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KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 2025 ♦ Vol. LII No. 12

HOPE HOME NEWS

A Message from the Pastor:

**Fear sees COMPARISON...
Love sees YOU.
-MATTHEW 1:18-25**

This Advent we're going to be focusing on fear and moving towards hope. The story of Jesus' advent into the world is one built first upon fear and only accomplished because of deep hope. In the gospels of Matthew and Luke the angels who encounter Mary and Joseph, both tell them to "do not be afraid." Easier said than done. I'm sure that Mary and Joseph sat there full of dread and worry. What will others think? How are we going to do this? What does this mean for my place in society? Who will help? Why not someone else? Fear tends to produce comparison in us, and it becomes unproductive self-talk and thus creates actions that are influenced by them. Instead of love and hope we fall into self-loathing and despair. How do we prevent fear from ruling our lives? Especially in the world we're living in right now.

So, my question for you today is **what do you fear?** Especially during this busy season of expectations, comparisons, and obligations. Fear makes it hard for us to always see God or ourselves the way God sees us. Jesus' coming into the world is as much about love coming down as it is about us understanding we are loved.

Writer **Scott Erikson** says this about fear and love:

"Fear loves comparison because it allows you to be distracted from the deeper question while your finger is pointed at others. To turn the finger at yourself is a deeply sacred move because it opens the doorway to hear the Voice of Love which asks, what about you? 'What about you?' is a trick question from Love."

This Advent and Christmas season know that **love sees You!** As you go into family gatherings, which might be tense or overwhelming, as you watch the news and world around you, as you struggle or see others struggle. As you find the small moments to just be and find stillness and light, know that Love sees you and gives you courage to find hope.

**"AND THEY SHALL NAME HIM
EMMANUEL, WHICH MEANS, 'GOD
WITH US.'" -MATTHEW 1:23**

LOVE IS WITH US!

Beloveds, sit in the love of Christ this day and always. Amen.

Pastor Jessica

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COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS-NOVEMBER 2025

As we move into the busy and joy-filled Advent season, your Church Council is grateful for all the ways our members support and participate in the life of Hope. Here are a few updates we'd love to share from our November meeting:

- + **Annual Congregational Meeting Results** During our Annual Congregational Meeting on November 9, the congregation elected the following members to serve on Church Council: Mark Bateman (re-elected), Dennis Aguila & Ronald Roth. **Congratulations on this election and the congregations looks forward to seeing what the future holds!** We also want to extend our appreciation to Jean Liebguth and Kelly Auer for their willingness to run and for their continued service to our congregation!
- + **Let's Stay Connected!** Council encourages everyone to follow, like, and share our Facebook page. It's one of the easiest ways to help spread the word about what's happening here at Hope and to stay connected throughout the week.
- + **Children's Christmas Play – December 21** We're excited to share that our Sunday School children will present their Christmas Play on Sunday, December 21 at 9:15 AM in the Sanctuary. They've been working hard, and we hope you'll join us to enjoy their enthusiasm and the joy of the season.
- + **Women of Faith Community Outreach** Our Women of Faith group will be taking part in the Lehigh Township Community New Year's Eve Day Balloon Drop. This is a great opportunity for us to be present in the community, share information about Hope Lutheran, and help introduce our new full-time pastor to our neighbors.
- + **2026 Calendar Magnets Coming Soon** A new 2026 Hope Lutheran calendar magnet will be available soon! Special thanks to Waitz Corp and Glenn Wampole for making these magnets possible!
- + **Welcoming a New Girl Scout Daisy Troop** Council is happy to announce that a new Girl Scout Daisy Troop will be meeting at our church. We're delighted to offer them a home for their meetings and look forward to getting to know them.



Sunday, December 7

2ND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

COFFEE HOUR BETWEEN SERVICES

HOSTED BY THRIVENT

8:00 AM Worship

9:15 AM Sunday School & Confirmation

10:30 AM Worship

Sunday, December 14

3RD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

8:00 AM Worship & Holy Communion

9:15 AM Sunday School & Confirmation

10:30 AM Worship & Holy Communion

Sunday, December 21

4TH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

8:00 AM Worship

9:15 AM **S.S. CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**

10:30 AM Worship

Sunday, December 28

9:00 AM Worship—Lessons & Carols

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL OR CONFIRMATION

CLASSES

ELECTRONIC GIVING: A SIMPLE AND CONVENIENT WAY TO GIVE!

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 AND LOCATE THE ONLINE GIVING PAGE.

Online Giving



STORY WEAVERS

Tuesday,
December 16
10 PM
Adult SS Rm

HOPE FRIENDSHIP DANCE

Monday,
December 15
7-9 PM
(SET UP BEGINS AT 6 PM)

WELCA

Tuesday,
December 9
10 AM
Adult SS Rm



BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study is held in
Kuntz Hall at 10 AM
Thursdays

DECEMBER 4, 11 & 18

Please call the church office if
more information is needed.

SOUP GROUP

Wednesday,
December 3
9:30 AM
Kuntz Hall

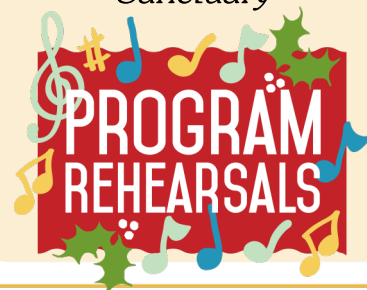


EVANGELISM

Wednesday,
December 3
6 PM
Hanson Hall

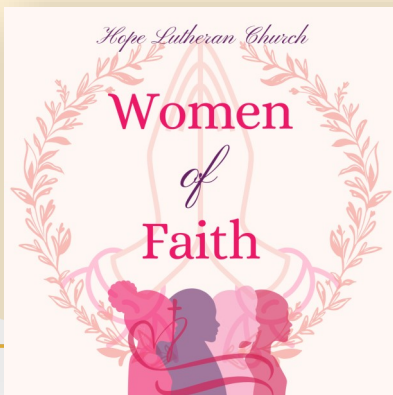
SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PLAY REHERSAL

Saturday,
December 20
10 AM
Sanctuary



WOMEN OF FAITH

Tuesday,
December 16
6:30 PM
Hanson Hall



KUNTZ HALL AVAILABLE FOR RENTAL

Visit Hope's website:
hopecherryville.org
for the Church Use Poli-
cy and the Facility Rent-
al Form. If you have any
questions, please call
the church office at
610-767-7203.

ADVENT CALENDAR CRAFT NIGHT SUCCESS

On Friday, November 14, Kuntz Hall was filled with laughter, conversation, and the joyful buzz of shared creativity as families gathered for our **Women of Faith's Family Advent Calendar Craft Night**. It was a beautiful evening that brought together members of every age to pause, spend time together, and prepare their hearts and homes for the Advent season.

Tables were covered with colorful supplies, little hands busy with big imagination, and parents and grandparents helping to shape meaningful traditions. Treats of warm hot cocoa and cookies added an extra touch of comfort to a night that already felt like family.

As you read please take a moment to look through the photos from the evening. They capture the smiles, the shared moments, and the special memories created together—memories we hope will warm your heart as much as the night warmed ours.

We extend our *deepest thanks* to the **Women of Faith** for hosting such a thoughtful and joy-filled event, and to our **Confirmation Youth** for being present, helpful, and fully part of the evening. Their willingness to serve and share in the fun truly reflected the spirit of our church family.

If you were unable to join us this time, we encourage you to keep an eye on Connections, the Hope Home Newsletter, and our weekly bulletin for upcoming events. There will be many more opportunities to gather, celebrate, and grow together in faith.



MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICES AND CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES



Every Advent, we light candles, sing carols, and pray for Christ's coming because we trust that God entered a frightened world to bring good news. We hold onto hope because we believe that Christ *did* come—that's the promise at the heart of this season. Our hope is not flimsy or fleeting; it's steady, resilient, and able to endure whatever we fear or face. This Advent, may we insist on hope and trust that God's good news is always greater than fear.

and 17 at 7 PM, as we prepare our hearts and experience the hope found in the coming Christ.

And as we approach the celebration of our Savior's birth, we warmly welcome all to join us on **Christmas Eve, December 24**, for one of our **Candlelight Services** at 4 PM, 6 PM, or 9 PM. Come and share in the beauty, peace, and promise of the holy night when Christ was born.



WOMEN OF FAITH'S TOYS FOR TOTS DRIVE

It's that wonderful time of year again—when the spirit of giving fills our hearts and the joy of the season inspires us to reach out in love. As Christmas approaches, the **Women of Faith** are once again partnering with **Toys for Tots** to help bring smiles and holiday cheer to children in need within our community. This cherished annual tradition is a beautiful way for our congregation to share Christ's love in a tangible and meaningful way.

This year's **Toys for Tots Drive** will run from **November 23 through December 8**. During this time, we invite everyone to prayerfully consider contributing a **new, unwrapped toy** to help make a child's Christmas a little brighter. These gifts—whether big or small—have a remarkable impact. They remind children that they are seen, cared for, and valued, especially during a season that can be difficult for families facing financial hardship.



Collection boxes have been placed in the **Narthex**, ready and waiting to be filled with the generosity of our congregation. As you shop for your own loved ones this season, consider picking up an extra game, doll, book, or toy to share with a child who might otherwise go without. Your gift may be the very thing that brings joy and hope into a young heart this Christmas.

We are grateful for the faithful support of our church family year after year. Together, we can help make the holiday season merry and bright for children throughout our area. Thank you in advance for your kindness, compassion, and generosity!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION UPDATES



As we move through this joyful season of anticipation and celebration, our Christian Education programs are bustling with activity, learning, and opportunities for faith to grow. Here's what's happening in both Sunday School and Confirmation Class:

sunday school news

Our Sunday School students are busy preparing for their *Annual Christmas Play*, and excitement is building as the big day approaches!

- + **Dress Rehearsal:** Saturday, December 20 at 10 AM in the Sanctuary
- + **Performance:** Sunday, December 21 at 9:15 AM in the Sanctuary, during the usual Sunday School hour

We warmly invite the entire congregation to join us for this festive tradition. Come experience the Christmas magic these wonderful children have been working on—they are eager to share the story of Jesus' birth with you!

Please remember: There will be no Sunday School class on **Sunday, November 30**. We wish all our families a blessed and restful Thanksgiving break!

confirmation class updates

We're already halfway through the Confirmation year—great job, students! Each lesson, service activity, and worship experience brings you closer to becoming full members of our church, and we're proud of your hard work.

- + **Worship Volunteers Needed:** We need student volunteers for upcoming worship services, including Advent and Christmas Eve. Sign up at: <https://hopecherryville.org/links/volunteers.php>
- + **Attendance & Requirements:** With 22 teachable Sundays left after November 23, there is plenty of time to meet the 25-class requirement. If scheduling conflicts arise due to sports or family needs, please reach out—we're happy to provide makeup options outside Sunday mornings.
- + **Reminders:** Midweek Advent and Christmas Eve services count toward worship requirements. Students must complete at least 5 Nursery duties (more are welcome and encouraged!). Need help confirming your clearances? Contact us, and we'll connect you with Julie Sekol, our Clearance Coordinator.

Important Dates:

November 30: **No Class** – Happy Thanksgiving!

December 21: Sunday School Christmas Program (**attendance counts!**)

December 28 & January 4: No Class – Winter Break



YEAR END GIVING

As we approach the end of the year, we invite you to prayerfully consider catching up on your **2025 commitment** or offering a special **year-end gift**. Your generosity helps keep Hope's ministries vibrant and strong, enabling us to continue sharing Christ's love with our church family and our community. Every gift—large or small—supports the mission we carry together. Thank you for being a part of the faithful work God is doing through Hope.

Please remember that all 2025 offerings must be **received or postmarked by December 31, 2025** to be credited for this year. Any contributions received on or after January 1, 2026, will be applied to the 2026 giving year. Together, let us finish this year with grateful hearts and a renewed commitment to the ministry we share.

PARTICIPATE IN OUR JESSE TREE TRADITION!

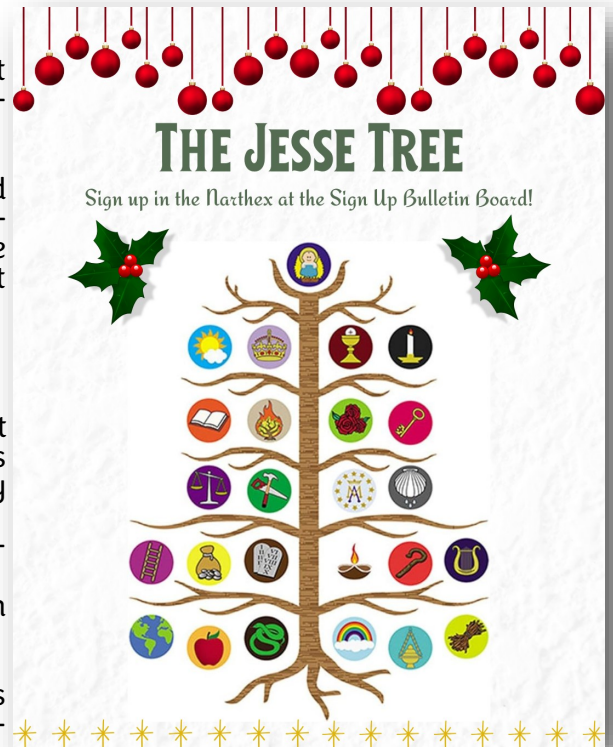
As we prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ this Advent season, we invite you to take part in a meaningful and family-friendly tradition: **Hope's Jesse Tree**.

Beginning the first day of Advent—**Sunday, November 30**, and continuing through **Christmas Eve**—members of our church family are encouraged to sign up for a date to add an ornament to the Jesse Tree. Each ornament represents a story from Scripture that points us toward the birth of Jesus.

Participating is simple:

1. **Choose a date** on the sign-up sheet and write your name next to the ornament you would like to add. The sign-up sheet is located in the Narthex on the Sign-Up Bulletin Board—directly to the right as you exit the Sanctuary.
2. When your day arrives, **come to the church** and find the ornament labeled with your date and symbol.
3. **Unwrap your ornament and place it on the Jesse Tree**, which will be displayed in the Narthex outside the Sanctuary.

This is a wonderful way to prepare for Christmas, reflect on God's promises, and contribute to a shared expression of faith and anticipation.



WE HOPE YOU'LL JOIN IN THIS SPECIAL TRADITION AND HELP OUR JESSE TREE GROW WITH THE STORIES THAT LEAD US TO THE MANGER.



ADOPT-A-FAMILY OUTREACH

Our Adopt-a-Family tree is up and ready! You're invited to take a tag and help bless families in need this Christmas. Simply choose a tag, sign your name next to the matching number, and return the **unwrapped** gift—with the tag attached—to the church office by **Sunday, December 21**.

We are also collecting **monetary** donations to support a local family of four who is struggling with household expenses. Please label donations as **"Adopt-a-Family of 4 Donation"**.

In addition, we are hoping to provide **both families** (a Family of 4 & a Family of 5) with a complete holiday meal—including turkey or ham, potatoes, vegetables, rolls, and dessert—to prepare and enjoy at home. If you would like to help donate meal items or assist with coordinating these holiday meals, please contact **Steph Maurer** or contact the church office at **610-767-7203**.

Take a tag

21 Dec

Adopt-a-Family

Instructions

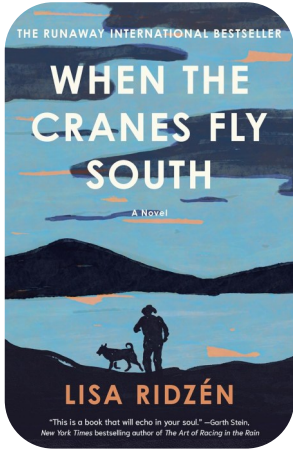
- IDENTIFY WHO YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHOP FOR ON OUR CHRISTMAS LIST(S)
- TAKE YOUR CHOSEN TAG FROM THE TREE AND SIGN YOUR NAME NEXT TO THE APPROPRIATE NUMBER.
- RETURN THE PURCHASED ITEM--UNWRAPPED--WITH THE TAG ATTACHED AND ALL GIFT CARD(S) TO THE OFFICE BY **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21!**
- THIS YEAR WE WILL ALSO BE COLLECTING **MONETARY DONATIONS** FOR THE FAMILY OF 4 WHO ARE CURRENTLY STRUGGLING TO PAY THEIR HOUSEHOLD BILLS. PLEASE LABEL ALL DONATIONS AS **"ADOPT A FAMILY OF 4 DONATION"** AND TURN THEM INTO THE OFFERING PLATE OR THE CHURCH OFFICE BY:

Sunday, December 21

**THANK YOU FOR SHARING CHRIST'S LOVE AND GENEROSITY
IN THIS MEANINGFUL WAY!**

NEXT UP IN BOOK BUDDIES!

When the Cranes Fly South
by Lisa Ridzen
Wednesday, December 10 at 1 PM
Submit questions to
Leslie Daniel



INTERNATIONAL BEST-SELLER WINNER OF THE SWEDISH BOOK OF THE YEAR AWARD!

A profoundly moving debut novel that follows an elderly man's attempts to mend his relationship with his son before it's too late: an emotional story of

love, friendship, fatherhood, dogs, and atonement that is already an international sensation.

Bo is running out of time. Yet time is one of the few things he's got left. These days, his quiet existence is broken up only by daily visits from his home care team. Fortunately, he still has his beloved elkhound Sixten to keep him company ... though now his son, with whom Bo has had a rocky relationship, insists upon taking the dog away, claiming that Bo has grown too old to properly care for him. The threat of losing Sixten stirs up a whirlwind of emotion, leading Bo to take stock of his life, his relationships, and the imperfect way he's expressed his love over the years.



BOOK BUDDIES ZOOM

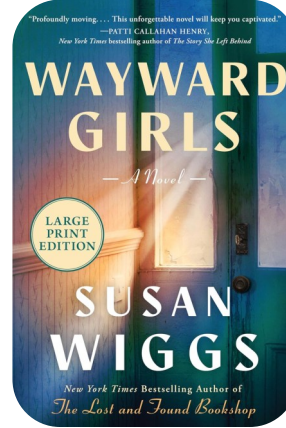
Zoom Meeting Details:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87605892517?pwd=WFdsZmFBMnNDRVB1N1JiTiZjNmM0R09>

Please use the link above or 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, 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 or 610-767-7203.

Wayward Girls
by Susan Wiggs
Wednesday, January 21 at 1 PM
Submit questions to
Cindy Kocher



From New York Times bestselling author Susan Wiggs, a wrenching but life-affirming novel based on a true story of survival, friendship, and redemption. Set in the turbulent Vietnam era in the All-American city of Buffalo, New York, six girls are condemned to forced labor in the laundry of a Catholic reform school.

In 1968 we meet six teens confined at the Good Shepherd—a dark and secretive institution

controlled by Sisters of Charity nuns—locked away merely for being gay, pregnant, or simply unruly.

- + **Mairin**—free-spirited daughter of Irish immigrants, committed to keep her safe from her stepfather.
- + **Angela**—denounced for her attraction to girls, sent to the nuns for reform, but instead found herself the victim of a predator.
- + **Helen**—the daughter of intellectuals detained in Communist China, she saw her “temporary” stay at the Good Shepherd stretch into years.
- + **Odessa**—caught up in a police dragnet over a racial incident, she found the physical and mental toughness to endure her sentence.
- + **Denise**—sentenced for brawling in a foster home, she dared to dream of a better life.
- + **Janice**—deeply insecure, she couldn't decide where her loyalty lay—except when it came to her friend Kay, who would never outgrow her childlike dependency.
- + **Sister Bernadette**—rescued from a dreadful childhood, she owed her loyalty to the Sisters of Charity even as her conscience weighed on her.

Wayward Girls is a haunting but thrilling tale of hope, solidarity, and the enduring strength of young women who find the courage to break free and find redemption...and justice.



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New membership, baptisms, funerals, weddings, change of address, van requests, memorial sponsors, hospital admissions, facility rentals		Call the church office 610-767-7203
REGARDING	CONTACT	PHONE NO.
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People of Hope:
working together, with God,
to love and serve others...

DECEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	1	2 6:00pm Girl Scout Troop 08219 Mtg. - LL Rm 010 6:00pm Girl Scouts Troop 8614 Meeting - LL Rm 005	3 9:30am Soup Group & Delivery - Kuntz Hall Kitchen 6:00pm Evangelism Committee Meeting - Hanson Hall 7:00pm Mid-Week Advent Service 7:00pm Youth Leader Meeting - Via Teams Online	4 10:00am Bible Study - Adult SS Rm 6:00pm Jr Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Property Committee Meeting - Hanson Hall 7:00pm Sr Choir Rehearsal	5	6
7 2ND SUNDAY IN ADVENT THRIVENT COFFEE HOUR - (AFTER BOTH SERVICES) 8:00am Worship 9:15am Sunday School & Confirmation Classes 9:15am Sunday School Christmas Play Rehearsal 10:30am Worship 12:00pm Orchestra Rehearsal	8 6:00pm Finance Committee Meeting 7:00pm Congregational Council Meeting Rm 133	9 10:00am WELCA Meeting - Adult SS Rm 6:00pm Girl Scout Troop 08219 Mtg. - LL Rm 010 6:00pm Girl Scouts Troop 8614 Meeting - LL Rm 005	10 1:00pm Book Buddies - By Zoom 7:00pm Mid-Week Advent Service	11 10:00am Bible Study - Adult SS Rm 6:00pm Jr Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Sr Choir Rehearsal	12	13 10:00am Evangelism Fruit Basket Prep - Kuntz Hall Kitchen
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28 NO SUNDAY SCHOOL OR CONFIRMATION CLASSES 9:00am Worship: Lessons and Carols 10:00am Church Decorating	29	30 6:00pm Girl Scout Troop 08219 Mtg. - LL Rm 010	31	1	2	3

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - OCTOBER 31, 2025

	Regular	Building	Memorial	Scholarship	Memorial Garden
Balance Beginning of Year	\$275,583.32	\$197,732.84	\$205,808.33	\$107,257.34	\$ 9,102.32
Income - October	28,272.03	8,048.68	7,142.84	4,256.51	3.01
Income - Jan.-Sept.	272,263.63	42,695.02	71,509.93	8,801.31	1,026.87
Total Income	300,535.66	50,743.70	78,652.77	13,057.82	1,029.88
Expenses - October	40,880.37	4,851.49	389.49	-	-
Expenses - Jan.-Sept.	284,277.12	27,201.53	2,065.08	6,200.00	250.00
Total Expenses	325,157.49	32,053.02	2,454.57	6,200.00	250.00
Net Income	(24,621.83)	18,690.68	76,198.20	6,857.82	779.88
Net Special Appeals	-				
Balance End of October	\$250,961.49	\$216,423.52	\$282,006.53	\$114,115.16	\$ 9,882.20

SUMMARY:

Expenses exceeded income in the Regular Fund for the month of October by \$12,608.34, and for the year 2025, expenses exceeded income by \$24,621.83, giving us a current balance in the Regular Fund of \$250,961.49. Last year the net income for the same period was \$(28,308.00) with a balance of \$234,774.43.

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). Thank you.

<u>Edition</u>	<u>Article Deadline</u>	<u>Collation Date</u>
January	Monday, December 15	TUESDAY , December 23

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 can run longer.

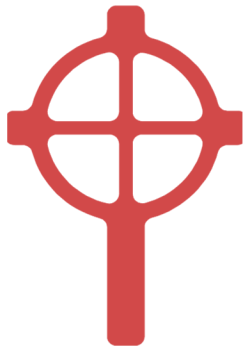
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