

Hope *Home News*

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GREETINGS FROM THE PASTOR...

Every year that passes, it seems like the summer is getting shorter and September comes quicker. This year has been no different. There was a time when the summer months in the church were a bit slower – but no longer. And yet, the advent of September brings with it a feeling of newness and starting fresh.

So - what will feel new and fresh at Hope? We will move to our regular schedule of worship on September 11 and welcome the return of Sunday School and Confirmation. Sunday School is fully staffed and will start off with a carnival for the children – fun to include a bounce house, games snacks and reconnecting with friends and making new friends. Adult Sunday School will commence with AJ Szwast leading that group again this year.

Confirmation students will be back in their classrooms and our confirmation coordinator is adding back some field trips to a local synagogue, a Baptist church and a Roman Catholic church – as well as outreach events. Confirmation students will also be volunteering to serve as acolytes and crucifers during worship.

Dave Ziegler tells me that our small worship band will continue through the month of September so worship will remain lively. We will continue to celebrate communion on the second and fourth Sundays of each month. And we will be hosting new member classes in the fall for people who are interested in joining our family of faith.

As good as all this sounds a lot like normal – doesn't it? But there have been some changes in the life of Hope as we are coming out of these past few years of the Covid19 pandemic. Here is what I have noticed:

- Some of our members have not returned to in-person worship and instead are watching worship online or attending via the transmission to our parking lot. To serve those people, we will continue to offer both options.
- Many of our worship volunteers have not returned since we are back in our building. That means we are in need of people to help us fill a variety of volunteer positions. During the summer months we were able to cover these positions because we only had one service. Once we go back to two services each Sunday, we are finding ourselves short of volunteers.

How can YOU help? Take a moment and think about the people who you don't see in church on a Sunday morning. Reach out to them through a visit or phone call and let them know we miss them and hope they return to worship with us. It will take all of us to contact our many members – so do your part. If you need a phone number, just call the church office and Jen Sommers can assist you.

Prayerfully consider volunteering as a worship volunteer. Volunteers sign up for the day and service that is convenient for them through a Sign-up Genius online program. You pick the dates and times you are available to help. We are in need of:

Ushers who pass out bulletins, assist people who have questions, and count the offering after each worship service. You may have noticed that we have not been passing the offering plate due to not having a sufficient number of ushers. No experience necessary!

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COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS—August 2022

- * The Congregation Council and Finance Committee continue to monitor the financial health of the congregation on a monthly basis. Many thanks to those who are making regular contributions to the ministry we do here at Hope.
- * Sponsorships for the new *All Creation Sings* hymnals are going well. There are still 100 sponsorships available and envelopes can be found on the table in the narthex. The hymnals will be dedicated at a worship service in September so it is not too late to sponsor one.
- * Worship and Music Committee reported that the new piano for the choir room has been purchased and delivered.
- * Hope will move from our summer schedule on Sunday, September 11. Services that day will be at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. with Sunday School and Confirmation classes at 9:15 a.m.
- * Sunday School will hold a Rally Day Carnival on September 11 at 9:15 a.m., a bounce house and lots of fun will be happening. All children are welcome to participate.
- * The Evangelism Team is hosting a Church Picnic on Sunday, September 18 at Indian Trail Park. Sign-up sheets are on the main bulletin board.

GREETINGS FROM THE PASTER *(Continued from page 1)*

Lectors who read the lessons from the pulpit each week. Lessons are emailed to you in advance of your assigned date.

Communion Assistants who assist the pastor by serving communion by intinction. The words we say are easy to remember and the pastor will offer training.

Greeters who open the front doors and simply offer people a warm smile and welcoming greeting.

Altar Guild members who set up for communion, set up for baptisms, place the hymn numbers on the hymn boards, straighten the pews after worship.

Videographers who record the service for the website and project parts of the service on the front walls. Dave Ziegler will provide training for anyone interested.

Choir members who attend rehearsals on a Thursday evening at 7:00p.m. Many hands make light work as the saying goes. Please consider how your hands can be used in service to God and Hope.

Blessings,

Pastor Jami

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**Sunday,
September 4**

**9:00 a.m.
Worship**

**Sunday,
September 11**

**8:00 a.m.
Communion**

**9:15 a.m.
SCS Rally Day**

**10:30 a.m.
Communion**

**Sunday,
September 18**

**8:00 a.m.
Worship**

**9:15 a.m.
SCS**

**10:30 a.m.
Worship**

**Sunday,
September 25**

**8:00 a.m.
Communion**

**9:15 a.m.
SCS**

**10:30 a.m.
Communion**

SUNDAY SCHOOL IS COMING!!!

Join us on Sunday, September 11 from 9:15-10:15 a.m. in the parking lot by the pavilion for our Sunday School Rally Day. This is open to all youth from cradle roll through 6th grade. We will have games, crafts, food, bounce house and much more. Come out for a fun time and meet your teachers. Parents, stop by our registration table at Rally Day to sign your child up for our classes.

YOUTH GROUP

Any confirmed member who is interested in helping our youth group (6th grade-12th grade) grow and thrive, we are looking for adult leaders. Please email Ally Lockard at alockard313@gmail.com for more information.



HOPE LUTHERAN SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to our 2022-2023 scholarship recipients:

Sarah Fritz	Katelyn Graver
Alexis McDonald	Thomas Nichols III
Logan Ninos	Carlie Small
Danielle Weaver	Hunter Zehner



BOOK BUDDIES

The next book for the book club is *Room of Marvels*. The cost of the book is \$15.00 and we will meet on Tuesday, September 6 at 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.



Three deaths in three years. His mother. His best friend. And now, his two-year-old daughter. In this moving story a Christian author goes to a retreat center to grieve and face the hard questions about God that he is asking in the wake of these losses. If you have ever felt alone, betrayed, abandoned—if you have found yourself asking God why—this novel may be a source of hope. And if you have ever wondered what heaven is like, this book provides a beautiful vision. Room of Marvels is a masterful, dream-like tale that speaks to the eternal in the midst of our most painful earthly losses. This expanded edition of the beloved book has a new afterword from James Bryan Smith and a discussion guide for group use. Finding your room of marvels will give you reason to live. Again.

SENIOR CHOIR

Regular Senior Choir rehearsals will resume weekly starting on Thursday, September 8 at 7 p.m. The adult senior choir is open to anyone in high school and older. No singing or musical experience is necessary and training will be provided. Due to the significant loss of membership, the singing schedule will be determined at our first rehearsal.

If you have any questions or are considering singing with the adult choir, please R.S.V.P. to organist@hopecherryville.org



JUNIOR CHOIR

Weekly Junior Choir rehearsals will resume on Thursday, September 8 at 6 p.m. and last 45 minutes. The Junior/Children's choir is open to any child who can read English through junior high school. The choir usually sings on a bi-weekly basis and alternates services. Accommodations are available for choir members to who normally attend the early service to sing-and-leave when the choir sings at the late service.

Because this choir is reorganizing this fall, please R.S.V.P. your children(s) intentions to attend to organist@hopecherryville.org to make sure sufficient music resources are available at the first rehearsal.

INSTRUMENTALISTS

Our director of music is surveying the congregation for instrumentalists to ascertain the number and type of resources available in order to create a suitable ensemble for worship. The result may be an orchestra, chamber orchestra, band or flute ensemble. If you play an instrument, please send an email to organist@hopecherryville.org and indicate your instrument, when you started playing or how long you have been playing and list any organization with whom you are currently playing. Any instrument and any age are welcome to respond. This is not a commitment to join or play with any ensemble, just a fact-finding mission with the first target being Christmas Eve.



Historically, our instrumental ensembles have no long-term commitments. The group organizes for a specific event and rehearses 3 to 4 times before playing the service. Instrumentalists could play any or all of the scheduled services. While limited resources may impede the progress of a vocal choir, instrumental ensembles can be organized around specific instrumentation for a specific event, i.e. a flute quartet or saxophone choir or brass ensemble.

ENJOY THE CONVENIENCE OF ELECTRONIC GIVING

Consider electronic giving as a way to automate your regular weekly contributions. Electronic giving offers convenience for members and provides much-needed contribution consistency for our congregation. Visit the church website at www.hopecherryville.org and locate the Online Giving page.



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. Call the office for more information.

Soup Group and Delivery



Wednesday,
September 7
9 a.m.
meeting

FAMILY PICNIC

Sunday, September 18, at Indian Trail Park sponsored by the Evangelism Committee.

The picnic will **begin at noon** in Pavilion Number 1.

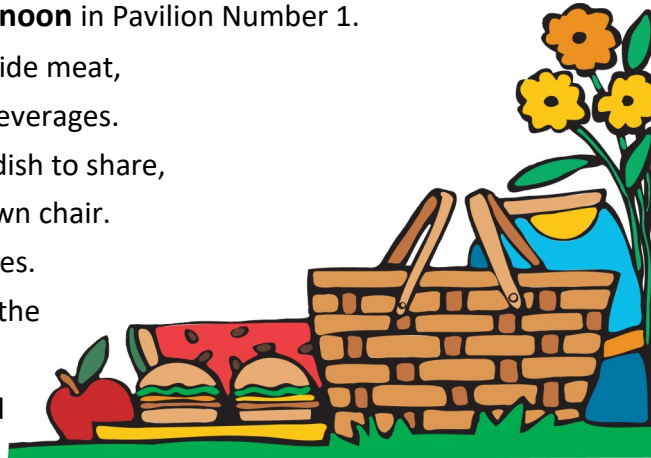
The committee will provide meat, rolls, condiments, and beverages.

Just bring your favorite dish to share, and don't forget your lawn chair.

Fun and games for all ages.

Volunteers to help with the Picnic are appreciated.

A sign up sheet is posted in the narthex.



HOPE'S FRIENDSHIP DANCE

Monday,
September 19
6:00 p.m.



WELCA

Tuesday,
September 13
9:00 a.m.

This will be a short business meeting followed by an indoor picnic. Members should bring a covered dish and all women are welcome to attend and join this group

Women ^{of the} **ELCA** 

WOMEN OF FAITH



The Women of Faith would like to thank everyone for the very generous donations for the Ukraine. A very special thank you to our Vacation Bible School families for their donations as well. We will no longer be collecting these items, however; you can donate anytime to Through These Hands, which is located at 454 Chestnut Street, Slatington. Check out their website (<http://throughthesehands.org/>) to find contact information and a list of supplies they accept. Their summer hours are Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9:00 to Noon.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2022

We had another great year at Bible School.

A big thank you goes out to the following businesses that made donations to help defray costs:

Just Born	Wawa	Herr's	Becky's Drive-In
Giant	Crazy Cones	Chick-Fil-A	Scoopendorf

Thank you to Dale Schaeffer for his donation of water and to an anonymous donor for donating money towards the obstacle course.

Thank you also to Thrivent for the many grants they provided.

Friday night we had our own Food Truck party before the closing program. Thank you to Amy Nichols for providing hot dogs and the fixings and to the crew who helped her serve our tasty dinner.

Thank you to the families who generously brought items each day for our collections. We collected for the Northampton Food Bank, the L.V. humane society, the Ukraine, the Cay Galgon Life House (a support system for young mothers), and the Lehigh Township Fire Company.

The coin toss this year was collected for Laura Bealer, a young woman from our congregation whose hepatoblastoma, a rare liver cancer, returned for a second time this past year after many years of being cancer free. The children collected \$1000.

If you want to see some of the fun we had, pictures are available on the VBS website along with one of our amazing lesson videos at vbs.hopecherryville.org.

And last but not least thank you to the many volunteers who helped this year

Addison Pioli	Caylee Strohl	Janet Filchner	Karen Lockard
Aislinn McDonald	Crysta Strohl	Janet Small	Kathy Creyer
Alexandra Tretiak	Danica Snyder	Jarod Knouss	Kathy Ziegler
Alison Linko	David McDonald	Jean Leibenguth	Krystina Adams
Allie Lockard	David Ziegler	Jen McDonald	Lance Sandner
Althea Handwerk	Dean Smith	Jennifer Knouss	Larry Creyer
Amanda Silfies	Deb Gardner	Jennifer Shelly	Laura Hafner
Amy Nichols	Dolores Reenock	Jennifer Sommers	Laurie Christman
Anna Sekol	Ella Odinyo	Joel Schreckinger	Liam Sekol
Barbara Weidner	Emalee Hudson	Jr. Marsh	Linda Mery
Betsy Vasquez	Emily Koplin	Judy Christman	Madison Sommers
Bianca Carrion	Erica Hudson	Judy Dieter	Mark Bateman
Bill Green	Erika Musser	Judy Evans	Megan Smith
Brittany Zedalis	Evan Knouss	Julie Sekol	Melissa Linko
Carol Groller	Faith Ziegenfuss	Justin Maurer	Nancy Creyer
Cathy Bird	Ginny Smith	Karen Bateman	
Cathy Moore	Gwen Gibson	Karen Koplin	

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Nancy Miller	Pat Amey	Sarah Bird	Tim Lockard
Nancy Xander	Rachel Hudson	Shelbey Ziegler	Trish Claypoole
Nicole Smith	Raleigh Hudson	Shirley Green	Trudy Mertz
Nora Sekol	Rudy Christman	Stacey Burke	William Lewis
Pastor Jami	Sam Koplin	Steph Maurer	Xander McDonald
Pastor Clark Kuntz	Sarah Linko	Terry Green	



CONFIRMATION

classes will begin on Sunday, September 11, 9:15 a.m.

YOUTH GROUP RETREAT



THANK YOU FROM NAFB

Dear Friends of the Food Bank,

Thank you for your recent contribution to the Northampton Area Food Bank.

NAFB is a 501-c-3 organization, operated entirely by volunteers. Financial support enables us to purchase necessary food and supplies, and to maintain the operations of the distribution and storage facility. Donations of canned goods and boxed food help us to sustain a stocked inventory on our selves, but food is always needed – especially during the

holidays and summer months. Contributions are tax deductible as allowed by law.

We appreciate your donation of canned goods, including peanut butter, additional non-perishable items, and \$60.

Your support makes a significant difference in the lives of families in our community. On behalf of the board of directors, the volunteers, and especially the clients we are privileged to serve, many thanks for your kindness and generosity.

RALLY DAY



Hope Lutheran Church
Sunday School

Sunday, September 11, 2022
9:15am - 10:15am

Parking lot by the pavillion.
Parents/Guardians must accompany children.



Bounce House - Games - Crafts - Food - and more!

Parents, stop by the registration table to
sign your child up for Sunday School!



27TH ANNUAL FALL BASKET SOCIAL

Hope Lutheran Church
4131 Lehigh Drive, Cherryville

KUNTZ HALL
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7

DOORS OPEN AT 4:00 p.m.
TICKET DRAWING BEGINS AT 7:30 p.m.

TICKETS: \$5/CARD OR 3 CARDS FOR \$10
EACH CARD GIVES YOU 25 CHANCES TO WIN!

SPECIAL TABLE OF ITEMS VALUED AT \$50 AND UP... TICKETS \$1 EACH OR 6 FOR \$5!

PROCEEDS DIVIDED EQUALLY BETWEEN HOPE'S GOOD SAMARITAN FUND AND
NORTHAMPTON AREA FOOD BANK

REFRESHMENTS (BARBECUE, HALUSKI, SOUPS, FILLING/GRAVY) AND
DELICIOUS BAKED GOODS WILL BE SOLD.

ANYONE INTERESTED IN DONATING SOMETHING FOR THIS FUNDRAISER IS
ENCOURAGED TO DROP OFF A THEME BASKET, GIFT CARD (PLEASE INCLUDE
RECEIPT), CASE OF WATER OR SODA, OR WRAPPED BAKED GOODS ON THE EVENING
OF OCTOBER 6 FROM 6-8 OR THE MORNING OF OCTOBER 7 FROM 10-12.

QUESTIONS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE
CHURCH OFFICE, 610-767-7203.

THANK YOU!

THE BASKET COMMITTEE OF HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH



FINANCIAL SUMMARY - JULY 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 - July	35,823.02	(402.38)	(2,963.96)	(5,279.82)	-
Income - Jan.-Jun.	195,007.11	(7,463.43)	(8,357.15)	(6,302.54)	500.00
Total Income	230,830.13	(7,865.81)	(11,321.11)	(11,582.36)	500.00
Expenses - July	30,913.35	99.00	3,835.00	-	-
Expenses - Jan.-Jun.	195,808.61	36,400.17	6,650.57	2,000.00	-
Total Expenses	226,721.96	36,499.17	10,485.57	2,000.00	-
Net Income	4,108.17	(44,364.98)	(21,806.68)	(13,582.36)	500.00
Net Special Appeals	(1,000.00)				
Balance End of July	\$249,383.36	\$144,387.31	\$165,913.83	\$ 93,726.21	\$ 3.08

SUMMARY:

Income exceeded expenses in the Regular Fund for the month of July by \$4,909.67, and for the year 2022, income exceeded expenses by \$4,108.17, giving us a current balance in the Regular Fund of \$249,383.36. Last year the net income for the same period was \$43,434.18 (which included PPP Loan Forgiveness of \$36,872.23) with a balance of \$231,851.88.

** 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>
October	Monday, October 19	Thursday, September 29

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 September 2022 issue of *Synod News* is available online.
Visit <http://nepasynod.org/documents/synod-news/synod-news-2022-9-color.pdf>

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