

Dear Friends at Hope,

Psalm 1:2-3 - But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on His law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.

Gloves, trowel, mulch, seedlings, and seeds—all the necessary supplies are assembled and close at hand. Gardening can be enjoyable, especially when you can see growth and fruit appear. God is our gardener. He delights in seeing us grow. We are baptized and His Spirit works in us. Our living faith is nourished as we hear and read His Word and receive His body and blood in His Holy Supper.

Come to worship and grow strong in the Lord. If you cannot be with us in person Sundays at 9:30am, join us online with Facebook Live and on Youtube Mondays after noon.

Yours in Jesus,

Pastor Rich Mokry

GUEST ORGANIST: We extend our warm greetings to William Riley who is playing the organ and leading us in worship today. Please greet William and say, “thank you” after the service.

CONSTRUCTION IS HERE in Hope’s Narthex. Improving the handicapped ramp and installing a lift will require some reconstruction of the stairway area. Please be careful. All praise to God, we are Fulfilling the Mission of Hope by making some much needed renovations which will assist people who are trying to get into the church! Coming soon will be an upgrade to our audio system and installation of video screens on either sides of the stained glass window. Thank you for your contributions to the Fulling the Mission of Hope Campaign.

GEARING UP: This fall we are launching several new ministries for our members and friends at Hope.

CHURCH AND SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY DAY! Members and friends from Hope Church and School are invited to join in a special fellowship event next Sunday, September 12 at 11:15am to kick off the beginning of our Sunday School year. Hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks will be provided. Bring a dish to share and a lawn chair for outside!

Sunday School and Adult Bible Class will meet at 10:45am and end early for the picnic. Parents may pick up a Sunday School registration form at the Welcome Center, fill it out, put it in the box provided. Take one for your friends and neighbors. All kids are welcome at Sunday School!

Like to help with the picnic? We could use help with planning the menu, manning the grills, and running activities for the kids of all ages. Contact Claire and Rich Neagley (dcsneagley@hopelcs.org) at your earliest convenience.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY begins next September 12th at 10:45am in Room 109. Come explore the book of Revelation, taught by Pastor Rich Neagley. All are welcome and no prior Bible study experience is needed!

THE PARABLES is an Online Bible Study, taught by Pastor Rich which will be starting next Sunday September 12th at 7pm. We will take a closer look at several parables. No prior experienced is needed to take this class. Beginning next week, links in the weekly newsletter will be provided to downloading a study guide and give access to the online class. Invite your friends near and far!

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN begins next Sunday, September 12th at 10:45am. All children Preschool 4 through Grade 6 are welcome. Parents should register their children as soon as possible! We are also looking for teachers who can work on a rotating schedule. Please indicate "Sunday School" on the Record of Fellowship or contact Karen Barton at 610-202-9238 for more information.

NURSERY TO OPEN SOON: We are looking to hire a paid attendant and enlist volunteers who may work on a rotating schedule. We're hoping to livestream our service to the nursery for the benefit of our worker and our volunteers. The paid position is for two hours on Sunday mornings. Please share this with your friends! Indicate "Nursery" on your Record of Fellowship or contact Beth Marks (215-279-2950) if you are interested in this ministry!

TIME TO THINK ABOUT OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD!

Hope will be collecting gift-filled shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse, the week of November 15-22. Empty shoeboxes will be available in the narthex in the fall.

Right now, you may want to take advantage of back-to-school bargains. Gift suggestions are school supplies, such as pencils, pens, crayons, notebooks, as well as non-liquid hygiene items, such as toothbrushes, bar soap, washcloth, etc. You can choose a boy or girl (ages 2-4, 5-9 or 10-14) to receive your shoebox.

For more gift suggestions or if you have any questions, please call Marjie Rodkey (215-949-1695).

FOOD MINISTRY UPDATE: Each 3rd Sunday of the month members may bring individually wrapped sandwiches to our lobby. Later in the morning, they are picked up and distributed immediately to homeless and hungry people in our area. Our next sandwich collection date will be September 19th. For more information, contact Barbara Veil at 267-799-5944.

THE WOMEN'S AFTERNOON Bible Study will start up on Wednesday, September 15, at 1:00pm in room 102. Meetings will be held monthly. They will continue with their study, "God Loves Moms," picking up in chapter 6, which will be about Ruth. If you do not have a book to follow along with, there are extras available! Please contact Beth Marks with any questions at 215-757-1702.

TECH MINISTRY TEAM: Ten people attended an organizational meeting where we talked about several ways we can use technology to honor God and His people. The following areas were identified: Web Design and Maintenance, Worship Audio and Visual, On-line worship, Social Media and Photography. There will be hands-on training for anyone interested in learning about any of these areas. Volunteers can schedule their time and not be “on call” every Sunday. Interested? Indicate “Tech Ministry” on your Record of Fellowship or contact Josh Smith at joshua.owen.smith@gmail.com.

GROUNDS MAINTENANCE: Do you have a heart for gardening or flowers? We need volunteers to help us beautify and maintain our outdoor plant life and grounds. If you have an interest to serve in this way, please indicate “Landscaping” on your Record of Fellowship or contact Karen Barton at (215-262-6283).

CONFIRMATION is a two-year program of instruction leading to that time when students make their personal confession of faith in Christ as their Lord and Savior. Students in 7th Grade and older are welcome to attend. The families involved will meet to choose the best class time. Classes meet during the school year. Interested? Please indicate “Confirmation” on the Record of Fellowship or contact the Church Office at 215-946-3467.

WORSHIP LIVESTREAM: Go to Hope’s website at www.hopelcs.org/news and follow the instructions to worship livestream on Facebook. You can also access worship services on YouTube. Sunday worship services are posted after noon on Mondays.

SAFE WORSHIP PRACTICES REVISED: We are glad you are here. As COVID conditions improve, we at Hope are continuing to provide a safe and worshipful environment. Sanitizing stations are still available in the narthex and lobby. We are no longer “encouraging” masks, but they may be worn by those who choose to. Offering plates remain at the rear of the sanctuary for offerings and Record of Fellowship slips. We will continue, for the time being, to utilize continuous distribution of Holy Communion. Following the service, please introduce yourself to one another and enjoy some refreshments outside of the worship area.

HOW TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION? We are offering Holy Communion weekly at each worship service. If you cannot attend worship, please call the church office (215-946-3467) to schedule a time to receive it here at church, privately, or at your home. Pastor Rich is very happy to share this faith strengthening gift with you.

WE ARE HERE TO PRAY FOR YOU. You can call Pastor Rich (215-584-1262), our church office (215-946-3467), or email us at prayerchain@hopelcs.org. We have a team of people who are committed to bring your petitions and requests before our Lord.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR RADIO, PODCAST, AND DEVOTIONALS. The Lutheran Hour Ministries broadcasts sermons on Sundays at 7am on several local station including 107.3FM, 97.1FM, and 91.7FM. See their website for more radio listings, podcasts, and daily devotionals at www.lhm.org.

FROM OUR FINANCIAL OFFICE

Your regular offerings help us to continue our ongoing ministry at Hope.

Mail your offerings to Hope Lutheran Church, 2600 Haines Road, Levittown, PA, 19055

Visit our website at <https://hopelcs.org/giving/online-giving>. Use Bill Pay options with your local bank for one-time or recurring offerings. The bank will pay the postage.

THIS WEEK AT HOPE

The full church calendar may be found on the web at www.HopeLCS.org

Sunday	9:30 am	Worship: In Person	Sanctuary
	9:30 am	Worship: Livestream	www.hopelcs.org/news
	11:45 am	AA at Hope	Outside
Monday		Labor Day: Office Closed	Office
Thursday	7:00 pm	Celebrate Recovery	Room 108
Sunday	9:30 am	Worship: In Person	Sanctuary
	9:30 am	Worship: Livestream	www.hopelcs.org/news
	10:45 am	Adult Bible Class	Room 109
	10:45 am	Children's Sunday School	Room 108
	10:45 am	Confirmation Class Meeting	Room 102
	11:15 am	Rally Day Picnic	Dufendach Center
	11:45 am	AA at Hope	Outside
	7:00 pm	The Parables Bible Study	Zoom