

Hope *Home News*

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GREETINGS FROM THE PASTOR...

By the time you read this newsletter article we will be getting ready to ring in the New Year 2021. As I anticipate this, I cannot help but wonder what the year will bring. Most definitely there will be lots of things that are not on my radar right now. But there will be things of which I am certain...another notch on my age belt...a presidential inauguration...the constant threat of the pandemic...looking forward to the vaccine for Covid19...new opportunities for ministry here at Hope...new ways to live our lives.

And that got me to thinking about how I might look at life with a different view this year – how I might be very conscious about how I perceive things and how I am perceived. This struck me because I recently read a quote by Zig Ziglar who said, “When you choose to be pleasant and positive in the way you treat others, you have also chosen, in most cases, how you are going to be treated by them.”

I know people who never make an effort to be pleasant and positive to others - and who were constantly complaining about how other people treat them. It is astonishing to me to hear them complain about how others act when I know how they treat others. The reality is that every person desires to be recognized as a unique, caring individual with needs and wants and hopes and dreams. Every one of us desires to be treated with dignity and respect - and not walked all over. Truth is - if we treat other people poorly we're going to be treated poorly, too.

A friend shared what she observed recently when she was on a short vacation. A couple came to the front desk of the hotel – not just once - but several times. To my friend it was quite obvious that they were looking for a big discount or an upgrade to a different room. They dumped on the manager a list of accusations – one of the staff lied to them - all the rest were unprofessional - and most of them were unable to do their jobs. The manager tried to treat them well and be reasonable for a very long time, but that didn't work. Finally, she told them, “Fine, we'll just refund your money and you can go somewhere else to stay.” This stopped them in their tracks. Their complaining immediately stopped and they turned and left. Why did it have to come to that?

My friend reflected to me, “Life is a mirror. It gives back to us what we give to it. People will treat us as we treat them, and they'll remember our rudeness - and the next time we show up where they work or live, we'll be treated based on how they remember us treating them.”

There are many reasons to change our attitudes to more positive and loving ones - but the most important reason of all is to turn our own lives into positive experiences that allow us to be happy and fulfilled. That can come only from us and not from any other source. The world will not give us the conditions that will nurture happiness and fulfillment until we show to the world a face that is ready for both.

So...this year maybe you want to reflect with me on these two questions: What kind of attitude do you generally give to the world? What kind of attitude does the world generally give to you in return? Turn your gaze inward. If you wonder why people treat you as they do - look inside and discover the face that you're giving to the world. And once you determine that - decide how you want the world to treat you and present a face that will attract just that kind of treatment. Correct yourself and your world will change.

New Year Blessings,
Pastor Jami

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS—December 2020

- ◆ Each month the council reviews the financial statements for the previous month. This year has been a critical year because of the Covid19 pandemic and the fact that we are not worshipping in the sanctuary. Yet, Hope's members have "risen to the occasion" and continued to be generous in their giving. With the year coming fast to a close, Council thanks our members for their financial support.
- ◆ Council approved the purchase of new microphones for use in the sanctuary. The current mics are not up to the level of quality for transmitting the service to the parking lot. The money for these will come from the Memorial Fund.
- ◆ Council approved the purchase and installation of security cameras inside and outside the building and panic buttons for the sanctuary and office. The contract will be with Altronics Security Company. Installation will begin in the new year.
- ◆ Thank you to Lee Creyer, Trish Ninos, Manfred Steiner and Susan Stephens who completed either 3-year or 6-year terms on the council. Their offering of time and expertise was appreciated and valued.
- ◆ Council approved the donation of \$300.00 to Bear Creek Camp. This money was budgeted for camp scholarships but was not used in 2020.
- ◆ Thank you to Lee Creyer who built new cabinets for the Youth group office.
- ◆ First Communion classes will begin in January. The teaching staff is working out how they will do this but will be starting with a virtual class.
- ◆ Two Eagle Scout projects have been completed by our Scout troop. Ryan McCutcheon built a Gaga Ball Pit and Reece Anderson put a new roof on the Pavilion.
- ◆ Council discussed giving Becky's another donation for the use of their drive-in for our worship services. This will go out to the congregation again to allow members to make donations to this through January.

ELECTRONIC GIVING

Thank you for all you do to support our mission during the holidays and throughout the year. As you plan for the year end and look forward to a new year, please consider additional giving to your church. For your convenience, we offer electronic giving options for one-time gifts and recurring contributions. Visit the church website at www.hopecherryville.org and locate the Online Giving page.

Online Giving

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 2

6:30 p.m.

Becky's Drive-In

Sunday, January 3

9:00 a.m.

Church Parking Lot

Saturday, January 9

6:30 p.m.

Becky's Drive-In

Sunday, January 10

9:00 a.m.

Church Parking Lot

Saturday, January 16

6:30 p.m.

Becky's Drive-In

Sunday, January 17

9:00 a.m.

Church Parking Lot

Saturday, January 23

6:30 p.m.

Becky's Drive-In

Sunday, January 24

9:00 p.m.

Church Parking Lot

Saturday, January 30

6:30 p.m.

Becky's Drive-In

Sunday, January 31

9:00 p.m.

Church Parking Lot

YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth group has a few nut rolls left. They are \$18 each. Please email Ally Lockard at alockard313@gmail.com if you are interested.

Thank you for your continued support for our youth!

Ally Lockard
Youth Ministries Coordinator



January event

We will be participating in a virtual escape room on Sunday, January 10.
Reservations must be made through the company, please reply to the email sent about this event.
Costs will be covered by youth group.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Packets for youth age 2 – 6th grade can be picked up before Sunday morning service, after Sunday morning service and before Saturday 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.

FIRST COMMUNION

Anyone who is in 5th grade and wants to participate in the First Communion class should be on the look-out for an email after the new year. If you are unsure if your email is in our system, please contact us at:



sundayschool@hopecherryville.org

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM (more pictures on page 5)

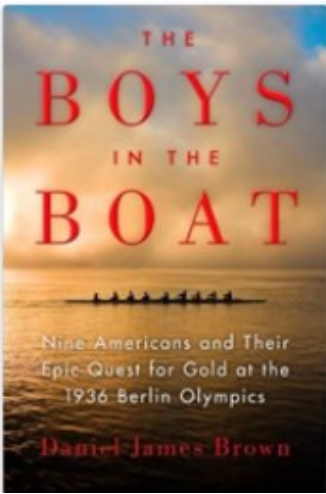


With deepest sympathy we announce the following who have entered eternal life:



Robert Taschler—December 3
Michael Kurinec—December 14

BOOK BUDDIES



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**

BIBLE STUDY

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=WFdsZmFBMnNDRVB1N1JiT1ZjNmdTQT09>

Meeting ID: 876 0589 2517 / Passcode: 440965

Call the office for more information.



No BIBLE STUDY on December 31.

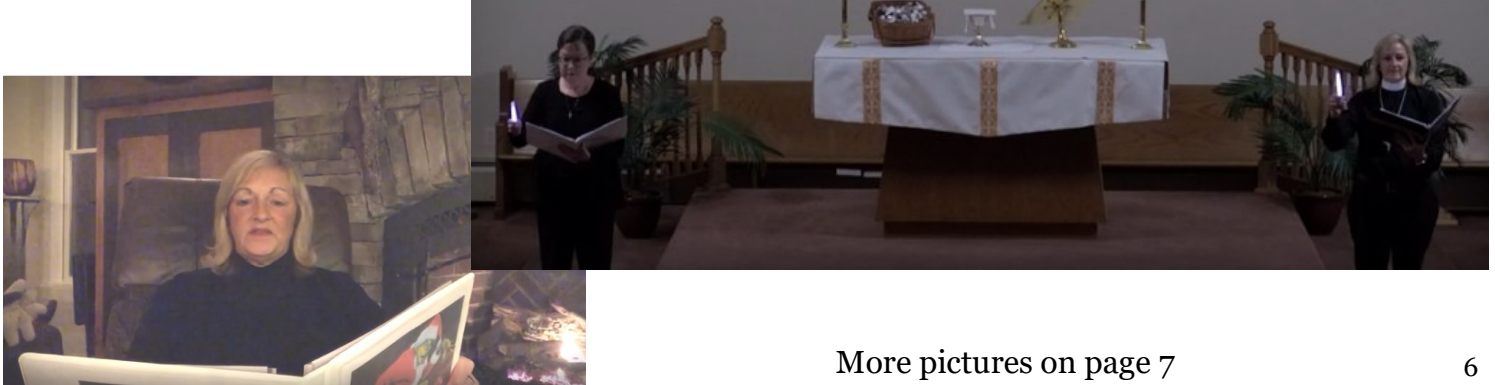
SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM (con't from page 3)



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES 2020



You can watch the full service, including members' Christmas pictures, at hopecherryville.org.



More pictures on page 7

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES 2020 (con't from page 6)

Candles being held out car windows during singing of SILENT NIGHT



HOPE FOR OUR COMMUNITY CONTINUES

We continue to assist 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 | |

Action Teams

There is still time to use your 2020 Action Teams!!! Thrivent members, did you know that Thrivent will give you up to \$500 per year to do community service projects? 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>. To learn more and apply for your Action Team click here <http://thrivent.com/actionteams>. Be sure to invite Amy Nichols to your project! I’d love to help!



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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.

As of 11/30/2020 Hope Lutheran has had 34 members direct their Thrivent Choice Dollars in the amount of \$3,885. You have until March 31, 2021 to direct your Choice Dollars.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, January 14, 2012 at 8:00pm

Train Your Brain For Success with Bestselling Author & TED Talk Speaker, Roger Seip

This online webinar will be presented, led and executed fully by the Ohio Valley and Mid Atlantic’s Community Engagement Team. During this webinar members and prospects will learn how to harness the incredible creative capacity of your mind and achieve your personal best – professionally, financially and personally. We’ll explore your brain’s extremely UNhelpful default settings and how to overcome them and put you in charge of your brain and your results.

Wednesday, January 13, 2021 1:00 – 6:00 pm

Thrivent & Miller Keystone Blood Drive

236 Broadhead Rd, Bethlehem, PA 18067

Come and join Amy Nichols and Christy Alvord with a Miller Keystone Blood Drive to help give back to our communities.

Please note that all appointments must be scheduled in the registration link. There will be no walk ins allowed due to COVID guidelines. Come early or stay after your appointment for conversation and snacks in the office with Amy & Christy

Thursday, January 28, 2021 at 8:00 pm

The New Retirementality with Retirement Coach, Mitch Anthony

This online webinar will be presented, led and executed fully by the Ohio Valley and Mid Atlantic’s Community Engagement Team. During this online webinar members and prospects will have the opportunity to work through their My Retirementality™ Profile alongside Retirement Coach Mitch Anthony.

Wednesday, February 10, 2021

Wine, Women, Wealth & Wisdom

Please join Christy Alvord, Amy Nichols, and Tammy Rupert for an evening of wine and wisdom as we learn how women need to plan a little differently than men for their wealth and future.

Amy Nichols and the Thrivent Member Network are working to keeping bringing you a variety of virtual events throughout the winter season. Please visit <https://connect.thrivent.com/amy-nichols/events/> for registration links and additional events.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - NOVEMBER 30, 2020

	Regular	Building	Memorial	Scholarship	Memorial Garden
Balance Beginning of Year	\$161,499.08	\$146,206.85	\$143,349.81	\$ 95,238.49	\$ (2,061.92)
Income - November	31,634.08	3,931.70	(667.83)	(1,516.01)	-
Income - Jan.-Oct.	307,631.57	28,319.31	15,415.87	3,920.56	-
Total Income	339,265.65	32,251.01	14,748.04	2,404.55	-
Expenses - November	27,450.65	99.00	-	-	-
Expenses - Jan.-Oct.	310,885.93	28,400.48	28.95	5,600.00	435.00
Total Expenses	338,336.58	28,499.48	28.95	5,600.00	435.00
Net Income	929.07	3,751.53	14,719.09	(3,195.45)	(435.00)
Net Special Appeals	1,494.97				
Balance End of November	\$163,923.12	\$149,958.38	\$158,068.90	\$ 92,043.04	\$ (2,496.92)

SUMMARY:

Income exceeded expenses in the Regular Fund for the month of November by \$4,183.43, and for the year 2020, income exceeded expenses by \$929.07, giving us a current balance in the Regular Fund of \$163,923.12. Last year the net income for the same period was \$29,418.98 with a balance of \$134,126.97.

*** 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>
February	Monday, January 18	Thursday, January 28 @ 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 may run longer.

SYNOD NEWS

The January 2021 issue of *Synod News* is available online.
Visit <http://nepasynod.org/documents/synod-news/synod-news-2021-1.pdf>

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