



The following memorials were received in the month of November:

In Memory of Robert Tevis
Given by Larry & Donna Smith

In Memory of Geraldine Vogler
Given by Marge Ziemann & John Ziemann
& Family

In Memory of Eugene Kropp
Given by Al & Dorothy Schreiber

In Memory of Jean Torbert
Given by the Schreiber Family

In Memory of Joyce Sedlak
Given by Doris, Paul & Brenda Hoey



The HLCW will be having their Christmas Luncheon at the Williamsburg Inn, Pulaski Highway on December 6th at 12:00 noon. Everyone will be responsible for their own bill. All ladies of Hope are invited to attend, but we do need reservations. Please call Carol Ogle 410-687-6580 or e-mail ogle728@aol.com.



Please keep in your prayers: : Samantha Abbott, Dorothy Andrews, Connie Baker, Susan Baucom, Joe Bauer, Nancy Black, Evelyn Blazek, Martha Blewicke, Nanny

Block, Robert Brewer, Audrey Brooks, Cathy Bunnell, Frank Burrus, Matthew Calioime, Helen Capecci, Joe Comotto, Betty Creager, Lorene Deckelman, Donald Doss, Kelly Dotterweich, Katlyn Drescher, Marie Dunlap, Allen Farber, Maxine Flohr, Matthew Floyd, Vera Fuchs, Bill Hawver, Hayley Hays, Jay Hedding, Hannah Hemmerley, Karen Hoffman, Karen Holzopfel, Fred Hostetler, Lorrie Irwin, Maria Jimenez, Jeffrey Kahl, Dawn Kulczycki, June Leap, Charles Leiss, Paul Leucht, Donna Marshall, Madelyn Marshall, Sarah Marshall, Slava Mowll, Vivian Muller, Kim Myers, Lily O'Dea, AWilliam Preston, Cliff Rodney, Dorothy Schreiber, Bob Seabold, Ilse Seville, Delma Shrader, Ruth Smith, Helen & Paul Stevenson, Barbara Sutherland, Connie Sweet, Ron Sweet, Jr., Bill Talbott, Michelle Porter-Ward, Noretta Weil, Susan Yelton, and Margaret Ziemann.



Also please remember to pray for all of the active and reserve members of our armed forces, currently serving at home and

abroad, especially: Andrew Atwell, Bowe Bergdahl, Eric Cassavaugh, Ryan Cook, Steven Fischer, April Hendricks, Gary Landa, Jr., Kelsey Miller, Aran Nelson and Evan Page.



What's happening at the
All Stars Learning Center....

- ◆ *The Pre-K will have a Christmas luncheon on Friday, December 16. The children are planning a special holiday program for the parents and guests. You are invited to join us!*
- ◆ The children helped pack 16 shoeboxes full of toys and other items for Samaritans Purse "Operation Christmas Child Wish List". One of our volunteers, Ms. Linda Neary, wrapped the boxes. Ms. Sonya will be tracking the delivery and will let us know what countries receive the boxes. Many thanks to the parents for their donations!
- ◆ Representatives from Marshy Point Nature Center will be visiting us on Friday, January 20, bringing with them two to three animals. We are looking forward to this special visit!

The Center is open from 6:30 AM to 6:00 PM. Please stop by anytime to visit and meet the children!



Christmas Eve Family Service
7:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
11:00 p.m.

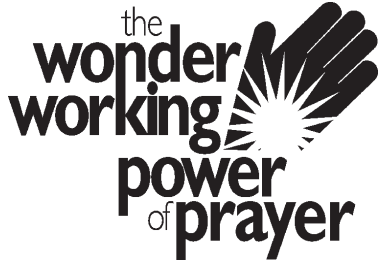


Youth Drop-In

Tuesdays, 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the Christian Ed. Bldg. All children in the 6-12th grades are welcome.



Deadline for the
February Issue
January 11th



Prayer Ministries at Hope Church

Hope Church is a praying church. We believe in the power and importance of prayer, and we are working to expand our prayer ministries to help Hope Church grow. Every baptized believer is called to be a person of prayer, and we invite everyone to become part of our prayer ministries. We give thanks to God for the many healings and other help people have received through the power of prayer here at Hope Church!

Prayer Ministry Coordinator We are seeking a new coordinator. Please contact Pastor if you know of anyone who is interested.

The Prayer Chain is composed of those who commit to pray for others on a daily basis. Each prayer partner decides how many people they would like to pray for, receives a list of names to lift up in prayer, and receives periodic updates by phone or e-mail. To become a prayer partner, or to submit a prayer request, contact the church office or Pastor Charlie at 410-686-7587 or 410-686-2209.

Individual prayer, including anointing and laying on of hands for healing, is offered at the altar rail 15 minutes before each worship service year round. Bring your requests for healing, divine guidance, forgiveness, any other personal need, or just to receive a blessing.

Healing Service formerly was the Prayer Meeting, now meets Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. in the Choir room. All are welcome to join!

Prayer Quilts are made by members of Hope and prayed over by everyone at our worship services to bring healing and comfort to the seriously ill. Contact Ellen Gollhardt 410-238-1716 or elgoll@aol.com if you would like to donate a quilt or to request one for someone in need.

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To the People of Hope,

Grace, mercy and peace be yours in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ! I thank God for each and every one of you each time I pray for you, asking that God will continue to shape you and all of us together into the perfect likeness of Jesus our Lord.



We are going through some tough times right now, along with many of our brothers and sisters in Christ throughout the world. We are struggling to keep our heads above water financially, and I know that many of you are going the extra mile, both in your regular offerings and in your response to special appeals like our boiler fund. Plans are underway to replace our defunct boiler for the sanctuary and to provide a more efficient and effective heating and cooling system for the church offices, choir room and nursery. We are determined to restore heat to the sanctuary in time for our special Christmas services. I thank you for your prayer support for this venture as well as your financial support!

While we work so hard to keep our little ship afloat, we do well to remember why we are here in the first place. Hope Church does not exist to serve the needs of its members. Hope Church exists to serve the needs of God's Mission in this time and place, empowering and sending out our members as missionaries of God's Good News into our homes, our places of work and our circles of family and friends. We are here to be the human embodiment of God's love for all people, living out God's passionate desire to restore all people to relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

Everything we do as a church, we do for the sake of God's mission. As Christmas approaches, one of the most important things each of us can do is to begin praying for the people in our lives (family, neighbors, coworkers, friends) who are not actively involved in a church and need a deeper experience of Christ's love. As you pray for them on a daily basis, hold them lovingly in your heart and ask God to prepare their hearts and to prepare you to reach out and invite them to come to Jesus this Christmas at Hope Church. Recent studies have shown that Christmas is the one time of the year when people who do not attend church are most likely to accept an invitation to come to a worship service. Laying a foundation of prayer and love provides another way for the Holy Spirit to touch a person's heart and make it more likely for that person to say "yes" to an invitation.

Once you have laid that foundation, and within a couple of weeks of Christmas, you then can invite each person you have been praying for to come to Hope Church with you on Christmas Eve and/or the Christmas musical program on December 17. We will be providing printed invitations you can use along with your more personal spoken invitation. This kind of personal contact, grounded in prayer, is by far the single most effective way to spread God's love and bring people into God's family.

When our Bishop, Wolfgang Herz-Lane, took office, he shared his vision for all the congregations of our synod: that we would be vibrant centers of mission for the sake of the world, with every member a missionary called, empowered and sent by God. As we rededicate ourselves to pursuing God's mission in this time and place, I am confident that we will grow both spiritually and numerically.

"I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe." (Ephesians 1:17-19)

Your fellow missionary in Christ's service,

Pastor Charlie Marshall

Advent - Christmas 2011: God is Coming!

November 26-27: Advent 1 - God is Coming: Wake Up! (Mark 14:24-37)

The season of Advent is our annual wake up call from God. In the midst of everything else clamoring for our attention in these busiest weeks of the year, God wants us to wake up and pay attention to what is most important and yet so often overlooked: our relationship with our Creator and Redeemer.

December 3-4: Advent 2 - God is Coming: Repent! (Mark 1:1-8)

We hear the preaching of John the Baptist: "Repent, for the kingdom of God is near!" Come and learn why repentance is not a one shot deal, but in the words of Martin Luther, "the whole life of the believer."

December 10-11: Advent 3 - God is Coming: Rejoice! (Isaiah 61:1-4,8-11)

The joy of Advent is the joy of anticipation, looking forward to and celebrating what we cannot see yet but know is coming. Come and share the joy as we worship God together.

December 17-18: Advent 4 - God is Coming: Surprise! (Luke 1:26-38)

When God finally came to earth, it happened in a way no one was looking for, least of all a teenager named Mary. We worship a God who loves surprises, a God for whom "nothing will be impossible."

December 24, 7 PM & 11 PM: Christmas Eve – God is Here: Celebrate! (Luke 2:1-20)

Gather with us on a lonely hillside and hear the angelic message. Come and worship the newborn King in song and in prayer, and be nourished with his body and blood. A Savior has been born for you!

December 25, 10:45 AM: Christmas Day – God is Here: Share the Good News! (John 1:1-14)

We have the rare opportunity this year to worship together on Christmas Day, after all the hype and hoopla is past, pondering the mystery of the Word Made Flesh, news so great and wonderful that we just can't keep it to ourselves!

January 1 2012, 10:45 AM: New Year's Day - The Name of Jesus (Luke 2:21)

Circumcised on the eighth day like every Jewish boy, Jesus received his name. In baptism, we receive his name on our foreheads, which alone has power to save from sin, death and the power of Satan.

Epiphany 2012: Every Member a Missionary

Every year during the season of Epiphany, Christians remember Jesus' baptism and his missionary work in Galilee: calling and training his disciples, healing the sick, and preaching the good news of God's Kingdom. This year we focus on our calling to be missionaries, carrying on the work of Jesus in our time and place: part of our Bishop's BHAG (Big Hairy Audacious Goal) for every congregation.

January 7-8: Baptism of Our Lord – Baptized With the Spirit - Blessing of the Baptized - Sermon Text: Mark 1:4-11 Our missionary calling is given to us in Baptism. God gives us everything we need to carry out our mission when he gives us his Holy Spirit, the same Spirit which Jesus received when he was baptized in the Jordan River. Join us for a special blessing of all the baptized, including those who were baptized during the past year.

January 14-15: Epiphany 2 – Listening for God - Sermon Text: 1 Samuel 3:1-20; John 1:43-51 Old Eli, in spite of his failings as a father and as a priest, was open to the possibility that the Lord could speak to him through a young boy named Samuel. Nathanael also had to overcome his closed mind to hear God speak through a stranger named Jesus from, of all places, Nazareth. Missionaries listen for God's voice speaking through the people we least expect.

January 21-22: Epiphany 3 – Fishing for People - Sermon Text: Mark 1:14-20 It is no coincidence that the first people Jesus called to be missionaries were fishermen. Come and learn how we can more effectively fish for people as Jesus' missionaries in our time and place.

January 28-29: Epiphany 4 – Speaking With Authority - Sermon Text: 1 Corinthians 8; Mark 1:21-28 Jesus taught with awesome authority and backed up his words with daring actions, as when he cast a demon out of a man. Come and learn how we are to exercise the authority God has given us as missionaries, following Paul's advice to the Corinthian church.

February 4-5: Epiphany 5 – Missionary Motivation - Souper Bowl of Caring - Sermon Text: 1 Corinthians 9:16-23 This weekend, we join with thousands of other congregations from coast to coast in the annual "Souper Bowl of Caring." Our youth will be in the narthex before and after each worship service with soup pots to collect offerings for Eastern Interfaith Outreach (EIO). Missionaries are driven to bring the Gospel to as many people as possible, and will do whatever it takes to get the job done.

February 11-12: Epiphany 6 – Crossing Boundaries - Renewal of Marriage Vows: all services - Sermon Text: Mark 1:40-45 As missionaries we must be prepared to cross religious and cultural boundaries to share the Good News, as Jesus crossed the rigid boundary of clean vs. unclean to touch a leper and make him whole. Join us as we celebrate the annual renewal of marriage vows.

February 18-19: Transfiguration of Our Lord – Proclaiming Jesus - Sermon Text: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9 As missionaries we seek no glory or credit for ourselves or for our church, but only for Jesus. In the same way, Jesus sought no glory for himself but remained totally transparent to his heavenly Father's will. Missionaries always remember: it's not about us, it's about Jesus!



Saturday, December 10th, 8: 00 a.m.to 2:00 p.m. Contact Kathy Gunkel for appointment 410-686-0728 or thegunk28@comcast.net.



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

December 4, 2011



We are once again selling Entertainment Books. Price is \$30. We are also offering another coupon book called "Save Around Baltimore". Price is \$20. If you would like to purchase either book or want more info please see Sharyn Kahl.



CHRISTMAS BASKETS
for the Needy

We will be preparing and distributing our traditional Christmas Baskets again this year. We are looking for donations of the items shown below.

Monetary donations for the food baskets may be made through the Esther Fund. **Deadline for food donations is 12/11.** If you know of a family that is in need for Christmas, please let us know by using the blue information cards and indicate that there is a message on the back of the card. Include your phone number and someone will contact you for more information. Please note that if you donate any of these items we need your receipts so we can get matching funds from Thrivent. We also need boxes, approx. 24" x 24". Any questions see Linda Moler or Sandy Rodney.

Frozen Turkeys	Sauerkraut
Stuffing Mix	Green Beans
Turkey Gravy	Peas
Instant Potatoes	Corn
Cranberry Sauce	Bread
Sweet Potatoes/Yams	Pies



Offering envelopes for 2012 will be ready around the first week in December. Please look in the narthex for your envelopes. If you cannot find envelopes and desire to have them contact the church office and leave a request.

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Saturday, December 17th at 7:00 p.m. Please put the date on your calendar and plan to attend. Angela Stevens, our Music Director, is

putting together a new program which will include youth and our adult choir. You won't want to miss this program!! Mark your calendars! Practices 12:00 p.m. today and December 13th.



December 10th, 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Christian Ed Bldg. All Sunday School children, staff, parents, grandparents & Pastor Charlie are

invited. Trim the tree, carols, popcorn/cranberry strings, food, and Christmas Story. Each child please bring one ornament for the tree. You will get it back but do not bring anything sentimental (just in case).



There will be one service on Christmas Day at 10:45 a.m. We are looking forward to celebrating Christmas with you.



Once again this year, Poinsettias are available to beautify our altar for Christmas.

6" pot with 1 plant - 4 to 6 blooms - \$8.00

Because of the great demand and limited supply it will be necessary for us to have a final figure by **December 4th**. Please fill in the information requested below and place in the offering plate. Please send payment with your order. Make checks payable to Hope Lutheran Church. Please do not plan on removing the plants until following the late service on Christmas Eve.

Name _____

Number of Poinsettias: _____ \$8.00 ea.

Total \$ _____

Poinsettias may be given "In Honor of" a living person, "In Memory of" a deceased person or simply to the "Glory of God". The latter will be assumed if no designation is made.

In Honor/Memory (Circle One)



New Year's Day
WORSHIP SERVICE

There will be only one service on New Year's day at 10:45 a.m. Let us bring in the new year together!

Status of the Boiler

Decision Status. The Boiler Committee met with Mr. Don Albright of Albright's Mechanical Services, Inc. and discussed the final details of the boiler replacement in the main church building. A Weil-McLane boiler rated at 800,000 BTUs per hour heat input will be installed with a two-stage burner and an outdoor reset monitor. The computer operated temperature controller will be replaced with a manual controller and the thermostat controls in the office and hallway will be replaced with programmable thermostats. Currently, these latter two thermostats are manual and depend on somebody remembering to turn them back. Mr. Albright estimates that we should realize at least a 25% reduction in our fuel consumption with the new system. The total bill for the boiler system with controls and thermostats is \$19,000.

Funding Status. To date, we have received donations totaling \$5,600, which covered the down payment that had to be made. We are scheduled to have the installation complete by Friday, December 16, 2011. Between, now and then we need \$13,400, either as loans or as donations. We are appealing to our members to consider loaning Hope Lutheran Church the funds we need as a three-year loan, with simple interest paid quarterly at an annual percentage rate of 1.3%. We have already had a loan commitment of \$5,000, so the balance we need to finance is \$8,400. While beggars shouldn't be picky, we have set a minimum loan amount per member/family of \$1,000. If the balance we need to pay for the boiler is obtained through loans, the total payback at the end of three years will be \$14,000. Therefore, at this point we will need donations to the boiler fund over the next three years which total \$14,000. ***Please consider how you can contribute to the boiler fund over the next three years.***

Please contact Donna Smith by telephone, (410) 574-2681, or by email, donnas@chesapeakemachine.com, to let her know that you will loan Hope Church funds towards the purchase of the boiler and how much you will loan us. This is a "fluid" situation and we will keep you up to date in the weekly bulletin regarding donations and loans received.