



HOPE HOME NEWS
Hope Lutheran Church
Cherryville, PA

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WELCOME TO HOPE

SUNDAY WORSHIP

► NOTE: SUMMER WORSHIP TIMES BEGIN JUNE 21st

SUNDAY, June 7, 2009
8 a.m. Holy Communion

THE HOLY TRINITY
10:30 a.m. Service of the Word

SUNDAY, June 14, 2009
8 a.m. Service of the Word

PENTECOST 2
10:30 a.m. Holy Communion/
Holy Baptism

SUNDAY, June 21, 2009
8 a.m. Holy Communion

PENTECOST 3
9:30 a.m. Service of the Word/
Holy Baptism

SUNDAY, June 28, 2009
8 a.m. Service of the Word

PENTECOST 4
9:30 a.m. Holy Communion

Graduate Recognition at both worship services!

*Please attend worship regularly this Summer while at home or on vacation!
Also, please remember your church with regular offerings. Have an enjoyable Summer as you take time to appreciate God's wonderful creation.*



PASTORAL ACTS

HOLY BAPTISM

Pastor Kees officiated at the following baptism.

Brooklyn Marie Henne, daughter of

Christopher Henne and Cindy Schoch was baptized on Sunday, May 24, 2009 during the 10:30am worship service.
Please welcome Brooklyn into our church family at Hope and pray for her growth in faith.

MARRIAGES

Zachary James Thomas Zellers and Amanda Marie Bollinger exchanged marriage vows on Saturday, May 16, 2009 at Hope Church during a 1:00pm wedding ceremony. Pastor Lisa Borrell officiated.

Nicholas Stephen Lalik and Teresa Lynn Rhode exchanged marriage vows on Saturday, May 16, 2009 at Hope Church during a 2:30pm wedding ceremony. Pastor Denton Kees officiated.

Congratulations to Zachary and Amanda and to Nicholas and Teresa. Please pray that they always remember the promises made before God on their very special day.

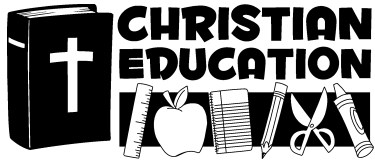


FUNERALS

Marion E. Hall entered eternal life on May 1, 2009 at the age of 90 years. A graveside service was held on Tuesday, May 5, 2009 at the Fairview Cemetery, Northampton.

Walter H. Ostrom entered eternal life on May 1, 2009 at the age of 91 years. Inurnment was held on Tuesday, May 26, 2009 at Cedar Hill Memorial Park in Allentown. Ernie Siegfried officiated.

Our sympathy and prayers to family and friends of Marion and Walter. May God continue to be your guide and strength.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

LAST DAY OF SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL

Sunday, June 14th will be the last day of Sunday Church School for this year. On this day we will meet in the nave for a brief time to recognize any teachers who are leaving and sing a few songs. We will then go to Kuntz Hall for a picnic. We hope everyone can attend. We will resume our Sunday Church School program on Sunday, September 13th.

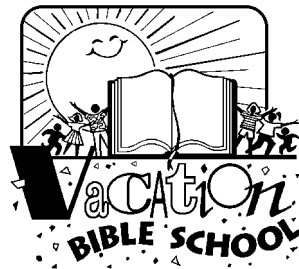
SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL CLASS ENROLLMENT

If your child(ren) have attended Sunday Church School on a regular basis you do not have to sign them up for next year. If your child(ren) have not attended please enroll them ASAP so that adequate material for the new year can be ordered. Class lists are made by the end of June so that we know how much material to get. Stop in at the Sunday Church School office to register your child. After June 14th a tray will be on the table in the narthex to get registration forms. Filled registration forms can be placed in another tray at the same location.

We have classes for children age 2 through adults. Consider enrolling in one of the adult classes while your children attend their own classes. Our youngest class, Cradle Roll Class, has two teachers but we ask parents to stay with their children at this age.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Bible School is FILLED!! A reminder for those registered, Bible School will be held from Monday, July 6th through Friday, July 10th from 9:00am to 12:00Noon. A closing program will be held on Sunday, July 12th at the 9:30am worship service.



HELP US CATCH UP!

For the first four months of this year our regular envelope contributions have lagged behind last year, while our budget calls for an increase. We are behind our hoped for support by approximately \$15,000. Did you know that if each of us added just \$1 each week to offerings, by the end of the year we would gain over \$8,500? Did you know that if each of us added just \$2 each week, at the end of the year, Hope church would gain over \$17,000? It takes such a small amount more on the part of each one of us consistently to produce a good outcome. *Please, let all of us do our part!* Our sacrifice is so small compared to what God has done for us through his Son.



BLOOD DRIVE THANK YOU

Thank you to all the donors who made the blood drive on May 16th a success. They are: Craig Weist, Audrey Schell, Renny Frisch, John Herman, Laura Rycek, Allison Hauser, Gail Cichello, Fran Shehab, Tarek Shehab, Don Bush, Frank Zamadics, Mary Laubach, Bryon Eroh, Jim Miller, Paula Schleicher, Gary O'Brien, Stacy Gogel and Robert Edelman. Members of Hope who supported the drive are: Christine Lutz, Larry Koplin, Richard Sassaman, Arline Fasching, Jane Tretiak, Ed Tretiak, Susan Demko, Rob Silfies, Deb Leibenguth, Linda Derr, Jason Romanuski, Ken Repp, Bill Fritzingler and Ron Gable. Thirty-one units were collected which will provide benefits for ninety-three people. Thanks to these donors for helping to provide blood coverage for our entire congregation, and to all who donate at Miller Center.

(\$200 donation enclosed)

The Gable Family

MILLER BLOOD CENTER DONORS

Members of Hope who have recently donated blood at the Miller Memorial Blood Center are as follows: Raymond Swinger, Daniel Husser and Brenda Mack. Thank you to all of our faithful donors.



FROM THE PASTORAL ASSISTANT...

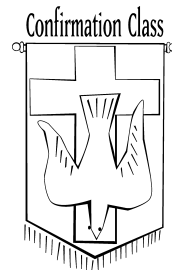
“Well, now that Easter is over, I suppose things will get pretty quiet around here and you’ll be able to kick back and relax.” The comment came from a member as he left church following worship. Actually, nothing could be farther from the truth. Hope has a vibrant, year-round, on-going ministry.

Think about this: a large and wonderful Vacation Bible School with 220 children in attendance plus 80 teachers and helpers; a week long Day Camp for our children led by staff from Bear Creek Camp; Hope Fest will kick off in a couple of weeks drawing members and neighbors; hospital and home visitations continue; our members serving in social ministry carry out their outreach to persons in need; Eucharistic Ministers take Holy Communion to the homebound; the Property Committee’s responsibilities are never ending; meetings are already being held by various committees planning ministries and activities for 2010; although Sunday School and Nursery School have recessed for the summer, staff is already preparing lessons and materials for next year; while our choirs are given well-deserved time off during the summer, special music is prepared to enhance our worship experience. The list of summer activities goes on and on.

Get the point? Hope is a very active congregation - year-round. Certainly, the staff and lay leaders usually take time off to travel or relax during these summer months. But, God’s work goes on! And that’s the way it should be as we respond to His constant love and care.

Remember also, God doesn’t take a vacation. Whether we vacation at the shore, a lake, the mountains, or in our backyard, He is there. He is ever-present in his wonderful creation. So, I encourage you to recognize his presence wherever you are and give thanks always.

Have a safe and God-filled summer.



CONGRATULATIONS – the following youth were confirmed on Sunday, May 31, 2009 at the 10:30am worship service. We rejoice with them and pray for their continued participation and growth in the life of this congregation. The Confirmands were: † Andrew James Bahnick † Leana Lillie Carvin † Erica Nicole Chandick † Kaitlin Nicole Doncsecz † David Michael Galloway † Brooke Elizabeth Gasper † Paul Douglas

Hetrick † Adam Albert Kalbach † Garrett James Kunkel † Alexander Gabriel Larkin † Morgan Emily Messinger † Marcus Ryan Morris † Mikayla Therese Ninos † Chelsea Eileen O’Donnell † Jennifer Corine Perry † Benjamin Anthoney Santee † Jessica Summer Santos † Adam Benjamin Seko † Elijah Josef Shoemaker † Marissa Lynann Smith † Logan Leonard Steigerwalt † Daniel Louis Ventura † Ethan John Xander † Nathaniel Philip Xander.

LEVEL I – complete the worship and Sunday School requirements (and any missed assignments) by Sunday, June 14th.

ANNUAL PHILLIES TRIP

Thursday, July 9th vs. Cincinnati Reds. The cost is \$45.00/person. This includes the game ticket (400 level) and bus transportation. There are also fireworks after the games. Payment for all signed up is PAST DUE. Please pay NOW (if you haven’t yet!). 4 tickets now available, please call Wayne Weidner with questions.



IRON PIGS BASEBALL GAME

Hope Church has tickets available for the Iron Pigs “Faith Night”. The game will be held on Tuesday, July 28th at 7:05pm. Tickets are \$9.00 each and you will receive a \$2.00 voucher towards food or merchandise as you enter the game that evening. Please see the sign up sheet on the bulletin board. The first 3000 people will also receive a free baseball hat. More details to follow. Due to popular demand, more tickets have been added. Seats are going fast. First Come, First Serve!

HOPE FEST HELP IS NEEDED

Help is needed! Please consider volunteering to help with this year's Hope Fest. Help is especially needed on Friday, June 26th with final set up and on Sunday, June 27th with clean up.

Can you spare an hour or two?? The festival runs from 5:00pm-10:00pm Friday, June 26th and Saturday, June 27th, and help is needed during these hours also. Please call Sharon Weidner if you can help and watch for sign up sheets in the narthex! Watch weekly bulletins for set up times and for any more information.

Also, help is needed on Tuesday, June 9th at 9:00am to make turkey BBQ at the church. The next Hope Fest meeting is on Wednesday, June 10th at 6:30pm. All are welcome to attend.

Thank you!

HOPE FEST CHINESE AUCTION

Chinese Auction items needed. Please help by donating "**NEW**" items to our auction. Items or gift certificates can be dropped off in the church office. Your donations are very much appreciated.

HOPE FEST ITEMS NEEDED

In addition to Chinese auction items, donations of cakes for our cakewalk and soup for our choir's food stand would also be greatly appreciated. Items can be dropped off at the church either on Thursday evening (June 25th) or Friday, (June 26th) before 5:00pm. Thanks!

JEWELRY FOR HOPE FEST

The basket committee of Hope Church is looking for your gold, silver, costume, even broken jewelry. The ladies are selling jewelry at Hope Fest on June 26th and June 27th. Anything, new or used including watches, tie and money clips, pins, necklaces, rings, etc. even the jewelry box itself. Please drop off your donations in the marked "jewelry" box in the narthex. Your donations are greatly appreciated. Come visit us at Hope Fest to look for a new treasure to wear home. *All proceeds from the jewelry sale will benefit Hope Church's new sound system.*

THANK YOU

A very big thank you to everyone who helped celebrate secretary's day with me. Thank you for the beautiful flowers, the delicious lunch at Penn's Peak and the Visa gift card (I have already spent it on some new summer clothes). It was a wonderful day of fellowship, fun and laughter, and I appreciate each and every one of you very much. Take care and God Bless,

Jane Tretiak



THANK YOU

Thank you to David Ziegler, the youth choir and all persons who graciously performed their wonderful talent and helped in any way with our recent visit to Gracedale. The residents of Gracedale really appreciated it, and it was a wonderful evening of service to our community.

HOPE CHURCH'S YARD SALE

The date of the yard sale will be Friday, September 5th and Saturday, September 6th. Start cleaning those basements, garages and attics and get your items ready for our annual yard sale. Items will be able to be dropped off early in August. Watch upcoming bulletins and newsletters for more information.



NURSERY SCHOOL

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH NURSERY SCHOOL

Possible openings for the 3 and 4-year-old classes for the 2009-2010 school year. If interested, please call Deb Gable at 610-767-7523 as soon as possible. Children must be 3 or 4 by September 1st.



PRAYER NAMES FOR JUNE

The Congregational Council is encouraging all of our members to grow in their spirituality through a regular Prayer Life. One way of doing this is by lifting up in prayer one family from our church each day of the year. Below is June's prayer list.

"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ" Gal. 6:2

- 6/07/09 Eugene, LeAnn Chandler and family
- 6/08/09 Brad, Sharon, Julia, Grant Dolkan and family
- 6/09/09 Amanda, Ferreira, Marc, Ayden Tice and family
- 6/10/09 Barbara Gerlach and family
- 6/11/09 Terry, Shirley Green and family
- 6/12/09 Martha Handwerk and family
- 6/13/09 Christina Herrmann, William, Kyle, Cole McLaughlin and family
- 6/14/09 Jennifer Peters-Knouss, Jarod Knouss and family
- 6/15/09 Nadia Kowalchick and family
- 6/16/09 Clinton, Alexander, Lucas, Ivy Larkin and family
- 6/17/09 Mason Lucas and family
- 6/18/09 Merion, Michele, Nathan, Lauren, Jonathan Miller and family
- 6/19/09 John, Jeanette, Trent Moyer and family
- 6/20/09 Anthony, Deborah Pagotto and family
- 6/21/09 Serena Remaley and family
- 6/22/09 William Ruch and family
- 6/23/09 Brandi Scherer and family
- 6/24/09 Glenn, Joan, Dylan Sherwood and family
- 6/25/09 Elsie, Lauren Thompson and family
- 6/26/09 Edward, Jane, Rachel Tretiak and family
- 6/27/09 Floyd, Irene Williams and family
- 6/28/09 Gerald, Karen, Tyler, Jeremy, Kurt, Jessamy Zimmerman and family
- 6/29/09 Kelly Brandon, Jake Hart, Dennis, Alexis Santee, Dylan Williams and family
- 6/30/09 Terri, Alex, Amanda Clewell and family

KEEPING MEMBERSHIP ACTIVE

There is no category of "inactive" membership in the Christian church. Either your membership is active or it is not. Categories of membership used by the church and defined in our constitution are: baptized, confirmed, giving, communing, etc.

People on occasion wonder why—and sometimes get upset because—their names are removed from the church membership rolls. Annually, membership activity is reviewed at Hope Lutheran Church, as called for in our constitution. (This is common, or should be, to all Lutheran congregations.) The Church Council, assisted by the pastoral and office staff, has the responsibility for this function.

The council doesn't make up standards of who is in and who is out. Like almost every other organization, the church has rules to follow in determining how one remains a member. In our case, the constitution clearly spells it out, and all folks are told their responsibility when they join the church. All who wish to hold membership in the church are required:

1. to make a financial contribution of record (a check, or through an envelope that indicates the supporter's name); and,
2. to receive Holy Communion and make note of that by filling out a communion card.

As you likely know, records are kept of financial contributions and Holy Communion attendance. Members who fail to do both within a two-year time (the constitution says "in the current or preceding year") are generally removed from the membership list by council review and action. A signal to you that the church does not have a record of your activity is really pretty clear: it dawns upon you that you're not receiving envelopes, newsletters, or any communication from the church. Or your name does not appear in the listing of names in the annual report. What you should do then, is to call the office and ask about it. If we've made a mistake, we can easily and readily correct that and restore your name to the church membership roll. We will gladly welcome your call.

EVANGELISM BUS TRIP

The Evangelism Committee is sponsoring a bus trip to see Abraham and Sarah at the Living Waters Theater, Lancaster, PA on Sept. 19, 2009. Adults = \$72.00; Youth (13-18) = \$56.00; Child (3-12) = \$42.00. Price includes the bus, the show and a meal at Shady Maple. Sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board. Money is due (payable to Hope Church) by July 1st.

YOUTH GROUP SHORE TRIP

The youth will be going to Wildwood, NJ on Thursday, July 23rd through Sunday, July 26th. They will be staying at Trinity Lutheran Church (just 2 blocks from the "wide" beach). The youth going will be selling sandwiches as a fundraiser for this trip. Please call any youth member or Wayne Weidner to order your sandwiches today. The sandwiches will be made on Tuesday, June 23rd. A meeting will be held immediately following the sandwich making for all the youth whom are going to the shore.

NEWSLETTER SCHEDULE

The next newsletter will be a combined (July/August) edition. Any news items that should be included must be received in the church office by Monday, June 29th. You can email your information to Jane Tretiak at office@hopecherryville.org. In September a new newsletter schedule will be published for you to include on your calendars. Thank you.

LEHIGH ELEMENTARY CAR WASH

The sixth grade class of 2010 of Lehigh Elementary School will be holding a car wash in the church parking lot on Saturday, June 20th from 9:00am to 6:00pm. Please come out and support our local Elementary School

75+ BIRTHDAY PARTY

On Saturday, August 8th, there will be a Birthday Party for anyone 75 years or older at Hope Church. The party/picnic will begin at 11:30 am in Kuntz Hall. There will be food, fellowship and entertainment. Mark your calendars now. Watch for more information and a sign up sheet soon!

GRADUATES

The following is a list of names we have been given so far for graduation. If your name is not included, or the information is incorrect, please notify the church office as soon as possible. Future plans and college degrees will be included in the next edition of the Hope Home News and also in the church bulletin on graduation recognition Sunday, which will be held on Sunday, June 28, 2009 at both worship services.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Brittany Gasper – Northampton
Andrew Green - Northampton
Jonathan R. Heberling – Northern Lehigh
Andrea Hetrick – Northampton
Jennipher Hiester – Catasauqua
Aly Kunes – Northampton
Kailee Leibenguth – Northampton
Jenna Shoemaker - Northampton



COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY GRADUATES

Scott Biechy – Penn State University
Erika Belletti – Elizabethtown College
Joshua Graver – King's College
Jarrad Hantz – Northampton Community College
Marisa Lehr – Cedar Crest College
Ryan Wilson – University of Delaware

*Congratulations to each of our graduates!
May God Bless all of your future endeavors!*

Congratulations!



RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED

The following persons were hospitalized from April 27th to June 1st. Curtis Renner, Peggy Holtzinger, Florence Kline, Priscilla Oncheck, LuAnn Smith and Megan and Keira Kunkel.

Please keep these persons and their families in your prayers.

WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU ARE HOSPITALIZED

- 1) When being admitted give our Church Code #251
- 2) **Give your permission** for the hospital to release your admittance information to the church when we call.
- 3) Have someone call the church office 610-767-7203 when being admitted to the hospital if you desire a visit.

HOPE LUTHERAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND



Hope Church offers scholarship money to full-time college students. Funds are available for the 2009-2010 school year and all full-time college students who are members in good standing of Hope, Cherryville, and are in their second year (or higher) of study are encouraged to apply. The requirements of eligibility are:

1. **attending an accredited college or university full time**
2. **will be entering second year (or higher) of college in fall of 2009**
3. **is a member in good standing of Hope Lutheran Church, Cherryville, PA**

Applications can be picked up from the church office or can be obtained by phoning 610-767-7203 or by writing to PO Box 1030, Cherryville, PA 18035. The deadline for applications to reach the church office is **Friday, July 24, 2009.** (Recipients of scholarship awards will be invited to be at an August worship service to receive the first of two checks, the second of which will be **sent** the first week in January 2010.)

SECRETARY'S HOURS

Jane Tretyak's hours will be changing for the summer. Beginning on Monday, June 8th her hours for June will be Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 8:00am-3:30pm. She will continue to be off on Tuesdays. Her salary is based on 30 hours from September to May, and on 26 hours for June, July and August. July and August will be a summer schedule, watch the weekly bulletins for updated office hours.

BEAR CREEK CAMP

Register Now for Summer Camp! Brochures and information available by speaking to Kim Roth, our church Bear Creek Ambassador.

BEAR CREEK DAY CAMP AT HOPE CHURCH

Mark those calendars for July 27th – July 31st. This is a day camp for children entering grades 1 – 6. Leaders from Bear Creek Camp will lead the children in songs, games, Bible lessons, etc. We will travel to a local park for a picnic and swimming! It is a lot of fun. Bear Creek Day Camp is usually very popular, and fills up quickly.



Pre-Registration for Bear Creek Day Camp
(July 27 – July 31 at Hope Church, Cherryville)

Child's Name _____

Age _____ Grade (9/09) _____ Telephone _____

Parents' Names _____

Address _____

Emergency Number _____



Anything Staff should be aware of?

I can be an adult helper with some small tasks during the week _____



SUMMER WORSHIP HOURS

Beginning Sunday, June 21st our summer worship hours will begin. The worship services will be at 8:00 and 9:30am, no Sunday Church School.

CHURCH SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Any confirmed youth or adult (men and women) interested in playing in the church softball league, or if you have questions, please call Wayne Weidner at 610-767-1512. Games are on Sunday evenings. See schedule below.

SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

June 7 – Hope Church vs. St. John’s UCC (Field 3)
June 14 – Hope Church vs. Faith Lutheran (Field 1)
June 21 – Good Shepherd vs. Hope Church (Field 2)
June 28 – Bethany UMC vs. Hope Church (Field 2)
July 5 - No Game – 4th of July Weekend
July 12 – Bye
July 19 – Hope Church vs. St. Elizabeth (Field 2)
July 26 – Faith Lutheran vs. Hope Church (Field 1)
Aug. 2 – St. John’s UCC vs. Hope Church (Field 3)
Aug. 9 - Hope Church vs. Union Lutheran (Field 1)
Aug. 15-16 – Tournament (rain date – Aug. 22-23)

FIELDS

North Whitehall (Field #1) – North on Mauch Chunk Road, turn West onto Levans road at red light by elementary school, turn left into drive of N. Whitehall township building, field closest to the road (hard ball field).

North Whitehall (Field #2) – same as above, field by basketball courts.

Kolapecha Park (Field #3) – North on Mauch Chunk Road, turn West onto Levans Road at red light by elementary school. Turn right onto Maple Street, at the end of the road turn right onto Coffeetown road. Turn right into new sports complex, field closest to the playground.

SOFTBALL



LEAGUE

HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

CHICKEN DINNER

The annual barbeque chicken dinner held by the Lehigh Twp. Historical Society will take place on Sat., June 13th. The delicious dinners sell for \$8.00 and include ½ of a chicken, a baked potato, roll and applesauce. They may be picked up between noon and 6pm at St. Paul’s UCC Indianland Church. Dinners are take-out only. Baked goods will also be available for purchase to complete your meal. Tickets may be purchased from or ordered through Beverly (610 767-3634), Nancy (610 767-0676), or Sean (610 760-1814). Order early as we always sell out! Donated baked goods are always appreciated and may be dropped off the morning of the 13th. All proceeds from the dinners go towards our continued work on the Historical Centre at Indian Trail Park and on the restoration of St. Paul’s Schoolhouse, Indianland. Thank you for your support.

THE HISTORICAL CENTRE

The Historical Centre of the society is now open, and will be open the 2nd and 4th Sunday of every month through early fall. Come see what is inside between the hours of noon and 3:00 p.m. The Centre is located along route 248 in Pennsville at Indian Trail Park. We have displays of all aspects of life in the township in days gone by, including farming, manufacturing, education and recreation. We also have many photos of towns and schools within the township. There are numerous items available for purchase—books, ornaments, T-shirts, and commemorative pitchers, to list a few.

ART BY THE PARK

The Lehigh Twp. Historical Society has space remaining for its "Art by the Park" events, which will be held on July 26th and August 23rd. **Please note the change in the July date.** We are looking for artists who wish to display and sell paintings, sculpture, photographs, jewelry and other types of fine art. The displays will be set up on the porch of our Historical Centre. Artists must provide their own tables. For more information, please visit our website, www.lehightownship.org, or call Nancy (610 767-0676) or Sean (610 760-1814).