

Hope *Home News*

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GREETINGS FROM THE PASTOR...

As I write this I am still recuperating from an incredible week of Vacation Bible School. It was a week jam-packed with all kinds of activities built around Bible stories that taught children about hope, faith, kindness and living lives with boldness and thankfulness. As kids chomped on popcorn, they watched movies in our KidVid Theater about children their age who live in Zambia and live very differently than we live. The entire church was decorated in the VBS theme, "Mission to Mars." One day children entered a giant inflatable planetarium to learn about space and another day the Medivac helicopter landed at Hope and children learned all about it from the flight crew.

Each day we collected items for various organizations – the Northampton Foodbank, Forgotten Felines, Chemo Bags, St. Stephens Outreach Center in Allentown and Paul's House Valor Clinic for veterans. We also collected over \$500.00 in coins which will be donated to the Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Hospital Pediatric Unit. We are teaching our young people that part of being a Christian is sharing our resources with others in need. Talking to other pastors around the Lehigh Valley, I realize how blessed we are to have 200 children attend our VBS and over 105 volunteers to work with our kids. What a talented group of people we have at Hope!

I would like to say thank you to the VBS Coordinating Team – headed by Kathy Ziegler. They include: Nancy Biechy, Judy Christman, Karen Costenbader, Judy Dieter, Laura Hafner, Ally Lockard, Karen Lockard, Steph Maurer, Jane Meyers, Jill Neff, Trish Ninos, Colleen Spadt, Jane Tretiak, Shelbey Ziegler. These people were working since VBS ended in 2018 but were especially active since January putting this program together. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you!

But I don't want you to take my word about

how wonderful our VBS is. Here is what Jeanette Edwards from Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Hospital wrote: "I am in AWE of your church and the volunteers who planned your VBS. If only I were 10 again (just for a week) and could attend! What a beautiful sanctuary you have and how wonderful to see it full of smiling children." They will be including an article in their upcoming *Sweet Charity* magazine about our donation to the pediatric unity with pictures of children from our VBS.

And here is another email that came to us from a parent whose child attended this year: "I volunteered at VBS on Wednesday and I just wanted to let you know I cannot say enough wonderful things about what I witnessed. I thought it was awesome that "crafts" was the creation of robots using food to donate to children who only get one meal a day. What a brilliant and kind idea. Then we watched the Gilligan skit about how they met the Martian and how they were afraid because he was 'different' and then they realized that just because he was different didn't make him someone to be feared. WOW. And then the good Samaritan skit and teaching about being kind to your neighbor and that everyone is your neighbor was another WOW. And I loved the movie about Roleen and how she is kind and takes a canoe to school every week. And I also enjoyed the word of the day "kind". Not to mention the daily donations and the coins for Good Shephard Pediatric. I cannot believe all the planning that must go into all these wonderful activities for each day of VBS. I had no idea it was so wonderful. I am ecstatic that my son gets to participate."

Finally, I want to say thank you to all our members who give your offerings so generously throughout the year. Your giving helps to support this

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"To Mars and Beyond" VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL . . . July 8—12



Monday through Friday 200 students were marooned on Mars. Each day a different story was shared. The Road to Emmaus, Daniel and the Lions' Den, The Good Samaritan, Jesus Heals 10 Lepers, Queen Ester Takes a Stand. And each day we cared for another part of God's creation through contributions to: the Northampton Food Bank, Forgotten Felines, Chemo Bags, St. Stephens Outreach Center in Allentown and Paul's House Valor Clinic for veterans. The coin toss benefited Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Hospital Pediatric Unit. You can see some pictures in this newsletter and even more by visiting: <http://hopecherryville.org/vbs/>

Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers without whom this week would not have happened:

Dolores Reenock	Amanda Cassium	Julie Sekol	Allison Lockard	Sam Koplin
Shirley Green	Donna Neetz	Bruce Schnabel	Nancy Biechy	Trudy Mertz
Bianca Carrion	Sherri Arndt	Lee Creyer	Shelbey Ziegler	Gwen Gibson
Claudia Pereira	Caleb Sommers	Bill Lewis	David Ziegler	Dan Medei
Sarah Bird	Colleen Spadt	Danielle Weaver	Pastor Jami	Brian Spadt
Trish Ninos	Jessica Yost	Bri Weaver	Bill Green	Elizabeth Moore
Laura Hafner	Janet Weber	Judy Dieter	Karen Lockard	Kathy Ziegler
Pat Amey	Elizabeth Borzillo	Judy Christman	Grace	Ryan Bird
Molly Laury	Natalie Miller	Lindsay Balitza	Knappenberger	Payge Haydt
Noah Raphun	Pam Rehrig	Carol Medei	Althea Handwerk	Brett Schutter
Steph Maurer	Erica Musser	Aislinn McDonald	Terry Green	Betty Krupa
Stacey Ziegler	Chasity Neff	Alexis McDonald	Aiden Carrion	Toni Snyder
Betsy Vasquez	Arlinda Brown	David McDonald	Jr. Marsh	Tim Lockard
Ruth Heffelfinger	Sue Rehrig	Jennifer McDonald	Meredith Miller	Sherie Hahn
Erica Hudson	Jane Tretiak	Nancy Xander	Pastor Clark Kuntz	Jennifer Sommers
Caylee Strohl	Payton Neff	Jill Neff	Maureen Kuntz	Chad Sommers
Deb Gardner	Monica Wall	Ethan Causa	Deb Schnabel	Lance Sandner
Cathy Bird	Judy Stubits	Carol Groller	Nancy Creyer	Sophia Eckroth
Sarah Balisalisa	Rachel Holencik	Janet Filchner	Justin Maurer	Mark Arndt
Kailee Knecht	Nora Sekol	Amy Nichols	Marilyn Keenly	
Rachel Hudson	Crysta Strohl	Jane Meyers	Karen Bateman	
Danica Snyder	Jennifer Knouss	Tom Galloway	Mark Bateman	

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incredible event each summer – an event that touches the lives of 200+ children and adults – an event that teaches children about the love of Jesus – an event that just might be changing some little lives.

Blessings,
Pastor Jami

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Our worship time changes on September 8

8:00 AM Worship

9:15 AM Sunday School

10:30 Worship



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, August 4

9:00 AM Holy Communion
Awarding of Scholarships

Sunday, August 11

9:00 AM Holy Communion

Sunday, August 18

9:00 AM Holy Communion

Sunday, August 25

9:00 AM Holy Communion
Blessing of Backpacks



Sunday, August 4, after church service (approximately 10:00 a.m.) we will have an interest meeting for any youth and parents of youth interested in attending the **National Youth Gathering in 2021**. We will meet in Kuntz Hall. Youth who are able to attend the Youth Gathering will need to be entering the 9th grade for the 2021-2022 school year through anyone who graduated high school in the 2020-2021 school year. This is an informational meeting only and we will not be asking for commitments at this time. Please contact Ally Lockard if you are interested in attending the 2021 Youth Gathering, but are not able to attend the meeting.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School, Rally Day will be September 15 from 9:15 - 10:15 a.m. Mark your calendar so you don't miss the "Carnival". More information will follow.

Please register your child for Sunday School. Forms will be mailed or can be picked up in the church office.

We are looking for anyone who is willing to share their talents with our youth in grades Cradle Roll through 6th grade. If you are willing to be a teacher or classroom helper, please contact Ally Lockard by email at alockard313@gmail.com



SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Sixteen scholarships were granted to the following members:

Janelle Demko

Sophia Eckroth

Karissa Fritz

Ashley Hildebrand

Miah Hornyak

Shaye Kerper

Samantha Lambert

Kevin Laudano

Molly Laury

Elizabeth Moore

Logan Ninos

Katerina Sawickij

Carlie Small

Mikayla Xander

Andrew Zamadics

Shelbey Ziegler

The scholarships will be presented at the August 4 worship service.

CONFIRMATION UPDATE

There will be an orientation meeting on Sunday, August 25, following the 9:00 a.m. worship service. Both new and returning confirmation students and their parents/guardians are asked to attend the meeting.

ELECTRONIC GIVING: A SIMPLE AND CONVENIENT WAY TO GIVE!

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



Online Giving

GOOD NEWS FOR SENIORS OVER 70-1/2—TAX-FREE GIFT WITH IRA ROLLOVER

Are your required minimum IRA withdrawals greater than you need, or care to receive? Would you like to reduce the taxable income from your IRA?

The IRA charitable rollover is a terrific way to make a tax-free gift to Hope Lutheran Church ministries. Your gift from your IRA can satisfy your Required Minimum Distribution without increasing your Federal income taxes. Although you don't get an income tax charitable deduction for the gift, you don't pay taxes on your IRA withdrawal. In effect, the IRA charitable rollover is a tax-reducing and tax-free way to make a gift.

If you are 70-1/2 or older, you can tell your IRA administrator to transfer your gift directly from your Traditional or Roth IRA account to Hope Lutheran. We can put your gift to use right away in providing financial support to our ministries throughout the Church.

Consider these important requirements to make an IRA charitable rollover:

- You must be 70-1/2 or older when the gift is made.
- The gift must come from a Traditional IRA or Roth IRA account. Other retirement accounts such as 401(k) or 403(b) Plans are not eligible.
- The gift check must come directly from your IRA administrator to Hope Lutheran.
- Total IRA charitable rollover gifts in any one year cannot exceed \$100,000.
- The IRA rollover gift can count toward your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) if you have not already taken your RMD for the year you make your gift.
- The gift from your IRA will be excluded from your taxable income.
- The gift from your IRA will not be available as an income tax charitable deduction.

If you are interested in making such a gift or if you just want more information, please contact your IRA administrator, tax preparer or the Church Treasurer.

SUMMER HYMN SING

Do you have a favorite hymn that you just don't think we sing enough . . . or maybe there's one in the hymnal that's new to you and you'd like to give it a try. Now is your chance!

The congregation will get to pick the hymns to be sung for the 15 minutes before the service.

In order to accommodate as many requests as possible, we will only sing the first two stanzas of each hymn requested.

HOPE BASKET COMMITTEE

The Annual Fall Basket Social, being held on Friday, October 11, will again be offering filling and soups. An additional item offered for sale will be small bags of variety snacks. Three ticket sponsors have been secured.

Watch future newsletters and bulletins for additional information about Hope's 25th Annual Fall Basket Social the "Silver Anniversary"!

The committee picnic will be Wednesday, August 14, 6:00 p.m. at the Sidor home.

PILL BOTTLE COLLECTION

Because of your generosity, the ladies who serve the homeless shelters have an over abundance of pill bottles and cannot accept any more at this time.

However, in order to fill those bottles and deliver them to the shelters, they are in need of personal care items: body soap, shampoo, lotions, washcloths, combs or any travel size personal care items. The dollar stores are great places to shop.

Thank you for helping with this ministry.



CENTERING PRAYER GROUP

Mondays, August 5 & 19
6:00 p.m.
Sunday School Room off Hanson Hall
Newcomers are always welcome!

SENIOR BIRTHDAY SOCIAL

Saturday, August 10, 12:00
Sign up on the narthex bulletin board
Don't miss the fun, food and fellowship

STORYWEAVERS and lunch

Thursday, August 15
Lunch at Slopeside—12:00
Call LeAnn Chandler

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Next meeting will be
Monday, August 12
6:00 p.m.

CHURCH COUNCIL

Next meeting will be
Monday, August 12
7:00 p.m.

OUTREACH MINISTRY TO RESCUE MISSION

Wednesday, August 21
3:30 p.m..



SOUP GROUP AND DELIVERY

Wednesday,
August 7
9 a.m.



WELCA

Will resume
Tuesday,
September 17



Next dance
will be
Monday, September 16

HOPE'S HELPING HANDS—SHRIMP BOIL

It's Shrimp Boil time again! Come join Hope's Helping Hands on Saturday, August 17, for our 5th annual SHRIMP BOIL. Orders will be taken after church on August 4 and August 11. Dinners include: 1/2 lb. of shrimp, 1/4 lb. of sausage, baby potatoes, corn on the cob, salad, roll with butter, and dessert for only \$15.00. Dinners will be available for TAKE OUT ONLY. The TAKE-OUT dinners, can be picked up in Kuntz Hall during half hour intervals (you choose 4:00 to 4:30, 4:30 to 5:00, 5:00 to 5:30, or 5:30 to 6:00 p.m. for pick-up when you order your meal). All orders must be pre-paid. Orders may also be placed by calling Leslie Daniel at 610-216-1340 until August 11. Hope's Helping Hands members are looking forward to seeing many of you on August 17. We thank everyone who has supported our events as we continue our ministries of helping others in need.



BLOOD DRIVE

33 pints of blood were collected during the blood drive on June 21. Thanks to your generosity cancer patients, accident victims and premature babies, in our community, will be helped.



WOMEN OF FAITH

- ♦ **August...**Monday, the 19th - we will be going to the LoveLight House (a personal care home in Treichlers) to play bingo with the residents and then we will have a make your own sundae time to finish off the evening.
- ♦ **September...**Monday, the 23rd - Suites and Treats planning meeting.
- ♦ **October...**Suites and Treats at the Iron Pigs (usually the last Thursday in October)
- ♦ **November...**Monday, the 25th - We will learn how to make pillow case dresses for the project "Little Dresses for Africa". Pastor Linda Lennon will be telling us all about this project and teaching us how to make the dresses.
- ♦ **December...**Monday, the 16th - our annual visit to the LoveLight House to Christmas carol, followed by our Christmas party at the church.



Watch for more information on the above events and also future meetings in the monthly newsletters and the weekly bulletins.

Save the date...Pastor Jami will be leading our **April** meeting to teach us about prayer. We will be making prayer jars! That meeting will be held on Monday, April 27, 2020.

Call Jane Tretiak at 484-767-2346 with any questions.

EVANGELISM

Evangelism committee will not meet in August. We will resume in the fall. Please consider becoming a part of this committee. Also Bible studies on Thursday evenings have stopped and will resume in the fall. If you share an interest in studying God's word, please join us.

Bus trip to Sight and Sound on November 2: We will leave the church at 8:00 a.m. for the 11:00 a.m. show. Lunch will be at Shady Maples. Expected return to church is 6:30 p.m. Price is \$125.00 per adult and \$75.00 per child under 10 and includes bus, show and meal. Checks

should be made to Hope Lutheran Church with "bus trip" noted in the memo section. IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY SUBMITTED YOUR MONEY PLEASE DO SO ASAP. It can be given to Trudy Mertz.

HOPE LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL

Is now accepting registrations for three year olds and four year olds for the 2019-2020 school year. The school's structured learning environment prepares children for their formal school experiences. Activities include: music, crafts, gym, painting, language arts, field trips and much more.

Please call Deb Gable at 610-767-7523 for more information or to register your child. Your child must be 3 years of age and potty trained by September 1 in order to register.

TO MARS AND BEYOND VBS 2019



BOLDNESS



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FAITH



THANKFULNESS



KINDNESS

ANNUAL YARD SALE



Friday and Saturday,

August 30 & 31

(Labor Day weekend)

8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Food, Drinks, Bake Sale*

Food and drinks will be available to purchase

Acceptable Items Include:

Toys , games & puzzles; books, movies, cds & video games; picture frames; sporting goods; arts & crafts; holiday items; small furniture; general household goods; glassware; kitchen ware; hand, power & yard tools, newspapers, grocery bags

Storage units for dropping off your items, are in the front corner of the parking lot.

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

* Anyone wishing to bake: cake, cookies, breads, muffins, candy, please bring items to church Thursday, August 29 and leave in the kitchen or Friday morning. Please label donations.

All will be appreciated!

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - JUNE 30, 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 - June	30,583.10	(794.21)	(3,839.45)	(3,794.72)	-
Income - Jan.-May	174,980.02	11,871.93	2,059.99	1,014.55	2,000.00
Total Income	205,563.12	11,077.72	(1,779.46)	(2,780.17)	2,000.00
Expenses - June	31,121.06	11,674.00	3,575.51	-	-
Expenses - Jan.-May	150,163.07	6,849.37	-	2,000.00	-
Total Expenses	181,284.13	18,523.37	3,575.51	2,000.00	-
Net Income	24,278.99	(7,445.65)	(5,354.97)	(4,780.17)	2,000.00
Net Special Appeals	1,123.30				
Balance End of June	\$ 128,275.51	\$ 138,698.43	\$ 134,134.68	\$ 90,832.67	\$ (2,061.92)

SUMMARY:

Expenses exceeded income in the Regular Fund for the month of June by \$537.96, and for the year 2019, income exceeded expenses by \$24,278.99, giving us a current balance in the Regular Fund of \$128,275.51. Last year the net income for the same period was \$(1,911.21) with a balance of \$89,261.61.

*** 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>
September	Tuesday, August 20	Thursday, August 25 @ 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 August 2019 issue of *Synod News* is available online.
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