

# Hope *Home News*

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

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I will not be telling you anything you don't already know when I say that this year and a half of pandemic living has brought many changes and – if we are honest – many learnings. Truth be told – many of us have focused on the negative feelings and experiences that have overwhelmed us during these past months. And though I am not denying the things that cause our negativity – I am pretty sure that we all could say that there are some good things that came out of this pandemic experience as well.

That got me to thinking and so I asked my family this question just the other day: “What is the big takeaway from the pandemic that you have discovered about yourself or your life?” These are some of the answers I got...

- I learned that I like to travel for work.
- Family is so important and not seeing them was very difficult.
- I never realized how selfish people can be when it comes to the good of all.
- I came to understand that life isn't all about work and you have to enjoy the moment.
- We are all capable of learning new ways of staying in touch and dealing with new technologies.

What about you? If I asked that question of you – how would you respond? Have you focused more on the blessings you have come to discover about yourself or the world or do you find that you see mostly the negative consequences of pandemic life? The reality is that with everything in life there are blessings and curses – boons and busts. Let me share a story that illustrates this.

There is an old Taoist story about a wise man on the northern frontier of China. One day, for no apparent reason, a young man's horse ran away and was taken by nomads across the border. Everyone tried to offer consolation for the man's ill fortune, but his father, a wise man, said, ‘What makes you so sure that this is not a blessing?’

Months later, his horse returned, bringing with her a magnificent stallion. This time everyone was full of congratulations for the son's good fortune. But now his father said, ‘What makes you sure this isn't a disaster?’ Their household was made richer by this fine horse, which the son loved to ride. But one day he fell off the horse and broke his hip. Once again, everyone offered their consolation for his bad luck, but his father said, ‘What makes you so sure that this is not a blessing?’

A year later the nomads mounted an invasion across the border, and every able-bodied man was required to take up his bow and go into battle. The Chinese frontiersmen lost nine out of every ten men. Only because the son was lame did the father and son survive to take care of each other.

Truly the story reminds us, blessings turn to disaster, and disasters to blessings. Our job as we try to navigate our lives is to continually discern which is which. May God give you the wisdom and insight to recognize daily the incredible gifts that come our way.

Blessings,  
Pastor Jami

## **COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS—June 2021**

- \* Council unanimously appointed and welcomed Megan Smith to replace Sami Lambert as the Youth Representative to the council. Sami resigned last month from the council. Megan will complete the term which will end in December 2022.
- \* With regret, the council accepted Laura Hafner's letter of resignation as the Confirmation Coordinator. Hope will immediately begin advertising for this position.
- \* Beginning Sunday, June 20, council approved a recommendation from the Relaunch Team to hold one service each week in the sanctuary. The 9:30 service will be in-person with masks required for all people attending. Seating will be allocated to make sure there is distance between groups of people. Details will be provided to the congregation regarding other safeguards.
- \* Small groups and committees will now be able to have in-person meetings in the building with the precaution that all attendees will wear masks in the facility. Groups are asked to schedule and meetings or gatherings with the church office.
- \* The Boy Scout and Girl Scouts troops will continue to meet in the pavilion for the summer months.
- \* Council approved a blood drive for the Miller Memorial Blood Bank on Saturday, September 18 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Hope parking lot.
- \* A decision was made by the Yard Sale Committee and Council not to hold the yard sale this year due to the pandemic. The group will make plans to bring the yard sale back in 2022.
- \* Council approved having a gift card shower for a young person in Northampton School District who has been diagnosed with leukemia. Hope's VBS will also be using their coin toss monies to help this family. Information about the gift card shower will be made available in the bulletins, newsletter and Connections of Hope.
- \* Council approved the proposal from Northampton County Senior Center to reopen the Cherryville Center at Hope Lutheran. A tentative date is July 6 but that will be determined by the county and Senior Center staff.

## **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

<p><b>Sunday, July 4</b> 8:00 a.m. Church Parking Lot &amp; 9:30 a.m. In-Person</p>	<p><b>Sunday, August 1</b> 8:00 a.m. Church Parking Lot &amp; 9:30 a.m. In-Building</p>
<p><b>Sunday, July 11</b> 8:00 a.m. Church Parking Lot &amp; 9:30 a.m. In-Person</p>	<p><b>Sunday, August 8</b> 8:00 a.m. Church Parking Lot &amp; 9:30 a.m. In-Building</p>
<p><b>Sunday, July 18</b> 8:00 a.m. Church Parking Lot &amp; 9:30 a.m. In-Person</p>	<p><b>Sunday, August 15</b> 8:00 a.m. Church Parking Lot &amp; 9:30 a.m. In-Building</p>
<p><b>Sunday, July 25</b> 8:00 a.m. Church Parking Lot &amp; 9:30 a.m. In-Person</p>	<p><b>Sunday, August 22</b> 8:00 a.m. Church Parking Lot &amp; 9:30 a.m. In-Building</p>
	<p><b>Sunday, August 29</b> 8:00 a.m. Church Parking Lot &amp; 9:30 a.m. In-Building</p>



# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER



July 12 – 16.  
9:00 a.m. to 12 noon

Our theme is: **Knights of North Castle.**



Children 3 years old and potty trained to children who have completed 6<sup>th</sup> grade this school year are welcome to join us. Register on line at [vbs.hopecherryville.org](http://vbs.hopecherryville.org) or you can obtain a paper form in the church office and leave it in the VBS mailbox in the hallway. "Knights of North Castle" will be held outdoors this year under tents and promises to have all the fun adventures we normally have inside. Please send a mask and beach towel with your child(ren) each day along with the drawstring duffle bag we will provide on the first day. The children will be exposed to the sun so please make sure they have sunscreen on.

**Volunteers are needed.** Anyone 18 or older who are planning on helping in any way and you don't have clearances, they have to be done IMMEDIATELY if they are not current.

We are excited and can't wait to start our fun filled week with your knights at our North Castle. Have questions? Please call the church and ask for the VBS office at extension 17. We are looking forward to an exciting outdoor VBS.

## Armor Up With Truth!

Decorate your picture of Sparky. Sparky is ready to Armor Up with Truth!



## Daniel Trusts God in the Lions' Den (Daniel 6)

Use a crayon to circle 15 differences between the two pictures. How did Daniel go beyond with his faith in God?



## BASKET SOCIAL

At their May meeting, Hope's Congregational Council approved the 2021 Fall Basket Social. As of this writing, the Committee is looking at spreading the social out over two days, Friday, October 8 (4—7 p.m.) and Saturday, October 9 (11—2 p.m.) Food will be available for take-out and only the Committee and Helpers will be allowed inside during the drawing. Please watch future bulletins and newsletters for information regarding ticket sponsors and advertising sponsors. The Committee will hold their annual summer picnic on Wednesday, August 4 and at that time will discuss ideas and ways to ensure that the Fall Social is held safely for those attending.

Linda Sidor  
Hope Lutheran Basket Committee



**Soup Group  
and  
Delivery**  
Wednesday,  
July 7  
9:00 a.m.  
(August 4)



## STORYWEAVERS

Tuesday, July 20  
10:00 a.m.  
Luncheon at  
Wert's Café  
(August 10)



## A GIFT CARD SHOWER

A young girl in Danielsville was diagnosed with Leukemia this spring. She has a difficult journey ahead of her filled with many medical appointments. Unfortunately, due to the demands of the diagnosis, her parent lost their job. There are 4 other children in the family as well.

Hope Church is hosting a gift card shower to help this family in their time of crisis. If you are able to lend a helping hand, please purchase a gift card to one of the following local establishments: Giant, Redner's, Target, Exxon, Sunoco, Sheetz, or Walmart. You can put your gift card in the offering plate, drop it off in the church office, or hand it to Pastor Jami. Thank you in advance for your constant generosity and loving spirit.



## Hope Lutheran Nursery School

is accepting registrations for the 2021 - 2022 school year! The three year olds meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays and the four year olds meet on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Both classes run from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

For more information and to register, please call Hope Lutheran Church at 610-767-7203 and leave a message for Debra Gable.

**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

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**Scott Kocher and family**  
on the death of his mother, RuthAnn Silfies on May30.  
**Gloria Kern and family**  
at the death of her mother, Doris Souilliard, on June 5  
and  
**Shirley Beers and family**  
at the death of her grandson, Richard Kerstedter, on June 7.



**THANK YOU . . .**

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Hello,  
I just wanted to thank the church for the scholarship. Your generosity means a lot to me and I really appreciate it. Have a wonderful day!  
Sincerely,  
Kevin Laudano



To Pastor Jami and all,  
Thank you for the Smiley Balloon Person.  
I was pleasantly surprised to hear the knock on my door. Sharyn cam along too, which was an extra treat. I really enjoyed their visit. Smiley has been sitting in my living room keeping me company!  
Best Regards,  
Maribeth Murphy

**Electronic Giving:  
A Simple and Convenient Way to Give!**

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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](http://www.hopecherryville.org) and locate the electronic giving page.



**WORSHIP SERVICE AVAILABLE ONLINE**

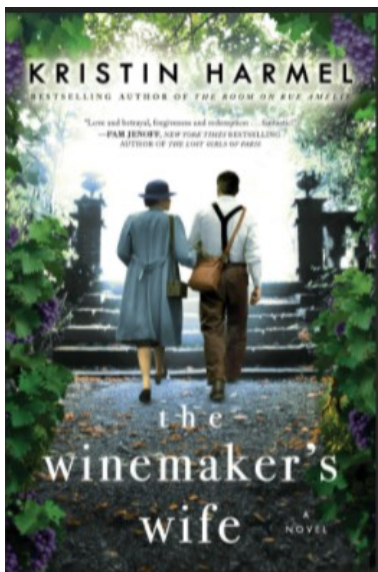
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If you can't make it to worship Sunday morning, you can still view a condensed service on our website: [hopecherryville.org](http://hopecherryville.org). Worship services are usually posted to our website early the following week.

## BOOK BUDDIES

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Our next book buddies meeting will be July 19 at 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. by Zoom. We will be discussing “The Winemaker’s Wife” by Kristin Harmel. Books can be picked up from the church office. The cost of the book is \$10. Any questions, please contact the church office at 610-767-7203.



*Champagne, 1940: Inès has just married Michel, the owner of storied champagne house Maison Chauveau, when the Germans invade. As the danger mounts, Michel turns his back on his marriage to begin hiding munitions for the Résistance. Inès fears they’ll be exposed, but for Céline, half-Jewish wife of Chauveau’s chef de cave, the risk is even greater—rumors abound of Jews being shipped east to an unspeakable fate.*

*When Céline recklessly follows her heart in one desperate bid for happiness, and Inès makes a dangerous mistake with a Nazi collaborator, they risk the lives of those they love—and the champagne house that ties them together.*

*New York, 2019: Liv Kent has just lost everything when her eccentric French grandmother shows up unannounced, insisting on a trip to France. But the older woman has an ulterior motive—and a tragic, decades-old story to share. When past and present finally collide, Liv finds herself on a road to salvation that leads right to the caves of the Maison Chauveau.*

## SCHOLARSHIPS

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Hope Church offers scholarship money to college students. The requirements of eligibility are:

- ◆ Attending an accredited college/university full time
- ◆ Will be entering **second** year (or higher) of college in fall of 2021
- ◆ Is a member in good standing of Hope Lutheran Church

Applications are available on the church website or by request from the church office. Please email: [office@hopecherryville.org](mailto:office@hopecherryville.org). The deadline for receipt of applications to the church office is **July 18, 2021**. (Recipients of scholarship awards will be invited to attend a worship service and will receive the first of two checks, the second of which will be **sent** the first week in January 2022.)



## BIBLE STUDY

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Bible Study with Pastor Jami, via Zoom is held on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. (There will be no bible Study on July 15 because of VBS).

Meeting link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/190993558?pwd=TnJUNG91TEtRMUtaVnErM0pEZFI3UT09>

Meeting ID: 190 993 558 /Passcode: 031745 .

Call the office for more information.

## POSITIONS AVAILABLE IMMEDIATELY

### **Paid Part-Time Confirmation Coordinator**

Paid position for up to 10 hours per week. Candidate must have ability to work with children in grade 7 and grade 8, as well as provide primary oversight for all aspects of the two-year confirmation program in conjunction with grade 7 and grade 8 Sunday School teachers and mentor coordinators. Responsibilities include: planning, coordinating and attending all scheduled confirmation activities and retreats; communicating with confirmands, parents, volunteers and mentors; recording of student attendance; and working Sunday mornings from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. during the Sunday School year. Associate or Bachelor's degree in Education or a related field and/or equivalent experience with youth is preferred.

Detailed job description is available upon request. Submit letter of interest, resume, and completed application (available at [www.hopecherryville.org](http://www.hopecherryville.org)) to Pastor Jami Possinger, Hope Lutheran Church, 4131 Lehigh Drive, Cherryville, PA 18035. Deadline for applications is **JULY 11**.

### **Volunteer Soundboard Technician**

The volunteer picks what Sunday morning(s) to serve at either 7:45 a.m. or 9:15 a.m. Training will be provided.


Qualifications:

- Ability to turn a light switch on and off
- Familiarity with the Lutheran worship service a plus
- Very good hearing ability, especially in the higher ranges. If you use an assistive device to hear those sounds that will be no problem.

The perk for this volunteer is the best seat in the house for Sunday services - climate controlled environment and reserved seating!



	<h3><b>Mark your Calendars</b></h3> <p>Sunday, September 12 First day of Sunday School</p>
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	<p>Watch for more information on a Confirmation Orientation some time in August. This will be for both new and continuing students.</p>
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### **YARD SALE UPDATE**

Please note there will be no yard sale this year. This decision was made by the Yard Sale Committee and the Church Council. We anticipate being back next year, bigger and better than ever!



## BLOOD DRIVE

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Thank you to everyone that donated blood on June 12. Our goal was 12 units donated, we actually had 9 unites given. Mark your calendars now for the next blood drive September 18.



- Blood is perishable and there is no substitute
- MKBC needs 450 donors every day to meet the needs of our community hospitals
- 40% of the US population is eligible to donate blood, but only 5% do so on a regular basis
- The rarest blood type is the one that is not available at the moment it is needed to save a life
- Donating blood is safe and easy, and takes less than one hour



## HOPE FOR OUR COMMUNITY CONTINUES

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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:

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	

## SHARE - A - MEAL

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At times a medical issue can make it difficult to prepare meals while dealing with recovery. Share -A-Meal can help, providing meals 2 –3 times per week for about 2–3 weeks. We can still use additional volunteers for this ministry. Volunteers will be asked to make and deliver one meal. The meal that you prepare can be anything from a soup to a pasta type meal to a casserole to a meat ,potato, and vegetable type meal. The committee will provide details regarding special diet, food allergies, and family size, etc. How often you will be called upon to share a meal will be dependent on how many volunteers can be enlisted and how many families will request help.

Of course, there are still many COVID restrictions in place. We will maintain strict COVID regulations according to what is in place at the time.

If you would like more information about Share - a - Meal, or to volunteer, please contact Sharyn Kratzer at 610-261-1277, 484-553-9271, [sakgram@rcn.com](mailto:sakgram@rcn.com).

*\*Share - A - Meal is a separate program from the soup kitchen.*



*Share  
A  
Meal*



**FINANCIAL SUMMARY - MAY 31, 2021**

	Regular	Building	Memorial	Scholarship	Memorial Garden
Balance Beginning of Year	\$188,561.70	\$157,128.02	\$166,927.83	\$ 99,114.98	\$ (2,496.92)
Income - May	31,229.31	4,325.65	3,250.25	2,419.62	-
Income - Jan.-Apr.	178,812.46	23,652.63	11,494.13	7,524.27	-
Total Income	210,041.77	27,978.28	14,744.38	9,943.89	-
Expenses - May	31,938.97	99.00	-	-	-
Expenses - Jan.-Apr.	126,543.72	15,724.16	1,183.60	2,400.00	-
Total Expenses	158,482.69	15,823.16	1,183.60	2,400.00	-
Net Income	51,559.08	12,155.12	13,560.78	7,543.89	-
Net Special Appeals	(182.00)				
Balance End of May	\$239,938.78	\$169,283.14	\$180,488.61	\$106,658.87	\$ (2,496.92)

**SUMMARY:**

Expenses exceeded income in the Regular Fund for the month of May by \$709.66, and for the year 2021, income exceeded expenses by \$51,559.08, giving us a current balance in the Regular Fund of \$239,938.78. Last year the net income for the same period was \$16,802.18 with a balance of \$180,044.26.

**Note:** The Regular Fund Total Income includes PPP Loan Forgiveness of \$36,872.23.

*\*\* 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>
September	Monday, August 9	Thursday, August 19 a.m.

*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 July 2021 issue of *Synod News* is available online.

Visit <http://nepasynod.org/documents/synod-news/synod-news-2021-7.pdf>

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