



JUNE 2023 ♦ Vol. I No. 6

# Hope Home News

## Greetings from the Pastor:



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**A** number of years ago, our Worship Arts Team did something a little different during Sunday morning worship. To help people get the feel for a biblical text that was defining “insiders” and “outsiders” - worship attendees were encouraged to sit in an area of the church that was not their “usual” pew. Although that was just part of the morning’s activity, one thing I heard time and time again was that people who sat somewhere different got a very different perspective of the church and worship that day. It was interesting to hear folks talk about their viewpoint from where they sat. Many said they were sitting next to people they never met before, and they got to know someone new. Some said they noticed things they never saw before.

By the time you get this newsletter we will be moving to our summer worship schedule with just one service at 9:00 AM – which means that when members come to church someone may very well be sitting in your “usual” pew. If so, it will be your chance to get a new perspective as you sit somewhere different. It will be your chance to possibly meet someone new as well.

All this gets me to thinking - what is the viewpoint that our guests in worship experience? Almost every week we have people who are visitors. Do they feel welcome when they enter the building? Do they feel that they are an “insider” or an “outsider” during worship? Do the people sitting around them make sure they know where the hymnals are and that they are on the right page of the hymnal as we worship?

Do people have an open and generous spirit for the children who join us for worship? As we pass the peace do members make sure to include our guests? Do we welcome people at the communion table? At the end of the service do we talk to the strangers in our midst - or let them walk out the door without ever being noticed? And if we do these things for guests - do we also do them for members?

Why do I ask these questions? Because they matter. Because people want to feel welcomed. Because people who are not “included” may never come back. Because members and guests alike want to be noticed and acknowledged with a little conversation. Because hospitality begins at home. Because if we don’t welcome each other how can we welcome someone we have never met? Because hospitality is the job of every member – not just the greeters, ushers, and pastors. This will be especially true as we enter a transitional time without a pastor who knows everyone and can easily spot a visitor in our midst.

Do you know the people who sit in the pews around you? If not, take the time to introduce yourself and make an effort to get to know them. If they are guests help us to create an environment that is welcoming, friendly, and caring. And maybe you can ever try moving around in the sanctuary – sitting in a different pew once in a while – just to “test the waters” – just to meet some new people – just to see how we care for each other – just to get a different viewpoint!

**Blessings,  
Pastor Jami**



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## Council Highlights-May 2023

- + Sunday, June 4th begins our summer schedule with one service at 9:00 AM. This schedule will continue through Sunday, September 3rd and Hope will move back to two services and Sunday School on Sunday, September 10th.
- + Vacation Bible School is preparing for children to attend the week of July 10th – 14th. Registration is now open for students and volunteers.
- + Council is looking for someone to chair the 50th Anniversary Committee. If members are interested, they can call the church office or reach out to any member of council.
- + Council, in conjunction with the Property Committee, is looking into replacing the two existing water fountains with a combination water fountain and refill station.
- + Hope's Women of Faith group is researching options for a new church directory. Look for more information in upcoming newsletters!
- + The following Confirmation Students were approved for adult membership, pending completion of their requirements: *Molly Binder, Alyzah Borger, Caden Butryn, Evan Knouss, Kacee Medei, Derek Moyer, Samantha Neff, Liam Sekol, Addison Smith, Brycen Smith, Andi Szwast*
- + Council continues to talk about the pastoral transition Hope will experience after August 2023.



# Summer Worship Schedule

**Sunday, June 4**

 *Trinity Sunday*  
**9:00 AM Worship**

**Sunday, June 11**

**9:00 AM Worship &  
Holy Communion**

**Sunday, June 18**

*Fathers' Day*  
**9:00 AM Worship**

**Sunday, June 25**

**9:00 AM Worship &  
Holy Communion**

## 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](http://www.hopecherryville.org) and locate the Online Giving page or click the Online Giving Button below!

Online Giving

# TRINITY SUNDAY

**June 4<sup>th</sup>  
2023**

## Bible Quiz

The "Trinitarian formula" occurs only once in the Bible. In which New Testament book do we read "in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit," and who said these words?

- A. Romans; Paul
- B. 1 Peter; Simon Peter
- C. The Acts of the Apostles; Luke
- D. Matthew; Jesus



Answer: D (See Matthew 28:19.)



### BIBLE STUDY

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

**JUNE 8, 15, 22 & 29**

In addition Bible Study will  
still be offered via Zoom.

Call the office for  
more information.

### GARDEN CLUB

Tuesday, June 13

6 PM

in Kuntz Hall



### NO MEETINGS IN JUNE:

Soup Group  
Story Weavers  
WELCA  
Hope Friendship  
Dance



### KUNTZ HALL AVAILABLE FOR RENTAL

Visit Hope's website:  
[hopecherryville.org](http://hopecherryville.org)  
for the *Church Use Policy* and the *Facility  
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have any questions,  
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610-767-7203.



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THE NARTHEX.**

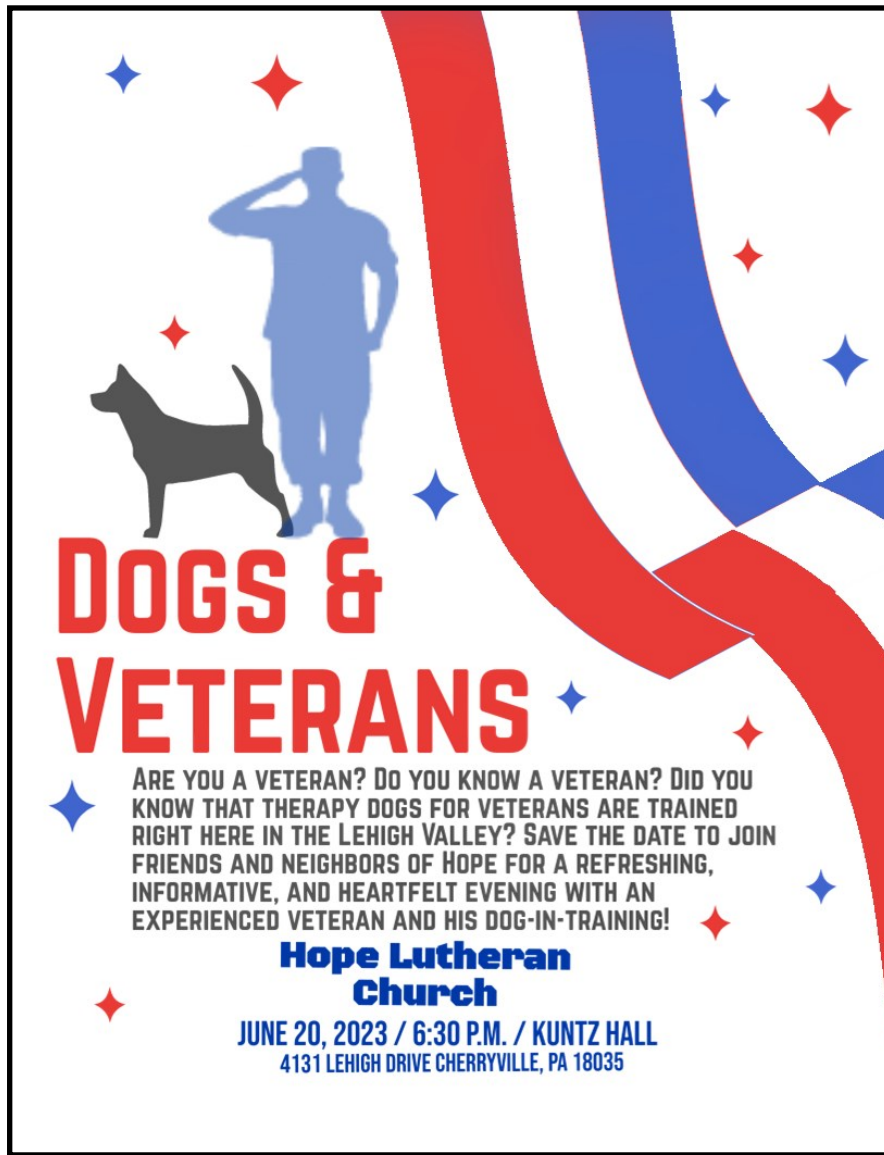
### \*WOMEN OF FAITH

Tuesday, June 20

6:30 PM

in Kuntz Hall

\*special event  
(see page 4 for more details)



## **VET 2 VET/DOGS PLUS VETERANS**

Hope members and friends are encouraged to join WELCA and Women of Faith on **Tuesday, June 20 @ 6:30 PM** in Kuntz Hall for a presentation for and about trained service dogs.

Veterans requiring emotional and physical support are paired with a dog to meet their needs! John Kukitz- and his dog - will offer insight and opportunity for this worthy cause.

*Won't you join us?*

Light refreshments provided ♦ Free will offering will be offered for Vet 2 Vet.



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Scholarship Fund:

Hope Church offers scholarship money to college students.

The requirements of eligibility are:

1. Attending an accredited college/ university full time.
2. Will be entering second year (or higher) of college in fall of 2023.
3. Is a member in good standing of Hope Lutheran Church.

Applications are available on the church website or by request from the church office. Please

email: [office@hopecherryville.org](mailto:office@hopecherryville.org).

The deadline for receipt of applications to the church office is

July 16, 2023.

*Recipients of scholarship awards will be invited to attend a worship service and will receive the first of two checks on **August 6th**, the second of which will be sent the first week in **January 2024**.*



Graduate Recognition:

We will be celebrating our high school and college graduates on **Sunday, June 11th** during worship at 9 AM. Please provide to the church office the name of your child graduating, where they are graduating from and any future plans. All information should be sent into the office

by **Wednesday, June 7th.**

Please email Jennifer in the church office

at [office@hopecherryville.org](mailto:office@hopecherryville.org) with the information.

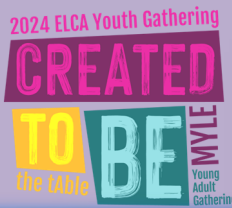
Youth Group Updates

The Youth Group had a fantastic time at the All-Night Event on May 5-6 with the Youth Group Leaders!

To say they defied the laws of physics is an understatement, as a little birdy informs me that these kids sang their Sunday School and VBS songs so loud they set off Youth Leader, Ally's, smartwatch telling her to plug in her headphones!

All in all, a great night to remember. And a big thank you to everyone who donated to the Clothing Drive!

The exhausted youth group sorted through the donations before finally calling it a night!



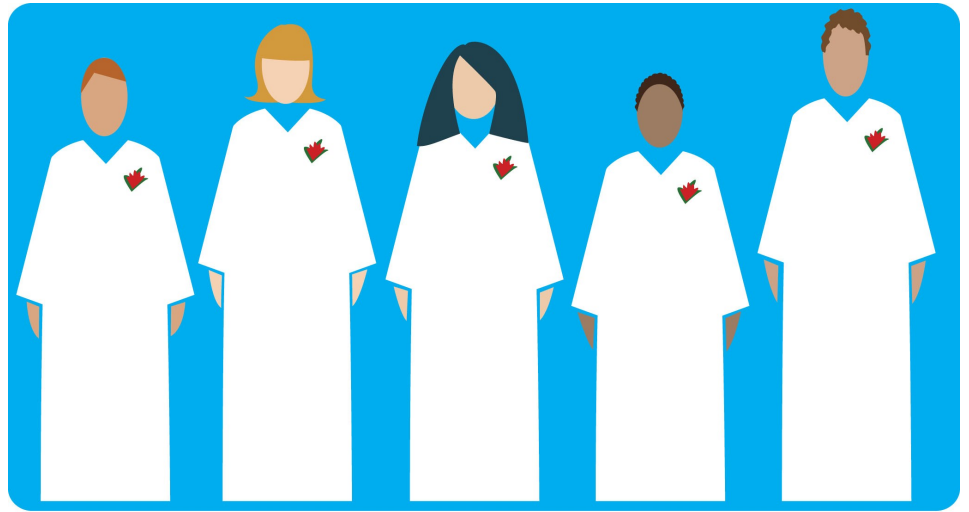
## CONFIRMATION GRADUATES

Jennifer Knouss—Confirmation Program Coordinator

On May 28, 2023 Hope welcomed our newest confirmed members of the congregation!

### Congratulations to our Confirmation Graduates:

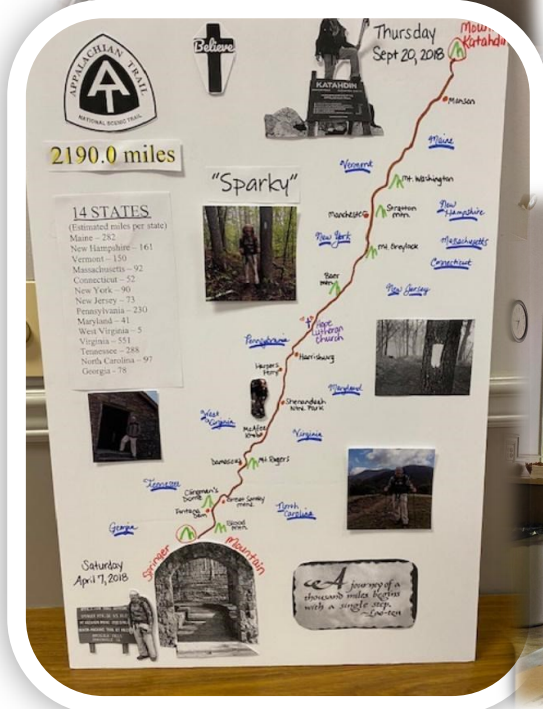
- + Addison Smith
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- + Evan Knouss
- + Kacee Medei
- + Liam Sekol
- + Molly Binder
- + Samantha Neff



## Kudos to Our Confirmands

### APPALACHIAN TRAIL PRESENTATION

On Tuesday, April 25, at 6:30 pm, Hope member Jonathan Eckhart shared some of his stories thru-hiking the Appalachian Trail in 2018. The event was well received and raised \$280 (which he rounded up to \$300) to donate to the Troopers Helping Troopers Foundation. Eckhart retired as a Corporal with the PA State Police in 2015. During his time served, he endured losing a couple members in the line of duty, as well as several being injured. The Foundation was created to help Troopers and their families in times of need. He is grateful for the support and donations from fellow Hope members, family, and those in the community.





# Totally Submerged

coming July 10-14

Come dive into the Bible with the Gilligan Crew on the adventure of a life time. They will be exploring the wet and wild stories from the ocean floor.

Classes will be held from 9 a.m. until noon, with a closing program on Friday, July 14@ 7 p.m. Ages include 3 year olds (potty trained) to children completing 6th grade in June 2023.

Registrations can be made at [vbs.hopecherryville.org](https://vbs.hopecherryville.org) or by completing a registration form located in the narthex. A t-shirt is provided for each student registering by Sunday, June 18. A donation of \$15 is suggested for each student which includes the price of the t-shirt. 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 a t-shirt as well for \$6 also payable during VBS.

**Water** you waiting for—Sign up now!

**Registrations open now!**

For faster registrations, use the QR code.



Hope Lutheran Nursery School is seeking a Teacher's Aide for the 2023-2024 school year. This is a part time position with 4 year olds on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings, with the potential of five days based on our 3 year old summer enrollment.

Current clearances are needed prior to the start of the school year and CPR and First Aid Training will be arranged. Previous experience with young children in a classroom setting is preferred, and the ability to keep up with the physical requirements and energy level of teaching young children is a must.

Applications are due by June 16, 2023 and are available on the Nursery School bulletin board located outside the main office of the church or can be printed from the Nursery School webpage: [nurseryschool.hopecherryville.org](http://nurseryschool.hopecherryville.org)

Please call or text Trish Claypoole, Nursery School Board President, at 610-360-6034 should you have any questions.



Hope Lutheran Nursery School is accepting applications for the 2023 -2024 school year!

The three year olds meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays and the four year olds meet on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Both classes run from 9 AM – 11:30 AM.

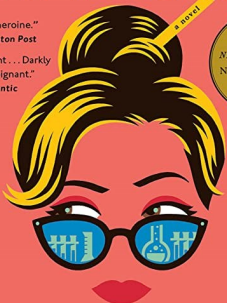
Our four year old classes are now full with a waiting list, but there is still availability in our three year old classes!

For more information, or to register for our program please visit our webpage: [nurseryschool.hopecherryville.org](http://nurseryschool.hopecherryville.org) or call Hope Lutheran Church at 610-767-7203.

#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER

# LESSONS in CHEMISTRY

"An indelible heroine."  
—The Washington Post  
"Strikingly relevant... Darkly funny and poignant."  
—The Atlantic



ONE OF THE NEW YORK TIMES NOTABLE BOOKS OF THE YEAR

Bonnie Garmus

## BOOK BUDDIES

### Next up in book buddies:

**Lessons in Chemistry—Wednesday, June 28** (cost \$18)

*Lessons in Chemistry is a bestselling novel by Bonnie Garmus about women's lives, careers, and struggle for empowerment in the late 50s and early 60s. It follows the story of Elizabeth Zott, a brilliant chemist who is forced to become a television chef when she finds herself a young, single mother.*





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<p><b>CONFIRMATION PROGRAM COORDINATOR</b> Jennifer Knouss</p>	

## CONTACT INFORMATION

<p>New membership, baptisms, funerals, weddings, change of address, van requests, memorial sponsors, hospital admissions, facility rentals</p>	<p>Call the church office <b>610-767-7203</b></p>
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REGARDING	CONTACT	PHONE NO.
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**CORE**  **PURPOSE**  
*Statement*

People of Hope:  
working together, with God,  
to love and serve others...



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1 Synod Assembly 7:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Hanson Hall	2 Synod Assembly	3 Synod Assembly
4 Trinity Sunday 9:00am Worship	5	6	7 1:00pm Staff Meeting	8 10:00am Pastor's Bible Study - Adult SS Rm & By Zoom	9	10
11 Graduate Recognition 9:00am Worship & Holy Communion	12 6:00pm Finance Committee Meeting 7:00pm Congregational Council Meeting	13 6:00pm Garden Club Meeting - Kuntz Hall	14	15 10:00am Pastor's Bible Study - Adult SS Rm & By Zoom 6:30pm 4H Club Meeting - Hanson Hall	16	17
18 Father's Day 9:00am Worship	19	20 6:30pm Women of Faith Event "Vet 2 Vet Service Dogs" - Kuntz Hall	21 1:00pm Staff Meeting	22 10:00am Pastor's Bible Study - Adult SS Rm & By Zoom	23	24
25 9:00am Worship & Holy Communion	26	27	28 1:00pm Book Buddies Book Club - Zoom 7:00pm Book Buddies Book Club - Zoom	29 10:00am Pastor's Bible Study - Adult SS Rm & By Zoom	30	1

**FINANCIAL SUMMARY - APRIL 30, 2023**

	<b>Regular</b>	<b>Building</b>	<b>Memorial</b>	<b>Scholarship</b>	<b>Memorial Garden</b>
<b>Balance Beginning of Year</b>	\$252,235.16	\$148,738.04	\$167,705.65	\$ 94,136.96	\$ 5,907.23
<b>Income - April</b>	43,388.70	5,132.65	3,746.96	2,492.41	2,003.00
<b>Income - Jan.-Mar.</b>	99,295.74	9,782.95	5,003.94	23.02	4,103.22
<b>Total Income</b>	142,684.44	14,915.60	8,750.90	2,515.43	6,106.22
<b>Expenses - April</b>	40,677.03	7,599.00	39.29	-	-
<b>Expenses - Jan.-Mar.</b>	97,469.50	1,936.30	196.51	1,800.00	-
<b>Total Expenses</b>	138,146.53	9,535.30	235.80	1,800.00	-
<b>Net Income</b>	4,537.91	5,380.30	8,515.10	715.43	6,106.22
<b>Net Special Appeals</b>	-				
<b>Balance End of April</b>	\$256,773.07	\$154,118.34	\$176,220.75	\$ 94,852.39	\$ 12,013.45

**SUMMARY:**

Income exceeded expenses in the Regular Fund for the month of April by \$2,711.67, and for the year 2023, income exceeded expenses by \$4,537.91, giving us a current balance in the Regular Fund of \$256,773.07. Last year the net income for the same period was \$9,973.71 with a balance of \$255,248.90.

*\*\*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 Krystina Adams ([communications@hopecherryville.org](mailto:communications@hopecherryville.org)). Thank you.

<b><u>Edition</u></b>	<b><u>Article Deadline</u></b>	<b><u>Collation Date</u></b>
July	Monday, June 19	Thursday, June 29

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**SYNOD NEWS**

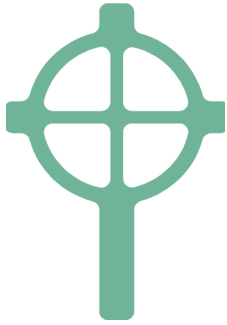
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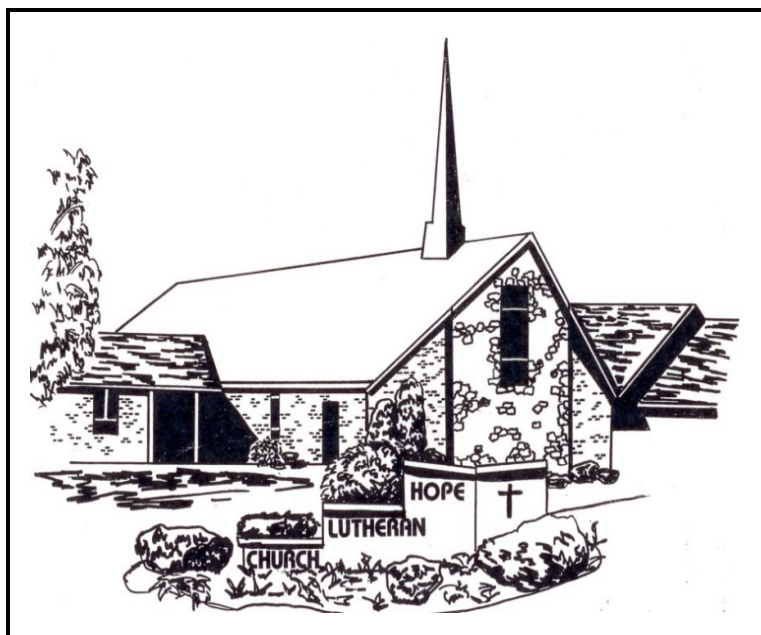
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**Summer Worship Service**  
**9:00 AM**

*Church Office Hours*  
**8:30 AM – 3:00 PM Mon – Fri**