

# HOPE HOME NEWS

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A DEVOTION FROM PASTOR JESSICA:

## *Whenever you will go...*

Ruth 1:1-18 NRSV

This summer people are headed in all directions to experience something new or to find renewal. To the beach, or to the mountains we flee to find rest and renewed community. This month we also give thanks for our country's dream of something new as we celebrate 250 years of independence. My devotion for the month focuses on renewing community and experiencing something new, but more permanently. We enter the world and book of Ruth. One that isn't always focused on but is important for God's story and ours.

Ruth's words of commitment and love for Naomi are ones that hang proudly on my office wall, as a reminder of the importance of our relationships with one another. Whether that be friendship, familial relationships, or love found in a partner for life. "Wherever you will go, I will go. Wherever you stay, I will stay. Your people will be my people." Ruth states these words to her mother-in-law when societal rules push for something different. Ruth's husband had passed away and traditionally she should return to her own family and not stay with her widowed mother-in-law. Yet her love for Naomi transcends blood relation and exhibits deep abiding friendship. She has committed herself to Naomi and whatever their life together will bring.

She pushed back on the laws for women in her time and chose a new path, one that lead her to find a promising new relationship and future. If she hadn't gone against the status quo, she never would have met Boaz or been able to later provide Naomi a heir for her lineage.

So often we see women stuck in systems of their time and being taken advantage of, thrown to the side, or put to death. Yet, here we experience Ruth paving a new way for her and others. She with God's help created a new path for her people. Ruth in the historical lineage of Jesus is his great-grandmother. Because of her bravery and love she created an unlikely path to Christ.

So, as we spend time this summer nurturing our relationships - spending time renewing connections and making new ones, we give thanks for the freedom we have to experience the fullness of life and God's creation. Yet, we still see the systems the oppress and prevent the fullness of God's love to seep in. May we be brave like Ruth to create change empowered with graceful strength and propelled by love for one another.

**Where you go I will go,  
and where you stay I will stay.  
Your people will be my people  
and your God my God.**

Ruth 1:16

### **Question for Reflection:**

1. Have you had a relationship like Ruth and Naomi?
2. What brave steps do you want to take to create lasting change for others in our world?

### **Prayer:**

*Renewing Spirit,  
When the world sometimes says no, you create a way out of no way for your children. Fill us with your bravery to love one another in a world that sometimes pushes back. Deepen our relationships with each other to create a thriving and loving community.  
Amen.*



July

**SUNDAY**

Schedule

July 5

9:00 AM Worship

July 12

9:00 AM Worship & Holy Communion

July 19

9:00 AM Worship

July 26

9:00 AM Worship & Holy Communion

### CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PROGRESS



**\$22,335.23**

AS OF 6/21/26

## Ministry in Motion - June Updates

As we move through the summer months, we continue to see God's work unfolding through the ministries, volunteers, and leadership of Hope Lutheran Church. From improvements to our church facilities to planning for future ministry opportunities, the Congregation Council remains focused on supporting the mission and ministry of our congregation.

Here are a few highlights from your Congregation Council:

### Caring for Our Church Home

Several projects continue to help maintain and improve our church facilities:

- A new hot water heater was installed in the church kitchen
- Plans continue to move forward for the church sign project, with additional electrical proposals being reviewed
- The AV team is exploring expanded Wi-Fi coverage that could support both the church sign and pavilion areas
- Efforts are underway to improve access to the clothing donation bins and monitor future maintenance needs more effectively

### Growing in Faith

Council approved a change to the Confirmation schedule beginning next year:

- Confirmation will be celebrated on *Reformation Sunday* rather than Pentecost, providing a more consistent date for planning and preparation each year

### Supporting Ministry & Outreach

Hope continues to explore new opportunities to serve both our congregation and the wider community:

- More than \$20,000 has already been raised toward the church sign project
- Council discussed potential fundraising opportunities to support future ministry and facility improvements
- Conversations continue regarding expanded use of Hope's facilities to serve additional participants from county senior center programs

### Ministry Partnerships

Several ministry groups are evaluating ways to strengthen their work and connections:

- WELCA is exploring opportunities for partnership with members from St. John Lutheran Church in Nazareth
- A volunteer policy team has begun work on creating a resource guide to support those serving throughout the congregation

### Looking Ahead

- The congregation was represented at the Synod Assembly in June, where Rev. Jennifer Dee was elected as the new Bishop of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod. She will begin her service on September 1.
- Congregation Council will not meet during July and will resume regular meetings on August 10.

As always, we are grateful for the many volunteers, ministry leaders, staff, and congregation members who continue to share their gifts in service to Hope Lutheran Church. May God continue to guide and bless our ministries as we grow in faith together.

### Electronic Giving: A Simple and Convenient Way to Give!

If you think you may miss church services this summer due to travel or other commitments, consider setting up an automatic giving schedule. Your consistent support is vital to our church, especially during summer months. To set up a recurring contribution, visit the church website at [www.hopecherryville.org](http://www.hopecherryville.org) and locate the electronic giving page.

Online Giving



**Vacation Bible School**

Monday--Friday  
July 6-10  
9 AM - 12 PM

**VBS CLOSING**

Friday, July 10  
7 PM

**Social Ministry Breakfast Mtg**

Wednesday,  
July 1  
9:30 AM  
American Grill  
Laury's Station

**Property Committee**

Thursday  
July 2  
7 PM  
Hanson Hall

Behind the Scenes



**Indianland Garden Club**

Tuesday,  
July 21  
6 PM  
Kuntz Hall

**Story Weavers Mtg**

Tuesday,  
July 21  
10 AM  
Adult SS Room

at Hope

**Youth Ministries Meeting**

Wednesday,  
July 1  
7 PM  
Kuntz Hall  
or **TEAMS** link

**Church Office Closure**

Friday,  
July 3

**Kuntz Hall Available for Rental**

Visit [hopecherryville.org](http://hopecherryville.org) for the Church Use Policy and Facility Rental Form.

Questions?

Call 610-767-7203.

View the full church calendar for upcoming events!



# FAMILY FUN NIGHT AT HILLSIDE MINI GOLF & ICE CREAM

Looking for a fun way to spend a summer evening while supporting our Youth Group? Join us for **Family Fun Night** at **Hillside Mini Golf & Ice Cream** on **July 17** from **5 PM–8 PM**.

Bring your family and friends to enjoy a round of mini golf, cool off with some delicious ice cream, and spend time together with members of our church community. Best of all, a portion of all sales during the event will be donated to support Youth Group activities throughout the year.

We hope to see you there for an evening of fun, fellowship, and support for our youth!



**Hope Lutheran Youth Group**  
**FAMILY FUN NIGHT**

Come join our Youth Group for a fun night of mini-golf and refreshing ice cream.

**Friday, July 17th**  
**5pm – 8pm**

**Hillside Mini Golf & Ice Cream**  
**3219 Cherryville Rd, Northampton**

20% of all sales go to support our youth activities.  
[youthgroup@hopecherryville.org](mailto:youthgroup@hopecherryville.org)

## SHOP, SAVE & SUPPORT OUR YOUTH!



**HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**COMMUNITY YARD SALE!**

**SAT., AUGUST 8, 2026**  
**8AM – 1PM**

**4131 Lehigh Drive**  
**Cherryville, PA 18035**

**For More Information**  
Email: [youthgroup@hopecherryville.org](mailto:youthgroup@hopecherryville.org)  
Phone: 610-767-7203

**Breakfast & Lunch**  
**Specials, Bake Sale**  
Food items are cash or check only.

Shoppers pay at each seller's table separately.

**READY TO SELL?**  
Visit  
<https://tinyurl.com/47t8eepd>

To fill out a request form

**SELLER INFORMATION**  
Space is limited, so rent yours today!

**INDOOR SPACES**

**\$20 per approx. 8ftx10ft space**  
**\$5 per table rental (indoor option only)**  
or bring your own table  
Set up options available for the day before

**OUTDOOR SPACES**

**\$15 per one parking space**  
Bring your own table or pop-up tent (no stakes)  
Set up available morning of event  
Parking spaces reserved near selling space

**RAIN OR SHINE**

## THE YARD SALE IS BACK!

The Youth Group will be hosting our Community Yard Sale on Saturday, August 8, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Come shop for great deals while supporting the youth of our congregation and community.

Interested in reserving a space to sell your items? Please complete the [Yard Sale Registration Form](#).

For additional details about participating in the event, please see the flyer below or contact Ally Lockard at [youthgroup@hopecherryville.org](mailto:youthgroup@hopecherryville.org).

**ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE YOUTH GROUP.**



## SHARING JOY AND FELLOWSHIP AT FELLOWSHIP MANOR

The **Women of Faith** recently visited the residents of Fellowship Manor for an afternoon filled with fellowship, laughter, and the love of Christ. As part of the group's commitment to serving others and building meaningful connections within the community, members spent time with some of God's cherished children—local senior citizens.

Together, residents and visitors celebrated the blessings of friendship and country by singing patriotic songs. Flags were waved, kazoos were played, and joyful music filled the room as everyone joined in the fun. Smiles were abundant, and the afternoon provided a wonderful opportunity to share companionship and encouragement.

Following the sing-along, ice cream sundaes were enjoyed while stories, laughter, and conversation were shared. The room was filled with warmth and joy as friendships were strengthened and new connections were made.

Scripture reminds believers to "*encourage one another and build each other up*" (1 Thessalonians 5:11), and the gathering served as a beautiful example of that calling in action. While the visit was intended to bring cheer and fellowship to the residents of Fellowship Manor, it was clear that everyone involved was blessed by the experience.

Through simple acts of kindness, conversation, and shared laughter, the Women of Faith demonstrated Christ's love in a tangible way. The afternoon was a meaningful reminder that fellowship, compassion, and caring for one another remain at the heart of a faithful community.



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## FINDING GOD IN ORDINARY SUMMER MOMENTS

*"The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork." — Psalm 19:1*

Summer often changes our rhythm. The days stretch longer, the pace of life shifts, and we find ourselves spending more time outdoors under open skies and warm light. Even in the midst of busy schedules, there are moments when creation itself seems to slow us down.

A sunrise breaking across the horizon, a sunset settling over the trees, or the wide openness of the sky above us can quietly remind us that the world is held together by something far greater than ourselves. These everyday scenes invite us to pause and recognize the presence of the One who created them.

We sometimes assume we encounter God only in set-apart moments—Sunday worship, Bible studies, or special gatherings. While those times are important and life-giving, Scripture reminds us that God is also present in the ordinary rhythm of daily life.

A walk through the neighborhood, the sound of children playing outside, the steady growth of gardens and fields, or even a quiet moment on the porch can become small reminders of God's goodness and care. These are not random or insignificant moments; they are part of the world God continues to sustain.

Jesus often used familiar images from everyday life to reveal spiritual truth—seeds planted in the ground, birds in the sky, fields ready for harvest, and the simple work of fishermen. Through these ordinary things, He helped people see that God's kingdom was already at work around them.

The same is true for us today. When we take time to notice, we begin to see that God's presence is woven throughout our daily lives. A peaceful evening sky can speak of His majesty. A moment of rest can remind us of His invitation to trust Him. Time spent with others can reflect the relationships He has placed in our lives as gifts.

In a world that often moves quickly, it is easy to pass by these moments without noticing them. But when we slow down long enough to look, we may discover that God has been revealing Himself all along—in the steady beauty of creation and in the quiet gifts of each day.

As you move through this summer season, may you take time to notice the world around you. May the skies above, the ground beneath your feet, and the moments between your plans become reminders of God's faithfulness, presence, and love.

And may the beauty of creation gently draw your heart closer to the One who made it all.



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## NEXT UP IN BOOK BUDDIES:

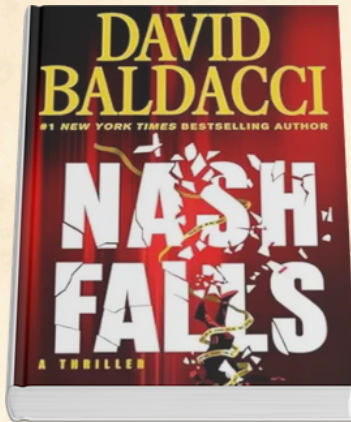
Nash Falls

by David Baldacci

Wednesday, July 22 at 1 PM

Submit questions to

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WHEN WALTER NASH IS RECRUITED BY THE FBI TO HELP BRING DOWN A GLOBAL CRIME NETWORK HIS LIFE IS TURNED COMPLETELY UPSIDE DOWN IN THIS THRILLER FROM #1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR DAVID BALDACCI.

Nash is an intelligent man, tough but fair-minded. He has a wife and a daughter and a very high-level position at Sybaritic Investments, where his innate skills and dogged tenacity have carried him to the top of the pyramid in his business career. Despite never going on grand adventures, and always working too many hours, he has a happy and upscale life with his family.

However, following his estranged Vietnam-veteran father's funeral, Nash is unexpectedly approached by the FBI in the middle of the night. They have an important request: become their inside man to expose an enterprise that is laundering large sums of money through Sybaritic. At the top of this illegal operation is Victoria Steers, an international criminal mastermind that the FBI has been trying to bring down for years.

Nash has little choice but to accept the FBI's demands and try to bring Steers and her partners to justice. But when Steers discovers that Nash is working with the FBI, she turns the tables on him in a way he never could have contemplated. And that forces Nash to take the ultimate step both to survive and to take his revenge: He must become the exact opposite of who he has always been. And even that may not be enough.

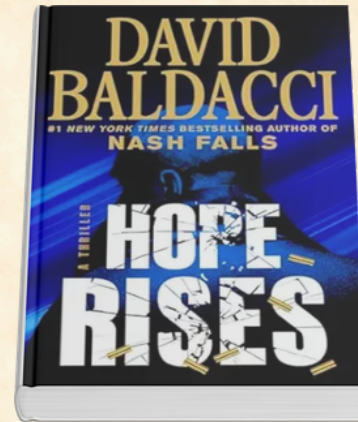
Hope Rises

by David Baldacci

Wednesday, August 19 at 1 PM

Submit questions to

TBD



WALTER NASH BEGAN A JOURNEY DOWN A DARK PATH OF SEEMINGLY NO RETURN, AND NOW HE FINDS HIMSELF QUESTIONING EVERYTHING THAT GOT HIM THERE IN THIS THRILLING SEQUEL TO NASH FALLS FROM #1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR DAVID BALDACCI.

Walter Nash, working under the alias of Dillon Hope, is on the road to revenge after becoming an informant for the FBI against a global criminal operation headed up by Victoria Steers. Steers has ripped everything Nash held dear away from him. He has nothing left to lose and with long, rigorous training under his belt the gentle and sensitive Nash has transformed into something he never thought he'd be: a physically imposing man with lethal skills. And now he has only goal left in life: taking down Victoria Steers.

In order to succeed, he's going to need to cross enemy lines and work the job from the inside. But Steers is shrewd and only brings those she trusts completely into her inner circle. Nash must rely on every ounce of his hard-earned skills in order to prove himself an ally to Steers if he's ever going to get close enough to decimate her criminal empire.

Yet, despite hating the woman for destroying his life, Nash finds himself oddly drawn to Steers in ways that he never could've imagined. And what he ultimately discovers will turn all he believed upside down, forcing Nash to do something truly unfathomable.

So, will the truth set Nash free? Or end him?

**Join Book Buddies for lively Zoom discussions!!!**

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87605892517?pwd=WFdsZmFBMnNDRVB1N1jT1ZjNmQTO9>

Members help lead discussion by submitting 2 questions per book; the book recommender facilitates. Participants purchase their own books. Need help ordering? Contact Jen in the church office:

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

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**CORE PURPOSE**  
  
**Statement**

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



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	1 9:30am Social Ministry Breakfast Mtg - American Diner, Laury's Station 7:00pm Youth Leader Meeting - via <b>TEAMS</b> Online or in-person Kurtz Hall	2 7:00pm Property Committee Mtg. - Hanson Hall	3 <b>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</b>	4 <b>INDEPENDENCE DAY</b>
5 9:00am Worship	6 9:00am Vacation Bible School	7 9:00am Vacation Bible School	8 9:00am Vacation Bible School	9 9:00am Vacation Bible School	10 9:00am Vacation Bible School 7:00pm VBS Closing Program	11
12 9:00am Worship with Holy Communion	13	14	15	16	17 5:00pm Youth Group Fundraiser Night	18
19 9:00am Worship	20	21 10:00am Story Weavers Mtg. - Adult SS RM 6:00pm Indianland Garden Club - Kurtz Hall	22 1:00pm Book Buddies - By Zoom	23	24	25
26 9:00am Worship with Holy Communion	27	28	29	30	31	1

**FINANCIAL SUMMARY - MAY 31, 2026**

	Regular	Building	Memorial	Scholarship	Memorial Garden
Balance Beginning of Year	\$ 280,956.98	\$ 220,393.40	\$ 271,980.25	\$ 114,976.76	\$ 9,786.36
Income - May	30,551.42	11,848.23	17,722.80	7,216.77	3.02
Income - Jan.-Apr.	129,476.49	16,498.21	18,321.02	473.53	2,011.66
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>160,027.91</b>	<b>28,346.44</b>	<b>36,043.82</b>	<b>7,690.30</b>	<b>2,014.68</b>
Expenses - May	26,131.15	184.24	4,015.59	-	-
Expenses - Jan.-Apr.	145,856.12	4,052.46	6,703.73	2,800.00	-
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>171,987.27</b>	<b>4,236.70</b>	<b>10,719.32</b>	<b>2,800.00</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>(11,959.36)</b>	<b>24,109.74</b>	<b>25,324.50</b>	<b>4,890.30</b>	<b>2,014.68</b>
Net Special Appeals	32.32				
<b>Balance End of May</b>	<b>\$ 269,029.94</b>	<b>\$ 244,503.14</b>	<b>\$ 297,304.75</b>	<b>\$ 119,867.06</b>	<b>\$ 11,801.04</b>

**SUMMARY:**

Income exceeded expenses in the Regular Fund for the month of May by \$4,420.27, and for the year 2026, expenses exceeded income by \$11,959.36, giving us a current balance in the Regular Fund of \$269,029.94. Last year the net income for the same period was \$(6,375.07) with a balance of \$269,208.25.

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

*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 versions can run longer.*

## 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.

**Article Deadline**  
Monday, July 20

**Collation Day**  
Thursday, July 30


**Edition**  
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*Summer Worship Schedule*  
9 AM

*Regular Worship Schedule*  
(Begins September 20)  
8:00 AM & 10:30 AM  
Sunday School at 9:15 AM

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