

Hope *Home News*

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GREETINGS FROM THE PASTOR...

We are in a marathon, not a sprint. I have heard that said many times over that past months. From political figures – to the head of the CDC - to local health care professionals - even the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod bishop used the term in a recent communiqué. Of course, all these people are referring to the Coronavirus pandemic and the many difficult decisions that come from trying to guess what comes next and how we will handle our lives in the meantime.

The church is no more immune to the ravaging effects of this new delta variant than the rest of our world. And so we find ourselves trying to navigate our worship and activities in the midst of this ongoing storm. It has not been an easy road to travel and we have hit many bumps along the way. Our leadership has faced many tough choices as we deliberate our options which continue to change on a regular basis. Paramount to our decisions is the health and safety of our members and any others who might use this building.

It is with this in mind that we can announce our Fall/Winter worship and Sunday School calendar. Beginning Sunday September 12 Hope will move to our regular worship schedule – with a few modifications.

- The 8 AM worship service will be held in the sanctuary. We will transmit that service into the parking lot for those who prefer not to be in-person. Masks will be required.
- Sunday School and Confirmation will meet from 9:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. in their classrooms **beginning Sunday September 19**. Masks will be required.
- The 10:30 a.m. worship service will be held in the Hope parking lot for the time being.
- A service will also be available online on our website: hopecherryville.org.

We continue taking this cautious approach to ensure that our more vulnerable populations - including the unvaccinated and children - are safe and protected. Moving forward – we will monitor the status of our area, CDC guidelines and Pennsylvania recommendations and make adjustments to Hope's protocols as appropriate.

It is no light matter – making decisions for people other than yourself or your own family - and our leadership has taken this very seriously and acted deliberately after much discussion. I hope that when you see our council members you will thank them for their dedication to Hope. Your patience as we try to safely move into our facility has been much appreciated. Remember – we are in a marathon – not a sprint. We will get through these challenging times and look back at the wonderful things we have continued to accomplish as a congregation. God is working through us to spread light and hope to the world!

Blessings,

Pastor Jami

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS—August 2021

- ◆ Council received the good news that Jennifer Knouss has accepted the position of Confirmation Coordinator beginning August 1, 2021.
- ◆ July finances were down in comparison to July 2020. While this might be a summer slump, the council closely tracks year to year and month to month giving and expenses. We are grateful to our members who are continuing to keep up with their commitments for 2021 and encourage everyone to be a *regular giver*.
- ◆ Leslie Daniel was appointed to the Mutual ministry Committee to serve a three-year renewable term.
- ◆ The Fall/Winter worship schedule will begin on Sunday, September 14. Because of the increasing numbers of Covid19 cases we are taking a cautious approach to our schedule – providing opportunities for those who wish to worship in person as well as in our parking lot. Our worship schedule will be as follows:
 - * 8:00 a.m. worship in the sanctuary each week. We will transmit the service to the parking lot as well.
 - * **Beginning September 19** Sunday School and Confirmation will meet in their classrooms at 9:15 a.m.
 - * 10:30 a.m. worship will be in the parking lot for the time being.
 - * Communion will continue to be offered on the 4th Sunday of the month at both services.
 - * We will continue to offer a service on our website weekly.
- ◆ Council approved the plans submitted by the Preschool to return in September. Students will be in their classrooms this year with many precautions in place for their safety during the pandemic.
- ◆ Council approved a request from the ELCA Youth Gathering Team to hold a fundraiser at the Seemsville Restaurant on Thursday, September 16. Hope members are encouraged to dine at the restaurant and a percentage of the sales will be designated for our youth. Look for details in the newsletter and bulletins.
- ◆ Council approved a request from Amy Nichols and Thrivent to host a coffee hour in September outside in the covered drive area.
- ◆ Council wishes to remind people that masks are required in the building regardless of your vaccination status. Please help to keep our children and vulnerable members safe.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**Sunday,
September 5**
8:00 a.m.
Church Parking Lot
&
9:30 a.m.
In-Building

**Sunday,
September 12**
8:00 a.m.
In-Building
10:30 a.m.
Church Parking Lot

**Sunday,
September 19**
8:00 a.m.
In-Building
9:15 a.m.
Sunday School
10:30 a.m.
Church Parking Lot

**Sunday,
September 26**
Communion
8:00 a.m.
In-Building
9:15 a.m.
Sunday School
10:30 a.m.
Church Parking Lot

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

The family and friends of

Carol A. Peters, who died July 4,
Marguerite Samuels, who died August 2, and
Alberta “Dolly” Bloss, who died August 17.



Also remember in your prayers:

Millie Binder; at the death of her brother, Franklin Wieand, on July 7;
Eugene and LeAnn Chandler; at the death of his brother, Edmund Chandler, on July 24; and
Eleanor Meckes; at the death of her grandniece.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Congratulations to the recipients of Hope Church 2021-2022 scholarship money. (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.)

Karissa Fritz
Katelyn Graver
Ashley Hildebrand
Shaye Kerper
Kevin Laudano
Molly Laury
Alexis McDonald
Elizabeth Moore

Logan Ninos
Bailey Patterson
Carlie Small



TEMPORARY POSTION AVAILABLE

We are seeking a temporary sexton for the weeks of September 13 – 17 and starting September 23 for a few weeks while our current sexton will be out on medical leave. The position is for 25 hours per week. If you are interested or if you would like more information, please contact the church at 610-767-7203 or office@hopecherryville.org.

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

WORSHIP SERVICE AVAILABLE ONLINE

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



NEW ADDITION

We are pleased to announce the newest member of our staff,
Jennifer Knouss,
our new Confirmation Coordinator as of August 1.

Jennifer has a full-time job as a Learning Support Teacher in the Parkland School District. She is married to Jarod Knouss and they have two children Jarod Jr. and Evan, both of whom will be in our confirmation program here at Hope. Jennifer brings seventeen years of teaching experience to the position and is looking forward to contributing her knowledge and skills to our wonderful program!

Please welcome Jennifer when you are fortunate enough to meet her in person.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS FOR 2021 - 2022

Calling all Sunday School students! We are busy planning out our year and trying to make the best plan possible. Currently, we are working on in-person Sunday School with masks required. To help us in planning more specifics, we need your help. Please fill out this very brief Sunday School survey so we know how many students to expect this year by visiting: <https://forms.gle/B2DhSp4vT7LoeJfQ7>.

Sunday School is also in need of a few more teachers and classroom helpers.

Do you think you might like working with the children of the church?

Anyone who is in 9th grade or older can help. You can email sundayschool@hopecherryville.org or speak to Ally Lockard, Steph Maurer, or Shelbey Ziegler to learn more.



CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION

A letter has been sent to all students entering the 7th grade regarding our Confirmation Program. If you did not receive a letter and are interested in your child participating in the Confirmation Program here at Hope, please contact the Church Office. Our parent orientation meeting will be held on Sunday, September 12 at 9:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

YOUTH GATHERING UPDATE

For any parent of a youth member planning on attending the Youth Gathering in 2022, there will be a **parents meeting** (youth may attend if they choose) on August 22 at 10:30 a.m. in Kuntz Hall. This meeting is for anyone who is already signed up and anyone wishing to join the youth gathering (must be in 8th grade in fall 2021). If you have any questions, please contact Ally Lockard at: alockard313@gmail.com.

YOUTH GROUP IS BACK!!!!

Any youth in grades 8th - 12th are invited to attend our Slip n' Slide Youth Group Kick-off event on August 28 from 4:00 - 6:30 p.m. at the church. We will be playing water games and having a pizza party. You will receive an email with all the details or email Ally Lockard at alockard313@gmail.com if you would like to attend.



**Soup Group
and
Delivery**

Wednesday,
September 1
9:00 a.m.



STORYWEAVERS

Tuesday, September 21
10:00 a.m.

Lunch
noon at the Ritz.



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/190993558?pwd=TnJUNG91TEtRMUtaVnErM0pEZFI3UT09>



Meeting ID: 190 993 558

Passcode: 031745

Call the office for
more information.

YARD SALE

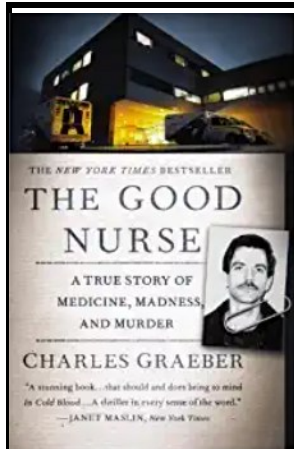
Please note there will be no yard sale this year. This decision was made by the Yard Sale Committee and the Church Council. We anticipate being back next year, bigger and better than ever!



BOOK BUDDIES

Our next book is *The Good Nurse*. "An intimate -- and frightening -- glimpse inside the mind of America's most prolific serial killer, Charles Cullen, whose 16-year long 'nursing' career left as many as 400 dead." The books are \$15. The book club meeting is Wednesday, September 15 at 1:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m.

Any questions, please contact the church office:
610-767-7203.



PATH OF GRIEF SESSION

The loss of a loved one is one of the most difficult life events any one of us face and an experience each of us lives through in a uniquely individual way. Sylvia Havlish, a bereavement counselor, will discuss the many different "faces" of grief. Please join her on August 29, 2021 from 1:00-2:30 pm at Grace Lutheran Church, 28 West Main Street, Macungie for this session.

Registration is not necessary but is appreciated. To register or for more information, please contact Julia Menzo by email at jmenzo@libertylutheran.org or call 267-464-7740.

BASKET SOCIAL

The basket committee invites you to the 26th Basket Social being held at Hope Church in Kuntz Hall on Friday, October 8 from 4-7 p.m. and Saturday, October 9 from 11-2 p.m. This walk-in social is being held in loving memory of Craig Reenock, who along with wife, Diane, helped the committee with advertising year after year by placing signs at local intersections.

The drawing will take place on Saturday and winners will be notified via phone.

Masks must be worn while inside the building and social distancing practiced.

Food will be sold for take-out only. Pre-packaged/refrigerated foods offered: barbecue, haluski, soups, and filling/gravy. Wrapped baked goods will be for sale as well. The only beverage sold will be bottled water.

Tickets will be sold at the door, \$5 each or 3 for \$10. Strip tickets will be sold for \$1 each or 6 for \$5 for "special items" worth \$50 and up.

Ten ticket sponsors are needed at a cost of \$20 per sponsor. If you are interested in sponsoring tickets in honor of or in memory of a loved one, please contact Linda at 610-767-8372.

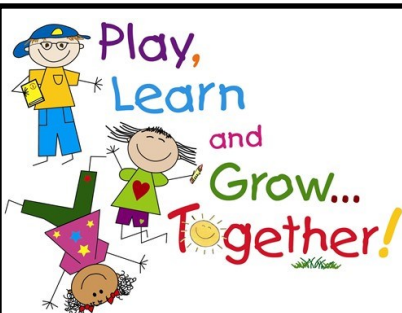
Five advertising sponsors are needed at a cost of \$20 per sponsor. If you are interested in being an advertising sponsor, please call Linda at the above number.

All who sponsor tickets or advertising in honor of or in memory of someone will be acknowledged in the Hope Home News hopefully in October.

Funds raised at this social are divided equally between the Northampton Area Food Bank and Hope's Good Samaritan Fund. Baked goods are a separate entity, and it has been decided by the Basket Committee that this year funds will be given to a local family in need of help. Donations of additional money to this family may also be made at the baked good table. The congregation is encouraged to donate theme baskets or gift cards to a favorite Restaurant to help support the efforts of this social. Your various ways of support are greatly appreciated!

Thank you to everyone for past and present support of these basket socials! Hope's Basket Committee looks forward to seeing you in October!

*Note: We are presently a committee of 22. Welcome to our newest members, Amy Weil and Nancy Xander.



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.

DINE TO DONATE

Thursday, September 16, 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Seemsville Pub & Grille, 3819 Seemsville Rd., Northampton, you can support our youth who are traveling to the ELCA Youth Gathering in Minneapolis. 10% of all food sales at Seemsville on the 16th will be donated to our youth. Come on out, enjoy some great food (5 stars on Facebook), and help our youth fund their trip!.



FOOD BANK NEEDS

The Northampton Food Bank has posted that their supplies are diminishing and they are in need of the following goods for distribution immediately:

Canned Soup	Canned or Boxed Potatoes	Peanut Butter & Jelly
Spaghetti & Sauce	Canned meats;	Beef Stew
Tuna fish	Baked Beans	

You can bring you donations to a church service, or drop them at the church during office hours.

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:

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

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.

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

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - JUNE 30, 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 - June	24,696.97	5,805.65	1,766.60	1,470.19	-
Income - Jan.-May	210,041.77	27,978.28	14,744.38	9,943.89	-
Total Income	234,738.74	33,783.93	16,510.98	11,414.08	-
Expenses - June	26,645.70	171.12	287.41	-	-
Expenses - Jan.-May	158,482.69	15,823.16	1,183.60	2,400.00	-
Total Expenses	185,128.39	15,994.28	1,471.01	2,400.00	-
Net Income	49,610.35	17,789.65	15,039.97	9,014.08	-
Net Special Appeals	(164.00)				
Balance End of June	\$238,008.05	\$174,917.67	\$181,967.80	\$108,129.06	\$ (2,496.92)

SUMMARY:

Expenses exceeded income in the Regular Fund for the month of June by \$1,948.73, and for the year 2021, income exceeded expenses by \$49,610.35, giving us a current balance in the Regular Fund of \$238,008.05. Last year the net income for the same period was \$12,860.00 with a balance of \$177,828.08.

Note: The 2021 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). 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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