



As we approach the season of Advent, we at Hope Lutheran are reminded of the significance of new beginnings and the anticipation of the coming of Christ. We reflect on the longing the Jews had for a Messiah and our own need for forgiveness, salvation, and renewal. To prepare for this season, we will be celebrating Advent in all the traditional ways starting on Sunday, December 3rd. In addition to this, we are also excited to announce that we have been laying the groundwork to start the search process for a new pastor. This process has been thoroughly planned and executed with the aim of finding a pastor who will not only lead us in worship but will also serve as a guide and mentor to our congregation.

As we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus this year, we are also thrilled to announce the start of a new chapter for Hope Lutheran Church. We are honored to welcome our new interim, Pastor Susan Ruggles, to our congregation. Pastor Ruggles is a newly retired pastor who brings with her a wealth of experience, having most recently served as a pastor at St. John's Lutheran Church in historic downtown Easton, PA. We are excited to get to know her and learn from her spiritual journey.

At Hope Lutheran Church, we believe that having a strong and compassionate leader is essential to building a vibrant and supportive church community. We are confident that Pastor Ruggles is the right person to lead us through this season of growth and transition. Her dedication to serving others, coupled with her deep understanding of the teachings of Christ, make her the perfect fit for our congregation at this time.



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# HOPE HOME NEWS

## Greetings from Church Council:

We invite all members of our congregation to join us in welcoming Interim Pastor Ruggles to Hope Lutheran Church.

This advent season, we are also reminded of the abundant promise and hope that it brings to our faith-filled community. The Holy One is drawing near, bringing with them the long-awaited peace and righteousness that we so desperately seek. During this time, we are promised a great reversal of the natural order, where the lion will dwell with the lamb and the desert will blossom and bloom. It is a time of great joy, as we celebrate the promise of all things new.

It's no secret that our world is filled with brokenness, war, and pain. But in the midst of this darkness, it's important to remember that there is always hope. We must cling to the belief that God will lead us to salvation and that there will once again be peace on earth. It may seem like a daunting task, but we can start by spreading kindness and love wherever we go. Remember, even the smallest act of kindness can make a big difference in someone's life. So, let's band together and work towards a brighter future. Together, we can find hope in a world of brokenness.

As we prepare for the coming of Christ, may we all feel God's presence in our midst, bringing comfort, healing, and hope. Let us come together as a congregation and embrace the spirit of Advent, with open hearts and minds. Let us reflect on the hope that this season brings, and work towards creating a more peaceful and just world. May we find comfort in the promise of renewal and the joy that comes with it, and may we carry that joy with us in all that we do.

**Blessings,**  
**Hope Lutheran Church Council**

## Council Highlights-November 2023

- + Please join us for a coffee hour on **Sunday, December 10th** during the Sunday School hour from 9:15 AM to 10:15 AM in Kuntz Hall to meet our new interim pastor, Rev. Susan Ruggles. This is a great opportunity to enjoy light refreshments and get to know Pastor Ruggles as she takes on her new role. We encourage everyone to attend and give Pastor Ruggles a warm welcome to our congregation.
- + We are excited to announce that as of 11/12/23, we have already received 48 commitment cards for 2024, with a total amount of 89,883.68 pledged!! If you haven't yet submitted your commitment card for next year, we urge you to prayerfully consider what you are able to give and return your card to the church office by **December 11th**. Your contribution, no matter how big or small, will help us continue to support our community and make a positive impact in the world. Thank you for your continued support and generosity!
- + We are thrilled to announce that our Sunday School children will be hosting a special Christmas Program on **Sunday, December 17th** at the 10:30 AM service. This is an event you won't want to miss! Our talented children will be presenting a festive program including the children running the majority of the service! The program promises to be a heartwarming and joyful celebration of the holiday season. So, bring your family and friends, and join us for this special event!
- + We are excited to announce that **Advent 4** will be taking place on **Sunday, December 24 at 9 AM**, on Christmas Eve morning. Join us as we celebrate and reflect on the final Sunday of Advent.
- + Additionally, we invite you to our **Christmas Eve Services** on **Sunday, December 24 at 4 PM and 8:30 PM**. Come and experience the joy and wonder of the holiday season with us. We look forward to seeing everyone there and sharing in the spirit of the season together.
- + Hey there Sunday Schoolers, just wanted to give you a heads up that we won't be holding Sunday School on **December 24** or **December 31**. But don't worry, we'll be back on Sunday, January 7th with bells on! So take this time to spend with family and friends, enjoy some eggnog, and have a holly jolly Christmas! We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



**8:00 AM** Worship  
**9:15 AM** Sunday School & Confirmation Class  
**10:30 AM** Worship

### Sunday, December 10

**Advent 2**  
**8:00 AM** Worship & Holy Communion  
**9:15 AM** Sunday School  
**10:30 AM** Worship & Holy Communion

### Sunday, December 17

**Advent 3**  
**8:00 AM** Worship  
**9:15 AM** Sunday School & Confirmation Class  
**10:30 AM** SS Christmas Service

### Sunday, December 24

**Advent 4**  
**9:00 AM** Worship  
**4:00 PM** Christmas Eve Worship & Holy Communion  
**8:30 PM** Christmas Eve Worship & Holy Communion

### Sunday, December 31

**9:00AM** Worship: Lessons and Carols

## ENJOY THE CONVENIENCE OF ELECTRONIC GIVING

IN THIS SEASON OF THANKSGIVING AND GIFT GIVING, WE HOPE YOU WILL ALSO CONSIDER AN ADDITIONAL GIFT TO YOUR CHURCH. IT IS THROUGH THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF EVERY MEMBER THAT WE ARE ABLE TO FULFILL OUR MISSION. YOU CAN USE OUR ELECTRONIC GIVING OPTION FOR BOTH REGULAR OFFERINGS AND ONE-TIME GIFTS. HELP US ACHIEVE A MORE CONSISTENT LEVEL OF FUNDING BY SETTING UP A RECURRING GIVING PLAN. VISIT THE CHURCH WEBSITE AT [WWW.HOPECHERRYVILLE.ORG](http://WWW.HOPECHERRYVILLE.ORG) AND LOCATE THE ONLINE GIVING PAGE OR CLICK THE BUTTON ON THE PAGE!

Online Giving





## EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

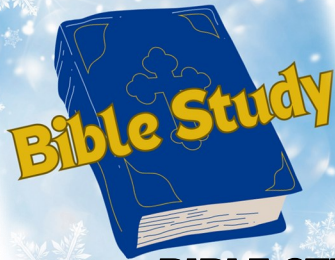
Wednesday,  
December 6  
6:30 PM  
Hanson Hall

## HOPE FRIENDSHIP DANCE

Monday,  
December 18  
7-9 PM  
(SET UP BEGINS AT 6 PM)

## WELCA

Tuesday,  
December 12  
10 AM  
Adult S.S. Room



## BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study is held in  
Kuntz Hall at 10 AM  
Thursdays

**DECEMBER 7, 14, 21**

Please call the church office  
if more information is needed.

## SOUP GROUP AND DELIVERY

Tuesday,  
December 5  
9 AM  
Kuntz Hall Kitchen



Women <sup>of the</sup> **ELCA** 

## WOMEN OF FAITH

Tuesday,  
December 19  
6:30 PM  
Hanson Hall



## STORY WEAVERS

Tuesday,  
December 19  
10 AM  
(Adult S.S. Room)

Lunch @ 12  
Assante in  
Northampton



## KUNTZ HALL AVAILABLE FOR RENTAL

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

Hope Lutheran Church is pleased to announce that **Laurie Christman, Michelle Inocencio, Timothy Moore** and **Glenn Wampole** have been elected/re-elected by the congregation at our Congregational Meeting held Sunday, November 12, to serve on our Church Council for the next 3 years. We are confident that they will serve with grace and wisdom, guiding us on our spiritual journey. Join us in congratulating them on their election!

We would also like to extend our congratulations to **Sharyn Kratzer** who was elected to serve on the Nominating Committee. Her passion for service is an inspiration to us all.

We would like to take a moment to express our gratitude to **Kimberly Roth** and **Cindy Kocher** for their outstanding service on Church Council. Their dedication to our community has left an indelible mark on our hearts.

Lastly, we would like to thank **Nancy Miller** for her service on the Nominating Committee. Her contributions have been invaluable to our church community. We offer our heartfelt appreciation for all of her hard work!

# Church COUNCIL



TIME FLIES AND 2023 IS ALMOST OVER! WE HOPE YOU'VE BEEN ABLE TO GIVE TOWARDS HOPE'S MINISTRIES THIS YEAR. IF YOU HAVEN'T HAD A CHANCE TO CATCH UP WITH YOUR 2023 COMMITMENT OR INTENDED GIVING, WE KINDLY REQUEST THAT YOU DO SO **BEFORE** THE END OF DECEMBER.

ALTERNATIVELY, YOU COULD MAKE AN EXTRA GIFT BEFORE THE YEAR ENDS TO HELP KEEP OUR MINISTRIES STRONG. REMEMBER, ALL 2023 OFFERINGS MUST BE RECEIVED OR POSTMARKED ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2023, TO RECEIVE CREDIT FOR THIS YEAR. ANY OFFERINGS RECEIVED ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2024, WILL BE CREDITED AS 2024 CONTRIBUTIONS.

LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO ENSURE THAT HOPE'S MINISTRIES CONTINUE TO THRIVE AND MAKE A POSITIVE IMPACT IN THE WORLD. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

RISE AND GRIND, AND JOIN US FOR A JAVA GOOD TIME ON **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10TH!**

OUR NEW INTERIM PASTOR, REV. SUSAN RUGLES, IS READY TO BREW UP SOME GOOD CONVERSATION AND GET TO KNOW OUR CONGREGATION! WE INVITE YOU TO COME TO **KUNTZ HALL** DURING THE SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR, BETWEEN **9:15 AM AND 10:15 AM**, FOR A COFFEE HOUR WHERE YOU CAN SIP SOME COFFEE, NIBBLE ON LIGHT REFRESHMENTS, AND HAVE A CHAT WITH OUR NEW INTERIM PASTOR.

THIS IS THE PERFECT CHANCE TO MAKE A MEANINGFUL CONNECTION AND START YOUR SUNDAY OFF ON THE RIGHT FOOT! DON'T BE LATTE, WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!



# Adopt a Family

THIS CHRISTMAS

THE HOLIDAY SEASON IS UPON US, AND WHAT BETTER WAY TO SPREAD SOME CHEER THAN BY ADOPTING A CHILD IN NEED? WE INVITE YOU TO PERUSE OUR ADOPT-A-FAMILY BULLETIN BOARD LOCATED IN THE NARTHEX AND CHOOSE A CHILD TO BRING SOME HOLIDAY MAGIC INTO THEIR LIFE. BY DOING SO, YOU'LL NOT ONLY MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN A CHILD'S LIFE, BUT YOU'LL ALSO EXPERIENCE THE JOY THAT COMES FROM GIVING BACK TO YOUR COMMUNITY. SIMPLY CHOOSE A TAG, SIGN YOUR NAME, AND RETURN YOUR PRESENT UNWRAPPED BY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17. DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS OPPORTUNITY TO BE A PART OF SOMETHING TRULY SPECIAL. ADOPT-A-FAMILY TODAY AND BE THE REASON FOR A CHILD'S SMILE THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON!

## Gift Wrapping Party

We are excited to invite you to join us on **Sunday, December 17th** at 6pm in Kuntz Hall for a heartwarming event. We will be wrapping presents for our Adopt-a-Family program and spreading joy to those in need. All you need to bring is a pair of scissors and some tape, as the wrapping paper and presents will already be provided.

Imagine the joy on the faces of the families receiving these gifts, knowing that someone cares about them during the holiday season. Your presence and contribution will make a difference in someone's life and bring a smile to their face.



Hey there, party people! The Youth Group at Hope Lutheran Church is throwing the ultimate bash--a White Elephant and Mystery Dinner party!

Mark your calendars for **December 2** from 6 pm -8pm and get ready for a night of mystery and laughter. Bring a wrapped gift for the White Elephant exchange and get ready to chow down on a delicious meal while playing detective to solve our mystery game. Please contact Ally Lockard ([YOUTH@HOPECHERRYVILLE.ORG](mailto:YOUTH@HOPECHERRYVILLE.ORG)) to RSVP or for any questions or concerns! Don't miss out on the fun we can't wait to see you there!

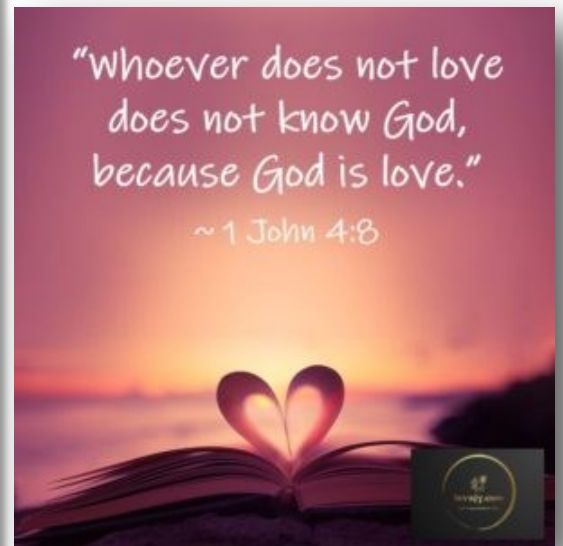
Our next "Getting Ready" Meeting for the 2024 Youth Gathering is just around the corner, on **Sunday December 3rd** in Kuntz Hall from 11:30 AM -1 PM.

This is a crucial meeting and we urge you to attend, as we'll be going over important details that you won't want to miss. It's going to be a blast and we can't wait to see you there!

Love is in the air... 

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, February 10th**, because our Youth Group Valentine's Dinner is quickly approaching!

Get ready for an evening filled with delicious food, swoon-worthy music, and heartwarming moments with family and friends. We'll be sharing more details soon, so keep an eye out for updates! Don't miss out on this lovely occasion to celebrate and share your love with others. We can't wait to see you there!



Are you a member of Hope and college student who can't resist the thrill of receiving mail? Or do you know a college student who could use a little extra love? Look no further, because Hope's Evangelism Committee is on a mission to spread joy and happiness to college students near and far!

We're looking for names and addresses of college students who could benefit from a care package from Hope Lutheran Church. Whether it's a sweet treat or some much-needed essentials, we've got you covered! So, don't wait any longer! Call the church office at 610-767-7203 or email at [office@hopecherryville.org](mailto:office@hopecherryville.org) by **Sunday, December 3rd** and let us know who could use a little pick-me-up! Let's spread some love together!



## GROWING YOUNG SERMON

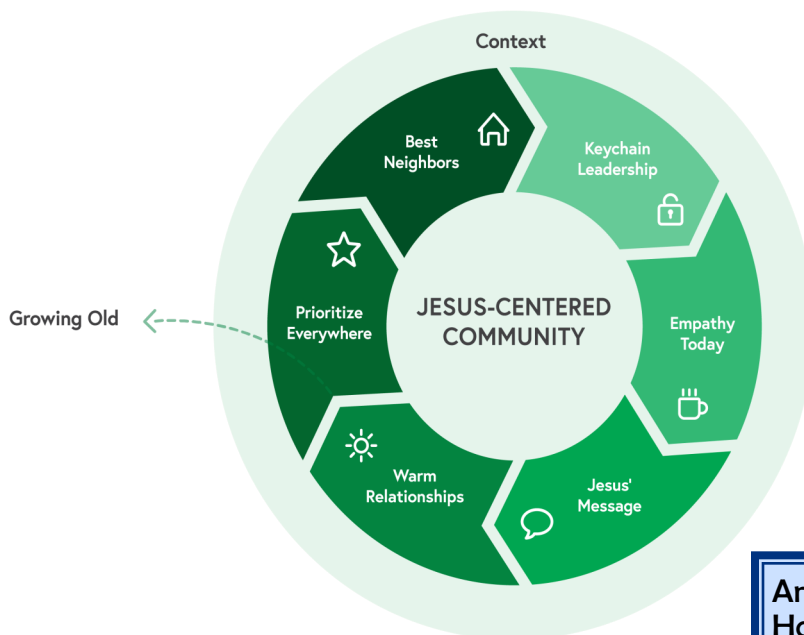
Thank you to those who filled out the Growing Young survey on Sunday, November 19. This survey will provide a sense of which core commitment Hope Church is strong in and where improvements could be made. Here is a reminder of what the 6 Core Commitments are: Keychain Leadership, Empathy Today, Taking Jesus' Message Seriously, Warm Relationships, Prioritize Youth & Young Families Everywhere and Best Neighbor.

Overall, Taking Jesus' Message Seriously was rated the top commitment Hope is flourishing in with Warm Relationships right behind. Improvements could be made on Prioritizing



GROWING YOUNG  
Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod

Youth & Young Families Everywhere and Being a Best Neighbor. Empathize Today and Keychain Leadership fell in the middle leaning slightly towards the "we do this well" side. If you missed the Synod's Growing Young presentation by Stacey Burke from Sunday November 19 or would like to view it again, head over to Hope's Facebook page to view past live videos.



**WE ARE THRILLED TO INVITE YOU TO JOIN US FOR OUR MID-WEEK ADVENT SERVICES ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS; DECEMBER 6, 13 AND 20 AT 7 PM.**

**THIS IS THE PERFECT OPPORTUNITY TO COME TOGETHER AS A COMMUNITY AND CELEBRATE THE TRUE MEANING OF THE SEASON. OUR SERVICES WILL BE FILLED WITH JOYFUL MUSIC, INSPIRING MESSAGES AND A WARM, WELCOMING ATMOSPHERE THAT WILL UPLIFT YOUR SPIRIT AND FILL YOU WITH HOPE. DON'T MISS THIS CHANCE TO EXPERIENCE THE MAGIC OF THE ADVENT SEASON WITH US. MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND WE'LL SEE YOU THERE!**

## MIDWEEK ADVENT/CHRISTMAS EVE

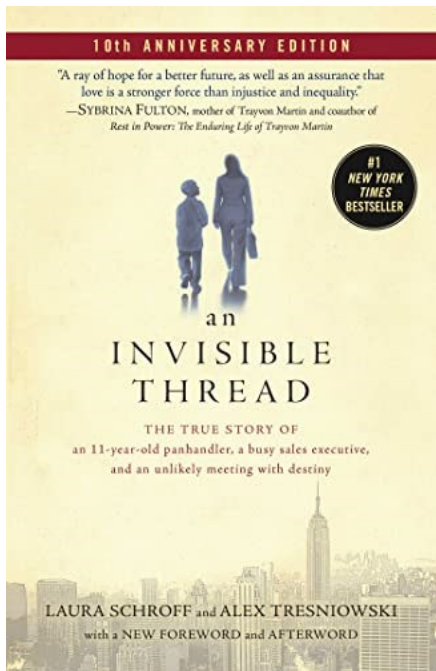
Are you ready to embrace the spirit of Christmas? Hope Lutheran Church is thrilled to announce that we will be holding Christmas Eve Services on Sunday, **DECEMBER 24 AT 4 PM AND 8:30 PM.** Our doors are open to everyone who wants to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ and feel the warmth of the holiday season.

Join us for an evening of joyful carols, inspiring sermons, and heartwarming fellowship. Our worship services will be filled with the spirit of Christmas and will remind you of the true meaning of this wonderful season. Whether you're a regular attendee of our church or just looking for a place to celebrate Christmas, we welcome you with open arms.

So mark your calendars and gather your loved ones for a memorable evening of Christmas celebration at Hope Lutheran Church. We can't wait to see you there!

## BOOK BUDDIES

### An Invisible Thread by Laura Schroff & Alex Tresniowski-Wednesday, December 20th at 1 PM



This inspirational New York Times bestseller chronicles the lifelong friendship between a busy sales executive and a disadvantaged young boy, and how both of their lives were changed by what began as one small gesture of kindness. Stopping was never part of the plan...

She was a successful ad sales rep in Manhattan. He was a homeless, eleven-year-old panhandler on the street. He asked for spare change; she kept walking. But then something stopped her in her tracks, and she went back. And she continued to go back, again and again. They met up nearly every week for years and built an unexpected, life-changing friendship that has today spanned almost three decades.

Whatever made me notice him on that street corner so many years ago is clearly something that cannot be extinguished, no matter how relentless the forces aligned against it. Some may call it spirit. Some may call it heart. It drew me to him, as if we were bound by some invisible, unbreakable thread. And whatever it is, it binds us still.



#### Zoom Meeting Details:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87605892517?pwd=WFdsZmFBMnNDRVB1N1Ji1Ji1ZjNmTQTO9>

BOOK BUDDIES ZOOM

Please use the link above for the Book Buddies Meeting via Zoom

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS SERVICE

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, that 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](mailto:office@hopecherryville.org) or 610-767-7203.



We are excited to share with you that our Sunday School Christmas Worship Service is just around the corner!

On Sunday, December 17th at 10:30 AM, our young members and their dedicated teachers will be presenting a beautiful service that truly captures the spirit of the advent season. We invite you to join us for this special event and experience the amazing talent and creativity of our children.

This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the holiday season with our community, so please mark your calendars and make plans to attend! We can't wait to see you there!



## CHILDREN'S Christmas Program







**HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
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**HOPE LEADERSHIP**

**STAFF**

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<b>PASTOR EMERITUS</b> The Rev. Clark W. Kuntz II	


**2023 CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL**

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<b>Doug Daniel</b> <i>Property</i>	<b>Tim Moore</b> <i>Vice President Finance</i>	<b>Glenn Wampole</b> <i>Property Mutual Ministry</i>

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

New membership, baptisms, funerals, weddings, change of address, van requests, memorial sponsors, hospital admissions, facility rentals	Call the church office <b>610-767-7203</b>
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REGARDING	CONTACT	PHONE NO.
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Basket Committee	Kathryn Fogle	610-767-5095
Church Website	webmaster@hopecherryville.org	-
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Finance	Bill Lewis	610-442-5212
Girl Scouts	Karen Zimmerman	610-760-1887
Hope's Helping Hands	Leslie Daniel	610-767-7918
Memorial Garden	Church Office	610-767-7203
Mutual Ministry	Leslie Daniel	610-767-7918
Nursery School	Amy Krug	610-767-7203
Outreach / Soup	LeAnn Chandler	610-440-0341
Prayer Chain	Dolores Reenock	610-767-6698
Property	Charlie Kutzler	610-844-4342
SCS/Christian Ed	Allison Lockard Stephanie Maurer Shelbey Ziegler	610-216-5384 610-392-7857 610-262-9197
Senior Center	Karen Ferraina	610-767-2977
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Stewardship	Wayne Weidner	610-349-2654
VBS	Kathy Ziegler	610-262-9197
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Worship & Music	Janet Filchner	610-262-5215
Youth Group	Allison Lockard	610-216-5384

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

# December 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 6:00pm Youth Group Mystery Dinner Event
<b>3</b> <b>Advent 1</b> 8:00am Worship 9:15am Sunday School & Confirmation Class 10:30am Church Decorating 11:30am Youth Gathering Getting Ready Meeting 11:45am String Orchestra Rehearsal	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 9:00am Soup Group - Kuntz Hall Kitchen 6:00pm Bell Rehearsal - Christmas Eve 6:00pm Girl Scouts - Lower-Level Rm 005	<b>6</b> 1:00pm Staff Meeting 6:30pm Evangelism Meeting - Hanson Hall 7:00pm Advent Mid-Week Worship Service	<b>7</b> 10:00am Bible Study - Adult SS Rm 6:00pm Jr Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Hanson Hall 7:00pm Sr Choir Rehearsal	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Women of Faith Trip (Van Use)
<b>10</b> <b>Advent 2</b> 8:00am Worship & Holy Communion 9:15am Sunday School & Confirmation Class 10:30am Church Decorating 11:45am String orchestra rehearsal 11:45am String Orchestra Rehearsal	<b>11</b> 6:00pm Finance Committee Meeting 7:00pm Congregational Council Meeting	<b>12</b> 10:00am WELCA Meeting 6:00pm Bell Rehearsal - Christmas Eve 6:00pm Girl Scouts - Lower-Level Rm 005 6:30pm Girl Scouts Troop 8066 - Lower-Level Rm 004	<b>13</b> Senior Center Hold - Room 133 Hanson Hall 7:00pm Advent Mid-Week Worship Service	<b>14</b> Senior Center Hold - Room 133 Hanson Hall 10:00am Bible Study - Adult SS Rm 7:00pm Sr Choir Rehearsal	<b>15</b> Senior Center Hold - Room 133 Hanson Hall	<b>16</b> Youth Group Fundraiser (Tentative) Kuntz Hall
<b>17</b> <b>Advent 3</b> 8:00am Worship 9:15am Sunday School & Confirmation Class 10:30am Sunday School Christmas Service 11:30am Church Decorating 11:45am String Orchestra Rehearsal 6:00pm Gift Wrapping Party (Adopt-A-Family)--Kuntz Hall	<b>18</b> 7:00pm Friendship Dance - Kuntz Hall (set-up 6 pm)	<b>19</b> 10:00am Story Weavers - Adult SS Rm 6:00pm Bell Rehearsal - Christmas Eve 6:00pm Girl Scouts - Lower-Level Rm 005 6:30pm Women of Faith Meeting - Hanson Hall	<b>20</b> 1:00pm Book Buddies - By Zoom only 1:00pm Staff Meeting 7:00pm Advent Mid-Week Worship Service	<b>21</b> 8:45am Nursery School Reserve - Kuntz Hall 10:00am Bible Study - Adult SS Rm 6:00pm Jr Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm 4H Club Meeting - Hanson Hall 7:00pm Sr Choir Rehearsal	<b>22</b> 8:45am Nursery School Reserve - Kuntz Hall 9:00am Church Decorating	<b>23</b> 10:00am String Orchestra Rehearsal
<b>24</b> <b>Advent 4</b> Worship 9:45am Church Decorating 4:00pm Christmas Eve Worship & Holy Communion 8:30pm Christmas Eve Worship & Holy Communion	<b>25</b> <b>Christmas Day</b> <i>Church Office Closed</i>	<b>26</b> <i>Church Office Closed</i> 6:00pm Girl Scouts - Lower-Level Rm 005 6:30pm Girl Scouts Troop 8066 - Lower-Level Rm 004	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b> 9:00am Worship: Lessons & Carols	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>



**FINANCIAL SUMMARY - OCTOBER 31, 2023**

	Regular	Building	Memorial	Scholarship	Memorial Garden
<b>Balance Beginning of Year</b>	\$252,235.16	\$148,738.04	\$167,705.65	\$ 94,136.96	\$ 5,907.23
Income - October	32,359.77	(1,602.54)	(2,193.29)	(1,445.00)	3.10
Income - Jan.-Sept.	290,707.01	28,278.91	16,396.15	4,950.97	6,121.52
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>323,066.78</b>	<b>26,676.37</b>	<b>14,202.86</b>	<b>3,505.97</b>	<b>6,124.62</b>
Expenses - October	28,606.47	829.61	509.25	(200.00)	700.00
Expenses - Jan.-Sept.	302,374.36	17,440.59	10,848.79	4,600.00	282.42
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>330,980.83</b>	<b>18,270.20</b>	<b>11,358.04</b>	<b>4,400.00</b>	<b>982.42</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>(7,914.05)</b>	<b>8,406.17</b>	<b>2,844.82</b>	<b>(894.03)</b>	<b>5,142.20</b>
<b>Net Special Appeals</b>	<b>-</b>				
<b>Balance End of October</b>	<b>\$244,321.11</b>	<b>\$157,144.21</b>	<b>\$170,550.47</b>	<b>\$ 93,242.93</b>	<b>\$ 11,049.43</b>

**SUMMARY:**

Income exceeded expenses in the Regular Fund for the month of October by \$3,753.30, and for the year 2023, expenses exceeded income by \$7,914.05, giving us a current balance in the Regular Fund of \$244,321.11. Last year the net income for the same period was \$(15,006.31) with a balance of \$230,322.88.

*\*\*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 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>
January	Monday, December 18	Thursday, December 28

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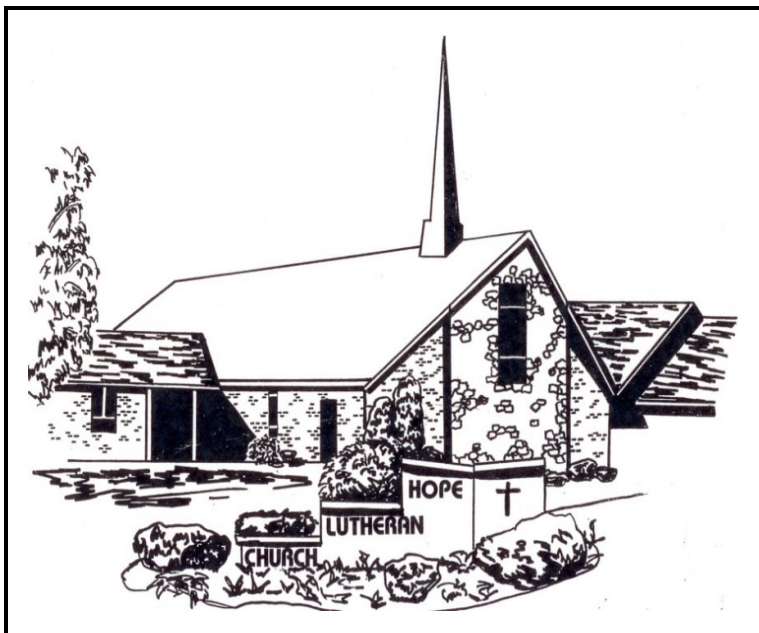
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