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Sunday Worship

8:00 & 10:30 AM

Sunday School

9:15 AM

Church Office Hours

8:30 – 3:00 PM | Monday – Friday

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - AUGUST 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 - August | 23,387.07 | 1,827.35 | 1,965.25 | - | - |
| Income - Jan.-Jul. | 238,607.74 | 15,144.49 | 7,074.43 | 2,517.63 | 1,000.00 |
| Total Income | 261,994.81 | 16,971.84 | 9,039.68 | 2,517.63 | 1,000.00 |
| Expenses - August | 30,657.84 | 2,425.42 | 205.75 | 2,600.00 | - |
| Expenses - Jan.-Jul. | 239,257.36 | 16,555.01 | 969.15 | 2,600.00 | 600.00 |
| Total Expenses | 269,915.20 | 18,980.43 | 1,174.90 | 5,200.00 | 600.00 |
| Net Income | (7,920.39) | (2,008.59) | 7,864.78 | (2,682.37) | 400.00 |
| Net Special Appeals | 2,094.00 | | | | |
| Balance End of August | \$ 84,385.05 | \$116,765.09 | \$134,706.27 | \$ 93,695.96 | \$ (4,061.92) |

SUMMARY:

Expenses exceeded income in the Regular Fund for the month of August by \$7,270.77, and for the year 2018, expenses exceeded income by \$7,920.39, giving us a current balance in the Regular Fund of \$84,385.05. Last year the net income for the same period was \$(9,599.25) with a balance of \$71,144.75.

*** 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> |
|----------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
| November | Friday, October 19 AM | Thursday, October 25 @ 10:00 AM |

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SYNOD NEWS

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Visit <http://nepasynod.org/documents/synod-news/synod-news-2018-10.pdf>



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GREETINGS FROM THE PASTOR...

Over the years I have had people ask me, "Why does the church ask us to make a financial commitment? Isn't just giving what I can enough?" My initial feeling is that the people asking the question don't really want to hear an answer – they want the opportunity to tell me all the reasons they can't – or won't – make a commitment to the ministry of their congregation. I usually find myself defending the practice making a financial commitment to a congregation like Hope Lutheran by telling my family's story of tithing – and I know sometimes it falls on deaf ears.

As we approach another Commitment Sunday when we will ask you to write down your estimate of giving for 2019, I am reminded how important it is to give thanks to God for what we have and recommit our time, talent, and treasure to God's ministry here at Hope. I am a big fan of this habit and here are five reasons why:

- **Taking Time to Assess What You Value**

It has been said, "Show me your checking account and I can tell you what is important in your life." Taking time to reflect on your gifts as a household and how you spend your money is a great way to see what you value and how you can share your blessings. These things are at the core of discipleship and spiritual growth.

- **Sharing - not Losing**

I can remember the time before I became a tither. Whenever I would sit in the pews and see the offering plate coming, I would fumble through my wallet. It was an awkward moment while I hoped for a bill that was "enough," but "not too much." I will admit now that tossing that crumpled bill into the plate felt more like losing than sharing. Giving sporadically and last

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HOPE for Our Community

Our Stewardship Committee is excited to announce the 2018 Fall Stewardship theme "HOPE for Our Community". This year we want to celebrate the many ways Hope reaches out into the community because of YOUR generous support.

Did you know that if a child does not get enough food outside of school he or she is considered "food insecure?" Did you know that in the Northampton Borough 18% of children under 18 live below the poverty line? Did you know that the percentage of people who experience food insecurity in Lehigh County is 10.7% and in Northampton County is 10.5%? Did you know that 64% of households in Lehigh County and 50% of households in Northampton County qualify for free school meals?

We would like to help change those numbers by working with local schools to provide a Back-Pack program which will provide nutritious, non-perishable, easy-to-prepare food to children to ensure they get enough food on weekends and holidays when they cannot depend on school meals to avoid hunger. HOPE for Our Community.

As part of our 2018 Commitment Sunday event, we will be collecting rolling backpacks and shelf-stable food. Containers will be available in the narthex for you to deposit your donations. Members may sponsor the purchase of a backpack and/or donate food from the following list:

| | | | |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|---|------------------|
| Instant oatmeal | Small jar of peanut butter | Small box of 100% fruit juice | Granola bars |
| Small bags of pretzels | Box of Macaroni and Cheese | Shelf stable milk box | "Healthy" cereal |
| Small cups of applesauce | Small pop-top pasta with beef | Small pop-top chili | Small fruit cups |
| Small bags Trail Mix | Shelf stable yogurt or cheese | Pop-top cans green beans, carrots, corn | |

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PASTOR BRIAN'S PREPONDERANT BUSINESS

One of the most influential Christian thinkers alive today is Franciscan priest Richard Rohr. He founded the Center for Action and Contemplation in the 1980s. Some of you might be interested in receiving Richard Rohr's daily email mediations, which you can subscribe to for free at cac.org. The name of this organization emphasizes the inner and outer expressions of spirituality: contemplation and action. Contemplation is the practice of resting in the inner world of the Spirit, where we connect with the Ground of Being. The practice is simply being in a state of silent awareness—which is restful, healing, and transformative. Action is any act which stems from that time of connection with God, actions of love and service for God and neighbor. These can be charitable works or social activism, anything that works to make the world a better place.

Over the years, Rohr says, he learned to focus more on contemplation because so few American Christians have any idea how important it is to our faith life. He also emphasizes contemplation because any act of service not grounded in prayerful reflection is at risk of being subconsciously used to increase our

sense of superiority.

With all that in mind, I'd like you to think this month about how you can further develop your spiritual practice of contemplation and action. You might take time in the mornings to read your Bible slowly and mindfully. Or you might create space in your day for a period of silence to meditate on God's presence. You can attend our Centering Prayer group or join one of our Adult Sunday School classes. And when it comes to action and service there's ample opportunity to get involved with ministries at Hope. You could get involved with our ministries like Hope's Friendship Dance or volunteer at St. Stephen's or Allentown Rescue Mission. You can help at church events like the Yard Sale or Hope Fest, or help work the Basket Socials or Nativity Display. If you have a passion for youth ministry you can get involved with youth group or Sunday School. One specific opportunity I hope you will join this month is an event called "Feed My Starving Children" the weekend of October 12-14 at Neffs UCC. It's an excellent opportunity to help those in desperate need. You can read more about that later in the newsletter, or sign up on the events

bulletin board at church.

There are a lot of ways to deepen your relationship with God by developing a committed spiritual practice and/or by working to love and serve your neighbors. May you prayerfully discern where God is calling you this month and don't hesitate to follow the gentle pullings of the Holy Spirit!

Blessings,
Pastor Brian



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, October 7

8:00 AM Holy Communion
9:15 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Service of the Word

Sunday, October 14 Commitment Sunday

8:00 AM Service of the Word
9:15 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Holy Communion

Sunday, October 21 Commitment Sunday

8:00 AM Holy Communion
9:15 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Service of the Word

Sunday, October 28 Reformation Sunday

8:00 AM Service of the Word
9:15 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Holy Communion

PASTORAL ACTS

HOLY BAPTISMS

Ronan Christopher Zedalis, son of Zachary and Brittany Zedalis, was baptized on Sunday, August 26. Pastor Jami officiated.

Kendahl Jade Lehr, daughter of Devin & Tanisha Lehr, was baptized on Sunday, September 16. Pastor Jami officiated.

Please welcome Ronan and Kendahl as the newest members of our church family.

MARRIAGE

Katlyn Rehrig and Tyler Passaro were united in marriage on September 23. Pastor Jami officiated.

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

Greetings from the Pastor *(Continued from page 3)*

minute does not usually feel generous and that is because it comes from a moment of pressure that does not make time for the reflection I mentioned above. **Planning to give** connects us to our offering in a thoughtful and joyful way that can transform our understanding of sharing what we have.

- **Worthy Gifts**

Many people do not make a commitment because they don't think the amount they give is worthy of being proclaimed and promised ahead of time. Yikes – where did they get that idea??!! Whether you commit to sharing \$1 or \$1,000 a week, **it matters and it makes a difference**. Whatever you have to give is worthy of being shared.

- **Word and Deed**

Making a promise and acting on it again and again is a physical lesson about God's love for us. God never ceases to offer us life and forgiveness through Jesus Christ. Making a commitment is a bold and simple way to respond to God's love and action in our lives.

- **Moving God's Kingdom Forward**

Have you ever watched commitment cards pile up in a basket or offering plate? Those promises add up to do miraculous things in the name of Jesus. Committing to share your gifts means standing together with your brothers and sisters at Hope in ministry and mission for a purpose beyond yourself. It means trusting that together our gifts are abundantly more than enough to change the world!

So there you have it – 5 great reasons why it is important for you to give – important for your own spiritual life and important to the life of our congregation. May God open your heart this year as you complete your Estimate of Giving Card.

Blessings,
Pastor Jami



YOUTH GROUP EVENTS

Youth group's October event will be volunteering at **"Feed My Starving Children"** on Friday, October 12; We'll meet at Hope at 5:45 p.m. and be back around 9:00 p.m. Sign up on the youth bulletin board or by emailing Pastor Brian!



On Saturday, October 27, youth group is hosting our **Chicken & Waffle Dinner!** Sign up to help on youth group's Sign-Up Genius.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation Level 1 and Level 2 will meet Saturday, October 13, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in Kuntz Hall for our **fall mini-retreat**. Parents please be on the look out for an email reminder which will go over snacks to bring and other details.

In November, Confirmation Level 1 students will visit **Temple Beth El** on Friday, November 2, (meet at church at 4:45 p.m.) and **Slatington Baptist Church** on Sunday, November 18, (we'll leave after your Sunday School class).

Please be sure to dress appropriately for both visits.

And on Saturday, November 17 Level 2 students and their mentors will be volunteering at **Northampton Food Bank**.

POST-CONFIRMATION

Sunday, October 7, Post-Confirmation group will be going for a **hike!** Come at 9:15 a.m. dressed for the weather and prepared to hike. Bring a bottle of water. If it rains we'll go out to breakfast instead and

the hike will be postponed until October 21.

Sunday, October 21, Post-Confirmation group will be meeting at church and going out to **breakfast at Blue Mountain Diner!**

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.*

Thank you! The Basket Committee looks forward to seeing you on October 12!

Sincerely,

The Basket Committee

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

CHICKEN & WAFFLE DINNER

Saturday, October 27 youth group will be hosting our annual Chicken & Waffle Dinner.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$4 for a child or "dessert only" ticket.

They will be for sale after worship on September 30, October 7, 14, and 21.

Seatings will be available every half hour starting at 4:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Thank you for your support in the past and we look forward to serving you again this year!



WOMEN OF FAITH *Our mission is to enhance lives of women through service, fellowship and education*

Upcoming events:

In October, Hope's Women of Faith once again teams up with Nazareth Ford to help at the **Suites and Treats** event at Coca-Cola Park in Allentown. The Iron Pigs Charities host this safe trick-or-treating opportunity for underprivileged Lehigh Valley children who might not otherwise be able to trick-or-treat. We decorate and staff a designated area within the ballpark and distribute trick-or-treat items for the children. The candy is provided by Nazareth Ford. Last year over 750 kids attended the event!

The children are invited through various non-profit organizations, a few of which include: Boys and Girls Clubs, Miracle League of the LV, Pediatric Cancer Foundation of the LV, Dream Come True, Sixth Street Shelter and more!

On Saturday, November 10, we will be traveling to Shoemakersville to pack boxes for the Keystone Military Families Organization. More details to follow.

Questions about any of these events, please call Jane Tretiak at 610-767-0918. Watch the weekly bulletins for more information.

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.

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.

“FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN”

The weekend of October 12-14 Neffs UCC will be hosting a Mobile pack event for “Feed My Starving Children,” a Christian organization which packs nutritious food for children in third world countries. They are looking for both dona-

tions and volunteers. You may sign up on their website or by visiting their Facebook page “Feed My Starving Children of the Lehigh Valley”. If you have trouble with online registration you may ask Pastor Brian any questions, or you

can sign up on Hope’s event bulletin board and Pastor Brian will register you for the event.



CENTERING PRAYER

Centering Prayer will meet at odd times this month. Pastor Brian is away Wednesday, October 3, for the synod’s First Call Education and will be away the third week of the month. Times remain: Monday evenings 6:00-7:00 p.m. and Wednesday afternoons 2:00-3:00 p.m. The dates for our meetings will be:



Monday, October 1, 6-7 p.m.

Wednesday, October 10, 2-3 p.m.

Monday, October 22, 6-7 p.m.

Wednesday, October 24, 2-3 p.m.

YARD SALE

The Yard Sale Committee would like to thank everyone who donated, helped and attended the yard sale.

The total amount we raised is \$17,305.57. We had 35 people for the early bird special - which made \$350. The money will go to buy a new metal cabinet for the Sunday School supplies. The rest of the money was placed in the Building Fund. The money will go to the concrete project at Kuntz Hall (very expensive), paint for the Sunday School rooms downstairs and new carpet in the hallway at the Pastors’ offices.

We would like to thank:

- The Boy Scouts for carrying the heavy tables from the lower Sunday School rooms and transporting the boxes into Kuntz Hall
- Units Storage.com for donating the storage units that housed the yard sale goods

- Thrivent for the gift cards to help pay expenses.

The most unusual item this year was an accordion. We received enough instruments to start a band. Four guitars, clarinet, three keyboards, sheet music, a pitch pipe, and a conductor’s wand. All were sold.

Some leftover yard sale objects were donated to different organizations. The majority went to Purple Heart.

The woman from Kenya was there. She bought numerous items. She was getting ready to ship the goods back to Kenya in a container.

The puzzles went to the Senior Citizen Center at Hope.

Bedding, towels and miscellaneous fabric items that were torn or stained were washed and donated to Peaceable Kingdom.

Other clothing went to an organization that will sell it to help a man that needs a liver transplant in the area.

Putting the yard sale together is a lot of hard work and long hours. The committee and volunteers worked hard, but in the end it all paid off and we even had fun.

We are in need of YOUNGER help to carry on the yard sale. The older people are retiring from the yard sale due to medical issues and age.

The yard sale will be placed on hold and may be cancelled for 2019 if we do not get more help.

Please contact the church office if you would like to help next year. This is not a long term commitment.



StoryWeavers

meets on the second Tuesday of each month (October 9) at 10 a.m.
All women are welcome.
For more information call
LeeAnn Chandler,
610-440-0341.

WELCA
meets Tuesday,
October 16
at 9:00 a.m.



Trunk or Treat at Outreach Ministry to St. Stephens

Saturday, October 20
at 10:30 a.m.



Soup Group and Delivery

Wednesday, October 3
9:00 a.m.
in Kuntz Hall kitchen.



Outreach Ministry to St. Stephens

Wednesday, October 24
2:30 p.m.

Outreach Ministry Meeting

Monday, October 8
6:00 p.m.



Monday, October 15
7:00 – 9:00 p.m. in Kuntz Hall

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT



Saturday, November 10

Featuring “The Greatest Showman”
Showing in Kuntz Hall
Doors open at 6:00 p.m. — Showtime 6:30 p.m.
Refreshments will be provided.
This is a **FREE** event, everyone is welcome! A sign- up sheet can be found on the Narthex bulletin board.

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

Dear Hope Church,

Thank you so much for your donation of 42 rolling backpacks and school supplies! You are so thoughtful and generous. The kids were so excited to see the bright new bags and so happy when they realized they would be able to wheel them instead of trying to carry two backpacks at once or drag it due to its weight. We are so grateful for your help and support in helping us help our families in need. Thank you for being our angels!

Sincerely,
The Staff of George Wolf Elementary

Dear Hope,

I am sincerely honored to have been selected as a recipient of one of the church scholarships. Thank you for your generosity, which has allowed me to purchase my books this semester. Thank you again for your generous gift.

Dawson Hughes



EVANGELISM

Thursday Evening Bible Studies: Our weekly Bible studies have resumed. We meet each Thursday evening at 6:30 p.m. Currently we are reviewing and studying 37 miracles that Jesus preformed during his ministry and trying to relate them to life in 2018. This is a small group of people that are interested in learning more about God and God's Word. Our classes are very informal and we do have some excellent discussions. We have reserved a seat for YOU! Please join us and learn and grow with us. There is no cost. Everyone is welcome to join us and you do not have to be a member of Hope to join and participate in our Bible studies. See you on Thursday evenings. Our study each week is usually about an hour to an hour and a half and this time goes by quite quickly. For further information about our Bible studies, please call Sharyn Kratzer @ 610-261-1277

Monthly Worship: Our Evangelism committee goes to Weston Assisted Living (Northampton Village) the second Wednesday morning of each month to provide a worship service and offer communion to the residents there. Usually between 20 - 25 residents participate in this ministry and look forward to Hope Church coming. It is a great ministry that enables us to bring God to many that can no longer attend worship at their own congregations, but it is also spiritual uplifting for us to do this worship for them. If you would like to join us for this outreach ministry, please contact Sharyn Kratzer @ 610-261-1277 or talk to any member of your Evangelism Committee. This outreach usually only involves about one hour of your time!

Weston Village Bingo: Our committee is going to play bingo with the residents on Sunday, October 14,

at 1:15 p.m. and we will stay approximately an hour to an hour and a half. Bingo is always a much enjoyed activity for the residents there and, of course, they look forward to the prizes we bring (anyone wishing to contribute a small prize such as a lotion, crackers, or seek and find books etc., may gladly do so). If you would like to help with this activity, please let our committee know. If any of our youth would like to join us, it would be great to have you as well (senior citizens love to talk with the youth!)

Annual Nativity Display: Though it seems much too early to talk about the Nativity display, it is approaching quickly. This is always a successful event because so many of you are willing to help with this project. We could not do it without you. We will again be asking for your help. Mark your calendars -- the display will be November 24 and 25. This is another opportunity for our youth to become involved and earn community service for either confirmation, school, or scouts. More information will follow in future newsletters and church bulletins.

Evangelism Committee can always use more members and new ideas to further serve God, our church family, and our community. Consider joining us! We usually meet the first Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. Even if you can't join us for our committee meetings, perhaps you can spare some time to help us with our events. Any time you can donate to Evangelism Committee would certainly be appreciated.

Thank you and God's Blessings to all,

Hope's Evangelism Committee

HOPE for Our Community *(Continued from page 3)*

We will observe Commitment Sunday on October 14th at both worship services and we've planned some fun activities...

- ◆ During worship, we will share how our members give Hope to the lives of people in our community and beyond.
- ◆ You will have the opportunity to complete and return an Estimate of Giving Card.
- ◆ Finally, we will have a "Thank You" breakfast after each service where you can join other members for a warm meal and lots of fellowship – just to say thanks! In the weeks leading up to October 14th, you will have the opportunity to RSVP to the breakfast by completing a card at church. You may also call the church office 610-767-7203 to RSVP.

Sunday School "Flight Plan"

On September 9th we celebrated the beginning of the new Sunday School year with our Up, Up and Away with Jesus themed Rally Day. The students had a lot of fun singing songs, playing games and decorating cookies. We would like to thank all the Sunday School volunteers who helped make this event a success. Also, a huge thank you to parents for supporting our students and bringing them to Sunday School every week. We are looking forward to a fun and exciting Sunday School year.

Just a reminder to parents, if you have not already, please make sure you fill out a Sunday School registration form for your child(ren). This includes Confirmation and Post-confirmation classes.

The **Monthly Mission Project (MMP)** for October is for an organization called **The CHEMO Bag**.

This cause is dear to my heart because I had a personal experience with this agency. Last year, I was diagnosed with Stage 2 Breast Cancer and had to undergo chemotherapy and radiation treatments.

The first day that I was to get chemo, my family and I were scared. One of the kind nurses handed me a bag. I was surprised to receive a gift that day. I could not believe everything that was inside this bag. It had so many items that I would need and use throughout the treatments. Some of the items in my bag included a very soft blanket, candy, lotions, soaps, water bottles, and even crossword puzzles and coloring books. It was such a great feeling receiving one of the bags that day, knowing that others cared and wanted to help. I took that bag along with me to the treatments.

Since this month is dedicated to breast cancer awareness, we are asking the children to bring in items to fill bags for cancer patients to receive when they get chemotherapy just as I did. The Chemo Bag organization will fill as many bags as they can with our donations.

Our goal is to be able to fill 20 bags

Please donate items from the list and help this amazing cause: items will be collected during the morning Sunday School Worship service.



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| Bottled water | Colloidal oatmeal soap |
| Crystallized ginger | Gentle toothpaste (Tom's, Biotine, also their mouthwash) |
| Ginger tea | Green tea |
| Healing lip balm | Healthy, all-natural, organic, preservative free treats |
| Journal | Knitted hat |
| Lap blanket 50" x 60" | Mints, lemon drops, and gum |
| Nail Files | Ornaments |
| Pens | Packets of instant chicken noodle soup |
| Peppermint tea | Prepaid phone calling or SMS gift card |
| Puzzle Books | Selection of notecards with pre-stamped envelopes |
| Sleep Masks | Thick soft socks |
| Travel-size first aid kit | Travel-size hand and body creams |
| Travel-size hand sanitizer | Travel/purse size tissue |

Thanks for helping make someone's day a little brighter.

Blessings,

Robin Zamadics and Ally Lockard