



## GREETINGS FROM THE PASTOR...

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For about 25 years my family has been hosting our annual Thanksgiving feast. I remember that I have to start thinking about it sometime around Halloween – and then I quickly lose track of time. Before I know it there is one week to go and I haven't even ordered my turkey yet from Mr. Bill's Poultry Stand in the Farmer's Market.

I love our Thanksgiving gatherings! We usually have between 20 and 30 people for dinner – always making sure to invite those we know do not have a special place to be on that day. My younger sister and I plan the meal – which never seems to change much – and friends and family who join us often offer to bring a dish to the feast. Sometimes, after dinner, we “roast” someone with a song or skit. Other times we just sit around and catch up with one another. And always we have a (yucky) creamed onion in honor of my mother – who loved them – it's a tradition of remembrance I guess. And throughout the day I am so thankful for the people in my life.

I need Thanksgiving – because sometimes I simply get too distracted to be appreciative. I may be very busy when someone does something that's helpful, and I may hardly notice it because my

mind's on so many other things. I may have a lot of worries about money or relationships or work, and they may keep me from feeling appreciation for many of the things I have - such as a place to live and heat in the winter and food on the table. And I may be too deep in thought or conversation to fully appreciate the song of the birds in the trees when I'm out for a walk.

The other day I came across this quote by Dave McIntyre: “Appreciation is like an insurance policy. It has to be renewed every now and then.” Obviously, we don't have to renew our appreciation - but when we do, we're the ones who benefit. The kind word or advice of a friend - the helpfulness of someone we know - the many gifts that we enjoy each day - they all mean more to us when we receive them in a spirit of appreciation and gratitude.

So how do we renew our appreciation of all that we have? I suppose it's mostly a question of reminding ourselves just how special life is - and just how fortunate we are to be blessed in our lives. If there's one thing that I don't want to lose, it's appreciation for those things that are good in my life – my family, my work, my church, my friends, my

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## OPPORTUNITY FOR PARENTS AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS . . .

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Staff from the Center for Humanistic Change, Inc. will be presenting their HOPE (*Heroin and Opioid Prevention Education*) program on Sunday, November 17 during the Sunday School hour. HOPE, developed in response to the growing concern around heroin and opioid abuse in the Lehigh Valley, builds awareness through the stories of local families coping with the effects of addiction.

By attending this program, participants will

- ◇ learn about heroin & opioids & how they are used;
- ◇ be able to recognize signs & symptoms of use;
- ◇ understand addiction as a brain disease;
- ◇ learn about the effects of use on health, relationships and life;
- ◇ and be able to identify local resources, including how and where to find help.

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health. Because there are a lot of other things that aren't so good - and the good things are the things that keep me going.

Thanksgiving is an appropriate time to reflect on this idea of appreciation. But it can't happen just one day or one season out of the year. I hope you take a few moments every

day to count your blessings - give thanks for them - allow yourself to relish the experience of prosperity and abundance you already have. I guarantee that it will change your attitude about your life that day!

God's Blessings,  
Pastor Jami

## **COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS—October 2019**

- ◆ The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, November 10 at 9:00 am.
- ◆ The new ramp, on the Kuntz Hall side of the building, passed the final inspection!
- ◆ Senior Thanksgiving Feast will be held Saturday, November 16, 11:30 a.m.—2:00 p.m. in Kuntz Hall.

## **OPPORTUNITY FOR PARENTS** *(Continued from page 1)*

The HOPE program would be appropriate for students in high school to adult age.

CHC is a private, not-for-profit agency providing prevention education (alcohol, tobacco and other drugs) and life skills training focusing on decision making for healthy choices. For over 30 years, they have developed and delivered high quality educational programming throughout the Lehigh Valley and have been dedicated to the philosophy that people learn best by doing.

Light refreshments will be served, following the program.

## **EVANGELISM**

**BUS TRIP:** The bus trip to Sight and Sound to see the Miracle of Christmas is November 2. For those who have reserved your seat, please be at the church at 8:00 a.m. to board the bus and be ready to leave by 8:15. We are going to the 11:00 a.m. show and then to Shady Maples for our meal. We have a full bus of 54 people and anticipate a wonderful day spent with Christian friends in the lovely Lancaster area.

**ANNUAL NATIVITY DISPLAY:** Can you believe that this will be our 20<sup>th</sup> year of doing the display? Because of the anniversary, we would like to make this the best celebration yet. In order to do this, we need help from you. Setting up for the display will begin Wednesday, November 27 at 9:00 a.m.; we will work until about noon and come back to complete the set up on Friday, November 29 at 9:00 a.m. If you are willing to share your Nativity scene for the weekend, you may bring it to the church from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Friday. The display will be Saturday, November 30, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. AND Sunday, December 1, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.. For those sharing your Nativity scene, please do not remove it before the end of the display. Clean up will begin at 4:30 on Sunday evening, December 1.

Donations of baked goods, and other snack foods and beverages are needed. In other years we have had as many as 300 visitors to Hope's Nativity Display and we have been an excellent host to them. Many people

## **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

### **Sunday, November 3 All Saints' Sunday**

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

### **Sunday, November 10**

8:00 AM Service of the Word  
9:00 AM Congregational Meeting  
10:30 AM Holy Communion

### **Sunday, November 17 Gratitude Sunday**

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

### **Sunday, November 24**

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

### **Wednesday, November 27 Thanksgiving Eve**

11:00 AM Holy Communion  
7:00 PM Holy Communion

## **YARD SALE THANK YOU**

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The Yard Sale Committee would like to thank everyone who donated, helped and attended the yard sale. The total amount we raised is \$11,459.67. We had 40 people for the early bird special and made \$400. The money will go to buy future flooring for Kuntz Hall. The carpet is starting to wear out.

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.
- UnitsStorage.com for donating the storage units that housed the yard sale goods and the leftovers.
- Thrivent for the gift cards to help pay expenses.

The most unusual item this year was called Mr. Christmas. It was a musical bell symphonium. It plays plastic records with holes in the records. The bells then make the music. It was sold.

The few items that were left, 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.

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 had more new and some YOUNGER help to carry on the yard sale. I hope they had a good time and hope they are available for next year.

The yard sale people helped perform a Good Samaritan Act of Kindness this year. A tall young man with his large backpack came to the kitchen door Thursday night asking to use the bathroom. We let him. He asked if he could work for food. We were finished working, but we did feed him. He gobbled down one sandwich. We filled a gallon zip lock bag with more sandwiches. One bottle of ice tea and three bottles of water. A couple of small bags of chips and two Tasty cakes. He was walking from Manhattan, NY, to California to look for work. We pray he makes it there safely.

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

Thank you again for all your support. We could not have done the yard sale without you.

Kathy Fogle

## **WITH THANKS . . .** (you can see these notes on the bulletin board)

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Thank you for the 2019 college Scholarship check I received. I am very appreciative and will put it to good use at Moravian College.

Thank you,  
Ashley Hildebrand  
Class of 2020

Dear Hope,

Thank you for the scholarship money. It's been a huge help with getting books and my school supplies that I needed for the upcoming year. Thank you again.

Sincerely,  
Logan Ninos

I am writing to express my sincere gratitude towards my scholarship that I was rewarded this past month. I am extremely blessed and thrilled to learn of my selection for this honor and am deeply appreciative of the congregation's continuous support. As a recipient, I am the first individual in my family to attend college and am very fortunate for this opportunity! I am currently a senior at Moravian College, majoring in Sociology, with hopes of pursuing a career in Human Resources. The financial assistance you have provided will be of great help and will allow me to graduate this coming May with my bachelor's degree! Thank you again for your generosity and support!

Sincerely,  
Janelle Demko

## GIFT CARD BINGO

**Saturday, November 9**  
**Games begin at 12:30 p.m.**

Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door for 20 games of regular bingo.

Tickets will be on sale October 13, 20, 27 & November 3 after each service.

You can also purchase tickets from any youth attending the youth gathering.

Support this event by either donating money for us to purchase gift cards, being a sponsor, or donating an item (*no gift cards please*) for the raffle

To donate, please take a gift card envelope from the bulletin board in the Narthex.

All sponsorships and donations are due to Ally Lockard or Suzanne Kroc by November 3.

Benefits the group attending the National Youth Gathering in 2021

## NUT ROLLS

from **Country Cottage, Tamaqua**

Youth attending the National Youth Gathering in 2021 will be selling nut rolls after both services on November 3 and 10.

Cost is \$18 per roll.  
All money is due at time of order.  
Orders can be picked up November 24 after both services.

Available flavors are:  
**English Walnut (Traditional),**  
**Poppyseed,**  
**Apricot,**  
**Prune lekvar,**  
**Seedless red raspberry,**  
**Pumpkin cheese.**



## THIRD FRIDAY

**November 15**



We will meet at the church at **6:30 p.m.** for a light dinner before leaving.

We should return around **11p.m.**

Please sign up on the youth bulletin board.

Friends are invited.

Cost is \$8.00 to skate and \$3.00 for skate rentals.



**October 13**  
**at**  
**Mazezilla**



## FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

**Friday, December 13**  
**“Home Alone” (PG)**

Doors open at 6:00 p.m.  
Show begins at 6:30 p.m.

Hot dogs, pizza, ice cream, candy, snacks, and drinks will be provided

This is a free event

Sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex



## PASTORAL ACTS

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### Holy Baptisms:

**Audrey Rose Silfies**, daughter of Shawn Silfies and Rachel Snyder, was baptized on October 6.

**Theodore Francis Thomson**, son of Zachary and Alexandria Thomson, was baptized on October 20.

We welcome **Audrey** and **Theodore** as the newest members of our church family.

### Funerals:

**Lucille Kromer** entered eternal life on September 19.

**Lucille Foster** entered eternal life on September 23.

**Kathleen Kunkle** entered eternal life on September 30.

Our sympathy to family and friends of **Lucille**, **Lucille** and **Kathleen**.

## HOPE'S HELPING HANDS

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A big thank you to those that supported our recent crab patties and lobster bisque sale. Our next sale will be held in January, when we will be selling **Zook's meat pies and apple dumplings** from Lancaster. Details will be posted in upcoming newsletters.

We are always looking for new people to join our group, if interested come join us at any of our regular meetings that generally occur the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month at 6 p.m. If you would like more information about the activities of our group, don't hesitate to contact any of our members—Kim Belletti, Laurie and Rod Christman, Leslie and Doug Daniel, Dave Filchner, Cathy Moore or Pete Zellers.

## CONFIRMATION UPDATE

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Confirmation classes are going smoothly so far this year. Just a reminder that attendance for classes and worship services are mandatory requirements. Don't forget to "sign in" at the beginning of class and to fill out a worship worksheet during a Sunday morning service.

Important upcoming dates for Level 1 are November 8 and 17 for church visits. An important upcoming date for Level 2 is November 16 if you chose this date to volunteer with your mentor at the food bank. Please also be working on, or at least thinking, about what your outreach event is for this year. Thank you to those of you who volunteered at the basket social or who have already completed their outreach event. Lastly, please remember that my office door is always open to students and parents, please come see me if you have any questions or concerns!

L. Hafner

### CREW 4:12

(POST CONFIRMATION)

will meet Sunday, November 3

10:15 a.m. for a hike

(will go for breakfast if it rains).

Sign up on youth bulletin board.

### VETERANS DAY



Sunday, November 10, we want to recognize our members who have served or are serving in the armed services. Please contact the church office with their names.

## ENJOY THE CONVENIENCE OF ELECTRONIC GIVING

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As our congregation looks forward to a new year and prepares the 2020 financial budget, it is important to know what support we can depend on from our congregation members. By knowing what we are willing to commit financially, we are able to better plan for the future. Please consider setting up a recurring giving plan. Automating your financial commitments means your contributions will be received on a steady, uninterrupted basis. Visit the church website at [www.hopecherryville.org](http://www.hopecherryville.org) and locate the Online Giving page.

Online Giving

## DIABETES

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- ◇ Diabetes is a disease in which your blood glucose, or blood sugar, levels are too high. **Glucose** comes from the foods you eat.
- ◇ **Insulin** is a hormone that helps get the glucose into your cells to give them energy.
- ◇ With **type 1 diabetes**, your body does not make insulin.
- ◇ **Type 2 diabetes** is a chronic condition that affects the way the body processes blood sugar (glucose).
- ◇ **Prediabetes** is a condition in which the pancreas produces little insulin.
- ◇ **Gestational diabetes** is a form of high blood sugar affecting pregnant women.

Look for more information on the bulletin board.

*Wellness Team*

## WOMEN OF FAITH

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Join us on Monday, November 25 as Pastor Linda Lennon joins us to tell us all about “Little Dresses for Africa” which is a Christian 501(c)3 providing humanitarian relief to the most vulnerable of God’s children: little girls. These dresses go as little ambassadors to plant in the hearts of little girls that they are worthy. “We’re not just sending dresses, we’re sending hope.”

Pastor Lennon will bring some of the dresses she has made and share her experiences about this organization. The Women of Faith hope to make dresses at a future meeting. We will meet in Hanson Hall at 6:00 p.m.

On Monday, December 16, we will be visiting the Lovelight House, a personal care home in Treichlers for our annual Christmas visit. We will be caroling with the residents and then return to church for our Christmas Party. We will meet at church at 6:00 p.m.

Questions, please call Jane Tretiak at 484-767-2346. Thank you!

## EVANGELISM *(Continued from page 2)*

not only enjoy the display but also enjoy the fellowship that is shared during the display.

We know that there are many musically talented people (both instrumental and vocal) here at Hope and we are looking for people to share that talent during the display. If you are willing to give at least 45 minutes of your time to share your talent, it would be wonderful. Again, this is something our many visitors enjoy and music greatly enhances our display.

We will again have a children's center where younger children can make a craft and learn more about the birth of Christ. This is available to all children during the entire display except the Sunday morning church and Sunday school hours.

Please remember that this display is not about the beautiful scenes that are shared, but to honor and celebrate the birth of Christ. Help your Evange-

lism committee to make this year's celebration -- our 20<sup>th</sup> -- a successful one. Invite your friends and family to come to Hope during this weekend.

Any way you can help with this 20th year celebration, or for more information, please call Sharyn Kratzer at 610-261-1277.

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE: Evangelism meets the first Thursday of each month at 5:45 p.m. Everyone is welcome to join this committee. Your help and your ideas would be appreciated.



## OUTREACH MINISTRY TO ST. STEPHEN

Wednesday, **November 20**  
2:30 p.m.

## PRAYER SHAWL



Thursday,  
**November 14**  
10:00 a.m.

## CENTERING PRAYER

Monday, **November 4 and 18**  
6—7 p.m.



Monday,  
**November 18**  
7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

## STORYWEAVERS and lunch

Tuesday, **November 12**  
10 a.m.  
Call LeAnn Chandler

## OUTREACH MEETING

Sunday, **November 3**  
11:30 a.m.

## GRATITUDE SUNDAY November 17

Fellowship after both services

We will never  
change the world  
by going to church.  
We will only  
change the world  
by being the church.



## SOUP GROUP AND DELIVERY

Wednesday, **November 6**  
9 a.m.

**WELCA**  
Tuesday,  
**November 19**  
9:00 a.m.



## ELECTION DAY BAKE SALE November 5

We will be holding a bake sale in Kuntz Hall on Election Day. Hope Lutheran Church is now the Polling place for the Pennsville District.

If you are able to donate baked items or host the sale (2 hour sifts between 8 a.m. & 6 p.m.) please contact Laurie Christman, [communications@hopecherryville.org](mailto:communications@hopecherryville.org), 610-760-1472.



## SENIOR THANKSGIVING FEAST

All seniors are welcome to join us, Saturday, **November 16 at 11:30 a.m.** Join us for fun, fellowship, food and entertainment at our Thanksgiving Feast. Please sign up on the sheet posted on the narthex bulletin board no later than November 8.



## SAVE THE DATE!! SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

December 15 at the 10:30 service;  
snow date: December 22 at 9:15)



## ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

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During our liturgy on All Saints' Sunday we gather in a darkened worship space as we prepare to name and celebrate those who died in faith in the past year. We read their names and light a candle in their memory – the light reminding us that Jesus, the light of the world, has overcome the darkness of death. Music is more subdued as we offer our members the opportunity to come forward and place a votive around the altar in memory of people they love and who have died in faith.

Gradually, the worship space brightens as we begin to celebrate the lives of those made saints

through their baptism in the past year. Balloons rise as we read their names – symbolizing our lives rising from the waters of baptism to live out our calling to be followers of Jesus in the world.

Eventually the sanctuary is brightly lit as we, together, worship joyfully – celebrating those who have died, those who were baptized and those who stand worshipping with us. It is the great cloud of witnesses rejoicing with ALL the saints. Join us for worship on Sunday, November 4, as we celebrate the Saints.

## BASKET SOCIAL

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The 25th Anniversary Fall Basket Social was held in Kuntz Hall on Friday, October 11. THANK YOU to everyone who in some way helped make it a successful fundraiser and a special silver anniversary celebration!

Ticket sponsors were:

- ♥ In Loving Memory of my mom, Delores Derhammer, by Diane Silfies and family;
- ♥ In Loving Memory of my husband, Harry, and son, Brian, by Loretta Weil and family;
- ♥ In Memory of Loved Ones, by Sandy Glassic and family.

Silver Anniversary Door Prize sponsors were:

- ♥ In Honor of our Grandchildren, from Charlie & Kim Kutzler;
- ♥ In Loving Memory of Rita Hulsizer, from daughter, Kim Ritter-Roth and family;
- ♥ In Loving Memory of Howard Strohl, from wife, Kathryn.

Silver Anniversary Hidden Monies in baskets were:

- ♥ In Loving Memory of husband, Lloyd, from Loretta Moats;
- ♥ To The Glory of God, from a Friend of Hope Church;
- ♥ To The Glory of God, from a Friend of Hope Church.

Special thanks to Thrivent for Action Team “seed money”, which was used to purchase food and paper products.

Scouts and leaders of Troop 242 set up tables and chairs, retrieved baskets from cars and helped set them on tables with attached bags the evening of October 10.

Catechetical students and other volunteers helped with ticket drawings, the running of prizes and clean-up the evening of the Social.

\$4,505.80 was deposited into Hope's General Maintenance Fund. \$319.25 was raised from the sale of baked goods to be used by Hope's Outreach Team toward the purchase of Christmas gifts for the Children of St. Stephen's Ministries, Allentown.

**THE DATE OF THE 26TH ANNUAL FALL BASKET SOCIAL IS FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2020.**

Respectfully submitted by The Basket Committee of Hope Lutheran Church

### \*Basket Committee Notes:

The Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank Susan Hildebrand and Jenny Laury for their help over past years. We welcome back Sami Lambert as our newest member on the Basket Committee.





**FINANCIAL SUMMARY - SEPTEMBER 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 - September	34,387.08	1,514.84	(909.91)	(1,214.89)	-
Income - Jan.-Aug.	259,477.12	30,396.08	4,568.14	1,706.60	2,000.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>293,864.20</b>	<b>31,910.92</b>	<b>3,658.23</b>	<b>491.71</b>	<b>2,000.00</b>
Expenses - September	27,406.52	7,615.86	911.28	-	-
Expenses - Jan.-Aug.	241,035.40	40,529.32	5,536.50	5,400.00	-
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>268,441.92</b>	<b>48,145.18</b>	<b>6,447.78</b>	<b>5,400.00</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>25,422.28</b>	<b>(16,234.26)</b>	<b>(2,789.55)</b>	<b>(4,908.29)</b>	<b>2,000.00</b>
<b>Net Special Appeals</b>	<b>1,410.77</b>				
<b>Balance End of September</b>	<b>\$129,706.27</b>	<b>\$129,909.82</b>	<b>\$136,700.10</b>	<b>\$ 90,704.55</b>	<b>\$ (2,061.92)</b>

**SUMMARY:**

Income exceeded expenses in the Regular Fund for the month of September by \$6,980.56, and for the year 2019, income exceeded expenses by \$25,422.28, giving us a current balance in the Regular Fund of \$129,706.27. Last year the net income for the same period was \$(13,391.30) with a balance of \$79,450.25.

*\*\* 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](mailto:communications@hopecherryville.org)). Thank you.

<u>Edition</u>	<u>Article Deadline</u>	<u>Collation Date</u>
December	November 18	Wednesday, November 27 @ 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 November 2019 issue of *Synod News* is available online.  
Visit <http://nepasynod.org/documents/synod-news/synod-news-2019-11.pdf>

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