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9:00 AM through September 2

8:00 & 10:30 AM beginning September 9

Church Office Hours

8:30 – 3:00 PM | Monday – Friday

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - JULY 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 - July	34,499.79	1,974.68	370.47	210.18	-
Income - Jan.-Jun.	204,107.95	13,169.81	6,703.96	2,307.45	1,000.00
Total Income	238,607.74	15,144.49	7,074.43	2,517.63	1,000.00
Expenses - July	33,238.20	787.00	-	-	600.00
Expenses - Jan.-Jun.	206,019.16	15,768.01	969.15	2,600.00	-
Total Expenses	239,257.36	16,555.01	969.15	2,600.00	600.00
Net Income	(649.62)	(1,410.52)	6,105.28	(82.37)	400.00
Net Special Appeals	1,241.38				
Balance End of July	\$ 90,803.20	\$117,363.16	\$132,946.77	\$ 96,295.96	\$ (4,061.92)

SUMMARY:

Income exceeded expenses in the Regular Fund for the month of July by \$1,261.59, and for the year 2018, expenses exceeded income by \$649.62, giving us a current balance in the Regular Fund of \$90,803.20. Last year the net income for the same period was \$(3,956.04) with a balance of \$76,029.31.

*** 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 Laurie Christman (communications@hopecherryville.org). Thank you.

<u>Edition</u>	<u>Article Deadline</u>	<u>Collation Date</u>
October	Friday, September 14 @ Noon	Thursday, September 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 the news that fits on six pages. The digital version generally runs longer.

SYNOD NEWS

The September 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...

Elisabeth Kuebler-Ross once asked these questions: "How do the geese know when to fly to the sun? Who tells them the seasons? How do we, humans, know when it is time to move on? As with the migrant birds, so surely with us, there is a voice within, if only we would listen to it, that tells us so certainly when to go forth into the unknown."



That voice within - that beautiful, magical presence inside us that lets us know almost everything that we need to know - that can help us to make the right decisions every time - that can help us to make the right choices and say the right things and avoid saying and doing the wrong things - that can help us move beyond tragic events and circumstances. That wonderful voice that we ignore so often in our efforts to run our lives in the ways that we see fit. If only we would listen to it - the voice of God's Spirit guiding and directing us.

In his story "To Build a Fire," Jack London tells us of a man who uses reason to try to survive in temperatures of 75 degrees below zero. He's accompanied by a dog whose instinct tells him he shouldn't be out there. The man, who depends on reason, dies - while the dog who trusts his instinct survives. It's a beautiful lesson on the limits of reason and the powers of instinct - and it's a lesson that we might want to pay attention to in our day-to-day lives.

Many people pray - but few people listen for the Spirit to respond to their prayers. Many people talk with friends - but not everyone listens when their friends talk. Listening is a skill that must be practiced - and listening to the voice of God's Spirit that comes from inside us is a skill that few people value enough even to think of practicing. But what benefits it can bring when we pay attention to it!

The voice of God's Spirit tells us when it's time to venture forth and which directions to take - it tells us that we have grieved enough - it tells us that it is time to forgive - it tells us that we can be strong and courageous - it tells us that we are enough. If

we heed and trust the voice, we're taking advantage of a beautiful gift. If we ignore it and don't trust it, then we're squandering a great gift. May you be blessed to listen to the voice of God's Spirit in your life.

Blessings,
Pastor Jami

SEPTEMBER

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, September 2

9:00 AM Holy Communion

Sunday, September 9

8:00 AM Service of the Word

9:15 AM Sunday School Rally Day

10:30 AM Holy Communion

Sunday, September 16

8:00 AM Holy Communion

9:15 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Service of the Word

Sunday, September 23

8:00 AM Service of the Word

9:15 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Holy Communion

Sunday, September 30

8:00 AM Holy Communion

9:15 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Service of the Word



PASTOR BRIAN'S PREPONDERANT BUSINESS

This morning I released a butterfly that was given to me as a caterpillar by one of our members. It was fun to watch it make itself a chrysalis and wait for two weeks as it transformed into a beautiful monarch butterfly. This got me thinking about the butterfly as symbol of Christian transformation. Like the seed which must die in the ground to be raised as a plant and bear fruit (John 12:24), so the caterpillar trusts the process of leaving behind all it has ever known and wrapping itself in a cocoon. Then, only after many days of nothingness, it breaks free transformed!

Since the time of the early church, the butterfly has been a symbol of the Resurrection. In fact, on my

Easter stole there is a butterfly and a sunrise—both ancient symbols of Easter. Something struck the early church about nature's ability to bring beginnings out of endings, life out of death. Jesus and mystics through the ages talk about "death of self" in a very similar way: calling Christians to bring an end to our old self, which built its identity on judgments and criticism of others and the drive to satisfy our instinctual needs. In place of this old self is born the new self, which is God's idea of who you are and a life dedicated to inward contemplation, introspection, and self-growth; and outward love and service for our neighbor. Both inner and outer expressions are vital.

The Christian spiritual life is about transformation. Sometimes this transformation comes from spiritual mountaintops that fill us with the power of the Holy Spirit as we return to normal life. Other times in our journey we encounter people and situations that are difficult and which challenge us to grow. The Holy Spirit is silently at work here too: encouraging us to overcome difficult situations, bear judgments with a smile, and grow from whatever situation life throws at us. Transformation occurs when we are pushed to our limits and may even feel like we can't continue. It is times like these when we've reached our limit that many of us finally give

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MUSIC NOTES

This year is looking to be exciting with some new and different opportunities. Even if you are not currently in a choir or the orchestra, keep reading to find out about some new events.

Regular choir rehearsals will start this fall for each ensemble with the Adult/Senior choir starting on Thursday, September 6th from 7 PM to 8:30 PM. The senior choir sings weekly and has a choice of either service. Membership is open to anyone who is post high school age.

The Junior/Youth choir will remain combined and will start rehearsals on Thursday, September 20th from 6 PM to 6:50 PM. This choir usually sings twice a month at changing services to accommodate preferences and schedules. No experience or auditions necessary to join either singing choir.

The next church orchestra event will be Reformation, October 28th at both services. Rehearsal for orchestra precedes scheduled events and can always be found on the on-line church calendar. The orchestra commitment is by service. This

means, rehearsals are service specific and only for the designated service. Musicians with playing experience of at least two years are welcome to join us for any or all scheduled services throughout the year. Typically we play: Reformation (last Sunday in October), Christmas Eve, Easter (April 21) and Pentecost (June 9). There is the possibility of adding one more service this year. To remain informed of orchestra services, rehearsals, surveys and other special events, please sign up for orchestra texts by emailing David Ziegler.

Finally, we are soliciting interest in an ad hoc men's (or people who sing men's parts) choir to sing both services on November 11th. There will be four weekly rehearsals preceding the service to learn a medley of patriotic songs accompanied by orchestra. Pending sufficient participation in both choir and orchestra, exact rehearsal dates and times will be announced shortly. Please register your interest with David Ziegler by email no later than September 16th.



YOUTH GROUP EVENTS



sign-up for this awesome event!

On Saturday, September 22 youth group will be attending Youth Fest 2018 at Union Lutheran Church 9 a.m.—7 p.m. Cost will be \$20 per person. Watch for the email and

You're invited to youth group's **Chicken & Waffle Dinner** on Saturday October 27. You may purchase tickets after service on September 30, October 7, October 14, and October 21. Come and enjoy our youth group's service and meal. Thanks for your support!

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation Orientation will be Sunday, August 26th at 10:00 am. New and returning Confirmation students and their parents/guardians are asked to come to our orientation following worship August 26th in the sanctuary. This

is a very important meeting, as we will discuss requirements and expectations, and hand out a calendar with the entire year's schedule. See you then!

Confirmation begins Sunday, September 9th at 9:15 am. Level 1 will

meet downstairs and Level 2 on the main level in the Hanson Hall classroom.

Level 2's first **mentor event** is Saturday, September 15th 10:00 am-1:00 pm. Students and mentors please mark your calendars!

CENTERING PRAYER

In the month of September, Monday Centering Prayer group will meet the second and fourth Mondays of the month, and Wednesday the typical first and third. So the dates are as follows:

Wednesday, September 5 at 2:00 p.m.
Monday, September 10 at 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, September 19 at 2:00 p.m.
Monday, September 24 at 6:00 p.m.



POST-CONFIRMATION

Post-Confirmation group invites all high school students to meet the first and third of each month. Our first day will be the third Sunday of this month, September 16th. We'll meet for brunch and games outside. Please contact Pastor Brian if you're attending by Wednesday Sept. 12 so we know how much food to prepare!

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adult Sunday School will begin a new year Sunday September 9th. One class meets in the room behind Kuntz Hall and the other in the Hanson Hall kitchen at 9:15 a.m. every Sunday. Stop in and check them out! If you have any questions feel free to contact class leaders AJ Szwast or Bob Small.



There will be a **HopeFest** meeting on Tuesday, September 25 at 7 p.m. in Hanson Hall. If enough people express interest in volunteering we'll work on organizing HopeFest for next summer. So if you'd like to see HopeFest next year please attend and help make it happen!

ENJOY THE CONVENIENCE OF ELECTRONIC GIVING

Consider electronic giving as a way to automate your regular weekly contributions. Electronic giving offers convenience for members and provides much-needed contribution consistency for our congregation. 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.

2018 FALL BASKET SOCIAL INVITATION

YOU ARE INVITED to attend the 24th Annual Fall Walk-in Basket Social on **Friday, October 12**, to be held in Kuntz Hall. Proceeds will be donated to the Hope Church Building Maintenance Fund.

Doors open at 4:00 p.m. The drawing will begin at 7:30 p.m. Winners will be notified via phone that same evening. The cost of a ticket is \$5 at the door. Refreshments will be sold.

Special thanks to our retired Hopefest Committee for their donation of tickets.

We invite you to help with this event by donating a theme basket, gift certificate, bottled water, canned soda, or baked good. Any of these items may be dropped off in the fellowship hall the evening before the social (Thursday, October 11 from 6-8 p.m). **Please note that due to legal regulations, lottery and alcoholic beverage baskets are not allowed at basket raffles and we will comply with that law.*

Hope's Basket Committee would like to take this opportunity to say **thank you to Jean Fritzing** for the many years she served as a Committee Member. Her time, gifts, and talents are appreciated and we will miss her fun-loving spirit at Spring and Fall Socials.

As a committee we would also like to **thank Toni Snyder** for seeing a need and stepping up to volunteer her time, gifts, and talents to seek out businesses who might be interested in donating gift cards or theme baskets to our Socials.

Thank you! The Basket Committee looks forward to seeing you on October 21!

Sincerely,

The Basket Committee



Our Organization Meeting for the 2018 Fall Social will be held in Hanson Hall on Tuesday, October 2 at 6 pm.

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS—AUGUST 2018

- ◆ Mutual Ministry Committee reported that they will be developing a Social Media Policy for the congregation. Currently they are gathering information from the ELCA, Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod and other churches to see what guidelines, suggestions, and policies have already been developed. A draft will be presented to council at a later meeting.
- ◆ Council accepted Rachel Holencik's resignation as the Clearance Coordinator. Mutual Ministry will begin to seek a replacement.
- ◆ The Youth Group Chicken and Waffle Dinner has a tentative date of October 27th and council approved a request for youth to sell tickets on Sept. 30th and Oct. 7th, 14th, and 21st.
- ◆ Council reviewed proposals from Keystone Technology to upgrade office computers and programs. A suggestion was made to look into other ways to store information offsite. Matt Sekol will work with staff members on this and report back to council.
- ◆ The next council meeting has been moved from Sept. 10th to Sept 17th at 7:00 p.m.

Pastor Brian's Preponderant Business

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fully ourselves to God; and like the seed in the ground or caterpillar in the chrysalis, we emerge from the dark night transformed.

I hope that you will bear life's difficulties with this in mind. Whenever you encounter challenging people or situations, may you see them as an opportunity for growth and transformation—your

own chrysalis. Never forget: the darker the night, the brighter the dawn. Blessings to you this month as you walk your journey of transformation and remember the caterpillar and the resurrection life to which we are called.

Blessings,
Pastor Brian

HOPE'S HELPING HANDS

Hope's Helping Hands wants to thank everyone who supported our Shrimp Boil held August 18th. We had a great turnout for take-out orders. Upcoming next is our semi-annual crab patties and lobster bisque soup sale. Watch for our members who will be taking orders in the narthex on Sunday mornings, September 9th, 16th and 23rd following



both worship services. Crab patty and soup delivery will be on **Sunday, September 30th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Kuntz Hall kitchen.** All our fundraising events help support our mission team and our work in helping others in need. We are a self-funded group who rely solely on our fundraising efforts so there is no additional burden on the church budget. We really appreciate the contributions of our church members over the past several years.

“FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN”

On the weekend of October 12-14 Union UCC in Neffs is hosting an event to pack food for Feed My Starving Children, a Christian organization that brings food to chil-

dren in third world countries. They are looking for both donations and volunteers. Grab a flier in the narthex for more information, or sign up on the events

bulletin board for a shift on Saturday October 13th. Also, check out their Facebook page “Feed My Starving Children of the Lehigh Valley”.

PENNY PARTY

The Northampton Area Food Bank is sponsoring a **PENNY PARTY** on **Sunday, September 23rd** in Kuntz Hall of Hope Lutheran Church. Doors open at **1:30 p.m.** and the fun begins at **2:00 p.m.** There will be refreshments, a raffle, and bake sale in addition to the Penny Party. So, bring your pennies, spare

change and even a few dollars for a chance to win food or household items and even some baked goods for just pennies at this fun-filled event. Hope to see everyone there!



NORTHAMPTON AREA FOOD BANK

Formed in 1992 by a group of concerned people and local churches, and incorporated in 1999, Northampton Area Food Bank initially helped about 50 families and functioned out of a small borrowed building on Franklin Street. The organization then expanded in 2007 to its current facility on Canal street. The building was constructed mostly from contributions and donated services, and continues to operate entirely by volunteers who give their time and energy to keep things running smoothly. NAFB is one of 200 participating member agencies of the Lehigh Valley's second Harvest Food Bank, and is affiliated with the Northampton Ecumenical

Clergy Association. The community's continued generosity helps us to provide food for our neighbors in need, to purchase food for distribution, to create useful programs for our recipients, and to meet necessary operational expenses.

NAFB has grown to serve **500 registered families** – about 1,500 people. We are so grateful to the dedicated volunteers who currently help throughout each month. While the organization is in a good stable position, we are in need of new board leaders to replace those retiring and with term expiring. **We're seeking new friends to serve as board and committee members,** and anyone

with a general willingness to assist with governance and administration, operational tasks such as ordering and managing distribution, and to coordinate fundraising events.

If you are interested in volunteering some time and talent for this important work, **please contact us now!** And, if you know someone that might need a little help, please let them know the Food Bank is available to assist them.

On behalf of the residents we are privileged to serve, many thanks for your kindness and support.

Sincerely,

NAFB Board

StoryWeavers

meets on the second Tuesday of each month (September 11) at 10 a.m.

All women are welcome.

For more information, call LeeAnn Chandler, 610-440-0341.

WELCA

meets Tuesday, September 18 at 9:00 a.m.



Outreach Ministry to the Rescue Mission

Wednesday, September 12 at 3:30 p.m.



Soup Group and Delivery

September 5 at 9:00 a.m.

in Kuntz Hall kitchen.



Hope Friendship Dance

Monday, September 17
7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

With Thanks . . . (you can see these notes on the bulletin board)

Dear Hope Lutheran VBS Attendees,

Amazing! Awesome! Outstanding! You are to be thanked and congratulated on all the wonderful items you collected for the **Allentown St. Stephen's Outreach summer program** for the month of July. Please be assured we are extremely grateful and thankful for so many useful gifts we are already using. [you can see the complete list of items in the card posted on the bulletin board]

We guide and help local children in Allentown, mainly from Ramos and McKinley Elementary schools. We meet every weekday from July 9 – August 3. We keep them interested in their math, reading and "Leader In Me" programs. We gather at 8:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. with three school teachers and many volunteers to educate and focus on enrichment activities. We thank God for your blessings and the love that you have shown to our neighborhood children.

Linda Forand,
Summer Coordinator

To Pastor Jami, the children attending VBS and the team at Hope Lutheran Church,

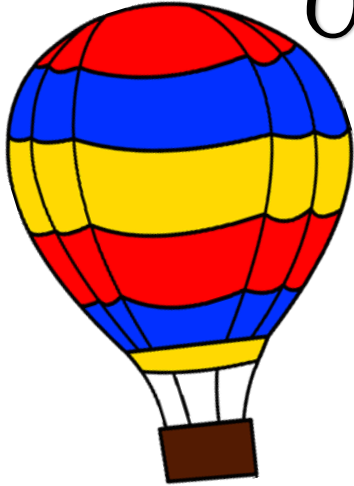
Laughing At My Nightmare, Inc. was co-founded by cousins Sara (Burcaw) Yunusov and Shane Burcaw, in 2012. Shane lives with a severe form of muscular dystrophy and has been wheelchair bound since the age of 2.

Shane's disease never slowed him down from living life to the fullest. In 2011 Shane stated a blog called Laughing At My Nightmare that told the funny, crazy, and at times tear jerking stories of the experiences he's had living with his disease.

This generous donation to Laughing At My Nightmare thanks to the generosity of the families, congregation members, and children who attended VBS, is going to help them change even more lives of individuals living with muscular dystrophy!

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts (and wheels)!

Sarah Yunusov
Development Director
Laughing At My Nightmare, Inc.



UP, UP AND AWAY WITH JESUS

Join us for:

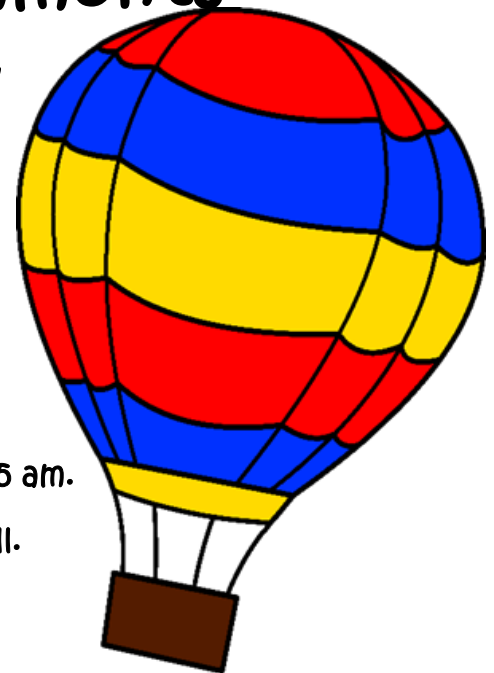
Sunday School Rally Day

September 9, 2018

9:15 am

Wear Blue

**Songs, Games, Refreshments
And lots of Fun!**



Everyone should meet in the church by 9:15 am.

Students will be dismissed in Kuntz Hall.

Dear Parents/Guardians,



We would like to take on a monthly mission project (MMP) during the Sunday School Year to teach the important lesson of giving and helping others. Each month we will be collecting items for various causes. There will be a bulletin board with Monthly Mission Project Information along each class's monthly donation totals. Items will be collected during the weekly morning Sunday School Worship Service.

Please note, we just want the kids to learn to "give and help others", give what you can, don't feel you have to give each month. Any donation is greatly appreciated.

Here are the 9 MMP - (this way if you see any of the items on sale throughout the year you can pick it up)

MONTH	CAUSE	DONATION REQUEST
September	Color for Kids	Crayons, colored pencils, markers, watercolors, pencil sharpener
October	The Chemo Bag	Bottled water, green tea, journal, pens, travel tissues, travel hand sanitizer, lap blanket, healing lip balm, nail files, ornaments, instant chicken soup packets, peppermint tea, puzzle books, sleep mask, thick socks, travel body creams and lotions, mini first aid kit
November	Toys for Tots	New unused toys and games
December	Northampton Food Bank	Nonperishable food items
January	New Year Deed	Kids will keep track of each good deed they do for others
February	Forever Felines	Products to donate to the shelter (food, cat litter, blankets, towels etc.)
March	Cops N Kids	Books
April	Better Hearing Month	Collecting coins to buy hearing aids for kids
May	Heartland Home Care/Hospice	Personal items- toiletries, razors, soap, tooth brushes, towels, lap blankets, etc.

GIVING IS NOT JUST ABOUT MAKING A DONATION,
IT'S ABOUT MAKING A DIFFERENCE.



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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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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
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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



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