

Hope *Home News*

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GREETINGS FROM THE PASTOR...

As I sit writing this article we have only two more mid-week Lenten services and then we will be rushing headlong into Holy Week. Starting with Palm Sunday and moving into the Triduum (the three days) which include Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday we walk our way through Lent to Easter Sunday morning. I really do love this season – it is filled with so many images, stories, and good news!

Over the years I have noticed that lots of people don't take advantage of the wonderful opportunities for spiritual growth that Holy Week offers. So many folks I know come to church on Palm Sunday and symbolically wave their palms in praise of Jesus our Lord and go back to their daily lives forgetting that the greatest story ever told is being retold throughout Holy Week. And those same folks show up on Easter Sunday to celebrate Jesus' resurrection without ever recognizing that Jesus had to have died in order to be resurrected. They skip right over the painful moments of his disciples' betrayal, his trial, his beating, and his death. And I wonder why that happens.

Maybe we don't intentionally make the time to hear the story again. Maybe we don't want to hear the painful parts. Maybe we just want to experience the high points of the Christian life and pass over the difficult ones.

But if you are one of those folks I mentioned above here's what you're missing....

- ◆ Jesus last supper with his disciples and the "first-ever communion"
- ◆ Jesus washing the feet of the disciples
- ◆ Jesus struggle in the Garden of Gethsemane where he wonders if this is the way it has to unfold
- ◆ Jesus arrest and trial and flogging
- ◆ Peter's denial of Jesus – just as Jesus predicted
- ◆ Jesus journey to Golgotha to be hung on a cross
- ◆ Jesus death, the earthquake and the rending of the curtain in the temple
- ◆ Jesus' body being placed in a tomb and sealed

And how does this get celebrated during Holy week????

- ◆ Holy Communion and the story of Jesus washing the feet of the disciples on Maundy Thursday
- ◆ Stripping of the altar and covering the chancel in black
- ◆ Retelling of the story of Jesus death during Tenebrae (service of the shadows) on Good Friday
- ◆ Prayer vigil during the time Jesus laid in the tomb - from Good Friday to Easter morning

So, you are invited to not just walk through Holy Week but to **LIVE** through Holy Week. You are invited to hear the stories, share the meal, experience the darkness, and be stilled by the silence so that when you arrive on Easter Sunday morning the joy of the resurrection is even more joyful because you lived through it all.

Blessings,
Pastor Jami



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS—March 2022

- Hope needs delegates to the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod Assembly which will be held on Friday, June 9 through Saturday, June 10. The assembly will be virtual which means delegates must have access to a computer or tablet and the Zoom platform for the meetings. We currently have one female delegate but still need one male and a third delegate – either male or female. Anyone interested is asked to contact Pastor Jami for more details.
- The Easter Breakfast will be back in 2022! Wayne Weidner will be heading the crew and breakfast will be served from 8:00 – 10:00 a.m. on Easter Sunday morning. Anyone interested in helping cook or serve is asked to contact Wayne Weidner at 610-349-2654.
- The Evangelism Committee will be hosting a service for the National Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 5 at 11:30 a.m..
- Hope's 2022 Vacation Bible School is scheduled for Monday, July 11 through Friday, July 15. This year, VBS will be held in the building and masks will be optional for staff and students. Look for registration details on Hope's website soon.
- The Christian Education Committee reported that TVs have been hung in most of the Sunday School classrooms for use by the teaching staff who have access to the internet throughout the building.
- A new phone system has been installed in the offices, Kuntz Hall kitchen and in the hallway by the preschool rooms. The system is a VoIP (voice over internet protocol) which substantially updates our system. Thank you to Tim Moore who headed the project.
- Kim Belletti will be heading a group to "spruce up" the Memorial Garden with some plantings and shrubs. If you are interested in helping with this project, please contact Kim at 484-515-7117 for more details.

WORSHIP SERVICE AVAILABLE ONLINE



If you aren't able to join us in person at either worship service Sunday morning, you can still view the service on our website: hopecherryville.org. Worship services are posted to our website early the following week.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 3

8:00 a.m. Communion
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Communion

Wednesday, April 6

Holden Evening Prayer
7:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 10

Palm Sunday

8:00 a.m. Communion
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Communion

Thursday, April 14

Maundy Thursday

7:00 p.m. Communion

Friday, April 15

Good Friday

Tenebrae
7:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 17

EASTER

6:00 a.m. Communion
8:00 a.m. Communion
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Communion



Sunday, April 24

8:00 a.m. Communion
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Communion

YOUTH GROUP

EASTER PIE SALE!!!!

Our Youth Group is selling Perkins pies in time for Easter. You can order online at youth.hopecherryville.org or after services on Sunday, April 3 in the Narthex. You can pay at church or when you pick up your order. Pick up will be on Saturday, April 16 in Kuntz Hall (time TBD). Cost is \$17 for apple, caramel apple, cherry, wildberry, pecan, pumpkin, and pumpkin cream pies; \$18 for coconut cream, peanut butter silk and french silk pies. Email youthgroup@hopecherryville.org if you have any questions.



Youth Group will be hosting a Youth Night on Saturday, April 23 from 6-8 p.m. We will be having a *Minute to Win It* Tournament. Friends invited. Please email Ally at alockard313@gmail.com to RSVP.

We will be having a youth meeting for those attending the Youth "Hope Gathering" trip in July on Sunday, April 24 from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.



Sunday School is now on the **Remind App!** These are for text messaging updates related to Sunday School, grades Cradle Roll—6th.

If you did not receive a Remind App Communication, please email: sundayschool@hopecherryville.org to be added to the list.

CONFIRMATION

We are looking for Confirmation students to volunteer as **acolytes** for both church services. A sign-up genius has been sent to parents.

Please remember to sign a worship form to receive credit for attending church.

As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to jknouss@verizon.net.

LEVEL II ONLY

Final Retreat at Spruce Lake

Friday, April 29—Sunday, May 1

6:00 p.m. Friday, -12:30 p.m. Sunday

You will drop off and pick up your child here at Hope.

We will cover final topics and prep for Confirmation.

More information to come.

SAVE THE DATE . . .

. . . July 11-15 Vacation Bible School

"Food Truck Party"

from 9 a.m. until 12 noon.

Bible School is open to all children ages 3 (and potty trained) to children completing 6th grade in 2022.

So get your appetites ready to swallow the good news!



ENJOY THE CONVENIENCE OF ELECTRONIC GIVING

During Lent and Easter, we hope you will consider additional giving to your church. It is through the contributions of every member that we are able to fulfill our mission. 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 and locate the Online Giving page.

A green rectangular button with rounded corners and a slight gradient, containing the text "Online Giving" in white, sans-serif font.

CONNECTIONS OF HOPE

Did you miss that we wore yellow and blue to church a few Sundays ago to show support for our brothers and sisters in Ukraine? Did you forget to bring your noisy offering for Hunger on Souper Bowl Sunday? Were you late for church because you missed that Daylight Saving Time began? Or maybe you could have used a reminder that the Youth Fundraiser money was due (you realized that when you arrived at church with no cash and no checkbook).

Well, we've got just the thing for you – *Connections of Hope*. Connections is a weekly email going out to subscribers every Friday. Begun at the beginning of the pandemic as another way of staying connected it continues to keep us connected, reminded, and up-to-date. It's not another newsletter, more of a quick take



on things happening in the near future and many times a reminder of something that's in need of attention. To subscribe (no charge) just call the church office and let Jennifer know you'd like to start receiving Connections of Hope. Or a quick note saying you'd like to receive Connections of Hope, include your name and email address, can be placed in Laurie Christman's mailbox.

SPONSORSHIPS



Altar flowers, bulletin, and press sponsorships are back. The sponsorship charts are located on the bulletin board in the narthex. Write your name and message next to your desired date, take and complete an envelope, enclose the appropriate payment and place it in the offering plate or drop it off in the church office.

BASKET SOCIAL AND YARD SALE NEWS

I would like to thank everyone that has helped with the past yard sales. Due to health reasons and taking over the position as President of the Basket Social, it is with deep regret, I am turning in my resignation as leader of the yard sale.

Linda did a great job with the basket socials (Linda Sidor retired) and I hope I can succeed with this new endeavor. Two big fund raisers almost back to back is too much for me to handle.

I am more than willing to help anyone that would be interested in taking over the yard sale. Thank you again for all your past support for all the great yard sale events.



Kathy Fogel

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study is held in Kuntz Hall at 10 a.m. every Thursday.

In addition Bible Study will still be offered via Zoom for those who are unable to gather in person. Call the office for more information.

Soup Group and Delivery



Wednesday,
April 6
10:00 a.m.

WELCA

Tuesday, April 12
10 a.m.



STORYWEAVERS

Tuesday, April 19
10:00 a.m.
Lunch—Noon
2 Brothers, Laurys Station



UKRAINE MEDICAL SUPPLY COLLECTION



The Women of Faith are collecting items to be sent to the Ukraine. They are teaming up with the organization, *Through These Hands*. *Through These Hands* is a non-profit organization that acquires and distributes medical/non-medical supplies primarily, but not limited to, Developing Countries through other non-profit organizations. Following is a list of items needed as given to *Through These Hands* by the Ukrainian Community. They can be dropped off in the box marked "Ukraine" in the narthex.



Adhesive Tape	Alcohol Wipes	Antibiotic Ointment
Antiseptic Wipes	Band-Aids (all sizes)	Battery Powered Lanterns
Blankets (NEW)	Diapers	Sterile Gauze Pads (all sizes)
Elastic Bandage	Infant/Toddler Powder Formula	Deodorant
Soap	Wet Wipes	Toothbrushes
Toothpaste	Feminine Hygiene Products	First Aid Kits
Acetaminophen/Ibuprofen	Tweezers	Urological Pads

Also, *Through These Hands* is always looking for canes, crutches, walkers and wheelchairs (in good condition). If you have any of these items and you do not know where to donate them, please bring them to the church and we will make sure to deliver them to their warehouse.

As an added note . . . the Women of Faith were able to help with a last minute request to fill shoeboxes with toys for the Ukraine. We were able to donate 22 boxes which were taken to Realty One Group Supreme in Allentown. They collected 5000 boxes to send to the children in the Ukraine!



Mark your calendar . . . Prayer Jar Workshop with Pastor Jami will be held at our May meeting, Monday, May 16. Watch for a sign-up sheet to be posted and more details to follow.

BOOK BUDDIES

The next book for BOOK BUDDIES will be *American Dirt*. The cost of the book is \$14. The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 4, at 1:00 p.m. only.

From Amazon.com:

Lydia Quixano Pérez lives in the Mexican city of Acapulco. She runs a bookstore. She has a son, Luca, the love of her life, and a wonderful husband who is a journalist. And while there are cracks beginning to show in Acapulco because of the drug cartels, her life is, by and large, fairly comfortable.

Even though she knows they'll never sell, Lydia stocks some of her all-time favorite books in her store. And then one day, a man enters the shop to browse and comes up to the register with a few books he would like to buy - two of them her favorites. Javier is erudite. He is charming. And, unbeknownst to Lydia, he is the *jefe* of the newest drug cartel that has gruesomely taken over the city. When Lydia's husband's tell-all profile of Javier is published, none of their lives will ever be the same.

Forced to flee, Lydia and eight-year-old Luca soon find themselves miles and worlds away from their comfortable middle-class existence. Instantly transformed into migrants, Lydia and Luca ride *la bestia* - trains that make their way north toward the United States, which is the only place Javier's reach doesn't extend. As they join the countless people trying to reach *el norte*, Lydia soon sees that everyone is running from something. But what exactly are they running to?

American Dirt will leave readers utterly changed. It is a literary achievement filled with poignancy, drama, and humanity. It is one of the most important books for our times.

Already being hailed as "a *Grapes of Wrath* for our times" and "a new American classic", Jeanine Cummins' *American Dirt* is a rare exploration into the inner hearts of people willing to sacrifice everything for a glimmer of hope.



VOTING MEMBERS NEEDED

GAINING STRENGTH



STRONGER TOGETHER

Synod Assembly 2022

We are in need of two (2) representatives (at least one male) to the 35th Annual Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod Assembly to be held virtually Friday June 10 (about 4 hours of business and 1 hour of Worship) and Saturday, June 11 (about 4 hours of business). Business conducted throughout the sessions, includes adoption of the spending plan and compensation guidelines, elections, conversation on resolutions brought to the assembly, and other reports and presentations. Included will also be a presentation by Rev. Kimberly Vaughn, Senior Director, Christian Community and Leadership. If you are interested in serving, please contact Pastor Jami directly or the church office at 610-767-7203.

Lent and Easter Schedules




*Mid-Week
Lenten Services
Holden Evening Prayer
April 6*



**Breakfast
Easter Sunday**
7 – 10 a.m.

If you are able to lend a hand and help with preparation and serving, please contact Wayne Weidner, 610-767-1512. We are also in need of baked goods.

This is a free event – there will be baskets on tables for people wanting to contribute.



First Communion
Sunday, April 3
10:30 a.m. Service

BLOOD NEEDED at MILLER KEYSTONE

EMERGENCY
ALL BLOOD TYPES NEEDED



Our blood inventory is at dangerous levels. Schedule your blood donation, today.

Volunteers Needed

We are in need of greeters and ushers. If you are interested in volunteering for either position please contact the church office at office@hopecherryville.org or 610-767-7203. You will need to specify for which worship service you prefer to be scheduled.



DIABETES SELF-MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Steps to Healthier Living™

This leader guided program is being offered at no-charge to residents who are 60+ years of age by Northampton County Area Agency on Aging. Sessions will run weekly on Tuesdays; 1:00 — 3:30 p.m.; April 19 through May 24 at the Cherryville Senior Community Center. To register call Karen Ferraina at 610-767-2977.

Subjects covered include:

- Techniques to deal with the symptoms of diabetes;
- Appropriate exercise for maintaining an improving strength and endurance,
- Healthy eating;
- Appropriate use of medication; and
- Working more effectively with health care providers.

Program goals are to:

- ⇒ Improve the health status of individuals with diabetes
- ⇒ Teach practical skills for managing diabetes
- ⇒ Help participants gain confidence and motivation needed to manage every day challenges of living with diabetes.

GRIEF RECOVERY offered by Lutheran Congregation Services

Grief is a confusing, tangled and painful process of discovering how to live, feel, cope and heal in the midst of coming to terms with loss. No one should have to face grief alone.

LCS offers "*Journeys Through Grief*" counseling in small groups where for six 1½ hour sessions, you will learn about the stages of grief and explore your feelings about the loss you have experienced. Our goal is not to make grief disappear, but to equip the group's participants with the tools needed for lifelong healing and understanding. Under the guidance of a professional Christian counselor or trained facilitator, you will learn how you can live with the grief associated with loss.

Journeys Through Grief - Spring 2022

When: April 21, 2022 - May 26, 2022

Time: 2pm

Where: Union Lutheran Church, 5500 Rt. 873, Schnecksville, PA 18078

Register: Call Sylvia at 610-395-5045

There is no fee thanks to the generosity of the sponsor, [Heintzelman Funeral Home Inc.](#)

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - FEBRUARY 28, 2022

	Regular	Building	Memorial	Scholarship Loan	Memorial Garden
Balance Beginning of Year	\$246,275.19	\$188,752.29	\$187,720.51	\$107,308.57	\$ (496.92)
Income - February	34,072.06	(3,807.46)	(4,517.17)	(4,096.05)	450.00
Income - January	29,527.91	2,794.81	4,232.44	3,717.13	50.00
Total Income	63,599.97	(1,012.65)	(284.73)	(378.92)	500.00
Expenses - February	30,117.77	3,699.50	1,719.72	-	-
Expenses - January	28,154.65	99.00	3,523.14	2,000.00	-
Total Expenses	58,272.42	3,798.50	5,242.86	2,000.00	-
Net Income	5,327.55	(4,811.15)	(5,527.59)	(2,378.92)	500.00
Net Special Appeals	-				
Balance End of February	\$251,602.74	\$183,941.14	\$182,192.92	\$104,929.65	\$ 3.08

SUMMARY:

Income exceeded expenses in the Regular Fund for the month of February by \$3,954.29, and for the year 2022, income exceeded expenses by \$5,327.55, giving us a current balance in the Regular Fund of \$251,602.74. Last year the net income for the same period was \$7,177.88 with a balance of \$195,524.58.

*** 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> May	<u>Article Deadline</u> Friday, April 15	<u>Collation Date</u> Thursday, April 28
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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 April 2022 issue of *Synod News* is available online.

Visit <http://nepasynod.org/documents/synod-news/synod-news-2022-4-color.pdf>

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