not, remember that God also works in little, seemingly insignificant moments to gently push us and help us grow on the journey of faith. I pray that as you reflect on transformative experiences in your life, you feel a sense of how much God has empowered you to follow the Spirit's call in your life. Please keep our youth in your prayers this month, that they might have a divinely inspired experience that they will never forget!

*Blessings to you this month!*  
*Pastor Brian*

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## CENTERING ON PRAYER with PASTOR BRIAN

Join our Centering Prayer group for meditation and discussion of our new book *Proof of Heaven* by Dr. Eben Alexander. We will not meet the first week of July, but will meet the third week: Monday July 16 at 6:00 PM and Wednesday July 18 at 2:00 PM. Hope you join us!



**has concluded for the year – see you in September!**

## COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS – JUNE 2018

- ⚓ Korpics Contracting repaired the leaks in the steeple which was causing water to drip down the ceiling of the sanctuary.
- ⚓ The Church Picnic – hosted by the Evangelism Committee – is scheduled for Sunday, July 15<sup>th</sup> and members and guests are invited. A sign-up sheet is on the main bulletin board.
- ⚓ The question was raised as to why we are not having HopeFest this year. According to the 2017 committee chair, there was no one willing to take the lead this year and not enough help last year. If members are interested in reviving HopeFest for 2019, please contact one of the pastors.
- ⚓ The annual Yard Sale will be held on Friday, August 31<sup>st</sup> and Saturday, September 1<sup>st</sup>. Donated items may not be dropped off at the church until the completion of Vacation Bible School and the arrival of the containers in the parking lot.
- ⚓ One offering that was discovered in the Suggestion Box by the church office suggesting we have a sign-up sheet for members to volunteer to weed for a one-week shift throughout the summer. A sign-up is posted on the main bulletin board and we encourage those “gardening folk” to help with this volunteer opportunity. We want to keep the grounds looking great.

**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!

**STORYWEAVERS and SOUP GROUP**

StoryWeavers and Soup Group will not meet in July.

**OUTREACH MINISTRY**

Outreach Ministry to St. Stephen's > leave at 10:30 AM on Tuesday, July 17 and Tuesday, July 31.

**ELECTRONIC GIVING**

A Simple and Convenient Way to Give!

If you think you may miss church services this summer due to travel or other commitments, consider setting up an automatic giving schedule. Your consistent support is vital to our church, especially during summer months. To set up a recurring contribution, visit the church website at [www.hopecherryville.org](http://www.hopecherryville.org) and locate the electronic giving page.



**GIVE FROM YOUR SMART PHONE**

Make a contribution from your smart phone anytime by locating the Online Giving link on our home page... [www.hopecherryville.org](http://www.hopecherryville.org).

**WOMEN OF FAITH**

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



Nothing in July... Watch the Sunday bulletin for future events.

***Everyone is welcome to attend any events you may have interest in! Questions, call Jane***

***Tretiak at 484-767-2346.***

**HOPE'S HELPING HANDS SHRIMP BOIL**



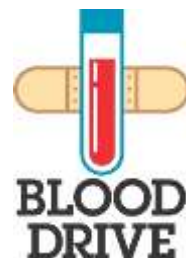
It's Shrimp Boil time again! Come join Hope's Helping Hands on Saturday, August 18<sup>th</sup> for our 4<sup>th</sup> annual SHRIMP BOIL. Orders will be taken after church on July 29, August 5 and August 12. Dinners include: ½ lb. of shrimp, ¼ lb.

sausage, baby potatoes, corn on the cob, salad, roll and butter, and dessert for only \$15.00. Dinners will be available for TAKE OUT ONLY. Dinners for TAKE OUT can be picked up in Kuntz Hall during half hour intervals (you choose 4:00 to 4:30, 4:30 to 5:00, 5:00 to 5:30, or 5:30 to 6:00 for pick-up when you order your meal). All orders must be pre-paid. Orders may also be placed by calling Leslie Daniel at 610-216-1340 until August 12.

Hope's Helping Hands members are looking forward to seeing many of you on August 18<sup>th</sup>. We thank everyone who has supported our events as we continue our ministries of helping others in need.

**BLOOD DRIVE**

The next Miller Keystone Blood Drive will be held Sunday, July 15, 2018 in Kuntz Hall. The event is being held in memory of Megan Duarte, Pastor Mraz's granddaughter. We will be taking donations from 7:30 to 11:30 AM. Sign up after Sunday worship, or call Helene Mery at 610.837.0792. You can also sign up at [www.GIVEaPINT.org](http://www.GIVEaPINT.org) and use sponsor code 0288.



**CHURCH SOFTBALL TEAM**



Games are played on Sunday evenings at 6:00 PM in Schnecksville parks. Check out their Facebook group "Hope Lutheran Softball" for exact locations and opponents!



## PASTORAL ACTS

### **HOLY BAPTISM**

**Blake Stephen Seko**, son of William Seko and Monica Paly, was baptized on June 24, 2018. He was born in December 2017. Pastor Jami officiated.

***Welcome Blake, our newest member.***

### **FUNERALS**

**Donald Repp** entered eternal life on June 2, 2018. Pastor Jami officiated.

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

## SUNDAY SCHOOL / CHRISTIAN ED

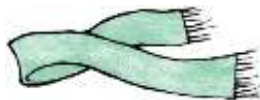


We need your help.... If you are interested in volunteering to teach or help in any of the classrooms (Cradle Roll to Adult) this upcoming church school year, please contact Robin Zamadics at 610-509-1897 or Ally Lockard at 610-216-5384.

**Sunday School leaders are encouraged to attend a workshop on Sunday July 29 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. We'll have lunch together and explore some valuable learning tools. Hope you join us!**

## PRAYER SHAWL

Is enjoying summer break for July and August. See you in September! Yarn donations always welcome.



Hope will soon be abuzz with yard sale activity! As always, it is Labor Day Weekend – Friday, August 31 and Saturday, September 1. Watch for the storage units to arrive late July/early August.

## WELCOME TO HOPE'S TWO NEWEST STAFF MEMBERS

As many of you read in a past newsletter or in the bulletin, Hope was in a search for a part-time Sexton and a part-time Communications Specialist. Bonnie Zmyewski, who has served as our Sexton for years, is still recuperating from a serious accident she had last June. Nina Weiss, who has served as our Communications Specialist, is taking some time off for family. Our Mutual Ministry Committee interviewed people for both positions and we are happy to announce the results.

Communications Specialist Laurie Christman has been selected as our new Communications Specialist. Laurie is a member of Hope Lutheran. A graduate of Lehigh Carbon Community College with a degree in Business, Laurie has worked in church-related positions most of her career. She has served two Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod (NEPS) Bishops as support staff, as an administrative assistant for ELCA Disaster Response (deployed in Allentown), as the Office Administrator and Christian Education Director for St. John's Lutheran Church in Allentown, and currently works as an administrative assistant and receptionist at the synod office. Laurie will be posting her office hours in the near future so please stop in to meet and welcome her to this new position.

Sexton Johnny Zmyewski was offered the position of Sexton – a role he currently fills as our temporary sexton. Johnny is a graduate of Kutztown University with a degree in History and currently works as a manager at Redners in Whitehall. Many of you have encountered him working at Hope later in the afternoon or on weekends. Please welcome Johnny when you see him.

## THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS

This is my final newsletter! It is crazy to think how quickly five years have gone by. Thank you to the staff and the congregation for the chance to serve Hope Lutheran as your Communications Specialist. I thought small children were labor intensive, but teenagers have even more demands. Many days I feel like a taxi driver, so in a sense, that is my new occupation. I wish Laurie the best in what truly is a fantastic part time job. I will always treasure my time here and the people I met. ~ Nina

## GRADUATES

### From High School:

Ashley Hildebrand – Northampton H.S. (will be attending Moravian College)

Shaye Kerper – Bethlehem Catholic H.S. (will be attending Bloomsburg)

Samantha Lambert – Northern Lehigh H.S. (will be attending LCCC)

Molly Laury – Northampton H.S. (will be attending Muhlenberg College)

Elizabeth Moore – Northampton H.S. (will be attending West Chester)

Katerina Sawickij – Southern Lehigh H.S. (will be attending Nova Southeastern University)

Carlie Small – Northampton H.S. (will be attending Duquesne University)

Nicole Spohn – Northampton H.S. (will be attending Seton Hall University)

### From College and Universities:

Katie Biechy – Wilkes University (Master's Degree in Early Childhood Literacy)

David Hornyak – University of Pittsburgh (Bachelor of Science in Accounting)

Haley Keglovits – Mary Mount University (Master's Degree in Forensic Psychology and Criminal Law)

Jacob Marunich – Elizabethtown University (Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering)

Salvador Melo – LCCC (Associates in Arts Degree, will be attending Kutztown University in the Fall for Criminal Justice)

Mikayla Ninos – Weidner University (Master's Degree in Special Education with Concentration in Assisted Technology)

Logan Steigerwalt – Notre Dame University (Master's in Business Administration)

Chris Weidner – St. Francis University (Doctor of Physical Therapy Degree)

Ethan Xander – Bloomsburg (Bachelor of Science in Nursing)

Frankie Zamadics – Bloomsburg University (Degree in Business)



## BASKET RAFFLE NEWS

Basket Members annual picnic at The Sidor Home is scheduled for Wednesday, August 8, 2018 at 6:00 PM.



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**July 9 to 13**

*Still accepting last minute registrations!*

Your children will dive below the surface and venture onto an uncharted island where they will survive and thrive. Classes are held from 9:00 AM until 12 Noon, with a closing program on Friday, July 13 at 7:00 PM. Ages include 3-year olds (potty trained) to children completing 6<sup>th</sup> grade in June 2018. Register at [vbs.hopecherryville.org](http://vbs.hopecherryville.org) or by completing a registration form located in the narthex.

Lots of help will be needed so please consider volunteering. A staff nursery is provided for volunteers if you have younger children who are not old enough to attend. Volunteers need to register as well.

## NEW MEMBERS

New members were received in worship on June 17<sup>th</sup>. Welcome to our Hope family!

- \* Adam John Becker
- \* Angela Louise Eckhart
- \* Robert & Janet Belovich
- \* Jo Ann Hammerstone





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**HOPE LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL**

Now accepting registrations for three year olds for the 2018 – 2019 school year. The school’s structured learning environment prepares children for their formal school experiences. Activities include: music, crafts, gym, painting, language arts, field trips and much more. Please call Deb Gable at 610-767-7523 for more information or to register your child for Nursery School. Your child must be either 3 years of age and potty trained by September 1<sup>st</sup> in order to register.

**YOUTH GROUP SUMMER EVENTS**



**Becky’s Drive In: Friday July 20**

We’ll leave Hope at 8:30 PM. We should be back to Hope around midnight. Cost is \$6 per person.

**PJ’s Lakehouse: Wednesday August 22**

Rain date Thursday August 23  
We’ll leave at 9:00 AM from Hope and be back around 8:00 PM (if the weather’s great maybe later). Bring your swimsuit, towel, sunscreen, and a snack to share.

**Youth Fest 2018: Saturday September 22**

At Union Lutheran Church 9:00 AM – 7:00 PM. Cost will be \$20 per person.



**YOUTH THANK YOU BRUNCH**

Our youth want to thank all those who donated and helped make their experience in Houston possible. Please join us Sunday July 22 for a special “Thank You Brunch” following service. Watch for your invitation in the mail.



Packets for confirmands are hanging on the bulletin board in the narthex. Please grab yours next time you are at Hope. Pictures from the day are posted here:

<https://hopecherryville.shutterfly.com/pictures/467>

**SUMMER HYMN SING**

Your favorite hymns will be sung for 15 minutes before each service. Anything goes! Our hymnal has a lot of hymns to choose from, so pick your favorites and we will sing them. In order to accommodate as many requests as possible, we will only sing the first two stanzas of each hymn requested.



**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.



## EVANGELISM

**Annual covered dish family picnic:** The church picnic will be held Sunday, July 15, 2018 at 11:30 AM Indiantrail park. Please bring a dish for sharing. Evangelism committee will supply hot dogs, hamburgers, rolls and beverages Amy Weil is planning games for children. Entertainment is ready, and of course bingo. This is a nice day to share food, fun and fellowship with your church family and friends, so please plan to join us.



A signup sheet is posted on bulletin board. And please if bringing children add their ages when signing up so Amy can plan age appropriate games for them. Wading in the creek as proven to be an added treat in past years for many of our little ones. Bring lawn chairs and enjoy a relaxing afternoon at Indiantrail Park. Everyone is welcome! The more the merrier.

Evangelism committee has recruited Chip Hunsicker to grill the burgers and hot dogs since he always does such a wonderful job at this. However, we could definitely use a few strong arms to get the grill out of the shed and to transport supplies to the park. Donations of cakes, cookies, watermelon etc. for the cake walk will be appreciated. Questions please call Sharyn Kratzer 610 261 1277

**Bible studies** Thursday evening Bible studies have stopped for summer months. When we meet again in the fall we will be studying the miracles that Jesus preformed. Did you know that at least 37 of these wonderful events are discussed in the new testament? As we study each miracle, we will try and relate it to events in our current life Our Bible studies are very informal. We are learning and growing in God's Word together. New members to this small group are always welcome.

Evangelism does a worship service and communion at 10:00 AM the second Wednesday of each month at Weston Village (Northampton Assisted Living) for the residents there. This is a rewarding experience. Anyone wishing to join us in this worship is welcome to do so.

## HOPE LUTHERAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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

1. Attending an accredited college/university full time
2. Will be entering second year (or higher) of college in fall of 2018
3. Is a member in good standing of Hope Lutheran Church, Cherryville

Applications can be picked up from the church office or can be obtained by phoning 610-767-7203 or by writing to PO Box 1030, Cherryville, PA 18035. The deadline for applications to reach the church office is July 15, 2018. (Recipients of scholarship awards will be invited to be at the worship service on August 5th to receive the first of two checks, the second of which will be sent the first week in January 2018.)

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## YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Pastor Brian has some events planned for a new ministry for all young adult members of Hope, ages 21-35(ish). If you missed the initial meeting, reach out to him and any ideas of activities you're interested in doing this summer and beyond. Watch the Sunday bulletins for more information on events.

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## RALLY DAY

Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>! We'll have lots of special things planned for our first day of Sunday School. Watch for information packets with registration materials in the mail in late August.



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



## 2018 SYNOD ASSEMBLY HIGHLIGHTS

On Friday morning June 8, delegates and visitors from congregations of the synod gathered for this year's assembly. After reports from Bishop Zeiser and the officers of the synod, the Assembly was addressed by Pastor President Gustavo Gómez Pascua from our companion church, Iglesia Evangélica Luterana Unida, in Argentina and Uruguay. He shared some of the topics and concerns trending in his church. Many were similar to the challenges faced by congregations of the ELCA.



A highlight of the Friday afternoon session was the official reception of the Hmong Community Evangelical Lutheran Church as a congregation of our synod. In 1978, Saint Simeon's Lutheran Church in Philadelphia sponsored the first Hmong family from Laos to the Greater Philadelphia area, Mr & Mrs. Chou Koua Kue. Over the next three years, Saint Simeon would continue to sponsor over 15 Hmong families. In 1989, with the number of families reaching 34 families, the Saint Simeon's Council decided to allow and support the first Hmong service for the Hmong members. Finally, in February of 1996, the Hmong members at Saint Simeon's Lutheran Church formed and established the Hmong Community Evangelical Lutheran Church. Eventually the church migrated to St. John's Lutheran Church in Pottstown from June 2005 through June 2012. When all of its members relocated and settled within Berks & Lancaster counties, the church found a new home at Allegheny Evangelical Lutheran Church in 2012.

Mr. Nick Kiger, ELCA Associate Director for Mission Support, brought greetings on behalf of Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton and the entire churchwide organization. Friday's program closed with a Festival Worship Service. Music for this and the other worship events was led by Dr. Michael Krentz. Bishop Zeiser preached on the story of Salome, mother of James and John, asking Jesus if her boys could sit at his right hand and his left. The bishop suggested that the earthly desire for grand buildings, and for social power and prestige in the community, are much like hoping to sit next to

Jesus. Jesus' response to Salome, and to the church of the 21st century is: "It will not be so among you." The bishop suggested that longing for the security that once came with grand church buildings and an honored place in the community is as misguided in our time as was longing to sit at Jesus' right or left sides in his time. This is a new way, God's way. The bishop then asked: "Is there room for a new way in our congregations?" And the answer is: "Yes." We are not doomed to fail, because we have the power and hope of the resurrection. An offering of \$2,859.92 was collected for the Young Adult in Global Ministry program.

On Saturday morning, June 9, the assembly approved the 2019 Spending Plan and the 2019 Compensation Guidelines for Pastors and Deacons. It also adopted two resolutions that were filed with the Committee of Reference and Counsel dealing with "Encouraging Congregational Statements Concerning the Closing of Congregations and the Disposition of Assets" and "Request for a Synodical Process to Determine Ministry Priorities." Thank you to Betty Rock and Mitch Possinger for serving as our 2019 Synod delegates.





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## HOPE LEADERSHIP

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### 2018 CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL

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## CONTACT INFORMATION

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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<b>REGARDING</b>	<b>CALL</b>	<b>PHONE NO.</b>
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		
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	Robin Zamadics Allison Lockard	610-509-1897 610-216-5384
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	610-767-0918
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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**PURPOSE**

*Statement*

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

