



HOPE HOME NEWS

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A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR JESSICA:

Generosity Abounds...

This last spring our congregation embarked on a five-month capital campaign to raise funds to convert our current church sign into an electronic one. I am overwhelmed with joy to announce we raised over \$59,000 of our \$68,000 goal!

Now you might be wondering where the rest of the funds will come from. Thanks to the generosity of those who have given over the years, we will make up the difference from the memorial fund.

I am amazed to see this congregation come together in such a profound way. As most of us feel the pressures of the economy right now, this attitude of abundance is a reminder that when we unify as a congregation, we can continue to do amazing ministry.

In the feeding of the five thousand, Jesus reminds us that when we think things are scarce, when we doubt whether we can continue to be fed or to feed others, God provides by transforming our minds and hearts. Jesus' followers saw so little being shared that they chipped in and gave some of their own, and the ripple moved throughout the crowd, transforming five loaves and two fish into more than enough. Minds and hearts were changed, and a miracle happened — scarcity turned into abundance, grumbles turned into generosity.

This is the power of the church, and this was shown at Hope. It gives me great excitement and hope for the future as we continue to be the church in so many ways.

The new electronic sign, going in by the end of the year, will make it possible for our message of hope to reach those passing by in a better way. Our mission partners who use our space, like the nursery school and senior center, along with our own important ministries, will be highlighted with ease. The new sign will feature an updated look for our church name and display our new Hope logo at the top. Thank you to Stacey Burke, who won the logo contest. Her artistic gifts are just one example of the abundant talents of our congregation.



As we move into the fall, we'll keep the congregation updated as the sign project progresses. Again, I thank each and every one of you for praying, giving, and supporting the ministry we do together at Hope, and for how we continue to show up as the church of Christ in the world.

*Blessings,
Pastor Jessica*





October SUNDAY SCHEDULE

October 4

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

*Coffee Hour after service hosted by
Women of Faith Committee*

October 11

8:00 AM Worship & Holy Communion
9:15 AM Sunday School &
Confirmation Classes
10:30 AM Worship & Holy Communion

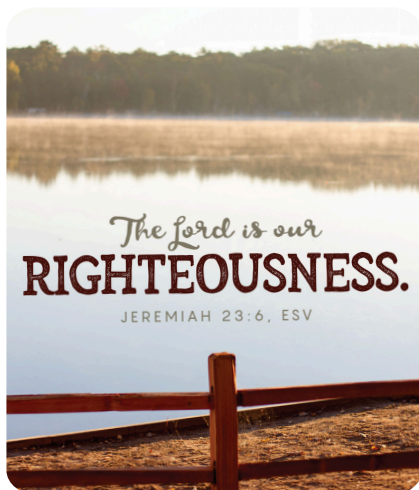
October 18

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

October 25

Reformation Sunday

8:00 AM Worship & Holy Communion
9:15 AM Sunday School &
Confirmation Classes
10:30 AM Worship & Holy Communion



Ministry in Motion - September Updates

September was a meaningful time of reflection and planning at Hope Lutheran Church. On September 14, the Congregation Council and staff gathered together for a combined Council meeting and staff retreat. In addition to addressing important church business, we spent time discussing goals and hopes for the future of Hope and how we can continue to grow and serve our congregation and community together.

Here are a few highlights from your Congregation Council:

Planning for the Future

- Council and staff spent time together reflecting on Hope's ministries and discussing goals and priorities for the future.
- This time of shared conversation gave our leadership an opportunity to look ahead and consider how we can continue strengthening the life and ministry of Hope Lutheran Church.

Supporting Our Youth

- Council approved the Hope Lutheran Church Youth Volunteer Handbook and Policies Packet, helping provide clear guidelines and support for those who serve with our youth.
- Planning is underway for the Youth Group Bingo & Basket Social on November 7.

Stewardship & Giving

- Council approved a new Gift Acceptance Policy for donated securities, providing a clear process for receiving and acknowledging these gifts.

Caring for Our Church Home

Several facility improvements are moving forward:

- The electronic sign project continues to make progress. All necessary permits have been completed, and more than \$59,000 has been raised toward the project.
- New carpeting will be installed in the SCS hallway.
- LED lighting improvements will be made in nine areas of the church, helping improve both the functionality and efficiency of our building.

Looking Ahead

- **Annual Congregational Meeting — Sunday, November 8:** All active voting members are encouraged to attend this important meeting. Proposed changes to our church constitution will be presented and brought to the congregation for a vote. More information will be shared as the meeting approaches.
- Women of Faith will begin a Toys for Tots collection after November 22 and participate in the Lehigh Township Noon Year's Eve Fest on December 31.
- The next Congregation Council meeting is scheduled for October 12.

We give thanks for our Council members, staff, volunteers, and ministry leaders who continue to share their time and gifts in service to Hope. As we look toward the future, we pray for God's guidance and trust that the Spirit will continue to lead us as we grow, serve, and live out our mission together.

ENJOY THE CONVENIENCE OF ELECTRONIC GIVING:

Consider electronic giving as a way to automate your regular weekly contributions. Electronic giving offers convenience for members and provides much-needed contribution consistency for our congregation. Visit the church website at www.hopecherryville.org and locate the Online Giving page.

Online Giving



Behind the Scenes



at Hope

StoryWeavers

Tuesday,
October 20
10 AM
Adult S.S. Room
Lunch to follow

Hope's Friendship Dance

Monday,
October 19
7 PM
Kuntz Hall
**SET UP BEGINS
6 PM**

Evangelism Committee

Wednesday,
October 7
6 PM
Hanson Hall

Women of Faith

Tuesday,
October 20
6 PM
Hanson Hall

Thursday Bible Study

Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29

Please call the church office if more information is needed.

WELCA

Tuesday,
October 13
10 AM
Adult S.S. Room

Youth Ministries Meeting

Wednesday,
October 7
7 PM
Kuntz Hall
or **TEAMS** link

Kuntz Hall Available for Rental

Visit hopecherryville.org for the Church Use Policy and Facility Rental Form.

Questions?

Call 610-767-7203.

View the full church calendar for upcoming events!



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN: SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

\$60,913.53 raised. A campaign completed. A new way to share the story of Hope.

What began as a vision for a new electronic sign along Route 248 has become another wonderful example of what happens when the people of Hope Lutheran Church come together.

We are excited to share that our Capital Campaign has officially concluded, with a final total of **\$60,913.53 raised!**

From the very beginning, this campaign was about more than a sign. It was about creating a new way for Hope to communicate with our neighbors and community—to share worship opportunities, special events, ministries, and the many ways God is at work through our congregation.

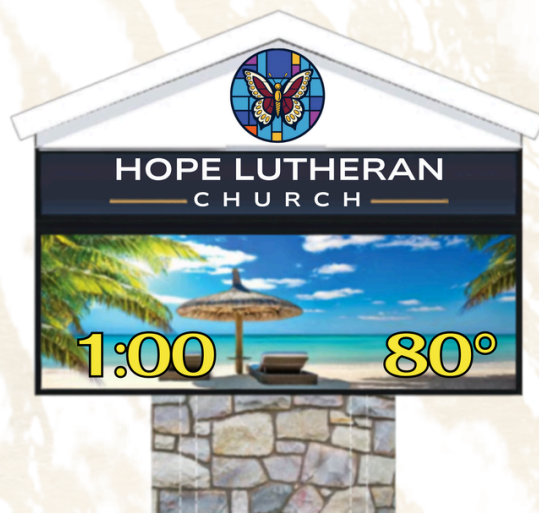
We are especially grateful to everyone who made this possible. Whether you contributed financially, prayed for the campaign, encouraged others, or simply shared in the excitement of this project, you helped make this vision a reality.

A Sign That Says “Hope”

Our new electronic sign will give us an opportunity to communicate with the thousands of people who travel along Route 248 each day. It will help us invite our community to worship, learn, gather, and connect with Hope Lutheran Church.

The sign will also make things safer and easier for our volunteers by eliminating the need to change the church sign outdoors in all kinds of weather.

We are also grateful to Stacey Burke, who designed the new Hope Lutheran Church logo that will be featured on the sign. Her work gives us a fresh visual expression of who we are as a congregation and will help our church be recognizable to those in our community.



Thank You, Hope!

The final campaign total of \$60,913.53 represents the generosity and shared commitment of our congregation. Every gift played a part in bringing this project closer to reality.

The remaining cost of the project will be covered through our Memorial Fund. As we move forward, memorial gifts can help replenish this important resource so that it remains available for future needs and opportunities in the life of Hope.

For now, we celebrate!

Thank you for believing in this project. Thank you for giving. Thank you for praying. And thank you for being part of the story God continues to write at Hope Lutheran Church.

We look forward to seeing the new sign become a visible reminder—along Route 248 and throughout our community—that there is always Hope at Hope Lutheran Church.

HOPE'S ANNUAL BASKET SOCIAL

A Day of Fellowship, Fun & Giving Back!

Friday, October 2 | Kuntz Hall & Narthex

One of Hope Lutheran Church's favorite fall traditions is here! On Friday, October 2, Kuntz Hall and the narthex will come alive with the excitement of our Annual Basket Social.

This year, we're once again bringing together more than 100 creatively themed baskets, 45+ gift cards, and special items valued at \$50 or more! Add delicious food, homemade baked goods, and plenty of fellowship, and you have all the ingredients for a wonderful day at Hope.

Come for the Baskets — Stay for the Fellowship!

Take your time browsing the incredible baskets and special prizes, choose your favorites, and try your luck when the drawings begin. While you're here, enjoy homemade soups, BBQ, refreshments, and baked goods.

Bring a friend, invite a neighbor, and make a day of it!

This event is about more than winning a great basket. It's an opportunity for our congregation and community to come together, enjoy one another's company, and support organizations doing important work right here in our community.

Giving Back Together

We are especially excited that proceeds from the 2026 Basket Social will benefit:

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A local resource supporting veterans

Northampton Area Food Bank

Helping provide food to individuals and families in our community

Hope Lutheran Church Food Cupboard

Supporting our neighbors experiencing food insecurity

The Basket Social is made possible through the generosity of the Basket Committee, Hope members, and friends throughout our community. We are grateful for everyone who has donated baskets, gift cards, handmade items, baked goods, time, and talents to make this event possible.



We Hope to See You There!

Whether you've been coming to the Basket Social for years or this will be your first time, you are invited!

Come browse. Come eat. Come visit. Come take a chance on a basket. Most of all, come enjoy the fellowship of the Hope community as we gather together and give back.

Friday, October 2

Kuntz Hall & Narthex

Hope Lutheran Church

Bring a friend. Bring your appetite. Bring your luck!

Questions? Contact the church office at 610-767-7203 or

Kathy Fogle at 610-767-5095.



CELEBRATING HOPE FESTIVAL

WHAT A WONDERFUL DAY AT HOPE!

What a wonderful first Celebrating Hope Festival!

On September 13, the grounds of Hope Lutheran Church were filled with laughter, fellowship, food, music, games, and plenty of smiles. Even a little rain couldn't dampen the spirit of the day!

Our inaugural festival brought together Hope members, families, friends, and community guests for a day centered on fellowship and celebration. It was wonderful to see people enjoying activities, sharing a meal, catching up with friends, and making new connections.

Hope in Action

The festival was truly a team effort. Our Celebrating Hope planning committee, staff, ministry groups, and volunteers worked together to make the day possible, from planning and preparation to activities, food, hospitality, and cleanup.

More than an event, the festival gave us a chance to share what makes Hope Lutheran Church special—a welcoming community that comes together to worship, serve, and enjoy life together.

A New Hope Tradition



Our first Celebrating Hope Festival may be over, but we hope this is just the beginning of a new tradition at Hope. We're already looking forward to next year and another opportunity to gather our church family and community together.

Thank you to everyone who helped make our first Celebrating Hope Festival a day to remember. Your time, energy, and enthusiasm made it truly special!

We can't wait to celebrate with you again next year!



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SAVE THE DATE: ANNUAL YOUTH GROUP BINGO!

An Afternoon of Fun, Fellowship & Supporting Our Youth

Mark your calendars! The Hope Lutheran Youth Group is getting ready for their Annual Youth Group Bingo, and we hope you'll join us for a fun afternoon together.

Come out on Saturday, November 7 for cash bingo, basket raffles, and fellowship—all while supporting the young people of Hope Lutheran Church.



SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, November 7

Doors Open: 11:00 AM

Bingo Begins: 12:30 PM

Tickets: \$25

 Tickets go on sale October 4!

There are also opportunities to support the event through sponsorships. Sponsorship forms are available in the back of the Narthex.

Bring a friend, enjoy an afternoon at Hope, and help our youth continue to grow, serve, and participate in the life of our congregation.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

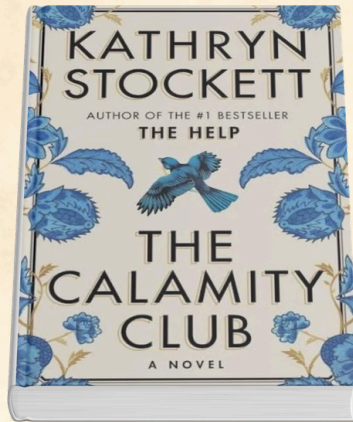
More details will be coming soon.

NEXT UP IN BOOK BUDDIES:

The Calamity Club
by Kathryn Stockett

Wednesday, October 28 at 1 PM

Submit questions to
TBD



#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • THE MULTIMILLION-COPY-SELLING AUTHOR OF *THE HELP* RETURNS WITH A BOLD, BIG-HEARTED NOVEL ABOUT A GROUP OF UNBREAKABLE WOMEN, FIGHTING FOR WHAT'S RIGHTFULLY THEIRS—AND THE POWER OF FRIENDSHIP TO CHANGE EVERYTHING.

OXFORD, MISSISSIPPI, 1933.

Abandoned by her mother one Christmas Eve, eleven-year-old Meg Lefleur has learned the hard way to rely on no one. Now one of the unadoptable "big girls" at the Lafayette County Orphan Asylum, she fights each day to keep her spirit unbowed.

Birdie Calhoun, unmarried and outspoken, has come to Oxford to ask her socialite sister to help the struggling family she's left behind. But as the Depression tightens its grip, Birdie discovers her sister's seemingly charmed life is a tapestry of lies.

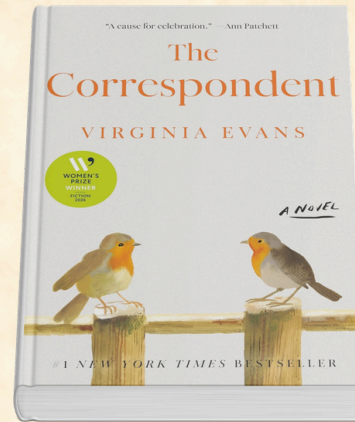
Then, Birdie encounters Charlie, a woman running low on luck with little left to lose. When their fates—and Meg's—converge, Charlie comes up with an audacious plan for them to take control of their lives. But in a place and time where hypocrisy is rife and women's freedom is fragile, even the smallest act of defiance can have dangerous consequences.

The Calamity Club will make you laugh, cry, and cheer—an epic testament to underestimated women who know that calamity can be the spark of new beginnings. This is Kathryn Stockett at her most confident, heartfelt, and hilarious—the triumphant return of one of the most beloved storytellers of our time.

The Correspondent
by Virginia Evans

Wednesday, November 18 at **12 PM**

Submit questions to
Leslie Daniel



WINNER OF THE WOMEN'S PRIZE FOR FICTION • **LONGLISTED FOR THE CENTER FOR FICTION FIRST NOVEL PRIZE AND THE ANDREW CARNEGIE MEDAL** • **A BEST BOOK OF THE YEAR: NPR, *The Washington Post*, *Boston Globe*, *Elle*, *Christian Science Monitor*, *She Reads***

Filled with knowledge that only comes from a life fully lived, *The Correspondent* is a gem of a novel about the power of finding solace in literature and connection with people we might never meet in person. It is about the hubris of youth and the wisdom of old age, and the mistakes and acts of kindness that occur during a lifetime.

Sybil Van Antwerp has throughout her life used letters to make sense of the world and her place in it. Most mornings, around half past ten, Sybil sits down to write letters—to her brother, to her best friend, to the president of the university who will not allow her to audit a class she desperately wants to take, to Joan Didion and Larry McMurtry to tell them what she thinks of their latest books, and to one person to whom she writes often yet never sends the letter.

Sybil expects her world to go on as it always has—a mother, grandmother, wife, divorcee, distinguished lawyer, she has lived a very full life. But when letters from someone in her past force her to examine one of the most painful periods of her life, she realizes that the letter she has been writing over the years needs to be read and that she cannot move forward until she finds it in her heart to offer forgiveness.

Sybil Van Antwerp's life of letters might be "a very small thing," but she also might be one of the most memorable characters you will ever read.

Join Book Buddies for lively Zoom discussions!!!

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87605892517?pwd=WFdsZmFBMnNDRVB1N1JiT1ZjNmQTO9>

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 or 610-767-7203.

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Youth Ministries: Ally Lockard	610-216-5384



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



OCTOBER **2026**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	1 Basket Social Prep All Day - Kuntz Hall 10:00amBible Study - Adult SS Rm 7:00pmProperty Committee Mtg. - Hanson Hall 7:00pmSr Choir Rehearsal	2 4:00pm Basket Social Event - Kuntz Hall	3
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FINANCIAL SUMMARY - AUGUST 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 - August	27,910.03	4,553.16	10,344.90	(735.23)	2.95
Income - Jan.-Jul.	218,756.33	35,411.90	53,327.41	11,045.63	2,020.62
Total Income	246,666.36	39,965.06	63,672.31	10,310.40	2,023.57
Expenses - August	33,555.37	5,275.17	900.58	3,200.00	-
Expenses - Jan.-Jul.	245,892.54	15,474.30	12,622.42	2,800.00	350.00
Total Expenses	279,447.91	20,749.47	13,523.00	6,000.00	350.00
Net Income	(32,781.55)	19,215.59	50,149.31	4,310.40	1,673.57
Net Special Appeals	-				
Balance End of August	\$248,175.43	\$239,608.99	\$322,129.56	\$119,287.16	\$ 11,459.93

SUMMARY:

Expenses exceeded income in the Regular Fund for the month of August by \$5,645.34, and for the year 2026, expenses exceeded income by \$32,781.55, giving us a current balance in the Regular Fund of \$248,175.43. Last year the net income for the same period was \$(6,172.47) with a balance of \$269,507.25.

****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). Thank you.

Article Deadline

Monday, October 19

Collation Day

Thursday, October 29

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The **October 2026** issue of NEPA Synod News is available online.

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Regular Worship Schedule

8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

*Sunday School (for all ages)
& Confirmation Classes*

9:15 AM - 10:15 AM

Church Office Hours

8:30 AM – 3:00 PM Mon – Fri