

Hope *Home News*

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GREETINGS FROM THE PASTOR...

There is something about being a grandparent that makes you want to put a bubble around your grandchildren so they do not have to face any of life's adversities. But that is neither realistic nor helpful. The truth is that while there is so much to celebrate in life – there are always difficult situations and hardships. The way we handle those difficulties and hardships help to define the people we become.

I recently came across this little story I'd like to share with you - you will never look at a cup of coffee the same way again.....

A young woman went to her mother and told her about her life and how things were so hard for her. She did not know how she was going to make it and wanted to give up. She was tired of fighting and struggling. It seemed as one problem was solved, a new one arose. Her mother took her to the kitchen. She filled three pots with water and placed each on high heat. Soon the pots came to boil. In the first she placed carrots - in the second she placed eggs - and in the last she placed ground coffee beans. She let them sit and boil - without saying a word. In about twenty minutes she turned off the burners. She fished the carrots out and placed them in a bowl. She pulled the eggs out and placed them in a bowl. Then she ladled the coffee out and placed it in a bowl.

Turning to her daughter, she asked, "Tell me what you see." "Carrots, eggs, and coffee," the daughter replied. Her mother brought her closer and asked her to feel the carrots. She did and noted that they were soft. The mother then asked the daughter to take an egg and

break it. After pulling off the shell, she observed the hard-boiled egg. Finally - the mother asked the daughter to sip the coffee. The daughter smiled, as she tasted its rich aroma the daughter then asked, "What does it mean, mother?"

Her mother explained that each of these objects had faced the same adversity: boiling water. Each reacted differently. The carrot went in strong, hard, and unrelenting. However, after being subjected to the boiling water - it softened and became weak. The egg had been fragile. Its thin outer shell had protected its liquid interior - but after sitting through the boiling water, its insides became hardened. The ground coffee beans were unique, however. After they were in the boiling water - they had changed the water. "Which are you?" she asked her daughter.

So I'm wondering as you read this - when adversity knocks on your door, how do you respond? Are you a carrot, an egg, or a coffee bean? Are you the carrot that seems strong - but with pain and adversity wilts and becomes soft and loses strength? Are you the egg that starts with a malleable heart - but changes with the heat? Did you have a fluid spirit, but after a death, a breakup, a financial hardship or some other trial, have you become hardened and stiff? Does your shell look the same - but on the inside are you bitter and tough with a stiff spirit and hardened heart? Or are you like the coffee bean? The bean actually changes the hot water, the very circumstance that brings

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May 10th will be Fun on Friday!!!!

We will be kicking off the summer by playing outdoor games, such as Gaga Ball, Volleyball, Kickball and Capture the Flag and having a picnic. The time will be **6 p.m. - 10 p.m.** Please sign up on the youth bulletin board or email Ally at alockard313@gmail.com. Deadline to sign up is Wednesday, May 8.

SHORE TRIP!!!! Any youth entering 9th grade next school year or just graduated high school this school year has the opportunity to attend the Wildwood Shore Trip. It will be July 22 - July 26. The cost is \$150 per person. Deadline to sign up is May 5, along with a \$50 non-refundable deposit (goes towards your final total). Fundraising opportunities are available with a sandwich sale that will begin on May 5. More details will be provided. You can sign up on the youth bulletin board or by emailing Ally at alockard313@gmail.com.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School would like to honor those of you who take care of us in our daily lives. If you are a parent/grandparent/guardian of a Sunday School student, please join us on Sunday, May 12 at 9:15 in the Sanctuary for our Parent's Day Celebration. Students have a short program planned followed by a reception in Kuntz Hall.

- * May 19 is the Sunday School End of Year Party. Students can be dropped off and picked up in the sanctuary. We will be playing games outside, so please have your child wear appropriate clothing.
- * No Sunday School on May 26!
- * June 2 - movie day in Kuntz Hall for cradle roll through 6th grade (Confirmation testing day)
- * June 9 - movie day in Hanson Hall for cradle roll through 6th grade (Confirmation day)

CONFIRMATION UPDATES

- April 6 – 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.: Level 1 and 2 Mini-confirmation Retreat on the Ten Commandments
- Friday, May 3 – Sunday, May 5: Level 2 Final Confirmation Retreat at Spruce Lake Retreat Center
- Friday, May 10 - 6:30 p.m.: Level 1 Movie Night with Mentors
- Saturday, May 18 – 9:00 a.m.: Level 2 Brunch with Mentors
- Saturday, June 8 – 9:00 a.m.: Confirmation Rehearsal
- Sunday, June 9 – 10:30 a.m. Service: Confirmation and reception following the service

PASTORAL ACTS

Madelyn Grace Wainwright, daughter of Alisha R. Wainwright, was baptized Sunday, April 7.

We welcome **Madelyn** as the newest member of our church family.

Greeting from the Pastor *(Continued from page 1)*

the pain. When the water gets hot, it releases the fragrance and flavor. If you are like the bean, when things are at their worst - you get better and change the situation around you. When the hour is the darkest and trials are their greatest, do you elevate yourself to another level? How do you handle adversity? Are you a carrot, an egg or a coffee bean?

Surely it is something to think about.

Blessings,
Pastor Jami

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL. . . coming July 8—12

"To Mars and Beyond". Your children will discover the wonders of God's universe by journeying through space and exploring where God's power can take them. Classes will be held from 9 a.m. until noon, with a closing program on Friday, July 12 at 7 p.m. Ages include 3 year olds (potty trained) to children completing 6th grade in June 2019. Registrations can be made at vbs.hopecherryville.org or by completing a registration form located in the narthex. T-shirts are provided for each student who is registering by Sunday, June 16.



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We need lots of help so please consider volunteer-ing. 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.

So come blast off to Mars with Gillian and his crew.

For faster registrations, use the QR code.



Register today!

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 5

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

Sunday, May 12

8:00 AM Service of the Word
9:15 AM Sunday School
Parents' Day Program

Sunday, May 19

8:00 AM Holy Communion
9:15 AM Sunday School
End of Year Party
10:30 AM Holy Communion

Sunday, May 26

8:00 AM Service of the Word
10:30 AM Holy Communion

ELECTRONIC GIVING

Too busy to write weekly checks for your church offering? Reduce paperwork and stress by having your weekly contributions debited directly from your bank account as you probably do with other obligations. Electronic giving is a convenient way to keep up with your intended offerings. To get started, simply visit the church website at www.hopecherryville.org and locate the Online Giving page, and locate the Online Giving page.

Online Giving

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS APRIL 2019

- Coffee with the Council is scheduled for Sunday, May 5 at 9:15 a.m. in Kuntz Hall. Council invites all members to come and share insights, concerns and ask questions. This is your opportunity to get some answers and offer your opinion.
- Council approved a bid from Holencik Roofing to replace the gutters arounds the church to make them all uniformed 6" gutters which will help with freezing gutters during the winter months.
- The Boy Scout troop will sponsor replacing the pole light on the Hanson Hall side of the parking lot. Many thanks for their support.
- The youth group will host Fun on Friday (instead of Pizza on Wednesday) on Friday, May 10. They will have a picnic and play games outdoors. The Youth group completed their Easter candy sale successfully.
- The Social Ministry Committee announced the date of July 14 for the annual Church Picnic which will be held at Indian Trail Park.
- The Yard Sale Committee has decided to hold this annual event on Labor Day weekend 2019. They are planning to "scale down" what they will accept – eliminating books and clothing.
- The Stewardship Committee has planned another Family Movie Night for Saturday, April 27 at 6:30 p.m. (doors open at 6:00 p.m.). The movie is Homeward Bound. The community is invited to attend.
- The Stewardship Committee is continuing to collect food for the Backpack Program at Moore Elementary school. Suggested items will be listed in the bulletin and the collection bin is in the narthex.
- The Evangelism Committee is hosting a bus trip to Sight and Sound on November 2 to see the production of the "Miracle of Christmas." A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

2019 SPRING BASKET SOCIAL

The 21st and Final Spring Basket Social* was held in Kuntz Hall on Friday, April 12. Monies raised were divided equally between The Northampton Area Food Bank and Hope's Good Samaritan Fund. Profit from the sale of baked goods will help to purchase Christmas gifts for the children who attend the ministries of St. Stephen's Church in Allentown.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE who in some way helped to make this evening a HUGE SUCCESS!!!

Ticket sponsors were Kathryn Strohl (in loving memory of husband Howard); Judy Dieter (to the Glory of God); and Pat & Daryl Amey (to the Glory of God). Kudos to EACH ONE OF YOU who are not Committee Members, yet continue helping each year with behind the scenes support!

Boy & Girl Scouts & Leaders of Troop 242 set up tables/chairs/baskets the evening prior to the Social. Catechetical Students (and some parents) served as runners of winnings and in other capacities.

Following is the financial report from the Spring Theme Basket Social:

- To **The Northampton Area Food Bank:** \$2,422.00
- To **Hope's Good Samaritan Fund:** \$2,421.75
- \$283.11 designated for Christmas gifts for children at St. Stephen's Church, Allentown

THE 2019 FALL BASKET SOCIAL IS OCTOBER 11, 2019 (proceeds to Hope's Building Maintenance Fund).

Committee Members – please mark the following dates on your calendars:

- ⇒ Breakfast at Blue Mountain Restaurant, Danielsville, on Saturday, April 27, 9 a.m.
- ⇒ Summer Picnic at The Sidors on Wednesday, August 14, 6 p.m.

**At a special meeting held by Hope's Basket Committee on February 5 it was unanimously decided that beginning in the year 2020 we host only one social per year, which will be each October.*

LeAnn Chandler

CENTERING PRAYER GROUP

May 6 & 20
6:00 p.m.
Sunday School Room off Hanson Hall
Newcomers are always welcome!

STORYWEAVERS and lunch

Tuesday, May 14, 10:00 a.m.
For more information call
LeeAnn Chandler, 610-440-0341

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Thursday,
May 9
10:00 a.m.



SOUP GROUP AND DELIVERY



Wednesday,
May 1
9:00 a.m.
Kuntz Hall kitchen.

★ NATIONAL ★ DAY of PRAYER

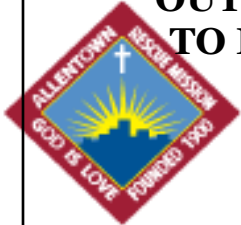
Thursday, May 2
11:30 a.m.
Lunch immediately following service
Sign up on the bulletin board

WELCA

Tuesday, May 21
9:00 a.m.
Adult Sunday School
Room



OUTREACH MINISTRY TO RESCUE MISSION



Wednesday,
May 15
3:00 p.m.



Monday, May 20
6:00 – 9:00 p.m. in Kuntz Hall
Last Dance until September

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



We are having the yard sale.
Friday and Saturday, August
30 & 31 (Labor Day weekend),
8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

NO clothing, shoes, linens,
electronics, large furniture, car
seats, hard-sided luggage or
mattresses/box springs will be
accepted.

TALENT SHOW AT GRACEDALE



Monday, May 6
Meet at church at 6:00 p.m.
All are welcome!

Cookie donations for the
residents would be
appreciated

EVANGELISM

Thursday, May 2 is **National Day of Prayer**. In honor of this great religious freedom, Pastor Jami will lead a worship service at 11:30 a.m. that day. Immediately following the worship service, Evangelism invites you to enjoy a lunch in fellowship hall. Everyone is welcome. Please sign the sheet on the Narthex bulletin board.

Thursday evening **Bible studies** continue to meet each week at 6:30. We are currently studying the Miracles that Jesus preformed. We are using the gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John as our guide. Everyone is welcome to join into this group; we are a small group and our studies are very informal. Come and study the word of God with this group.

Bus trip to **Sight and Sound** to see the Miracle of Christmas will be Saturday, November 2. We will leave the church at approximately 8:15 a.m. We are going to the 11:00 a.m. show and will have lunch at Shady Maple following the show. We expect to return to the church approximately 6 - 6:30 p.m. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. For further information, please call Sharyn Kratzer at 610-261-1277. We hope you can join us for this great show, fun and fellowship. All checks should be made payable to Hope Lutheran Church, with "Evangelism Bus trip" in memo portion. The bus is currently half full so sign up now to reserve your seat!

Sharon Kratzer

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH RECOGNIZED BY GRACEDALE

On Sunday, April 7, Gracedale held their 41st Annual Volunteer Recognition Event. Hope Lutheran Church was one of 13 groups honored for their participation in the Spiritual Enrichment Program and one of 14 groups that participated in the Visitation Program. Hope was also recognized for the Talent Show. The program and certificate are on the bulletin board in the narthex.

"JOURNEYS THROUGH GRIEF"

Are you or someone you know struggling with grief. Lutheran Congregational Services is offering a six-week: "Journeys Through Grief" support group at Luther Crest. The group will meet on Mondays, 10:30 a.m. to noon beginning April 29 through June 6. You can find registration forms on the narthex bulletin board or call Sylvia Havlish, M.Ed. at 610-395-5045. Because of donations to Lutheran Congregational Services, there is no charge to participate in this group.

There are still some opportunities remaining for you to sponsor **bulletins** or **The Press**. See the charts posted in the narthex. Envelopes are next to the charts and are due to the office two weeks before the sponsorship.

Bulletins: \$8.50 per sponsor, three sponsors are needed per week

The Press: \$6.00 per sponsorship

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Armed Service Recognition
May 26

Please submit names
of all those who have served
to the church office by May 22
so they may be honored



Graduate Recognition
June 2

Please submit names of your graduates
to the church office by May 26



Mark your calendars:
Annual Church Picnic
July 14
Indian Trail Park

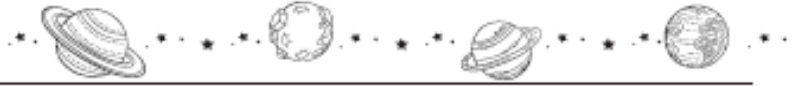


WORSHIP
Begins June 16
One service at 9 a.m.



Some pictures from the Youth Group "Survivor" Event





VBS IS FUN!



Join us for To Mars and Beyond VBS!

July 8 –12

9:00 a.m.—Noon

Closing Program: Friday, July 12 at 7:00 p.m.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - MARCH 31, 2019

	Regular	Building	Memorial	Scholarship	Memorial Garden
Balance Beginning of Year	\$ 102,873.22	\$ 146,144.08	\$ 139,489.65	\$ 95,612.84	\$ (4,061.92)
Income - March	37,724.06	3,247.19	1,707.91	1,267.40	2,000.00
Income - Jan.-Feb.	60,032.22	1,197.83	(3,630.54)	(3,563.03)	-
Total Income	97,756.28	4,445.02	(1,922.63)	(2,295.63)	2,000.00
Expenses - March	29,265.45	858.31	-	-	-
Expenses - Jan.-Feb.	59,222.79	4,488.00	-	2,000.00	-
Total Expenses	88,488.24	5,346.31	-	2,000.00	-
Net Income	9,268.04	(901.29)	(1,922.63)	(4,295.63)	2,000.00
Net Special Appeals	1,093.30				
Balance End of March	\$ 113,234.56	\$ 145,242.79	\$ 137,567.02	\$ 91,317.21	\$ (2,061.92)

SUMMARY:

Income exceeded expenses in the Regular Fund for the month of March by \$8,458.61, and for the year 2019, income exceeded expenses by \$9,268.04, giving us a current balance in the Regular Fund of \$113,234.56. Last year the net income for the same period was \$(2,255.47) with a balance of \$88,441.67.

*** 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>
June	Tuesday, May 14	Thursday, May 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 May 2019 issue of *Synod News* is available online.

Visit <http://nepasynod.org/documents/synod-news/synod-news-2019-5.pdf>

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