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e understand that change can be а and scary uncertain time for many of us. However, must also rewe member that change be an exciting can and thrilling opportunity for growth

and progress. As a congregation, we need to come together and support each other during this time of transition.

Change is an inevitable part of life, but it's not always easy. As believers, we know that God and His Word are unchanging, but that doesn't mean we shouldn't embrace change in our lives. Infact, we are called to be transformed and changed into the likeness and image of Christ.

In Romans 12:2, the Lord tells us that we should not copy the behavior and customs of this world, but instead, we should let God transform us into a new person by changing the way we think. This transformation is not an overnight process, but rather a journey that requires us to adapt, adjust, and change.

Isaiah 43:19 reminds us that God is always doing something new, and we should be open to His plans and purposes for our lives. We may not always understand or see what God is doing, but we can trust that He is working all things together for our good.

It is with a heavy heart that we bid farewell to Pastor Jami as she em-

barks on a new journey into retirement. Her infectious joy and dedication to our congregation will be sorely missed, but we find comfort in knowing that God has greater plans in store for her and for us.

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Hope Home News

Greetings from Church Council:

Let us take this moment to mourn and reflect on what we have lost, but also look to the future with hope and anticipation. We believe that great things are in store for our church, and we ask that you join us in embracing this change with open hearts and minds. Let's trust in God's unfailing love and faithfulness, knowing that He is with us every step of the way.

As your church council, we want to assure you that we are committed to keeping you informed throughout the process of calling a new pastor to our church. However, please understand that there are certain aspects of the process that are not meant for the entire congregation to discuss. We kindly ask for your respect and understanding in this matter. Rest assured that if and when the time comes for the public to know, we will make an announcement.

Together, we can create a stronger, more vibrant community that serves and supports each other in love and compassion. We appreciate your cooperation and support during this important time for our church. Let us continue to pray for wisdom and discernment as we navigate this process together.

Blessings, Hope Lutheran Church Council

<u>Council Highlights-August 2023</u>

- + The Property Committee has made the decision to move forward with replacing the trees along the parking lot that were removed ear-lier this year, with a total of 17 new trees set to be planted.
- + Rally Day for Sunday School will be **Sunday, September 17th**, with a family-style carnival that's sure to be fun for all ages. Join us for games, prizes, and an opportunity to connect with Sunday School teachers and new friends.
- Hope's Youth Group is thrilled to announce that they are launching a permanent clothing. Thanks to the support of USAgain, a clothing POD will be placed in Hope's parking lot, near the Lehigh Dr entrance allowing for continuous collection of gently used clothing.
- + Youth Group is excited to announce its Kick-Off party on **Saturday**, **September 16** from 6PM-9PM, where we will be hosting a variety of games and a potluck dinner.
- + Mark your calendars because Youth Group is hosting a <u>Bingo</u> event on **Saturday, November 4th**. More details to come!
- + The Hope's 50th Anniversary Committee is getting ready to hold its inaugural meeting, marking an exciting milestone in the church's history. This is an excellent opportunity for congregation members to get involved and contribute to the festivities, so don't miss out! Stay tuned for more updates!
- + Hope Lutheran Church's Annual Family Picnic will be held on **Sunday, September 10th** at Indian Trail Park. This event will start at 12 PM and will be a great opportunity to connect with members of the church and community. Bring your family and friends to enjoy a day filled with fun activities, delicious food and great conversations. We hope to see you there!



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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT HOPE?

Are you a tech-savvy young member itching to make a difference? Do you love the internet and want to be part of a team that keeps our church community connected online? Look no further than Hope's stellar AV Team! We are on the lookout for passionate individuals who are good with computers or eager to learn more about the exciting world of audiovisual technology. Join us and become a tech maestro, playing a crucial role in streaming our Sunday services LIVE to those who can't be physically present. No prior experience is required; we welcome both seasoned

tech gurus and those who are eager to learn. Our team is supportive and ready to help you develop your skills every step of the way. For more information, contact the AV team at <u>avteam@hopecherryville.org</u> or by calling the church office at 610-767-7203.

Hey there, social butterflies!

Get ready to flutter on over to the Adult Sunday School room on <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>September 12th</u> at 9:30 A.M. for the most buzz-worthy Social Ministry meeting yet! We'll be diving into a discussion on a new social activity that's sure to create a buzz in our church community. Plus, if you stick around, you can also attend the WELCA meeting afterward. Don't be a wallflower - join us and let's make some memories together!

We are thrilled to announce that our fall choir rehearsals are set to resume on Thursday, September 14th! Our Jr. Choir will begin at 6 pm and Sr. Choir will start at 7 pm. We have a lot in store for both choirs this season, as we are already working on an exciting spring musical! Please note that registration is now required for Jr. Choir. If you or someone you know is interested in joinplease an email Ziegler ing, send to David at organist@hopecherryville.org with your interest. We will be sure to send you registration information as soon as it becomes available. We look forward to welcoming each of you back to choir and embarking on a new musical journey together. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to us.

Do you have a stash of unwanted gift cards lying around, collecting dust? Why not put them to good use and make a difference in someone's life! Our Basket Social is just around the corner and we're accepting donations of gift cards. Whether it's a restaurant, retail, or entertainment gift card, every little bit counts. And if you have any questions about the Basket Social or how to donate, Toni Snyder and Nancy Miller are here to help.

Just seek them out after Sunday service or shoot them an email at:

nemiller@ptd.net or tne7751@yahoo.com

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 or call Hope Lutheran Church at 610-767-7203.

CHURCH FAMILY PICNIC

Mark your calendars! Hope Church Family Picnic will be held **Sunday, September 10, 2023**, at 12 noon at Indian Trail Park. The Evangelism Committee will supply meat, rolls, condiments, and beverages. You are asked to bring a dish to share. Fun and games are being planned for both children and adults. Tentatively, we are planning to add face paintings for our children. If you would like to volunteer to do the face painting, don't hesitate to get in touch with Sharyn Kratzer (610–261–1277) or a member of the Evangelism Committee. We hope you will join us in fellowship for this fun–filled day! More details will be available as we get closer to the date. There is a signup sheet in the narthex for those wanting to attend.

- Hope Church Evangelism Committee -



ANNUAL FALL BASKET SOCIAL



Come one, come all to our 28th Annual Fall Basket Social at Hope Lutheran Church on **Friday, October 6th**! Doors open at 4 PM and the Ticket Drawing begins at 7:30 PM.

Don't miss your chance to win big with tickets for only \$5/card or 3 cards for \$10. With each card, you'll receive 25 chances to win! And for those feeling extra lucky, there's a special table of items valued at \$50 and up, with tickets priced at \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

Best of all, all proceeds will be divided equally between Hope's Good Samaritan Fund and the Northampton Area Food Bank, so you'll be supporting two great causes while having a

blast. And don't worry about going hungry - we'll have delicious refreshments like BBQ, halushki, soups, filling/gravy, and baked goods available for dine-in or take-out.

If you're interested in donating something for the fundraiser, we encourage you to drop off a themed basket, gift card (s) (*please include receipt*), case of water/soda, or wrapped baked goods on the evening of October 5 from 6 PM-8 PM or the morning of October 6 from 10 AM-12 PM. Have any questions? Contact the church office at 610-767-7203. We can't wait to see you there!



YOUTH MINISTRIES



Are you ready for a Sunday School kickoff like no other? Hope is thrilled to announce that the first day of Sunday School on **Sunday, September 17th** will be a family style carnival extravaganza from 9:15 AM-10:15 AM! We invite all children of God (*cradle roll-6th grade*) to join us for an hour filled with games, laughter, and learning. Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity to see what our ministry has to offer! Weather permitting, the carnival will be held in the parking lot of the church. Should it rain, the carnival will be moved into Kuntz Hall.

But that's not all – we need your help to make this Sunday School year unforgettable. *If you're an adult or confirmed student looking to give back to the church, we are in dire need of teachers and helpers in the Sunday School classrooms.* We would like to extend an opportunity to every confirmed member of our congregation to help foster the faith of our students. If you feel the call or would like to assist with our Sunday School program in any capacity, please reach out to <u>Ally Lockard</u>.

Let's work together to create a fun and enriching experience for our children. We can't wait to see you there! To register your child online, please use this link: <u>Sunday School Registration</u> We are excited to announce that our upcoming Confirmation Classes for Level I and Level II students will begin on **Sunday, September 17th**. Our program is designed to provide a meaningful, engaging and spiritual experience for students entering 7th and 8th grades. The classes will run during the Sunday School hour from 9:15 AM until 10:15 AM and will be facilitated by experienced and knowledgeable instructors.

Our curriculum is designed to help students deepen their faith, explore the teachings of the Bible, and engage with the broader church community. Through a combination of classroom instruction, group discussions, and hands-on activities, our students will learn about the history and traditions of the Christian faith, as well as the practical aspects of living a Christian life.

We believe that Confirmation is an important milestone in the faith journey of our young people, and we are committed to providing them with a supportive and nurturing environment where they can grow in their faith and connect with their peers. We encourage all parents to register their 7th and 8th graders for our upcoming Confirmation Classes, and we look forward to welcoming them into our community of faith. If you have any questions about confirmation classes, please reach out to Jennifer Knouss.





Calling all fashion-forward philanthropists! Get ready to make a stylish statement for a great cause. Youth Group is thrilled to announce the arrival of our **PERMANENT** Clothes/Shoes bin, courtesy of USAGAIN. No need to clutter your closet with unwanted attire anymore - simply drop it off in our convenient drop box style collection bin, located in the parking lot near the sheds as you enter from Lehigh Drive.

And the best part? All proceeds from your generous donations will go towards supporting the youth who attend our Youth Gatherings. From trendy footwear to chic clothing items, small accessories to cozy household linens, we accept it all! Keep an eye out for more updates on the installation of our fabulous bin, coming your way in the next two weeks.

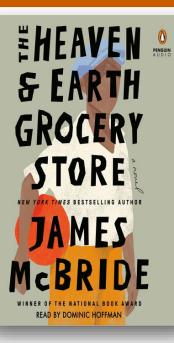
Let's come together as a congregation and show our support for our Youth Group. Don't miss this chance to declutter and make a positive impact at the same time. Get your donations ready and let's make a stylish difference!

Are you ready to party, Youth Group?

Get ready for an unforgettable night on **Saturday, September 16th** from 6 PM-9 PM at the church! We're kicking off the year with a welcome back party and we want you to be there. Bring your appetites because we're having a potluck dinner – each youth member attending is asked to bring either an appetizer or dessert to share. It's a great opportunity to catch up with old friends and make new ones. All youth in 6th – 12th grades are invited, so mark your calendars and stay tuned for more details and sign ups closer to the date. See you there!



BOOK BUDDIES



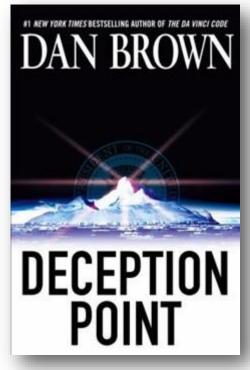
The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store by James McBride—Monday, September 25th @ 1 PM In 1972, when workers in Pottstown, Pennsylvania, were digging the foundations for a new development, the last thing they expected to find was a skeleton at the bottom of a well. Who the skeleton was and how it got there were two of the long-held secrets kept by the residents of Chicken Hill, the dilapidated neighborhood where immigrant Jews and African Americans lived side by side and shared ambitions and sorrows. Chicken Hill was where Moshe and Chona Ludlow lived when Moshe integrated his theater and where Chona ran the Heaven & Earth Grocery Store. When the state came looking for a deaf boy to institutionalize him, it was Chona and Nate Timblin, the Black janitor at Moshe's theater and the unofficial leader of the Black community on Chicken Hill, who worked together to keep the boy safe. As these characters' stories overlap and deepen, it becomes clear how much the people who live on the margins of white, Christian America struggle and what they must do to survive. When the truth is finally revealed about what happened on Chicken Hill and the part the town's white establishment played in it, McBride shows us that even in dark times, it is love and community—heaven and earth—that sustain us.

Please submit your questions to Abby at abby.possinger@gmail.com

Deception Point by Dan Brown-Wednesday, October 25th @ 1 PM

When a new NASA satellite spots evidence of an astonishingly rare object buried deep in the Arctic ice, the floundering space agency proclaims a much -needed victory...a victory that has profound implications for U.S. space policy and the impending presidential election. With the Oval Office in the balance, the President dispatches White House Intelligence analyst Rachel Sexton to the Milne Ice Shelf to verify the authenticity of the find. Accompanied by a team of experts, including the charismatic academic Michael Tolland, Rachel uncovers the unthinkable: evidence of scientific trickery -- a bold deception that threatens to plunge the world into controversy. But before Rachel can contact the President, she and Michael are attacked by a deadly team of assassins controlled by a mysterious power broker who will stop at nothing to hide the truth. Fleeing for their lives in an environment as desolate as it is lethal, their only hope for survival is to find out who is behind this masterful ploy. The truth, they will learn, is the most shocking deception of all.

Please submit your questions to Leslie at leslie.daniel@rcn.com



Zoom Meeting Details:



https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87605892517?pwd=WFdsZmFBMnNDRVB1N1JiT1ZjNmdTQT09 Please use the link above or scan the QR code for the Book Buddies Meeting via Zoom

Members of Book Buddies will be sharing the responsibility of developing questions to discuss; each member will submit two questions for each book and the person who recommends the book will lead the discussion. So, put on your thinking cap and join us for some fun-filled, thought-provoking discussions! Please note, all members will be responsible for purchasing their own copies of the books. But, if you need help finding or ordering the book, don't worry – we've got you covered! Just reach out to Jen in the church office for assistance at office@hopecherryville.org or 610-767-7203.

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JOIN BOOK BUDDIES TODAY!



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	FINANCIAI	L SUMMARY - JULY	Y 31, 2023		
	Regular	Building	Memorial	Scholarship	Memorial Garden
Balance Beginning of Year	\$252,235.16	\$148,738.04	\$167,705.65	\$94,136.96	\$5,907.23
Income - July	33,793.40	8,098.37	6,234.13	4,218.84	3.10
Income - JanJun.	200,072.16	20,627.15	8,768.06	1,464.25	6,112.31
Total Income	233,865.56	28,725.52	15,002.19	5,683.09	6,115.42
Expenses - July	32,296.55	99.00	8,645.90	-	-
Expenses - JanJun.	210,948.95	9,797.61	2,115.29	1,800.00	201.38
Total Expenses	243,245.50	9,896.61	10,761.19	1,800.00	201.38
Net Income	(9,379.94)	18,828.91	4,241.00	3,883.09	5,914.03
Net Special Appeals	-				
Balance End of July	\$242,855.22	\$167,566.95	\$171,946.65	\$98,020.05	\$11,821.26

SUMMARY:

Income exceeded expenses in the Regular Fund for the month of July by \$1,496.85, and for the year 2023, expenses exceeded income by \$9,379.94, giving us a current balance in the Regular Fund of \$242,855.22. Last year the net income for the same period was \$4,108.17 with a balance of \$249,383.36.

**The current income statement is posted in the narthex. **

NEWSLETTER SCHEDULE

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October	Monday, September 18	Thursday, September 28

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