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8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Sunday School

9:15 AM

Church Office Hours

8:30 – 3:00 PM

Monday – Friday

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - DECEMBER 31, 2017

	Regular	Building	Memorial	Scholarship Loan	Memorial Garden
Balance Beginning of Year	\$ 79,131.40	\$106,630.01	\$106,347.01	\$ 93,081.10	\$ (6,461.92)
Income - December	57,847.11	2,423.16	(90.19)	-	-
Income - Jan.-Nov.	358,869.32	48,426.11	25,645.33	10,387.23	2,000.00
Total Income	416,716.43	50,849.27	25,555.14	10,387.23	2,000.00
Expenses - December	35,959.31	19,349.00	420.00	-	-
Expenses - Jan.-Nov.	372,653.87	19,356.60	4,640.66	7,090.00	-
Total Expenses	408,613.18	38,705.60	5,060.66	7,090.00	-
Net Income	8,103.25	12,143.67	20,494.48	3,297.23	2,000.00
Net Special Appeals	2,976.79				
Balance End of December	\$ 90,211.44	\$118,773.68	\$126,841.49	\$ 96,378.33	\$ (4,461.92)

SUMMARY:

Income exceeded expenses in the Regular Fund for the month of December by \$21,887.80, and for the year 2017, income exceeded expenses by \$8,103.25, giving us a current balance in the Regular Fund of \$90,211.44. Last year the net income for the same period was \$1,512.79 with a balance of \$79,131.40.

**** 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). Thank you.

<u>Edition</u>	<u>Article Deadline</u>	<u>Collation Date</u>
March	Friday, February 16 @ Noon	Thursday, February 25 @ 10:00 AM
April	Friday, March 16 @ Noon	Thursday, February 22 @ 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 February 2018 issue of Synod News is available online.

Visit <http://nepasynod.org/documents/synod-news/synod-news-2018-02.pdf>



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GREETINGS FROM THE PASTOR...

From Pastor Jami Possinger

40! It's not my age – at least not anymore. But it is a significant number. It appears time and again in the Bible. It rained for forty days and nights when God cleansed the world with a great flood and saved Noah and his family. Moses spent **40** days on the mountain with God – twice.



The Israelites spent **40** years wandering in the wilderness before they entered the Promised Land. Jonah warned the city of Ninevah they had **40** days to repent or God would destroy the city. Jesus fasted **40** days in the wilderness before he began his ministry. Jesus appeared on earth for **40** days after his resurrection and before he ascended into heaven. And **40** is also the number of days in the Lenten season.

40! Lots of folks say that if you can do something or refrain from doing something for **40** days it becomes a new behavior. If you begin to eat more healthy food and you do it for **40** days – you are more likely to continue to eat healthily. If you begin to exercise and you do it for **40** days – you are more likely to continue to exercise. If you quit smoking and you do it for **40** days – you are more likely to kick the habit.

With all that in mind, the Lenten season of **40** days offers us some unique opportunities. Many Christians during the season of Lent practice some kind of Lenten discipline. It may be fasting from something, praying daily, attending mid-week services in addition to Sunday worship or simply paying attention to the voice of God through quiet, meditative time. Lent encourages us to slow down, reflect on our relationship with God and discern God's will for us. And just as eating healthy food for **40** days might start us on the path of lifelong healthy eating habits, spending time with God for **40** days will help us set a pattern of putting God first in our lives.

Lent begins on February 14th – Ash Wednesday. I invite you to worship with me that day and every Wednesday in Lent. I challenge you for **40** days to eliminate something that sucks the life out of you and then add a spiritual discipline for **40** days that will be life-giving to you.

- ❖ Read the Bible or a daily devotional each day.
- ❖ Spend a few minutes in prayer with God.

- ❖ Spend some quiet time listening for what God may be saying to you.
- ❖ Spend some time in service to others.
- ❖ Make a point of being positive for **40** days or smiling at everyone you pass.

Whatever it is – do it for **40** days during the season of Lent – focusing on your relationship with God and your life of faith. And share what you are doing with me and other people you know. Take the opportunity to talk with others about how your Lenten discipline is affecting you. Who knows...maybe after doing it for **40** days you will find that you want to continue that discipline for a lifetime!

*Lenten Blessings,
Pastor Jami*

PASTORAL ACTS

Sawyer Lynn Szoke, daughter of Courtney and Louis Szoke, was baptized on Sunday, January 21, 2018. She was born in October 2017. Pastor Jami officiated.

Brielle Patricia Gregson, daughter of Jamie and Laura Gregson, was baptized on Sunday, January 21, 2018. She was born in April, 2017. Pastor Jami officiated.

Please welcome Sawyer and Brielle as our newest members of Hope.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



Please extend a warm welcome to Hope's newest members:

- The Adams Family: David, Krystina, Thea and Jace
- The Geigel Family: Luis, Celine, Carter and Dominic
- Dennis Shoemaker
- Bonnie Confer

WELCA

WELCA meets Tuesday February 20th at 9:00 AM

CENTERING ON PRAYER with PASTOR BRIAN

Monday at 6:00 PM

February 5 and 19

Wednesdays at 2:00 PM

February 7 and 21

We'll continue reading "The Wisdom Jesus" and newcomers are always welcome!



PASTOR BRIAN'S PREPONDERANT BUSINESS

February is Black History Month. Discussing race can be a touchy subject in our country these days, particularly for those of us in the white racial majority. Speaking as a white man to a primarily white congregation, I realize talking about racial issues sometimes makes us uncomfortable. And that's ok. The problem is when we interpret that discomfort as a reason to shut down the conversation. The real problem is an unwillingness to tolerate this discomfort, and instead of sitting with it, dismissing the feeling by saying things like, "I don't see race, I just see people." This is an attempt to end the conversation and justify our hesitancy to talk about racial issues. While this discomfort is commonplace in American society, as followers of Jesus Christ we are called to be countercultural and rise above the taboo of talking about racial issues and seek to educate ourselves about the struggles of people of different races throughout history and in the world today. It is only by stepping out of our comfort zone and challenging ourselves that we grow, and this applies to following Jesus as much as anything.



In the mid-twentieth century religion led the way in the Civil Rights Movement. The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and other prophetic religious leaders challenged our nation to move forward. Yet today it seems the opposite is true about religion. Instead of pushing our country forward, we seem to have lost our prophetic edge and become resistant to change in the status quo. But as Christians we are called to fight for justice and carry on the great legacy of American prophets like Martin Luther King Jr.

In honor of Black History Month I hope you will specifically look at the history of African Americans and seek to grow in your perspective. Admitting to ourselves that we are far from experts on the topic of race is a good place to start. Perhaps read a book that provides a new perspective on race. If you have close friends who are racial minorities, you might invite them to share their experience of race in America with you. How has their life experience been different, how has it been the same? Ask with a sense of humility and be curious about how their experience might be different from your own. By entering into respectful dialogue with an open heart

and a sense of humility we can learn things that might truly surprise us.

Finally, I would like to invite you to learn about LAMPa. Please see the following page for more info.

Blessings to you this month. My prayer is that we may all grow in perspective and understanding, learning to appreciate the diversity of our great nation through the eyes of faith and justice, wrestle with what it means to be people of different colors who are all one in Christ, and strive for justice and peace in all the world.

*Peace,
Pastor Brian*

PEACE *LOVE* HOPE *JESUS* PEACE *LOVE* HOPE *JESUS*

WORSHIP SCHEDULE – FEBRUARY 2018

<p><u>Sunday, February 4, 2018</u> <i>Souper Bowl of Caring – Noisy Offering Both Services</i> 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Service of the Word</p>
<p><u>Sunday, February 11, 2018</u> 8:00 AM Service of the Word 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Holy Communion / Boy Scout Sunday</p>
<p><u>Wednesday, February 14, 2018</u> 11:00 AM Ash Wednesday Service 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Ash Wednesday</i></p>
<p><u>Sunday, February 18, 2018</u> 9:00 AM Holy Communion 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Service of the Word / Holy Baptism</p>
<p><u>Wednesday, February 21, 2018</u> 11:00 AM Midweek Lenten Service 7:00 PM Midweek Lenten Service</p>
<p><u>Sunday, February 25, 2018</u> 8:00 AM Service of the Word 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Holy Communion</p>
<p><u>Wednesday, February 28, 2018</u> 11:00 AM Midweek Lenten Service 7:00 PM Midweek Lenten Service</p>

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS – JANUARY 2018

- ⚓ Many thanks to the generous members who kept up with their financial commitments to the ministries at Hope. Because of YOU *and* a tight eye on expenses, we ended the year with a surplus of \$8103.25. Please remember that monthly financial reports can be found on the main bulletin board by the church office.
- ⚓ Council welcomed Susan Stephens and Lee Creyer as our two newest members.
- ⚓ 2018 Council Officers are:
 - President – Trish Ninos
 - Vice President – AJ Szwest
 - Secretary – Matt Sekol
 - Treasurer – Trudy Mertz
 - Financial Secretary – Deb Gardner
- ⚓ Council Committee Assignments:
 - Christian Education – AJ Szwest
 - Evangelism – Allison Lockard
 - Youth Ministry – Katie Weiss
 - Social Ministry – Susan Stephens
 - Mutual Ministry – Matt Sekol
 - Stewardship – Jim Gardner, AJ Szwest
 - Worship and Music – Kim Belletti
 - Property – Lee Creyer, Tony Pagotto, Ed Tretiak, Manfred Steiner
 - Finance – Jim Gardner, Matt Sekol, Susan Stephens
- ⚓ The Youth Group Valentine Dinner is scheduled for Saturday, February 10th from 4:30 to 7:00 pm (snow date is January 11th) and the youth have been given permission to sell tickets after worship on January 14th, 21st, 28th and February 4th.
- ⚓ The council is putting together a church security team to look into Sunday morning worship security. This concern comes out of comments at the annual meeting.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

HOT OFF THE PRESS!

Please note two dates that did NOT make the February calendar insert:

- Mutual Ministry February 15 at 7:00 PM
- VBS Meeting February 13 at 7:00 PM

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.

HOSPITALIZED?

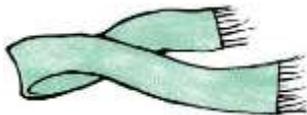
If you, or a family member, are hospitalized, please remember to give our church code which is 251. Also, please call the church office in addition to giving our code. We do not always receive your information when calling the hospitals. Also, if you are moved to a rehab center, please let us know that 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 found 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 or want to learn more about these topics, 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 (February 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.

2017 ANNUAL REPORTS

Each group or committee meeting at Hope Church is expected to submit one by January 31, 2018. The report should include past accomplishments and future goals. Please email your report to Jennifer at office@hopecherryville.org.

ELECTRONIC GIVING

Just as you rely upon receiving income on a regular basis, Hope Lutheran relies on your regular contributions. We appreciate the efforts of the congregation members to make consistent offerings throughout the year—especially during inclement weather conditions or during popular winter travel periods. To assist you, we provide a convenient electronic giving option for setting up recurring contributions. 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.



ENVELOPES

If you regularly give online and no longer want to receive church envelopes... please call the office and we'll take you off the list.



Monday February 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 9:30 until 11:00 AM in the sanctuary.

"SOUPER" BOWL OF CARING

Sunday, February 4th! During the worship services, confirmation students will conduct a "noisy offering" immediately after the regular offering. They will pass around several soup vessels and ask you to drop your loose coins into them as a contribution to the ELCA World Hunger Fund. The more noise we make with our coins means the more funds we are raising for a very worthy cause. So, start saving your change now and help us make it the noisiest offering ever!



AUDIO/VISUAL SQUAD

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS NEEDED

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

IS THERE CHURCH?

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



GOOD DEEDS

Shaye Kerper, a Confirmation Teacher here at Hope Church, has taken on the challenge to campaign for the Leukemia Lymphoma Society. Shaye will be hosting three events in February – including bowling, a Phantoms game and snow tubing – for the cause. If you would like to support Shaye's efforts, please check-out the bulletin board in the Narthex for posts and event listings. Any questions, please contact Shaye at shayekerper@gmail.com or 610-217-6973.



WOMEN OF FAITH

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



Monday, February 26 – if you can tie a knot, you can join us to make fleece blankets! The blankets are being made for older children baptized here at Hope Church. We will meet in the Hanson Hall at 6:00 PM. A very big thank you to Thrivent for the grant to buy the fleece material!

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! More details to follow.... Questions, please call Jane Tretiak at 610-767-0918.

We would your support!

Buy your Valentine's Day gifts at smile.amazon.com and Amazon donates.

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Shopping for Valentine's Day gifts at Amazon? 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

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.

GRATITUDE

Thank you to the church decorating team for Advent and Christmas Decorating (Charlie and Elaine Kern, Chip Hunsicker, Leslie and Doug Daniel, Janet Filchner, Dean and Colleen Spadt). We are always looking for additional people for next year!

EVANGELISM

Evangelism meets the first Thursday of each month at 6:00 PM. Bible Study meets every Thursday at 7:00 PM in Room 133. For information about Hope's Evangelism Committee or any of our events, please contact Sharyn Kratzer 610.261.1277.

CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE

A make-up photo session is scheduled for February 24th from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM. If you missed an appointment due to a scheduling conflict or had to cancel due to illness or inclement weather, this will be the last opportunity to have your photo taken for inclusion in the new directory. Please contact Betty Rock at 610-767-4361 for appointment times!

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.



Summer 2018 we will have the fun and experiences you expect to find at Bear Creek

Camp and some new surprises as well! Register by March 1st to receive your Early Bird Discount! Please see Pastor Jami if you would like scholarship information, or the see the community bulletin board for registration information and forms.

CLOTHING DRIVE



Youth group's annual clothing drive will be held the week of March 5 to 9. Start saving up used clothes that are in good shape and donate them to our cause. Thanks for your help!

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

20TH ANNUAL SPRING BASKET SOCIAL

Save the date! April 13, 2018

Memo: Mark your calendar and join us in Kuntz Hall on Friday, April 13, 2018 for the 20th Annual Spring Basket Social. Doors open at 4:00 PM; drawings begin at 7:30 PM. There will be special surprises for this 20th anniversary social. Don't miss it! Proceeds are divided equally between the Northampton Area Food Bank and Hope's Good Samaritan Fund. Thank you and farewell to Felisha Guinta as a Committee Member. The Basket Committee appreciates your help!

HOPE'S HELPING HANDS

Hope's Helping Hands is selling meat pies and apple dumplings. Look for members taking orders in the narthex after services on **January 28th** and **February 4th**. Everything is made from scratch by Zook's Homemade Pies in Lancaster. 9" pies (\$10) in chicken, beef or sausage. Apple dumplings are \$3.50 for one, \$6 for two. Pre-paid orders must be received by **February 8th** with delivery on **Saturday, February 24th** from **9:00 to 11 AM**. Unable to make it to church on the order dates? Call Leslie Daniel at 610-216-1340. Thank you in advance for your continued support of HHH's Mission Team. Our fundraising allows us to assist others in need without putting additional pressure on the church budget while doing God's work.



VALENTINE'S DINNER



Bring your sweetheart to the 10th annual Valentine's Dinner on **Saturday, February 10th**. Dinner options are prime rib, chicken Marsala, chicken Oscar or vegetable lasagna. Meals are served with potatoes, vegetables, soup, roll and dessert. Junior portions and child meals are also available. Adult tickets \$15, junior portions \$8, and children's meals (hot dog and mac & cheese) \$2.50. Tickets are available after services through Sunday, February 4th or call the church and leave a message on the youth group mailbox, ext. 9. Reservations are required; no walk-ins will be accepted. Snow date – Sunday, February 11th.

NEW ADULT CHOIR FORMAT



If you attended worship during January you may have noticed something different about the Senior Choir; they are sitting among the assembly and wearing street clothes. Tradition used to be for those persons in leadership roles to be “set apart” in worship. That could be physically, such as in a choir loft or balcony or visually, through the use of special attire.

The wider church is moving away from that tradition and adopting a less formal model of worship. That does not mean to say we should disregard the structure of worship, our rich Lutheran liturgies or the wealth of music we have inherited through the centuries; no, not at all. Rather, we embrace an expansion of these traditions by incorporating new and innovative ideas, new styles of art and music, new methods of preaching or projecting the word in worship.

This is not new. The church has been doing this for centuries. Had it not, we would still be chanting, playing the psalter and wearing sackcloth. Although maybe not always evident, change for the sake of change is typically not my pattern. I embrace change when for a purpose or to meet a need. For example, changing the musical setting to signal the start of a new liturgical season or changing the Gospel Acclamation for one week to a hymn that emphasizes the Gospel text are all examples of using change for a purpose. The elimination of choir gowns is another example of pragmatism.

Choir gowns are hot, heavy and an encumbrance. Wearing a choir gown, especially on Christmas Eve when the sanctuary is hot, causes most members discomfort. Eliminating gowns allows the individual to dress appropriately for their own contentment.

Similarly, there are those individuals who enjoy sitting with their families. There are new families with small children who for practical reasons cannot abandon them to sit in the choir loft. And there are the older couples who do not want to create a “choir widow(er)” out of their spouse by joining the choir.

The physical relocation of the choir from the loft to the assembly now welcomes those individuals to be a

part of the choir without forcing them to abandon their families. It enables all interested singers to be a part of the choir and does not single them out as an exception when as individuals they would join a choir positioned in the choir loft. Indeed, not making this change could be perceived as being inflexible, stuffy and stodgy.

If you have ever considered joining the choir, now is an opportune time to make the commitment as we eliminate two major impediments. Who knows, you may discover your neighbors sitting near you in the congregation have made the change, too.

For the time being, the Junior Choir has elected to remain in the choir loft closer to Joe. Being up front and visible, they will assume the duty of signaling when to sit and stand.

David Ziegler,
Director of Music

NORTHAMPTON AREA FOOD BANK

March is Hope Lutheran Church month at the Northampton Area Food Bank. Assistance is needed in unloading food from the Second Harvest trucks on



the first Monday of the month, packing food on Wednesdays and Fridays, and distribution of food on Thursdays and Saturdays. 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.

POST-CONFIRMATION

February 4th (9:15 AM) : Football Super Bowl
February 18th (9:15 MA) : Bible Pictionary

YOUTH GROUP

POW: February's POW will be Wednesday February 14th from 5:30 to 8:00 PM. It is also Ash Wednesday, so following pizza and games we'll stay at Hope for service.



Youth group has started using the **GroupMe** app to keep in touch with the kids directly. If your child would like to be added and hasn't already, contact Pastor Brian at 610-767-7203 ex. 13 or email him at asstpastor@hopecherryville.org.

February's youth event will be ice-skating at Steel Ice in Bethlehem on Friday February 23rd. We'll meet at Hope at 6:30 PM and be back around 11:00 PM. The cost is \$11 per person, or \$8 if we have more than ten people in our group.

Also, mark your calendars for March's youth sleepover the night of Friday March 9 to Saturday March 10, and for March's POW on Wednesday March 14.

The next **National Youth Gathering meeting** is Tuesday February 27th from 6:00 to 7:30 PM.

EASTER CANDY

Youth group will be selling our homemade Easter candy with pickup dates being Sunday March 18 and Sunday March 25. Sign up for your boxes on the youth bulletin board!



NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING

National Youth Gathering participants are hosting the Valentine's Dinner on Saturday February 10th and we'll need you there 3:30 to 8:30 PM. Setup will be the night before 6:30 to 7:30 PM. Soup and dessert donations are much appreciated and earn you extra fundraising points. All parents and youth are expected to help. See our Valentine's Dinner emails for more information.

WELLNESS TEAM

Help For Families with Addiction

An addiction destroys families as much as it destroys individuals. Living with an addict is both heartbreaking and exhausting. Family members are torn between how to help the addict and how to avoid being sucked into the addict's world. Here are some helpful suggestions in dealing with your loved one.



1. Learn as much as possible about addiction.
2. Connect with understanding peers.
3. Go to family therapy sessions.
4. Prepare meals and eat with them as a family.
5. Manage expectations.
6. Stay in touch with personal joy.
7. Get regular exercise.
8. Adhere to formal sleep/wake schedule.
9. Schedule private therapy sessions.
10. Educate and advocate.

Help is available. Families don't have to walk the path of recovery alone. There are a number of excellent treatment facilities that provide support for both the addicted person and for his/her family.

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. A big thank you to all who participated in the Blood Drive!

CONFIRMATION

Saturday February 3 Confirmation students and mentors will meet for a game night. Level 2 will meet first for pizza and games from 5:00 to 6:30 PM. Level 1 will meet 7:00 to 8:30 PM for games and ice cream. If you are unable to attend, contact your mentor to let him/her know, and see Pastor Brian for makeup work.

And please note that **Saturday March 3** is our spring mini-retreat 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM. We'll cover the Lord's Prayer. If you are unable to attend see Pastor Brian for makeup work.

Please contact Pastor Brian if you have scheduling issues or questions about hours!



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Statement

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



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Dear Church Council,

Thank You from the Staff...

Many thanks to the congregation and Church Council for the Christmas bonuses we received in December. We are all appreciative for the cards and recognition that accompanied them. As we continue to serve the congregation and do the ministry we are called to in the coming year, we are grateful for your support!

God Bless!

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