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## Unworthiness...

**T**his time of year, we begin the stories of Jesus' ministry, and it always makes me think about worthiness. Throughout the bible we hear those who encounter Jesus and feel unworthy. John the Baptist, who says I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal, the centurion's interaction as he asks Jesus to heal his beloved servant. Or like in Luke 5:1-11 when Jesus calls the disciples and Simon says, "Go away from me Lord, for I am a sinful man!" I am sure it was hard to be confident amid Jesus' glory, in the upheaval of rules in which Jesus would create from his miracles. Yet, Jesus time and time again calls those who feel unworthy. Those who find their own gifts incomplete or not of great importance in society.

It is easy to feel unworthy when we are called into sharing Christ's message. How are we supposed to catch people? Those words in the calling of the disciples stop me every time and make me feel unworthy. How do I do that? How are my gifts used to convince others of God's love? What is amazing about God's love in Christ is that God chooses the most unexpected places and people to spread this love. Most of the time those are the ones who need the message the most, but also who can authentically share the amazement of Christ's work.

Christ called everyone to share his love and teachings, not just the disciples. I am at a point now in my life that I see past just the twelve and see all those who follow and interact as disciples. It wasn't about being part of a special group but being met

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# HOPE HOME NEWS

## A Message from the Pastor:

by Jesus' power and compassion and using it. Jesus affirmed the gifts of others and affirmed their identities in wonderful ways. Jesus takes our unworthy and transforms it into worthiness and blessedness.

So today is a great day to remind yourself and others of that. You are blessed and worthy even if you don't feel it. You are called and capable even if you forget, your gifts are important and used even when you don't realize it. Don't be afraid, be filled! I invite you today to reflect and pray.

### Questions for Reflection:

1. How often do you feel unworthy with others or in certain situations?
2. What ways can you help others see their worthiness today?

God of calling,  
Remind us of our worthiness. Use our gifts  
to "catch people", to love them, embrace  
them, transform them. Make our ordinary  
lives reflections of your love as we walk  
with one another in this journey of life.

AMEN!

Pastor Jessica



Love one  
another.

1 JOHN 4:7

## COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS-JANUARY 2026

- + **2025 Church Annual Report Submissions** It's that time of year! Please submit your 2025 Church Annual Report entries by **Friday, February 27**. Reports may be sent electronically to our Communications Specialist, Krystina Adams, at [communications@hopecherryville.org](mailto:communications@hopecherryville.org), or dropped off in the Communications Specialist's mailbox at the church. Your timely submissions help ensure a complete and accurate annual report—thank you for your contributions!
- + **New TV Signage Coming Soon!** A TV signage project led by the AV & Technology Committee will soon be rolling out at Hope. Watch for new TV screens throughout the church displaying slideshows with upcoming events and community news.
- + **Positive Financial Update** Hope Lutheran Church ended 2025 in the **BLACK**, reflecting strong stewardship and careful financial management.
- + **Ash Wednesday Service:** Ash Wednesday Service will be held on Wednesday, February 18 at 7:00 PM.
- + **Midweek Lenten Services** will begin on Wednesday, March 25 and will be held each Wednesday at 7:00 PM up until Holy Week.
- + **Youth Group Nerf Wars**
  - + Senior Youth Group: Friday, February 20 at 6:30 PM
  - + Junior Youth Group: Saturday, February 21 at 6:30 PM
  - + Both events will be held in Kuntz Hall.
- + **Congratulations to Our 2026 Council Officers:** Congratulations to the newly elected Council Officers for 2026, elected by our council members. We thank them for their willingness to serve Hope Lutheran Church.
  - + **President** – Tim Moore
  - + **Vice President** – Mikayla Boyer
  - + **Secretary** – Laurie Christman
  - + **Treasurer** – Trudy Mertz
  - + **Financial Secretary** – Debbie Gardner
- + **2026 Council Committee Assignments** The following council members serve as liaisons for each committee. If you have questions, ideas, or would like to get involved, please see them after worship or reach out via phone or email, which can be found in the church directory:
  - + **AV & Technology:** Patrick Ladd
  - + **Christian Education:** Laurie Christman
  - + **Evangelism:** Dennis Aquila
  - + **Finance:** Mark Bateman
  - + **Mutual Ministry:** Glenn Wampole
  - + **Property:** Ron Roth
  - + **Social Ministry:** Betty Rock
  - + **Stewardship:** Michelle Inocencio
  - + **Worship & Music:** Annette Frazza
  - + **Youth:** Mikayla Boyer & JR Krouss



### Sunday, February 1

#### EVANGELISM COFFEE HOUR

#### BETWEEN SERVICES

8:00 AM Worship

9:15 AM Sunday School & Confirmation

10:30 AM Worship

### Sunday, February 8

8:00 AM Worship & Holy Communion

9:15 AM Sunday School & Confirmation

10:30 AM Worship & Holy Communion

### Sunday, February 15

#### TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

8:00 AM Worship

9:15 AM Sunday School & Confirmation

10:30 AM Worship

### Sunday, February 22

#### THRIVENT COFFEE HOUR

#### AFTER EACH SERVICE

8:00 AM Worship & Holy Communion

9:15 AM Sunday School & Confirmation

10:30 AM Worship & Holy Communion

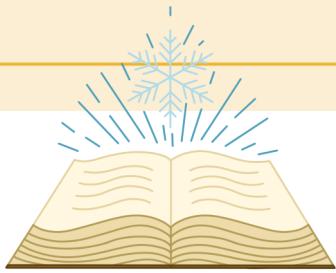
## **ELECTRONIC GIVING: A SIMPLE AND CONVENIENT WAY TO GIVE!**

Thank you for all you do to support our mission throughout the year. As you begin a new year, please consider additional giving to your church. For your convenience, we offer electronic giving options for one-time gifts and recurring contributions. Visit the church website at [www.hopecherryville.org](http://www.hopecherryville.org) and locate the Online Giving page.

Online Giving

# STORY WEAVERS

Tuesday,  
February 17  
10 PM  
Adult SS Rm



## WINTER BIBLE STUDY

### BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study is held in Kuntz Hall at 10 AM  
Thursdays

**FEBRUARY 5, 12, 19, & 26**

Please call the church office if more information is needed.

### WOMEN OF FAITH

Tuesday,  
February 17  
6:30 PM  
Hanson Hall

Hope Lutheran Church

Women of Faith



### HOPE FRIENDSHIP DANCE

Monday,  
February 16  
7-9 PM  
(SET UP BEGINS AT 6 PM)

### SOUP GROUP

Wednesday,  
February 4  
9:30 AM  
Kuntz Hall  
Kitchen  
Soup of the Day

### 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, please call the church office at 610-767-7203.

### ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday,  
February 18  
7 PM



### ASH Wednesday

### MID WEEK SERVICES

Begin Wednesday,  
February 25  
7 PM

### FIRED UP! REHEARSALS

**EVERY SUNDAY**

4:30 PM-6 PM

Please check out [musical.hopecherryville.org](http://musical.hopecherryville.org) for more information!

### FIRED UP!

THE STORY OF SHADRACH, MESHACH, AND ABEDNEGO



If you're looking for a way to reduce your taxable income from your Individual Retirement Account (IRA) while making a meaningful contribution to Hope Lutheran Church, then the IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) is an excellent option to consider! By making a tax-free contribution to our ministries through your IRA, you can satisfy your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) without increasing your Federal income taxes. The amount that you contribute directly to Hope Lutheran from your IRA is not taxable. This means that the IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution is a tax-reducing and tax-free way to contribute to our church. This is an excellent way for seniors to be able to reduce their Federal taxable income without the need to itemize their deductions.

If you're 70-1/2 years of age or older, you can instruct your IRA administrator to transfer your contribution directly from your IRA account to Hope Lutheran Church. We can put your contribution to use right away in providing financial support to our ministries throughout the Church. By choosing to make an IRA QCD contribution to Hope Lutheran, you'll not only be supporting our ministries but also reducing your taxable income, making it a win-win situation for everyone involved.

It is also important to note that the total IRA QCD contributions in this year cannot exceed \$111,000, and the QCD contribution must be made as part of your IRA Required Minimum Distribution for the year. If you are interested in making an IRA QCD contribution or need more information, please contact your IRA administrator, tax preparer, or the Church Treasurer, **Trudy Mertz**, at [treasurer@hopecherryville.org](mailto:treasurer@hopecherryville.org).

## Qualified CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTIONS

To: MY FAVORITE CHARITY  
From: MY IRA

God  
demonstrates  
his own  
love for us...

ROMANS 5:8



### GRATITUDE IN ACTION

A heartfelt thank you goes out to everyone from Shirley Green:

*"Thank you to everyone who prayed, sent cards, and called on the phone. All the support was very much appreciated. All the prayers helped through the process. Thanks again!"*

We also received many thank you notes from scholarship recipients as well as Christmas thank you notes from the Hope Lutheran Church staff. Be sure to check out all the notes posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex—it's wonderful to see how your support and prayers make a difference in the lives of our members and community!

# **WOMEN OF FAITH: FEBRUARY MEETING & WORKSHOP**

Women of Faith will gather for their next meeting on **Tuesday, February 17**, beginning at 6:30 PM, and the evening will include a special workshop titled **“Reading the Bible.”**

This workshop will offer time for reflection and conversation around how we approach Scripture and how reading the Bible can guide and enrich our faith lives. Participants are encouraged to bring their Bible and are welcome to invite a friend to join them.

Please note that this is intended to be a small, meaningful gathering rather than a large event, as supplies may be limited. Women of Faith members are simply encouraged to share the experience with a friend if they wish—and to remember their Bible!

All are welcome, and we look forward to a thoughtful evening together!



# Bee-loved by Jesus!

# INDIANLAND CEMETERY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

The Indianland Cemetery Association will hold its annual Board of Directors meeting at Hope Church on Sunday, March 1, 2026. The meeting will begin with the audit at 1:30 PM, followed by the annual meeting at 2:00 PM in Hanson Hall. In the event of inclement weather, the meeting will be postponed to the snow date of Sunday, March 8, 2026. All interested members and attendees are welcome to join this important gathering.

# Bible Quiz

The New Testament uses several Greek words to describe love. Which of the following best represents the **selfless, sacrificial love** that God shows to humanity?



- A) Eros
- B) Phileo
- C) Agape
- D) Storge

Answer: C (See John 3:16 and 1 Corinthians 13)



# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION UPDATES: A FRESH START IN THE NEW YEAR

# Youth Group Nerf Wars – February Fun!

Our Youth Group is hosting Nerf Wars this February, and all friends are welcome!

- + **Senior Youth (Grades 9-12):** Friday, February 20 | 6:30 – 8:30 PM
- + **Junior Youth (Grades 6-8):** Saturday, February 21 | 6:30 – 8:00 PM



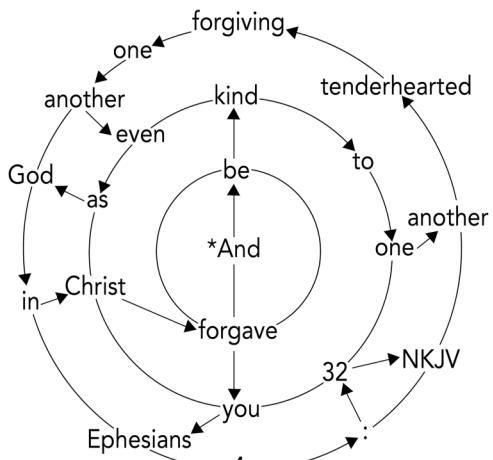
If anyone has Nerf guns to share, please let Ally know. RSVP by February 19 to [youthgroup@hopecherryville.org](mailto:youthgroup@hopecherryville.org) so we can plan for an action-packed evening!

# Puzzle!

This Bible verse teaches an important lesson about how we should treat others — and why.



Start with the asterisk in the center circle and follow the arrows.  
Write the words in order on the blanks below.



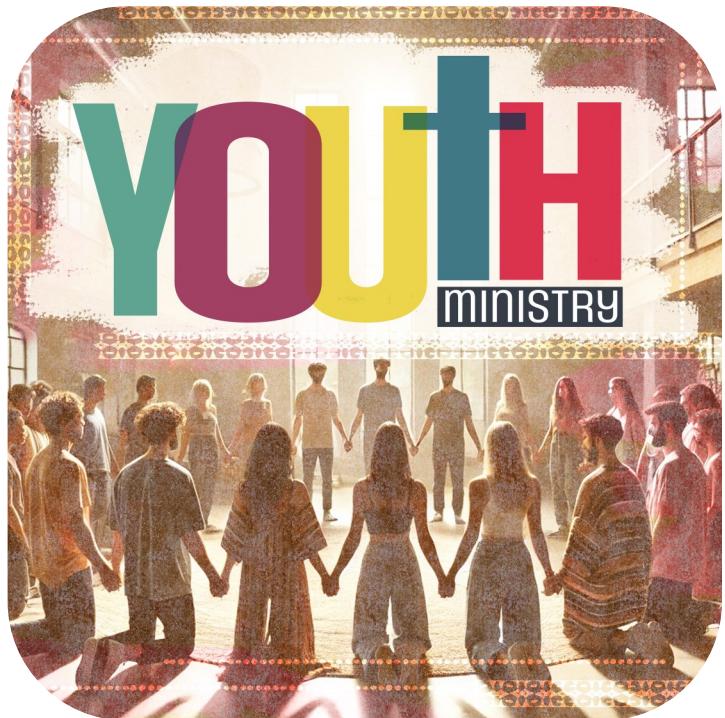
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## Confirmation Mini-Retreat – March 7

Confirmation students are invited to a  
Mini Retreat at the church:

- + Level I: 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
- + Level II: 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

This retreat will provide a meaningful time for reflection, learning, and fellowship as students continue their faith journey.

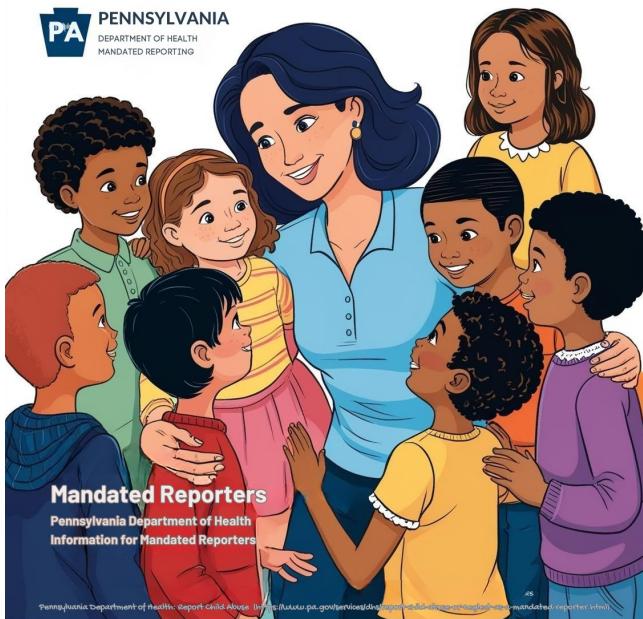


## NOTICE FOR HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH VOLUNTEERS

Any adults interested in volunteering at events that include our children and youth are required to have current clearances on file with the church. These clearances are free for volunteers who have lived in the state of Pennsylvania consecutively over the past 10 years, and they are good for 5 years.

If you have any questions about applying for the clearances or would like help completing them, please contact our Clearance Coordinator, Julie Sekol, by email: [clearances@hopecherryville.org](mailto:clearances@hopecherryville.org) or by leaving her a message at the church: 610-767-7203.

Hope Lutheran Church volunteers and employees who have direct interaction with children are considered Mandated Reporters. According to the Pennsylvania Department of Health Services, mandated reporters are any individual, paid or unpaid, who, based on the individual's role as an integral part of a regularly scheduled program, activity, or service, is a person responsible for the child's welfare or has direct contact with children. For more information on what it means to be a Mandated Reporter, please go to the Pennsylvania DHS --> [Keep Kids Safe website](#) or [click the button below](#):



**Love is patient,  
Love is kind.**

1 CORINTHIANS 13:4

**Mandated Reporter  
FAQ**

**NEW LOW CLEARANCE SIGNAGE  
FOR CARPORT**

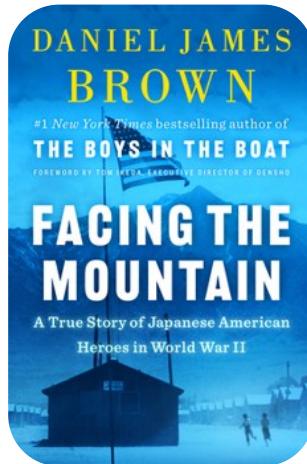


The Property Committee is planning to hang additional "Low Clearance" signs at and above the entrances to the carport. These signs would extend out from the spouting, so a bus or other high vehicle would make contact with the sign and (hopefully) stop before hitting the main structure.

If anyone has ideas or experience with this type of signage, please contact Charlie Kutzler at **610-844-4342**. Work on the carport is nearly complete, but we plan to keep the orange traffic cones in place until the new signs are installed.

## NEXT UP IN BOOK BUDDIES!

Facing the Mountain  
by Daniel James Brown  
**Wednesday, February 25 at 1 PM**  
Submit questions to  
**Doug Daniel**



From the #1 New York Times bestselling author of *The Boys in the Boat*, a gripping World War II saga of patriotism and resistance, focusing on four Japanese American men and their families, and the contributions and sacrifices that they made for the sake of the nation.

In the days and months after Pearl Harbor, the lives of Japanese Americans across the continent and Hawaii were changed forever. In this unforgettable chronicle of war-time America and the battlefields of Europe, Daniel James Brown portrays the journey of Rudy Tokiwa, Fred Shiosaki, and Kats Miho, who volunteered for the 442nd Regimental Combat Team and were deployed to France, Germany, and Italy, where they were asked to do the near impossible.

Brown also tells the story of these soldiers' parents, immigrants who were forced to submit to life in concentration camps on U.S. soil. Woven throughout is the chronicle of Gordon Hirabayashi, one of a cadre of patriotic resisters who stood up against their government in defense of their own rights.

Whether fighting on battlefields or in courtrooms, these were Americans under unprecedented strain, doing what Americans do best—striving, resisting, pushing back, rising up, standing on principle, laying down their lives, and enduring.



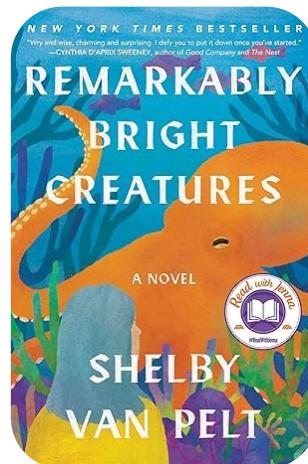
BOOK BUDDIES ZOOM

**Zoom Meeting Details:**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87605892517?pwd=WFdsZmFBMnNDRVB1N1JiT1ZjNmdTQT09>

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

Remarkably Bright Creatures  
by Shelby Van Pelt  
**Wednesday, March 25 at 1 PM**  
Submit questions to  
**Leslie Daniel**



For fans of *A Man Called Ove*, a charming, witty and compulsively readable exploration of friendship, reckoning, and hope that traces a widow's unlikely connection with a giant Pacific octopus.

After Tova Sullivan's husband died, she began working the night shift at the Sowell Bay Aquarium, mopping floors and tidying up. Keeping busy has always helped her cope, which she's been doing since her eighteen-year-old son, Erik, mysteriously vanished on a boat in Puget Sound over thirty years ago.

Tova becomes acquainted with curmudgeonly Marcellus, a giant Pacific octopus living at the aquarium. Marcellus knows more than anyone can imagine but wouldn't dream of lifting one of his eight arms for his human captors—until he forms a remarkable friendship with Tova. Ever the detective, Marcellus deduces what happened the night Tova's son disappeared. And now Marcellus must use every trick his old invertebrate body can muster to unearth the truth for her before it's too late.

Shelby Van Pelt's debut novel is a gentle reminder that sometimes taking a hard look at the past can help uncover a future that once felt impossible.



## HOPE LEADERSHIP

### STAFF

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

## 2026 CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL

<b>Dennis Aguila</b> <i>Evangelism</i>	<b>Mark Bateman</b> <i>Finance</i>	<b>Mikayla Boyer</b> <i>Vice President</i> <i>Youth Ministry</i>
<b>Laurie Christman</b> <i>Secretary</i> <i>Christian Education</i>	<b>Annette Frazza</b> <i>Worship &amp; Music</i>	<b>Michelle Inocencio</b> <i>Stewardship</i>
<b>JR Knouss</b> <i>Youth Representative</i>	<b>Patrick Ladd</b> <i>AV &amp; Technology Committee</i>	<b>Timothy Moore</b> <i>President</i>
<b>Elizabeth Rock</b> <i>Social Ministry</i>	<b>Ronald Roth</b> <i>Property</i>	<b>Glenn Wampole</b> <i>Mutual Ministry</i>



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## CONTACT INFORMATION

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.
A/V Committee	<a href="mailto:avteam@hopecherryville.org">avteam@hopecherryville.org</a>	-
Basket Committee	Kathryn Fogle	610-767-5095
Church Website	<a href="mailto:webmaster@hopecherryville.org">webmaster@hopecherryville.org</a>	-
Confirmation	Shaye Kerper	610-767-7203
Evangelism	Sharyn Kratzer	610-261-1277
Finance	Bill Lewis	610-442-2116
Girl Scouts	Lindsay Hall	445-264-0631
Hope Friendship Dance	Judy Dieter	610-767-9170
Hope's Helping Hands	Leslie Daniel	610-216-1340
Hope's Mom Group	Emily Ladd	610-597-0326
Memorial Garden	Church Office	610-767-7203
Mutual Ministry	Leslie Daniel	610-216-1340
Nursery School	Amy Krug	610-767-7203
Outreach / Soup	LeAnn Chandler	610-440-0341
Prayer Chain	Nancy Miller	610-392-8344
Property	Charlie Kutzler	610-844-4342
CSS/Christian Ed	Allison Lockard	610-216-5384
Senior Center	Joel Kleckner	610-767-2977
Stewardship	Wayne Weidner	610-349-2654
VBS	Kathy Ziegler	610-262-9197
WELCA	Judy Dieter	610-767-9170
Women of Faith	Jane Meyers	484-934-6031
Worship Arts	Karen Lockard	610-216-9679
Worship & Music	Janet Filchner	610-262-5215
Youth Group	Allison Lockard	610-216-5384

**CORE PURPOSE**  
*Statement*

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



# THE FEBRUARY 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 8:00am Worship <b>9:00am COFFEE HOUR HOSTED BY EVANGELISM COMMITTEE - Kuntz Hall</b> 9:15am Sunday School & Confirmation Classes 10:30am Worship 11:30am Sunday School Teacher Meeting 4:30pm Musical Rehearsal	<b>2</b> <b>GROUNDHOG DAY</b>	<b>3</b> 6:00pm Girl Scout Troop 08219 Mtg. - LL Rm 010 7:00pm Mutual Ministry Meeting	<b>4</b> 9:30am Soup Group & Delivery - Kuntz Hall 6:00pm Kitchen 6:00pm Girl Scouts Troop 8614 Meeting - LL Rm 005 7:00pm Youth Leader Meeting - Via Teams Online	<b>5</b> 10:00am Bible Study - Adult SS Rm 6:00pm Jr Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Sr Choir Rehearsal	<b>6</b> 12:00pm Rental Kuntz Hall	<b>7</b> 12:00pm Rental Kuntz Hall
<b>8</b> 8:00am Worship & Holy Communion 9:15am Sunday School & Confirmation Classes 10:30am Worship & Holy Communion 4:30pm Musical Rehearsal	<b>9</b> 5:30pm Finance Committee Meeting 7:00pm Congregational Council Meeting Rm 133	<b>10</b> 6:00pm Girl Scout Troop 08219 Mtg. - LL Rm 010 7:00pm Congregational Council Meeting Rm 133	<b>11</b> 9:00am Nursery School Valentine's Program - Kuntz Hall 11:30am Nursery School Lunch Bunch - Kuntz Hall 6:00pm Girl Scouts Troop 8614 Meeting - LL Rm 005 7:00pm Sr Choir Rehearsal	<b>12</b> 9:00am Nursery School Valentine's Program - Kuntz Hall 10:00am Bible Study - Adult SS Rm 6:00pm Jr Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Sr Choir Rehearsal	<b>13</b> <b>14 VALENTINE'S DAY</b>	<b>14</b> <b>VALENTINE'S DAY</b>
<b>15</b> <b>TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY</b> 8:00am Worship 9:15am Sunday School & Confirmation Classes 10:30am Worship 4:30pm Musical Rehearsal	<b>16</b> <b>PRESIDENT'S DAY</b> <b>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</b> 7:00pm Hope's Friendship Dance - Kuntz Hall (set-up 6 pm)	<b>17</b> 10:00am Story Weavers Meeting - Adult SS Rm 6:00pm Girl Scout Troop 08219 Mtg. - LL Rm 010 7:00pm Women of Faith Meeting - Hanson Hall	<b>18</b> <b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b> 11:30am Nursery School Lunch Bunch - Kuntz Hall (snow date) 6:00pm Girl Scouts Troop 8614 Meeting - LL Rm 005 7:00pm Ash Wednesday Worship Service	<b>19</b> 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>20</b> 6:30pm Seniors Youth Group Nerf Wars	<b>21</b> 6:30pm Juniors Youth Group Nerf Wars
<b>22</b> <b>THRIVENT COFFEE HOUR</b> - after services 8:00am Worship & Holy Communion 9:15am Sunday School & Confirmation Classes 10:30am Worship & Holy Communion 4:30pm Musical Rehearsal	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 6:00pm Girl Scout Troop 08219 Mtg. - LL Rm 010 7:00pm Musical Rehearsal	<b>25</b> 1:00pm Book Buddies - By Zoom 6:00pm Girl Scouts Troop 8614 Meeting - LL Rm 005 7:00pm Lent Mid-Week Worship	<b>26</b> 10:00am Bible Study - Adult SS Rm 6:00pm Jr Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Sr Choir Rehearsal	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <b>LEHIGH TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT TRAINING</b> (Please refrain from being on property during this training)

**FINANCIAL SUMMARY - DECEMBER 31, 2025**

	Regular	Building	Memorial	Scholarship	Memorial Garden
<b>Balance Beginning of Year</b>	<b>\$275,583.32</b>	<b>\$197,732.84</b>	<b>\$205,808.33</b>	<b>\$107,257.34</b>	<b>\$ 9,102.32</b>
Income - December	63,097.39	1,874.08	(4,778.26)	(525.53)	3.01
Income - Jan.-Nov.	334,174.16	54,049.46	81,613.59	14,444.95	1,032.79
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>397,271.55</b>	<b>55,923.54</b>	<b>76,835.33</b>	<b>13,919.42</b>	<b>1,035.80</b>
Expenses - December	34,006.08	400.75	412.89	-	-
Expenses - Jan.-Nov.	357,891.81	32,862.23	10,250.52	6,200.00	351.76
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>391,897.89</b>	<b>33,262.98</b>	<b>10,663.41</b>	<b>6,200.00</b>	<b>351.76</b>
Net Income	5,373.66	22,660.56	66,171.92	7,719.42	684.04
Net Special Appeals	-				
<b>Balance End of December</b>	<b>\$280,956.98</b>	<b>\$220,393.40</b>	<b>\$271,980.25</b>	<b>\$114,976.76</b>	<b>\$ 9,786.36</b>

**SUMMARY:**

HOPE ended the year with Regular Envelope Giving of \$319,461 versus our estimate of \$312,516. This is a 4% increase when compared to our 2024 Regular Envelope Giving total. Total Income for 2025 of \$397,271 is very similar to a year ago, which was \$394,321.

As you may recall, we anticipated a possible loss in 2025. The church benefited from a few one-time income receipts but we also had several one-time expenses this year. The net effect was our Income did exceed our Expenses in the Regular Fund this year by \$5,373. This is a wonderful thing and thank you to all that made this possible. The Regular Fund account balance (the funds used in the day-to-day operations of the church) ended the year with a balance of \$280,956.

As mentioned at the annual meeting, the year ahead will be a challenging year for HOPE. We have a lot to be grateful for and the Finance Committee and Church Council remain optimistic we will rise to the occasion. We remain very watchful with respect to both our Income and controlling our Expenses.

Please keep HOPE's financial needs in mind as we begin this new year.

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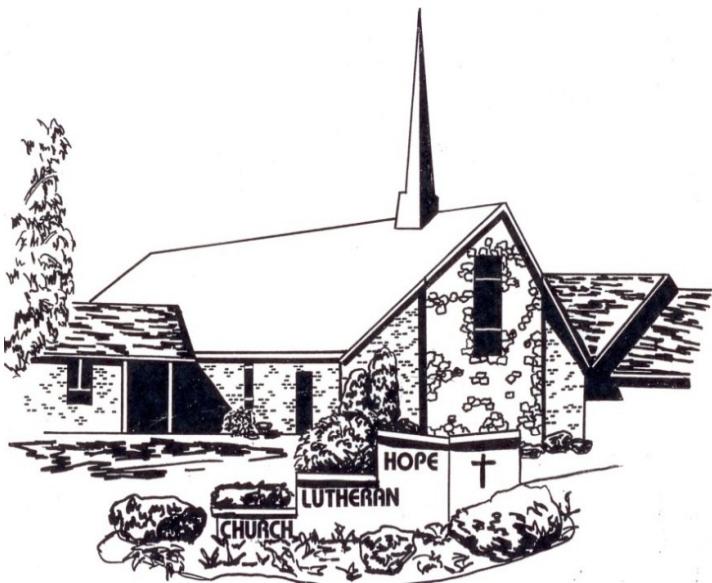
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