

Hope *Home News*

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GREETINGS FROM THE PASTOR...

The other night Mitch was away and, after a long day, I let myself go limp in front of the TV. The blur of activity that day had exhausted me - so a complete mind and body check-out seemed in order. I soon found myself watching "Finding Nemo" - a movie I just love and never get tired of one more viewing.

If you have ever seen the movie, you will remember the part where the all-important scuba mask slips down, down, down into the dark gorge. Marlin the fish, panics and goes after it - only to swim frantically back out of the darkness. Then the crazy blue fish with a short-term memory problem frolics her way into that same blackness with nary a care. A moment later Dory comes back to encourage Marlin. "Hey, Mr. Grumpy Gills," she says, "When life gets you down, you know whatcha gotta do?" "No, I don't want to know whatcha gotta do." "Just keep swimming! Just keep swimming! Just keep swimming!"

Not that I'm taking lessons from a digitized blue fish - but Dory's attitude reminded me what perseverance should look like. It's not that sitting on the couch and taking a break was a bad thing in itself - but my can't-go-any-farther attitude was. That atti-

tude indicated that I was slogging away in my own strength and had run out of energy - without looking to God for help. Wallowing in my exhaustion seemed so much easier.

But the truth is - when life gets you down and you're exhausted - God's faithfulness has the chance to shine through. The end of my rope is the beginning of God's grace made evident in my life - providing the strength to "keep swimming" even though I'm exhausted. And God gets the praise because I know that strength is no longer something in me. God's mercy and love are enough to keep me moving in the direction that God encourages me to go. My responsibilities are just one more way to bring me to my knees and let God refresh me with God's grace. After that - I can keep going - and even sing while I'm at it.

The Bible is full of reminders of God's faithfulness to believers - and the stories all end with humanity's reliance on God. In the end - it's when we are weak that God makes us strong. So... Just keep swimming! Just keep swimming! Just keep swimming!

Blessings,
Pastor Jami

NEW MEMBER CLASSES

Class began May 22 and the next class will be June 5 at 9:15 a.m. in Kuntz Hall. Reception of new members will be on Sunday, June 12 at the 9:00 a.m. service.



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS—May 2022

- ◆ Council approved the suggestion from the Worship and Music Committee to move to one service during the summer. The service will be held at 9:00 a.m. Communion services will continue to be the second and fourth Sundays of the month. The summer schedule will begin on Sunday, June 12 and continue through Sunday, September 4. We will move back to two services on Sunday, September 11.
- ◆ Intinction Communion will begin again as soon as we have used most of the small cups we are currently using for communion. These cups have a use-by date, and we do not want to simply throw them away.
- ◆ The delegates to the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod Assembly which will be held on June 10-11, 2022, are Stacey Burke, Kim Roth and Mitch Possinger.
- ◆ Council approved the purchase of the new hymnal supplement, *All Creation Sings*. Sponsorship envelopes will be made available to the congregation as soon as possible so that members can purchase hymnals in memory/honor of/celebration of people they choose to honor. The cost of the hymnal is \$15.00.
- ◆ Council discussed concern from members about “returning to normal worship.” A consideration members may not be aware of is that to return to some of our “normal” practices we need additional worship volunteers (ushers, greeters, communion assistants, altar guild members, choir members, etc.) Doug Daniel volunteered to address this during a temple talk in the next few weeks.
- ◆ Council is addressing the concern of tidying up the building with some storage boxes for collections in the narthex and cleaning out the storage room in the lower level in the near future.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**Sunday,
June 5**

8:00 a.m.
Worship

10:30 a.m.
Worship

**Sunday,
June 12**

9:00 a.m.
Communion
& Confirmation

**Sunday,
June 19**

9:00 a.m.
Worship

**Sunday,
June 26**

9:00 a.m.
Communion

WORSHIP SERVICE OPTIONS AVAILABLE

We are holding services in the building (masks optional), but you can join our worship in two additional ways.

Feeling a bit under the weather and don't want to spread your cold, your allergies are acting up and you don't want to sneeze and sniffle through the service, you just aren't comfortable yet in a group setting, but you want to sing and worship, maybe wave at some smiling faces – our **parking lot broadcast** is for you. Tune your radios to 107.3 FM. and please see the ushers for bulletins and communion cups.

You're out of town, did a little too much gardening and are too stiff to even drive, or just unable to get out of the house, fire up your computer and you can view the service on our **website**: hopecherryville.org.

You're welcome to whatever option is best for you each Sunday.

CONFIRMATION

Five of our youth have completed their confirmation instruction. Sunday, June 5, these youth will affirm the promises their parents made when they brought them to be baptized.

Jarod Baron Knouss, Jr.
Anna Laraine Sekol

Emily Ruth Koplin
Alexandra Beal Tretia

Kasidy Rose Mahalick

What a perfect time to be present and let these youth know how much they are valued.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

...coming July 11-15,

"Food Truck Party"

We are so excited to welcome your little chefs to the Food Truck Party: on a Roll with God. Classes will be held from 9 AM until noon, with a closing program on Friday, July 15@ 7 pm. Ages include 3 yr. olds (potty trained) to children completing 6th grade in June 2022. Registrations can be made at vbs.hopecherryville.org or by completing a registration form located in the narthex. An apron is provided for each student registering by Sunday, June 19th. A donation of \$15 is suggested for each student which includes the price of the apron. This is collected during vacation bible school.



Lots of help will be needed so please consider volunteering. A staff nursery is provided for volunteers if you have younger children who are not old enough to attend. Volunteers need to register as well. Volunteers can order an apron as well for \$5 also payable during VBS.

So come cook up some fun with Gillian and his crew.

For faster registrations, use the QR code.



Registrations are open!



HOPE LUTHERAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND

To be eligible for Hope's college scholarship money you must:

- Be attending an accredited college/university full time
- Be entering second year (or higher) of college in fall of 2022
- Be member in good standing of Hope Lutheran Church
- Complete an application

Applications are available on the church website (hopecherryville.org) or by request from the church office. The deadline for receipt of applications to the church office is **July 24, 2022**. Recipients of scholarship awards will be invited to attend a worship service to receive the first of two checks, the second check will be **sent** the first week in January 2023.

ENJOY THE CONVENIENCE OF ELECTRONIC GIVING

Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving – consider electronic giving as a way to automate your regular weekly contributions. Our church relies on the financial support of the congregation and electronic giving offers an easy way to give on a recurring basis. To set up a recurring contribution, visit the Church Website at www.hopecherryville.org and locate the Online Giving page.

Online Giving

ALL CREATION SINGS

Hymnal sponsorships are available for the new “All Creation Sings” hymnal supplement. It contains 2 new communion settings and an additional 200 new hymns, many of which are newly composed and address a wide range of current topics. It was published in early 2020 just before we shut down for the pandemic and we have used many of these new hymns during our parking lot worship. This is a hymnal supplement and does not replace our current hymnal, Evangelical Lutheran Worship.

New hymnals can be sponsored for \$15 each and can be dedicated in memory, honor or celebration of a person or persons. A bookplate with names will be placed in the front of each dedicated hymnal. Sponsorship envelopes are on the table in the narthex. Place your completed Hymnal Sponsorship envelope in the offering plate or the locked box in the narthex.



SOCIAL MINISTRY



Sunday, July 17, at 10:00 a.m. will be Hope’s outreach church service at Gracedale, led by Bob Small. Church members are welcome to help the Social Ministry Team share the Word with the residents.

Following Gracedale protocol, Covid vaccination cards (or copies) must be shown , and non-cloth masks must be worn. Gracedale will have appropriate masks available.

Please consider attending this event!

Cindy Kocher- SM chairperson

Nancy Miller - SM member

HEARTFELT HELP

Social Ministry is sponsoring a collection of hygiene products to benefit personal needs. The Caring Hearts Clothing Closet, located in Slatington and also Allentown, offers FREE clothing and hygiene products to anyone in need. Hope members are invited to help offer HOPE at Caring Hearts by donating any of the below items listed. Please help fill the container located under the big bulletin board. Thank you.

Chapstick

Disposable razors

SPF sun screen

Disposable washing cloths

Deodorant

Mouthwash

Dry shampoo

Body wash

Feminine hygiene items

Small combs

Disposable razors

Shave cream

Flashlights

Batteries

Travel size issues

Shampoo

Conditioner

Lotion

Q-tips

Bug repellent

For questions or more information contact: Nancy Miller, 610-392-8344

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



No meeting in June

BASKET SOCIAL

Wednesday, June 8
6 p.m., Hanson Hall meeting and potluck supper. Bring a covered dish to share and your own personal beverage. Paper products will be supplied.

STORYWEAVERS

Tuesday, June 21
Adult Sunday School Room
Lunch—Noon
at
Slate Quarry Inn

WELCA

Tuesday, June 14
10 a.m.



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 of in the narthex in the boxes indicated.

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| 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 |

NEW ITEM REQUESTED Bleedstop, it is available in drug stores in the wound care aisle.

Also, *Through These Hands* is always looking for canes, crutches, walkers and wheel-chairs (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.



RETURNING TO “NORMAL” WORSHIP

You may be wondering why we haven't yet returned to the way we did things prior to the pandemic. You might be surprised to hear the biggest thing blocking that return could be **YOU!** During the pandemic less volunteers were needed, and it appears a lot of those folks who volunteered previously must have decided to take a break. We need:

- * Communion Assistants
- * Ushers
- * Greeters
- * Lectors
- * Choir Members
- * Acolytes
- * Altar Guild
- * AV Operator

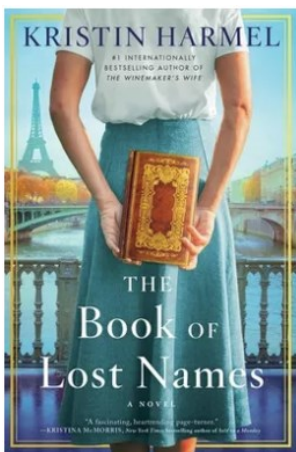
And come Fall we also need:

- * Sunday School and Confirmation Teachers

You'll find sign-up sheets in the narthex, or you can call the office and let Jennifer know in which position you are interested. She can also give you some guidance on what the jobs entail. Once we get enough volunteers, we can start the return of what you feel is missing.

BOOK BUDDIES

The next read for Book Buddies is *The Book of Lost Names* by Kristin Harmel. The cost will be \$11.00 and the groups will meet on Thursday, June 9 at 1:00 and 7:00 p.m..



From goodreads.com:

Eva Traube Abrams, a semi-retired librarian in Florida, is shelving books one morning when her eyes lock on a photograph in a magazine lying open nearby. She freezes; it's an image of a book she hasn't seen in sixty-five years—a book she recognizes as *The Book of Lost Names*.

The accompanying article discusses the looting of libraries by the Nazis across Europe during World War II—an experience Eva remembers well—and the search to reunite people with the texts taken from them so long ago. The book in the photograph, an eighteenth-century religious text thought to have been taken from France in the waning days of the war, is one of the most fascinating cases. Now housed in Berlin's Zentral- und Landesbibliothek library, it appears to contain some sort of code, but researchers don't know where it came from—or what the code means. Only Eva holds the answer—

but will she have the strength to revisit old memories and help reunite those lost during the war?

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NEW FLOOR INSTALLATION

Starting the week of May 31 and continuing for about 2 weeks, Kuntz Hall, the kitchen and the choir room hall, will be inaccessible as new flooring is installed. If during that time your group was planning to meet in those areas, please contact the Church Office to make other arrangements. Please note the bathrooms near Kuntz Hall will be out of commission until this project is completed.

THANK YOU . . .

All the ladies at the church who worked on the Prayer Shawls,

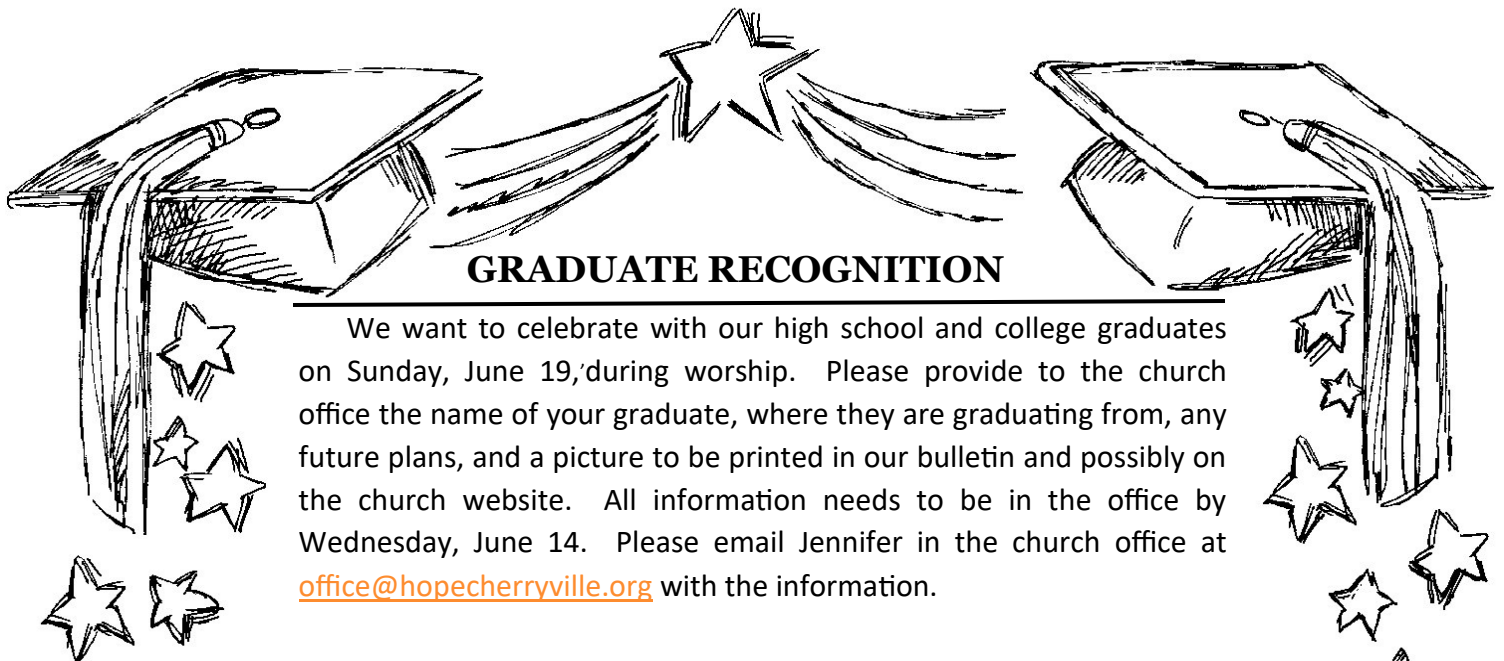
Thank you all for the beautiful Prayer shawls you made for us. My husband passed to God on March 16.

Thank you,
Jean & Ron Surman

Dear friends at Hope,

Thank you so much for all your kind expressions of sympathy at the passing of my dad, Delbert Christman. It was particularly nice to know that even though he lived in Palmerton, his life touched quite a number of other lives of members here at hope.

Thank you again,
Rodney & Laurie Christman



We want to celebrate with our high school and college graduates on Sunday, June 19, during worship. Please provide to the church office the name of your graduate, where they are graduating from, any future plans, and a picture to be printed in our bulletin and possibly on the church website. All information needs to be in the office by Wednesday, June 14. Please email Jennifer in the church office at office@hopecherryville.org with the information.

BOOK BUDDIES *(Continued from page 6)*

As a graduate student in 1942, Eva was forced to flee Paris after the arrest of her father, a Polish Jew. Finding refuge in a small mountain town in the Free Zone, she begins forging identity documents for Jewish children fleeing to neutral Switzerland. But erasing people comes with a price, and along with a mysterious, handsome forger named Rémy, Eva decides she must find a way to preserve the real names of the children who are too young to remember who they really are. The records they keep in *The Book of Lost Names* will become even more vital when the resistance cell they work for is betrayed and Rémy disappears.

An engaging and evocative novel reminiscent of *The Lost Girls of Paris* and *The Alice Network*, *The Book of Lost Names* is a testament to the resilience of the human spirit and the power of bravery and love in the face of evil.

DATES STILL AVAILABLE



There are plenty of available dates for altar flowers, bulletin, and press sponsorships. You will find the sponsorship charts on the bulletin board in the narthex. Write your name and message next to your desired date, complete an envelope (located by the charts for your convenience), enclose payment and place it in the

offering plate or drop it off in the church office. If you are not turning in payment at least one week prior to your sponsorship, please call the office and let Jennifer know so that it can appear in the bulletin.



Bulletins

DON'T FORGET OUR ON GOING FOOD COLLECTIONS

Hope for our Community – joining with Northern Lehigh and Northampton School Districts in their fight against hunger. 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	Cheeze-its
Graham Crackers	Granola Bars	Shelf-stable Yogurt	Trail mix
Shelf-stable milk	Mac-n-cheese	Canned soups/stews/pastas	

The **Northampton Food Bank has posted:** Our supply is diminishing, so we need goods for distribution immediately. We are accepting the following:

Canned Soup	Canned or Boxed Potatoes	Peanut Butter and Jelly
Spaghetti and Sauce	Baked Beans	Canned Meats
Beef Stew	Tuna Fish	

(Items donated must be unopened and unexpired, except for diapers, Depends, cleaning items, non-food items.)

Our **HOPE Food Pantry** under the carport can use your donations of non-perishable food items for our neighbors in need.

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

TEACHER NEEDED

Hope Lutheran Nursery School is seeking a Preschool Teacher for our 3 year old students for the 2022 – 2023 school year. This is a Tuesday and Thursday part-time position, which requires a teaching degree and current clearances. Previous experience with young children in a classroom setting is preferred. Applications are available on the Nursery School bulletin board located outside the main office of the church and are due by July 15. Any questions, please call or text Trish Clay-



FINANCIAL SUMMARY - APRIL 30, 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 - April	36,754.54	(1,405.50)	1,021.80	1,120.30	-
Income - Jan.-Mar.	101,581.69	(1,008.13)	(3,276.19)	(2,887.98)	500.00
Total Income	138,336.23	(2,413.63)	(2,254.39)	(1,767.68)	500.00
Expenses - April	36,288.37	99.00	70.00	-	-
Expenses - Jan.-Mar.	92,074.15	18,710.02	5,644.56	2,000.00	-
Total Expenses	128,362.52	18,809.02	5,714.56	2,000.00	-
Net Income	9,973.71	(21,222.65)	(7,968.95)	(3,767.68)	500.00
Net Special Appeals	(1,000.00)				
Balance End of April	\$255,248.90	\$167,529.64	\$179,751.56	\$103,540.89	\$ 3.08

SUMMARY:

Income exceeded expenses in the Regular Fund for the month of April by \$466.17, and for the year 2022, income exceeded expenses by \$9,973.71, giving us a current balance in the Regular Fund of \$255,248.90. Last year the net income for the same period was \$15,396.51 with a balance of \$240,615.44.

*** 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>
July/August	Monday, June 20	Thursday, June 30

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

Visit <http://nepasynod.org/documents/synod-news/synod-news-2022-6-color.pdf>

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