

# Hope *Home News*

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## **GREETINGS FROM THE PASTOR...**

Well, Christmas is fast approaching and here at Hope we are digging into the Advent season and getting ready for Christmas Eve. But this is going to be an Advent and Christmas season unlike any we have had before. As the coronavirus continues to spread and recommendations from the CDC and the State of Pennsylvania urge us to be cautious about gatherings, our council has made the decision to continue our services in our parking lot and at Becky's Drive-In for the near future. So here is what you can expect for the Advent and Christmas season...

**Worship services will be held in at Becky's Drive-In every Saturday evening at 6:30 p.m. and every Sunday morning in Hope's parking lot at 9:00 a.m..** This has been working well so far and we have faith that we are offering the safest ways to worship. We will be doing some creative things by including families in our weekly lighting of the Advent wreath and counting down the weeks until Christmas. Decorating will be different - so keep your eyes open for changes each week of Advent.

**Christmas Eve will be different as well. We will hold one service in Hope's parking lot at 3:30 p.m.** Obviously, because of the limited number of spaces in our lot – the number of cars we can hold is limited. This service will be “live” with the pastor and worship assistant on the flatbed trailer and music on the organ in the sanctuary as well as special prerecorded musical selections. A special sermon time is being prepared that you will see as you sit in the comfort of your car. Holy Communion will be celebrated at this service. You will come into the parking lot via the Route 248 entrance and leave via the Cherry Road exit. This will ensure a smooth and safe movement of traffic in the lot.

**Additionally, there will be a second service at 8:00 p.m. at Becky's Drive-In which will be on the “big screen.”** We are excited about the ability to be able to “show” you the orchestra and choirs at this service as they have been working to create musical pieces that are played in their homes and compiled by our Director of Music, David Ziegler, who has been hard at work putting all this together. And we have a special sermon for this service that you won't want to miss! We will also celebrate Holy Communion at our Becky's worship. Bethany Wesleyan Church will be holding a service at Becky's at 6:00 p.m. so we will not be able to access this space until after 7:00 p.m. – so please plan accordingly. **Remember that there will be limited capacity in our parking lot on Christmas Eve so please consider joining us at Becky's where the capacity is much greater.**

**And please do not forget that EVERY service is posted on our website ([hopecherryville.org](http://hopecherryville.org)) early in the week following the Becky's service.**

We are in need of members to volunteer to help us greet and pass out bulletins, candles and communion cups at both our parking lot and Becky's Christmas Eve services. We will also need people to help direct traffic at both venues. I know these might be chilly jobs, but if you are interested in helping please call the church office or Pastor Jami.

We realize this is a big change for our members but we are confident you will embrace it as you have so willingly embraced all the changes we have had to make. I keep saying that the coronavirus is keeping us on our toes as we creatively find new and different ways to worship and share the Good News of Jesus Christ. People who are not members of Hope are joining us in our parking lot and at Becky's, giving us the opportunity to reach out to our community.

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## COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS—November 2020

- ◆ Hope’s finances are holding steady thanks to the regular contributions from our members. Council is very grateful that members have kept up with their commitments and offerings so that the work of the congregation can continue. As the Christmas season approaches, council encourages members to live generously in their support of our ministries so that we complete our year positively.
- ◆ Council reviewed the proposed 2021 budget and voted to send it to the Annual Congregation meeting on November 9 for approval.
- ◆ The Relaunch Team council appointed has launched the first round of surveys that went out to members who volunteer as support teams for worship (Ushers, Lectors, Communion Assistants, Greeters, Altar Guild, etc.) to gauge their interest, participation and preferences for worship and reentering the building for worship in the future. The next round will go out to the general congregation after these surveys are compiled.
- ◆ The Property Committee is looking into a proposal for some additional security for inside and outside the facility.
- ◆ The Youth Group has been busy with fund raising and fun:
  - They completed a successful clothing drive
  - Youth Group leaders will announce the winners of the Virtual Gift Card Raffle on November 7.
  - Youth gathered – physically distanced - to tie-dye face masks and will sell them at upcoming parking lot and Becky’s services.
  - A Zoom “Escape Room” activity is scheduled for November 13.
  - Youth will be selling nut rolls for the Christmas season as a fund raiser for the ELCA 2022 Youth Gathering.

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## ELECTRONIC GIVING

We know that supporting your Church is important to you. Our mission has not stopped because of this public health crisis. We hope you will consider additional giving to your Church. It is through the contributions of every member that we will be able to support our members and community. You can use our electronic giving option for both regular offerings and one-time gifts. Help us achieve a more consistent level of funding by setting up a recurring giving plan. Visit the church website at [www.hopecherryville.org](http://www.hopecherryville.org) and locate the Online Giving page.

Online Giving

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**Saturday, December 5**

6:30 p.m.

Becky’s Drive-In

**Sunday, December 6**

9:00 a.m.

Church Parking Lot

**Saturday, December 12**

6:30 p.m.

Becky’s Drive-In

**Sunday, December 13**

9:00 a.m.

Church Parking Lot

**Saturday, December 19**

6:30 p.m.

Becky’s Drive-In

**Sunday, December 20**

9:00 a.m.

Church Parking Lot

 **Christmas Eve**

3:30 p.m.

Church Parking Lot

**Christmas Eve**

8:00 p.m. 

Becky’s Drive-In

**Saturday, December 26**

6:30 p.m.

Becky’s Drive-In

**Sunday, December 27**

9:00 p.m.

Church Parking Lot



WORSHIP WITH US

# CHRISTMAS EVE



**3:30 p.m.**  
in the  
**church parking lot**

**8:00 p.m.**  
at  
**Becky's Drive-In**

We want to share members' photos on the screen at our  
**Christmas Eve Drive-In Service.**

Send us the photo you put on your Christmas card,  
a photo "shopping" for your Christmas  
tree (*Paul Bunyan* style),  
of your family decorating,  
or in front of your Christmas tree.



Use your creativity.

The only set requirements are:

It must be a Christmas theme and

**we must have all photos by Tuesday, December 15.**

Send them to: [communications@hopecherryville.org](mailto:communications@hopecherryville.org)

## SOUP GROUP

Soup Group will be starting again on Wednesday, December 2 and will meet the first Wednesday of every month thereafter. To insure everyone's safety, all deliveries will be contactless; meaning soup will be bagged and left on your front porch or stoop. If you are homebound and would like to request soup or have any questions, please contact LeeAnn Chandler at 610-440-0341.



## YOUTH MINISTRY

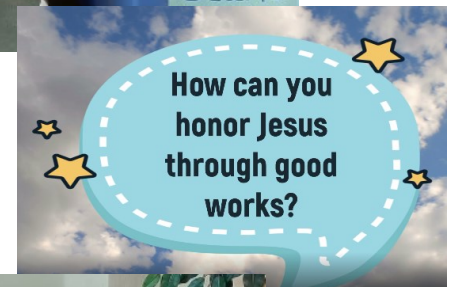
Youth Group will be selling tie-dye face masks to help support those attending the Youth Gathering in 2022. These will make great Christmas presents! Each mask will be \$5. Masks can be purchased after Sunday services at the table by the trailer. We can accept cash and checks.

The Youth will be selling nut rolls to raise money to go to the National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis, MN, in July 2022. The nut rolls will be provided from Country Cottage Bakery in Tamaqua. Flavors include walnut (traditional), prune (lekvar), poppy seed, apricot, apple, seedless red raspberry, pumpkin cheese, and coconut cream. Nut rolls can be purchased through the link, <https://forms.gle/JLCNGbYRnfNZ5X9q8> or by calling the office at Hope. The link is active now although officially nut rolls will be sold from November 15 to December 2. Nut rolls will cost \$18 each. No money will be accepted at this time. Payment will be due upon pick up. Pick up will be Sunday, December 20 at Hope via drive-through by Kuntz Hall.

If any questions please call Trish Ninos; 610-360-6034 or email at [trishcninos@yahoo.com](mailto:trishcninos@yahoo.com).

**Thank you for your continued support for our youth!**

Ally Lockard  
Youth Ministries Coordinator



## SUNDAY SCHOOL

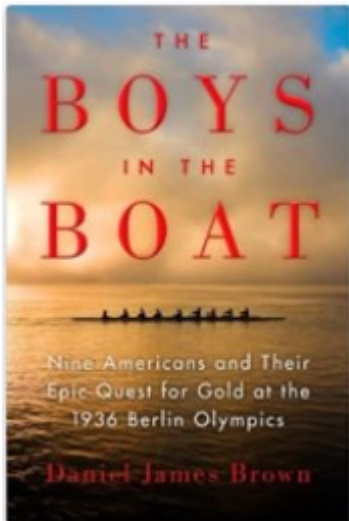
Packets for youth age 2 – 6<sup>th</sup> grade can be picked up before Sunday morning service, after Sunday morning service and before Monday night service at the Greeter Stations.

Sunday School is looking for any youth who would like to help with our weekly videos. We are looking for kids to help with music and activities. If your child would like to be in one of our videos, please email [sundayschool@hopecherryville.org](mailto:sundayschool@hopecherryville.org).



## BOOK BUDDIES

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The next book has been chosen—*The Boys in the Boat*. If you want to join in reading this book and the discussion on January 5 (at either 1 p.m. or 7 p.m.) please call the church office.

The #1 *New York Times*–bestselling story about American Olympic triumph in Nazi Germany and now the inspiration for the PBS documentary “The Boys of ‘36’.”

For readers of *Unbroken*, out of the depths of the Depression comes an irresistible story about beating the odds and finding hope in the most desperate of times—the improbable, intimate account of how nine working-class boys from the American West showed the world at the 1936 Olympics in Berlin what true grit really means.

It was an unlikely quest from the start. With a team composed of the sons of loggers, shipyard workers, and farmers, the University of Washington’s eight-oar crew team was never expected to defeat the elite teams of the East Coast and Great Britain, yet they did, going on to shock the world by defeating the German team rowing for Adolf Hitler. The emotional heart of the tale lies with Joe Rantz, a teenager without family or prospects, who rows not only to regain his shattered self-regard but also to find a real place for himself in the world. Drawing on the boys’ own journals and vivid memories of a once-in-a-lifetime shared dream, Brown has created an unforgettable portrait of an era, a celebration of a remarkable achievement, and a chronicle of one extraordinary young man’s personal quest. **Amazon**

## STORY WEAVERS

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Story Weavers will hold their Christmas luncheon on Tuesday, December 8 at 12 noon at Assante Restaurant. Any woman interested in attending should contact LeeAnn Chandler at 610-440-0341 so we have an accurate count for the group reservation which is needed.

## BIBLE STUDY

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Bible Study with Pastor Jami, via Zoom is held on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.

Meeting link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87605892517?pwd=WFdsZmFBMnNDRVB1N1JiIT1ZjNmdTQT09>

Meeting ID: 876 0589 2517 / Passcode: 440965

Call the office for more information.



## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

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Hope’s Prayer Shawl Ministry is currently making scarves for our college students, to let them know we continue to pray for them. Here is how you can help: call 610-767-7203 or email the church office at [office@hopecherryville.org](mailto:office@hopecherryville.org) and provide us your child’s address.

We want to send a scarf to all students in college, and trade or technical schools. Even if your child is living at home and commuting, we want to let them know we are thinking of them by sending them a scarf.

With deepest sympathy we announce the following who have entered eternal life:



Shirley A. Beil - November 2  
Cassandra Stape - November 7

Our deepest sympathy to Pastor Jami and family on the death of her father:

Milton Lloyd - November 19

## CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLE SPONSORSHIPS



This year for Christmas Eve worship we will be using Glow Stick Candles. Each person will receive their own Glow Candle to crack and set the night ablaze while we worship. Each candle will last four hours once activated. If you would like to help with the cost of these special candles, you can do so by sponsoring a box of twelve in “memory of” or “in honor of” someone. We are still in need of several sponsors. The cost to sponsor a box of candles is \$9.00. Please contact Jennifer in the church office at 610-767-7203 or email [office@hopecherryville.org](mailto:office@hopecherryville.org) if you would like to sponsor candles.

Thank you to everyone that responded to the Ingathering collection for the **Allentown Rescue Mission** and for the **Toys for Tots** toy drive. What joy these items will bring to our neighbors!

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Youth Group Gift Card Raffle. If you were a winner and have not picked up your prize yet, please email [youthgroup@hopecherryville.org](mailto:youthgroup@hopecherryville.org).

## HOPE FOR OUR COMMUNITY CONTINUES

We are assisting the Northern Lehigh and Northampton School Districts in their fight against hunger. Their programs provide breakfast on school days and lunch on weekends for their students in need. Full stomachs lead to students being on task more often, can increase math test scores, possibly increase reading test scores, and increase attendance.

Food items can be dropped off at any service or in the church during office hours. Please remember due to allergies within the school all donations should be peanut and nut free.



Some suggested items:

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|-------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|----------------|
| Pop Tarts         | Mini-Cereal Boxes  | Fruit Snacks              | Breakfast Bars |
| Teddy Grahams     | Gold Fish Crackers | Pretzels                  | Cheez-its      |
| Graham Crackers   | Granola Bars       | Shelf-stable Yogurt       | Trail mix      |
| Shelf-stable milk | Mac-n-cheese       | Canned soups/stews/pastas |                |

## **GREETINGS FROM THE PASTOR**

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And thank you in advance to our Advent/Christmas Decorating Team and our Worship Arts Team for helping us celebrate the season with lots of visual enhancements. Thank you to our Director of Music, choirs and orchestra for collectively sharing your talent with us. Thank you to our office staff who continue to adjust to the changes we make. Thank you to our members – Hope Lutheran Church – for your continued support of our ministries and your incredible faith that nothing can keep us from celebrating this season.

Blessings,  
Pastor Jami



**3:30 p.m. service in church parking lot:**

7 greeters  
4 parking attendants

**8:00 p.m. service at Becky's Drive-In**

7 greeters  
8 parking attendants

If you are able to help, please call the church office, 610-767-7203, or email the office at [office@hopecherryville.org](mailto:office@hopecherryville.org)

## **COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS** *(Continued from page 2)*

- ◆ The Social Ministry Committee will participate in the Northern Lehigh Mission District Ingathering in November and deliver non-food gift baskets to STAR (Seniors with Transportation and Accessibility Restrictions) for Christmas.
- ◆ In lieu of hosting the Annual Nativity Display, the Evangelism Committee will hand out Nativities for members at both the parking lot and Becky's services for Advent.

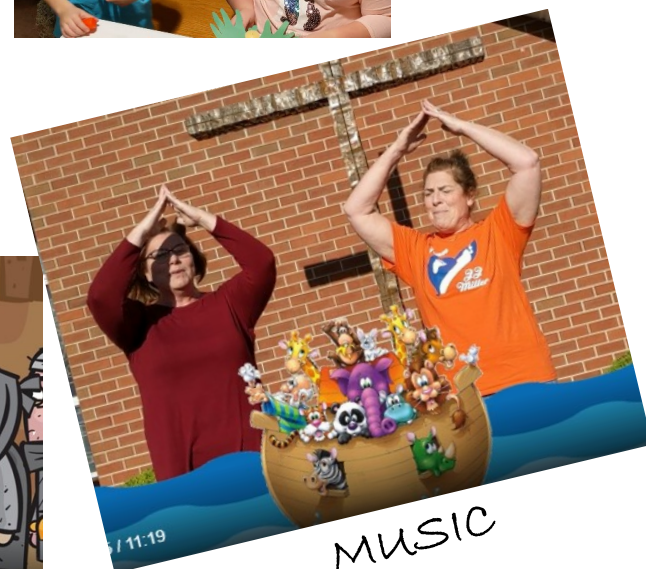
## **SUNDAY SCHOOL LOOKS A LITTLE DIFFERENT**



ACTIVITIES



STORIES



## STARS AND PROMISES CHRISTMAS CONCERT WITH PETER MAYER

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In the first-ever ELCA event of its kind, ELCA World Hunger presents an online Christmas benefit concert featuring Peter Mayer, a longtime Lutheran and the lead guitarist for singer Jimmy Buffett. The concert will premiere on the [ELCA Facebook page](#) on December 9, 7 p.m. Central time.

The concert is a gift to you this Advent season, a way for us to thank you and provide a place for you to gather online with the church community as we prepare for the birth of our Savior. Donations to ELCA World Hunger are encouraged and will support our church's work to respond to hunger and poverty in more than 60 countries.



# THRIVENT FINANCIAL®

### Action Teams

There is still time to use your 2020 Action Teams!!! As of November 13 Hope Lutheran has used 31 Action Teams totaling \$7,750 in seed money.

To register: <http://thrivent.com/actionteams> Thrivent members, do you know that Thrivent will give you up to \$500 to do community service projects every year? Thrivent Action Teams make it easy to live generously. It starts with a simple question: "Who can I help and how?" Check out this link for ideas and examples of projects that are going on right now, all over the country <https://thrivent.cotribute.co/community/thrivent-action-teams/detail> Learn more and apply here <http://thrivent.com/actionteams>. Be sure to invite me to your project! I'd love to help!

### Thrivent Choice Dollars

As of November 13 30 members of Hope Lutheran have directed \$3,324 in 2020 Thrivent Choice Dollars. Thrivent Choice is a charitable grant program that gives eligible Thrivent members the power to recommend where Thrivent distributes some of its charitable funds each year. Members are invited to direct Choice Dollars® among thousands of enrolled nonprofit organizations, including churches, camps, schools, seminaries, campus ministries and more.

### Upcoming Events

#### **Giving Tuesday – Bibles for the Military**

*December 1, 2020 – All Day – Online Event*

#### **Home For the Holidays – Celebrating a Year's Worth of Generosity**

*December 6, 2020 @ 6:00 pm – Online Event*

#### **Family Trivia Night with John Michael Hinton – Christmas Edition**

*December 13, 2020 @ 6:00 pm – Online Event*

#### **Lehigh Township First Tree Lighting Ceremony**

*December 6, 2020 @ 5:30-7:30 pm – Bryfogel Park*

*\*come find the Thrivent table and say Hi*

Amy Nichols and the Thrivent Member Network are working to keeping bringing you in person and virtual events. Don't forget to check out the upcoming events at <https://connect.thrivent.com/amy-nichols/events/>. New events are being added all the time.



**FINANCIAL SUMMARY - OCTOBER 31, 2020**

	Regular	Building	Memorial	Scholarship	Memorial Garden
<b>Balance Beginning of Year</b>	<b>\$161,499.08</b>	<b>\$146,206.85</b>	<b>\$143,349.81</b>	<b>\$ 95,238.49</b>	<b>\$ (2,061.92)</b>
<b>Income - October</b>	<b>28,694.77</b>	<b>239.99</b>	<b>(306.85)</b>	<b>(937.71)</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Income - Jan.-Sept.</b>	<b>278,936.80</b>	<b>28,079.32</b>	<b>15,722.72</b>	<b>4,858.27</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>307,631.57</b>	<b>28,319.31</b>	<b>15,415.87</b>	<b>3,920.56</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Expenses - October</b>	<b>35,795.73</b>	<b>3,188.07</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Expenses - Jan.-Sept.</b>	<b>275,090.20</b>	<b>25,212.41</b>	<b>28.95</b>	<b>5,600.00</b>	<b>435.00</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>310,885.93</b>	<b>28,400.48</b>	<b>28.95</b>	<b>5,600.00</b>	<b>435.00</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>(3,254.36)</b>	<b>(81.17)</b>	<b>15,386.92</b>	<b>(1,679.44)</b>	<b>(435.00)</b>
<b>Net Special Appeals</b>	<b>1,494.97</b>				
<b>Balance End of October</b>	<b>\$159,739.69</b>	<b>\$146,125.68</b>	<b>\$158,736.73</b>	<b>\$ 93,559.05</b>	<b>\$ (2,496.92)</b>

**SUMMARY:**

Expenses exceeded income in the Regular Fund for the month of October by \$7,100.96, and for the year 2020, expenses exceeded income by \$3,254.36, giving us a current balance in the Regular Fund of \$159,739.69. Last year the net income for the same period was \$19,214.17 with a balance of \$123,922.16.

*\*\* 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>
January	Monday, December 14	Friday, December 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 December 2020 issue of *Synod News* is available online.  
Visit <http://nepasynod.org/documents/synod-news/synod-news-2020-12.pdf>

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