

# Hope *Home News*

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

We are living and working and attending school in an incredibly tenuous time. We spent months sheltering in our homes – fearful of an unseen enemy. Our leaders tried to grasp the enormity of the situation and yet respond compassionately. Researchers and scientists worked day and night to find a vaccine that would halt the spread of this virus. A war in the Ukraine has rocked the free world and pushed us back to the realization that war – and nuclear war – is an ever-present danger. Innocent civilians are being slaughtered. Gas prices are up the economy is shaky. We are heading into a political primary season that may again divide our nation. And in the church – we are trying to return to normal – hoping our members, who have not been present for a while, will return as well.

What will come next? What will the future hold? When will we move forward from this? These are questions we are asking – these are questions the world is asking. And I don't have the answers – but I do have hope.

Vaclav Havel – the first president of the Czech Republic – wrote this: “I am not an optimist, because I am not sure that everything ends well. Nor am I a pessimist because I am not sure that everything ends badly. I just carry hope in my heart.”

Hope is the feeling that life and work and faith have meaning. You either have it or you don't - regardless of the state of the world that surrounds you. Life without hope is an empty, boring, and useless life. I cannot imagine that I could strive for something if I did not carry hope in me - and I am thankful to God for this gift. It is as big as life itself.

Easter is a season of hope. When all seemed dead – when Jesus seemed to have left his disciples abandoned – when the stone was rolled in front of the tomb – hope seemed to be destroyed. But three days later when the women came and saw an empty tomb, and Jesus appeared to his disciples – hope was restored. And we learned that even in the midst of unbearable suffering and loss and fear and uncertainty – God is with us. That is hope.

Whether you believe that hope is a gift from God or simply something that is innate within us – we cannot live without it. May you and I have hope – hope that we are part of the solution – hope that there is a cure for this pandemic and war and violence – hope that a brighter day is on the horizon. And may you and I be the hope that others need to see.

Easter Blessings,  
Pastor Jami

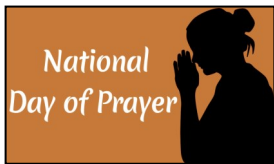


## COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS—April 2022

- ◆ Hope is still in need of one male delegate to the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod Assembly which will be held on June 10-11, 2022. The assembly will be virtual so delegates can log in from their home computers/laptops/tablets. Currently Stacey Burke and Kim Roth are our two female delegates.



- ◆ The Youth Group will be hosting a Dine and Donate at Seemsville Pub on May 19 and are encouraging members to dine out that evening. A percentage of the proceeds will go straight to the youth group.
- ◆ Property committee reported that new flooring has been ordered for Kuntz Hall and is scheduled to be installed beginning on Tuesday, May 31. It will take approximately two weeks to remove, prepare and install the flooring which means that Kuntz Hall will be unavailable during that time.
- ◆ Council approved the request from the Friendship Dance group to begin holding dances for special needs adults in September. The dances will be scheduled every third Monday from September through May.
- ◆ Council approved the Social Ministry Committee's request to host a Senior Birthday Party on August 13 which will be open to members of Hope and the community.
- ◆ Council approved the Evangelism Committee's request to host



a National Day of Prayer Service on Thursday, May 5 at 11:30 a.m. in the sanctuary followed by a luncheon in Kuntz Hall.

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**Sunday,  
May 1**

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

**Sunday,  
May 8**

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

**Sunday,  
May 15**

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

**Sunday,  
May 22**

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

**Sunday,  
May 29**

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

## 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](http://hopecherryville.org). Worship services are posted to our website early the following week.





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](mailto: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](mailto:jknouss@verizon.net).

### LEVEL II ONLY

Final Retreat at Spruce Lake

Friday, April 29—Sunday, May 1

has been cancelled and rescheduled to Saturday, May 14 in Kuntz Hall.

More detailed information will be provided by Confirmation Coordinator, Jennifer Knouss.

## 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!



## SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Any confirmed youth or adult (men and women) interested in playing in the church softball league should contact Lou Ventura at (610) 413-8502 for more information. Games are played Sunday evenings beginning the first Sunday in May. Look for Hope Lutheran Softball (Group) on Facebook.



## NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Thursday, May 5. Pastor Jami will lead a worship service at 11:30 a.m. followed by a luncheon hosted by the Evangelism Committee. A sign-up sheet is posted on bulletin board in narthex area. All are welcome!



## Basket Social

On June 6 at 6 p.m. in Hanson Hall the Basket Social committee will hold a meeting and potluck supper. Please bring a covered dish to share (salad, dessert, side dish) and your own personal beverage. Paper products will be supplied. Hope to see you there.

## **ENJOY THE CONVENIENCE OF ELECTRONIC GIVING**

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Too busy to write weekly checks for your church offering? Reduce paperwork and stress by having your weekly contributions debited directly from your bank account as you probably do with other obligations. Electronic giving is a convenient way to keep up with your intended offerings. To get started, simply visit the church website at [www.hopecherryville.org](http://www.hopecherryville.org) and locate the Online Giving page.

Online Giving

## **SPONSORSHIPS**

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Altar flowers, bulletin, and press sponsorships are back. Sponsorship charts are located on the bulletin board in the narthex. Write your name and

message next to your desired date, complete an envelope, enclose payment and place it in the offering plate or drop it off in the church office.

## **EASTER FLOWER SPONSORS**

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### **In Celebration of ...**

- \* Life, by Pastor Jami & Mitch
- \* our grandkids, Jared & Emma, by Dean & Ginny Smith
- \* our wonderful children, Caleb & Madison, by Jennifer & Chad Sommers

### **In Honor of ...**

- \* our great grandchildren – Cole & Christian Yost and Eyvin & Elias Cinamella, by Pat & Daryl Amey
- \* our daughters, Alisha, Rachel & Julie and our granddaughter, Maddie, by Gene & Dawn Wainwright

### **In Loving Memory of ...**

- \* his mother, Dorothea Christman, by Rodney & Laurie Christman
- \* her parents, Claude and Annabelle Kohl, by Rodney & Laurie Christman
- \* Clarence & Carrie Green, by Bill & Carla Green
- \* Carol A. Peters, by the Knouss Family
- \* loved ones, by Scott & Cincy Kocher
- \* Michael Kurinec, by wife, Kim Kurinec
- \* Michael Kurinec, by daughter, Taylor Kurinec
- \* loved ones, by Lockard Family
- \* my parents, Stanley and Grace Knappenberger, by Roxanne Marunich & family.
- \* Howard Strohl, & all departed loved ones, by Kathryn Strohl & Linda Sidor
- \* departed loved ones, by Lori Tonetti
- \* Lorraine Wartz, Lou Volkert, Bett Lou Volkert, by Glenn & Diane Wampole



## **MEMORIAL GARDEN MEETING**

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There will be a meeting on May 26 at 6:30 p.m. in Hanson Hall to discuss creating a design and maintenance plan for the Memorial Garden. All are welcome to attend. Any questions, please contact Kim Belletti at 610-767-4526.

## **SOCIAL MINISTRY**

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Will meet on April 26 at 10 a.m. A founder of "Caring Hearts" will speak to our group about their very worthwhile project, of giving clothes to veterans and the homeless. (They are located in Slatington). Anyone interested in this ministry is very welcome to join us. We will meet in the Adult Sunday School room.

## **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.

## **WELCA**

Tuesday, May 10  
10 a.m.



## **Soup Group and Delivery**



Wednesday,  
May 4  
10:00 a.m.

## **STORYWEAVERS**

Tuesday, May 17  
Lunch—Noon  
2 Brothers, Laurys Station



## **WOMEN OF FAITH**



Collection of items for the **Ukraine** is continuing by the Women of Faith. 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. Diapers and formula are especially needed. Donations can be dropped off in the narthex in the boxes indicated.

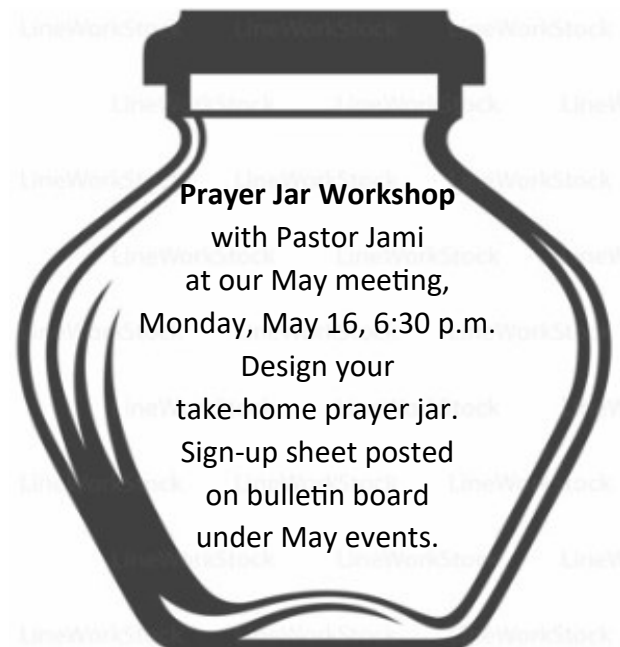


Adhesive Tape  
Antiseptic Wipes  
Blankets (NEW)  
Elastic Bandage  
Soap  
Toothpaste  
Feminine Hygiene Products  
First Aid Kits  
Acetaminophen/Ibuprofen  
Tweezers  
Urological Pads

Alcohol Wipes  
Band-Aids (all sizes)  
**Diapers**  
**Infant/Toddler Powder Formula**  
Wet Wipes

Antibiotic Ointment  
Battery Powered Lanterns  
Sterile Gauze Pads (all sizes)  
Deodorant  
Toothbrushes

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.





## BOOK BUDDIES

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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 MEMBER NEEDED

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GAINING STRENGTH



STRONGER TOGETHER

### Synod Assembly 2022

We are in need of one (1) male representative 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 5 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.

dine to  
DONate

Thursday, May 19  
5:00pm-8:30pm



3819 Seemsville Rd  
Northampton, PA

**SUPPORT HOPE LUTHERAN**

10% of all Food Sales at  
Seemsville Pub and Grill on this date  
and time will be donated to the  
Hope Lutheran Youth Group



## What's it like to be a Pastoral Intern in NEPA?

By Melissa Hirdlicka

It is hard to believe I have been on internship with Common Ground Recovery Community for nine months already! My time with Common Ground has been a deep blessing to me and to my education. I have witnessed the presence of God in the open vulnerable sharing during our Wednesday worship, in the heartfelt reverent “thank you’s” when serving communion and meals in downtown Reading and in our study of the scriptures and 12-steps. Common Ground truly is a place of radical love and where God’s grace embraces our brokenness.

As part of my internship project, I invited our worshipping communities and ministry partners to reflect on these three questions: What does Common Ground mean to you? What does community mean to you? And where do you see God here and in the world? They then drew on white cotton squares that will be sewn together to make an altar cloth to fit all of our communion tables. The responses were profound and beautiful!

There are drawings of stick figures holding hands around the globe, animals peacefully living together, a place of refuge in the storm and in the desert, flowers, hearts, and crosses. There are phrases like, “Freedom, break the chains”, “God is love”, “We are better together”, “Never give up hope because there is hope in everything”, and so much more on these 33 squares!

As these squares are knit together to make one, we are reminded that God weaves all of us together in a tapestry of love to bring warmth, comfort, grace, and peace to a weary world! May we live out this good news and may it spill over into thanksgiving! (Colossians 2:2-7)

**SA 2022**  
*Stronger*  
**TOGETHER**

Our 2022 Assembly will be held online on June 10-11. Each congregation is entitled to bring two voting members. Register on the synod website today!  
Godslove.org

**Faith FORMATION Saturdays**  
NEPR SYNOD

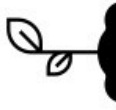
**Join us on the 2nd Saturday of every month!**  
(more information on our website)

THE HARVEST, INC.  
**The Potato Project Annual Seed Cutting**

**APRIL 23 & 24, 2022, 1PM-4PM**  
RAIN OR SHINE, BAREBONES EVENT, BRING YOUR OWN KNIFE, CUTTING BOARD, DRINKS, AND SNACKS. WE'LL BE CUTTING THE SEED POTATOES FOR PLANTING SEASON! ALL ARE INVITED! JUST WALK-IN AND HELP!

BECKER'S ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
265 MAIDENCREEK ROAD  
FLEETWOOD, PA 19522

## STEWARDSHIP EXTRAVAGANZA



**JUNE 18, 2022**  
**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, LANSDALE**  
**AN EVENT ORGANIZED BY THE SEPA AND NEPA SYNODS (REGISTRATION FORTHCOMING)**

*Three Years of Growth and Change*



GROWING YOUNG

GAINING STRENGTH

BEYOND DEATH TO LIFE



**FINANCIAL SUMMARY - MARCH 31, 2022**

	Regular	Building	Memorial	Scholarship	Memorial Garden
Balance Beginning of Year	\$246,275.19	\$188,752.29	\$187,720.51	\$107,308.57	\$ (496.92)
Income - March	37,981.72	4.52	(2,991.46)	(2,509.06)	-
Income - Jan.-Feb.	63,599.97	(1,012.65)	(284.73)	(378.92)	500.00
Total Income	101,581.69	(1,008.13)	(3,276.19)	(2,887.98)	500.00
Expenses - March	33,801.73	14,911.52	401.70	-	-
Expenses - Jan.-Feb.	58,272.42	3,798.50	5,242.86	2,000.00	-
Total Expenses	92,074.15	18,710.02	5,644.56	2,000.00	-
Net Income	9,507.54	(19,718.15)	(8,920.75)	(4,887.98)	500.00
Net Special Appeals	58.00				
Balance End of March	\$255,840.73	\$169,034.14	\$178,799.76	\$102,420.59	\$ 3.08

**SUMMARY:**

Income exceeded expenses in the Regular Fund for the month of March by \$4,179.99, and for the year 2022, income exceeded expenses by \$9,507.54, giving us a current balance in the Regular Fund of \$255,840.73. Last year the net income for the same period was \$9,207.29 with a balance of \$197,581.99.

*\*\* 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>
June	Monday, May 16	Thursday, May 26

*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 May 2022 issue of *Synod News* is available online.

Visit <http://nepasynod.org/documents/synod-news/synod-news-2022-5-color.pdf>

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