

Hope *Home News*

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GREETINGS FROM THE PASTOR...

This past month was very busy and often sad as I walked beside some of our members whose loved ones died. Eight funerals in one month are way too many for any congregation to bear. Not to mention the changes in the lives of those families as they begin their hard work of grieving the loss of someone they love and learning a new way of living without them.

Reflecting on this made me realize that we tend to live our lives in chapters – and like in any good book – the chapters continue to unfold until we get to the end of the book. Think about it. Birth. Childhood. Teen Years. Struggling 20s. Maybe you marry and begin a family. Developing your professional life. Empty nest years. The second half of life. Aging. And yes – eventually dying. Sometimes we are even living several chapters at the same time. Sometimes the chapters are joyful ones and others are tragic. But here's the thing – these chapters help to contribute to our overall lives. We can't skip any along the way or the book – and our lives – are missing something.

The Buddha once said, "Everything has a beginning and an ending. Make your peace with that and all will be well." It's true – isn't it? We must make peace with all the transitions we face – good and bad. This world tells us to hang on tight to everything we have – everything we love. But that is not the reality of life.

We will inevitably lose things and people we love. Life can change in a moment – and a new chapter begins – like it or not. The growth for us comes when we can look at life like this . . . it is not what these experiences do to us – it is what we do with these experiences that make us who we are and who we will be.

Everything has a beginning and an ending. Trying to deny that will leave us frustrated, anxious, afraid, and hopeless. Accepting this fact and living this truth can help us to face life with balance and poise. While I don't necessarily like loss, I find myself constantly looking around and wondering what will end soon - not because I want things to end - but because it's important to know where the opportunities for growth will be - and the end of some things give rise to new chances in others.

Truthfully – it doesn't make this past month any easier or less sad. But it does keep me looking for the ways and the places and the people God puts in my way – and in the way of these eight families – that help us move into the next chapter. May God guide us there. And may the memories of the people who have died be a blessing.

Blessings,
Pastor Jami



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS—September 2022

- ◆ While general finances are holding somewhat steady – contributions to the Building Fund have gone down. In the past, the proceeds from one of the Basket Socials and the Yard Sale were directed to the Building Fund. In the past three years there have been no large contributions from those fundraising activities that have helped to grow the Building Fund. Money from that fund is used for capital improvements to our facility. Council encourages members to use the building fund envelopes in the envelope packets to make their contributions to the Building Fund.
- ◆ Sunday morning worship volunteers are still needed. Now that we have moved back to our regular worship schedule we need ushers, greeters, communion assistants, lectors, choir members and assisting ministers at **both** the 8:00 am and 10:30 am services. Please prayerfully consider how you can help and then call the church office for details and to sign up.
- ◆ The large storage room in the lower level under Kuntz Hall has been cleaned out. Many thanks to Charlie and Kim Kutzler and the Sekol family as well as Hope's committees and groups for their help in keeping our storage facility in tip-top shape.
- ◆ The Social Ministry Committee will host its annual Thanksgiving Lunch on Saturday, November 5. Sign-up sheets will be on the bulletin board in the hallway.
- ◆ The Basket Social is scheduled for Friday, October 7. Proceeds from the social will go to the Northampton Food Bank and Hope's Good Samaritan Fund.
- ◆ The Youth Group will be holding a Clothing Drive this fall. Look for details in the bulletin and upcoming newsletters.
- ◆ Hope's Helping Hands (HHH) will be holding a lobster bisque and crab patty sale. Orders can be placed after worship services on Sundays October 16, 23 and 30 with pick up on Sunday, November 6 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

THANK YOU

Dear Sharon,

We want to thank you for the meals* we received when we were homebound. It was a Godsend given the fact that neither of us could cook that week (or was it 2 weeks). Everything we got was excellent and we enjoyed them immensely.

I am grateful for the time everyone took to provide us food. May God bless all of you.

Love,

Marian and MaryAnn Druckenmiller

*meals were from Share-a-Meal group

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**Sunday,
October 2**

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

**Sunday,
October 9**

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

**Sunday,
October 16**

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

**Sunday,
October 23**

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

**Sunday,
October 30**

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

YOUTH GROUP

Youth Gathering 2024

There will be an interest meeting for any youth wanting to participate in or volunteer at the Youth Gathering in New Orleans in 2024. We will meet on Sunday, October 9 in Kuntz Hall. Parents and youth can attend either a 9 a.m. session or a 11:30 a.m. session. Youth must be entering into 9th-12th grade in the 2023-2024 school year.



If you have any questions regarding the Youth Gathering, please email Ally Lockard at alockard313@gmail.com.

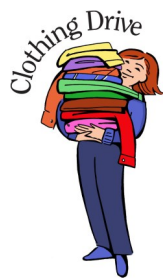
Nut Roll Sale

Youth Group will be selling nut rolls from Country Cottage Bakery in time for Thanksgiving. They are \$18 a piece. Flavors include: traditional, apricot, poppyseed, prune lekvar, red raspberry, and pumpkin cheese. Ordering will run October 16 - November 3. Pick up will be on Sunday, November 20 from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. in Kuntz Hall Kitchen. You can order after each church service on Sundays, or visit www.youth.hopecherryville.org to reserve your nut rolls online. Money is due at time of pick-up.

Please email Ally Lockard at alockard313@gmail.com with any questions. All profits will benefit those attending the Youth Gathering in 2024.



Clothing Drive



Youth Group will be hosting a clothing drive from Sunday, October 30 - Friday, November 4. All items must be bagged in a plastic trash bag and can be placed in the POD in the church parking lot. Accepted items include: clothing for men, women and children, shoes, clothing accessories: belts, hats, scarves, handbags, gloves etc, soft household items like towels, blankets, bed sheets, pillows, quilts, comforters and curtains, small toys (2 ft. or less), stuffed animals, bikes/scooters, car seats (only with base) and strollers.

If you would like more information on the company we are using, please visit www.aeclothing.net. All money raised will benefit those attending the Youth Gathering in 2024.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

Learning Ministries Day is back!

- January 28, 2023 (snow date February 4, 2023)
- Hope Lutheran Church, Cherryville*
- *Going Beyond Death to Life*, with P. Richard Jorgensen as keynote speaker.
- More information to follow in November. Please plan on attending.



*This is a synod wide event being held at our congregation. Keep watch for workshops offered.

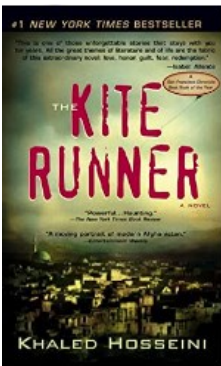
CRAB PATTY AND LOBSTER BISQUE SALE

The **Hope Helping Hands Mission Team** semi-annual Crab Patty and Lobster Bisque Soup sale is back after a 2-year hiatus due to Covid-19. Orders will be taken after both services on October 16, 23, and 30. Crab patties will be made with lump crab meat and will weigh approximately 6 oz. and will be sold for **\$6.00**. They will be available both breaded and un-breaded and ready for cooking. The Lobster Bisque will be in a 16 oz. container and will be selling for **\$4.00**. Crab patties and the soup will be made and packaged by Todd's Island Seafood of Allentown. Crab patties and soup will be ready for pick-up on **Sunday, November 6** from **9 a.m. to 12 p.m.** in Kuntz Hall kitchen. Please continue to support our Hope Helping Hands Mission Team and place your orders for these delicious crab patties and soup. You may also contact any team member (Kim Belletti, Cathy Moore, Leslie and Doug Daniel, or Laurie and Rod Christman) to place an order or call Leslie Daniel at 610-216-1340. All orders must be **pre-paid** by **October 30**.



BOOK BUDDIES

Our next books for “Book Buddies” will be *The Kite Runner* and *The Paris Architect*:



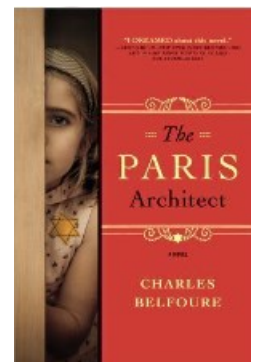
The Kite Runner - \$14.50 we will meet Monday, October 3 at 1 or 7

1970s Afghanistan: Twelve-year-old Amir is desperate to win the local kite-fighting tournament and his loyal friend Hassan promises to help him. But neither of the boys can foresee what would happen to Hassan that afternoon, an event that is to shatter their lives. After the Russians invade and the family is forced to flee to America, Amir realizes that one day he must return to an Afghanistan under Taliban rule to find the one thing that his new world cannot grant him: redemption.

The Paris Architect - \$14.50 we will meet Monday, November 7 at 1 or 7

Like most gentiles in Nazi-occupied Paris, architect Lucien Bernard has little empathy for the Jews. So when a wealthy industrialist offers him a large sum of money to devise secret hiding places for Jews, Lucien struggles with the choice of risking his life for a cause he doesn't really believe in. Ultimately he can't resist the challenge and begins designing expertly concealed hiding spaces—behind a painting, within a column, or inside a drainpipe—detecting possibilities invisible to the average eye. But when one of his clever hiding spaces fails horribly and the immense suffering of Jews becomes incredibly personal, he can no longer deny reality.

Written by an expert whose knowledge imbues every page, this story becomes more gripping with every life the architect tries to save.



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.

Story Weavers.

Tuesday,
October 18.
10 a.m.
lunch at Samuel Owen's

HOPE'S FRIENDSHIP DANCE

Monday,
October 17
7—9 p.m.



WELCA

Tuesday,
October 11
10:00 a.m.

Women of the **ELCA** 

NEW MEMBER CLASSES

Our new member classes will be Sundays, October 2 and 9. Reception of new members will be Sunday, October 16 at both services.

If you are interested in becoming a member of Hope, please contact the church office at 610-767-7203.



SOCIAL MINISTRY

Tuesday,
October 25
10:00 a.m.
Kuntz Hall

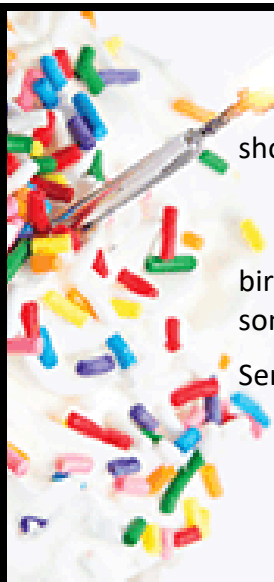
CARD SHOWER

Let's spread some cheer with a card shower to Hope member, Margaret Holler.

Peg will be celebrating her 90th birthday on October 29. Let's send some birthday cheer her way.

Send cards to:

Ms. Margaret Holler
447 Woodland Road
Walnutport PA 18088.



Mark your calendars

Annual Senior Thanksgiving Meal

Saturday, November 5
in Kuntz Hall.

Please sign-up on the sheet located in the narthex.





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.

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THANK YOU! ¶

THE BASKET COMMITTEE OF HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH ¶



INSTRUMENTALIST SURVEY

A lot has transpired over the last few years that have had a negative impact on our in-house orchestra and the time has come to reorganize. A successful reorganization seeks and collects input that will be used to design musical ensembles within the capabilities and experience of the participants. The result may be multiple ensembles; children's orchestra, symphonic orchestra or a kazoo choir. The ensembles may meet regularly or on an as-needed basis. They may play once or twice a year or monthly. We don't know until we collect and analyze our input. To be clear, there is no preconceived concept of what will result from this survey except the collection of data. Having defined the purpose, let's get on with our survey.

There is only rule

- You must have at least 2 years of experience playing your instrument

Do not assume any instrument is excluded. (Recently, I needed a harmonica player and could not find one.) Do not assume membership is required. Do not assume age requirements. (If you started playing at 2 years old and are now 4 years old, you meet the only rule we have!) Do not assume you must have the instrument. (For instance, if you play glockenspiel or guiro in school, we have a glockenspiel and guiro you can play here.)

How to take the survey

Send an email to organist@hopecherryville.org and include the following information:

1. Your name
2. The instrument(s) you play
3. How long you have been playing
4. (Optionally) List any bands, orchestras, or ensembles you have or are currently playing with

THIS IS NOT A COMMITMENT TO JOIN ANYTHING!

It is that simple. This information will be used to identify what kind of musical groups we can organize and what is needed to ensure they are successful in their music making.

Questions can be directed to David Ziegler, Director of Music at organist@hopecherryville.org

SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS

We are still in need of Sunday Volunteers. Can you offer to assist on one or two Sundays every quarter? The more people pitch in the less each of us must do. As a person who volunteers Sundays, I can honestly say it's not difficult, and it's actually fun.

Usher – my husband and I usher. It's really nice getting to greet people as they come into the nave. I've gotten to see people I would have missed if I had just been seating in the pew waiting. And talk about laughing – every Sunday we've ushered has felt like Holy Humor Sunday – the sense of humors that abound in this congregation are amazing. Nothing better than starting my day with a smile. Yes, you do have to count the offering, but Trudy is always ready to help, and honestly even the time we had to search for an error, my husband and I still went home talking and even smiling!

Videographer – This one has been a learning experience for me. I did record Pastor Jami for the drive-in services, so I was somewhat familiar with the equipment, but I hadn't actually recorded a full service. If you

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SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS (Continued from page 7)

can handle logging on to the internet, controlling your TV with the remote, playing some games on your phone or computer – YOU CAN learn this. David Ziegler will help you get started, and some of the videographers can assist with hints as you go along. And there's time to practice. For those artsy types you may decide to follow your creativity and end up producing award winning service videos. Just don't project Pr. Jami on the screen doing her sermons!

Lectors – Admittedly, I don't do this one – I'm a little too self-conscious to get up in front of the congregation (always afraid I have spinach in my teeth). But I know there are lots of members that don't have that issue (probably better flossing). Jennifer will email you the reading the week prior to your Sunday (hardcopies can be printed and made available if that works better for you). You just need to review the readings and follow the order of worship for where the readings are placed. If you liked reading out loud to your children – we'll be happy to listen on a Sunday and we won't fall asleep.

All joking aside, you are needed on a Sunday. These are just three of the ways you can help. Check out your bulletin listing of worship participants for others. Give it a try. You get to pick the Sundays and service times that work best for you – you won't be randomly assigned. Call the church office and talk to Jennifer if you have questions. Or find someone you know that does volunteer and ask them about it. You can always find me – I promise I'll be serious!

Peace,
Laurie Christman



Upcoming Events

BEAR CREEK CAMP

Winter Connect Weekends
9th - 12th Grade - January 6 - 8
4th - 8th Grade - January 13 - 15

CONNECT is a fun-filled weekend at Bear Creek Camp to share with camp friends and returning summer counselors in activities unique to BCC in the winter! The weekends kick off on Friday night and run until Sunday after lunch. Cost for the weekend is \$130/person.

Registration opens on Monday, October 3rd
Deadline for Registration: Tuesday, December 28th

CONNECT
WINTER CAMP AT BEAR CREEK CAMP

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - AUGUST 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 - August	25,097.51	4,973.28	7,824.12	3,990.26	-
Income - Jan.-Jul.	230,830.13	(7,865.81)	(11,321.11)	(11,582.36)	500.00
Total Income	255,927.64	(2,892.53)	(3,496.99)	(7,592.10)	500.00
Expenses - August	29,848.46	2,656.67	5,522.78	1,800.00	-
Expenses - Jan.-Jul.	226,721.96	36,499.17	10,485.57	2,000.00	-
Total Expenses	256,570.42	39,155.84	16,008.35	3,800.00	-
Net Income	(642.78)	(42,048.37)	(19,505.34)	(11,392.10)	500.00
Net Special Appeals	(982.00)				
Balance End of August	\$244,650.41	\$146,703.92	\$168,215.17	\$ 95,916.47	\$ 3.08

SUMMARY:

Expenses exceeded income in the Regular Fund for the month of August by \$4,750.95, and for the year 2022, expenses exceeded income by \$642.78, giving us a current balance in the Regular Fund of \$244,650.41. Last year the net income for the same period was \$46,678.28 (which included PPP Loan Forgiveness of \$36,872.23) with a balance of \$235,024.98.

*** 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>
November	Monday, October 17	Thursday, October 27

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

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