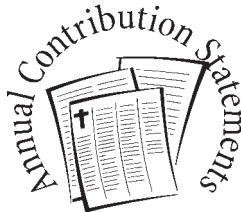




The following memorials were received in the months of December and January:

In Memory of Brenda Leap
Given by Connie Hagenbuch
Given by LeRoy & Carol Ogle
Given by HLCW

In Memory of Hal Morgan
Given by Connie Hagenbuch



Annual Contribution Statements for the year 2011 are now ready and can be found on the table in the narthex. If you cannot find your statement please contact the church office.



If you haven't picked up your offering envelopes for 2012, please do so at your earliest convenience. They can be found on the table in the narthex. If you cannot find your envelopes or wish to receive envelopes please contact the church office.



Please keep in your prayers: : Samantha Abbott, Dorothy Andrews, Chelsea Atkinson, Joe Bach, Susan Baucom, Joe Bauer, Dennis & Gail Berry, Evelyn Blazek, Audrey

Brooks, Cathy Bunnell, Helen Capecci, Marissa Carl, Michael Carl, Nikki Cash, Joe Comotto, Betty Creager, Lorene Deckelman, Norman DeRossett, Donald Doss, Kelly Dotterweich, Greg & Austin Dowell, Marie Dunlap, Putzer Evans, Allen Farber, Kristen Faust, Matthew Floyd, Vera Fuchs, James Gallo, Mordecai & Shoshanna Goldstein, Bill Hawver, Jay Hedding, Hannah Hemmerley, Karen Hoffman, Karen Holzopfel, Fred Hostetler, Lorrie Irwin, Jill, Jeffrey Kahl, Marlene Kahl, Jill Kaminsky, Katie, Michelle Kincaid, Dawn Kulczycki, June Leap, Paul Leucht, Mary Lindsay, Donna Marshall, Madelyn Marshall, Sarah Marshall, Slava Mowll, Vivian Muller, Linda Neary, Ethan Neukam, Lily O'Dea, William Preston, Lee Pritchard, Bernie Richards, Cliff Rodney, Dorothy Schreiber, Chelsey Senkus, Ilse Seville, Delma Shrader, Larry Smith, Ruth Smith, Helen & Paul Stevenson, Barbara Sutherland, Connie Sweet, Nancy Sweet, Ron Sweet, Jr., Bill Talbott, Michelle Porter-Ward, Noretta Weil, Jeff Wiley, Denise Woutila, Fred Wunder, Amy Yankolonis, Susan Yelton, Susan Yum 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...

- Representatives from Marshy Point Nature Center visited us on Friday, January 20, they brought several animals with them. We enjoyed this special visit!
- The first Pre-K Christmas Pageant was a success! Thanks again to our Pre-K teacher, Sonya Webb, and to our music teacher, Jackie Morgan, for their hard work and dedication!
- The children had a Birthday Party for Jesus on Friday, December 23rd.

Items needed for the Center

The following items are needed for the Center. If you are able to donate any of these items, please let Linda Moler know or drop them by the Center during operating hours Monday through Friday, 6:30 AM to 6:00 PM or on Sunday mornings. Thank you!

- stamps and ink pads for arts and crafts
- stickers
- small items for treasurer box incentives, such as toys, stickers, girls headbands, cars, coloring books.



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 March Issue February 15th

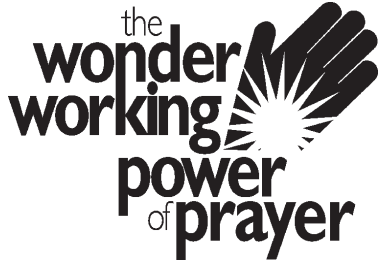


Thank You Dear Hope Lutheran Church,

Our family would like to say thank you. The prayers, flowers, cards and memorial donations have helped during this difficult time.

Thank you and God bless,

The Family of Brenda E. Leap



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.

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.

Hope Messenger February, 2012

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It has now been almost a year since I had my "God-moment," when I saw with crystal clarity what God had in mind for Hope Church and for me. That was when I announced to all of you that I was making myself available

to consider accepting a call to another congregation. What lay behind my decision was my conviction that Hope Church was in urgent need of transformation, and that I would do all in my power to help it happen, even if it meant leaving Hope to make room for a new pastor if that was God's plan. I said then and I say now that I am in no hurry to leave Hope Church. I have placed my future entirely in God's hands, and at this point I am happily staying right here.



With the guidance and support of the synod, especially Assistant to the Bishop Kati Kluckman-Ault, we have made significant progress on the road to transformation. We have begun the transition to a new leadership structure and approach to ministry that will help us pursue God's mission here more effectively. We are seeking to live according to our Bishop's Big, Hairy, Audacious Goal (BHAG) to be "a vital center of God's mission for the sake of the world," where "every member is a missionary."

And "every member" most certainly includes YOU! I am praying for each and every one of you, every day, that God will fill you to overflowing with God's Holy Spirit and help you to take your own place in God's mission here at Hope Church. There is plenty of work to be done for the Lord, and my hope and dream is for every member of Hope Church to be actively engaged in mission as part of one of our ministry teams. I ask you to prayerfully consider where God wants you to serve:

Worship Team: assisting minister, communion server, lay reader, singer, instrumentalist, usher, altar care, powerpoint or sound board operator.

Learning Ministry Team: teaching or helping in Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, or small group Bible study; volunteering in our All Stars Learning Center.

Youth Ministry Team: encouraging and working with our youth (grades 6-12) in fellowship, learning, and service, in order to help them grow spiritually as disciples of Jesus.

Outreach Team: organizing fellowship activities within the congregation and responding to needs in the community, including Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets and food pantry.

Prayer Team: providing prayer support for all the ministries of Hope Church; praying for those in need of healing, comfort and strength as part of our prayer chain; participating in weekly prayer group; prayer quilt ministry.

Care Team: keeping in caring touch with fellow members and others through phone calls, cards, weekly mailings and visits to the sick and homebound; bringing communion to those unable to attend church.

Evangelism Team: inviting and welcoming newcomers to all of our worship services and ministries, and helping them to get involved in the life and mission of Hope Church.

Stewardship Team: planning, carrying out and following up on our annual stewardship appeal

Other Ministry Teams: Streets of Hope homeless shelter; church dinners and other fund raising events; Hope Lutheran Church Women (HLCW).

Let no one say, "There is nothing I can do." There is a place for you to be actively involved in God's mission right here at Hope. Let's all roll up our sleeves and get to work. To God be the glory!

Your fellow servant in Christ,

Pastor Charlie Marshall

Hope Messenger February, 2012

February Worship Themes

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.

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!

Lent 2012: Share the Good News

During the 40 days of Lent this year we will explore the Gospel: the good news of what God has done in and through Jesus Christ, the message by which we are saved, the message which we as Christians are called to share with the whole world.

Wednesday, February 22: Ash Wednesday – Be Reconciled to God - Sermon text: 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10 - *Brief Spoken Service at 12:30 PM; Full Service of Communion with Ashes at 7:30 PM* - To be reconciled is to be brought back to a right relationship with God when we hear and believe the Gospel message of what God has done for us in Jesus Christ. Come and give your heart to God all over again as we begin the spiritual journey of Lent, and learn how you can help bring others to God.

February 25-26: First Sunday in Lent – God's Kingdom is Near - Sermon text: Mark 1:9-15 - In his ministry in Galilee, Jesus announced the dawn of a new age – the Kingdom of God – hidden in the midst of an old, dying world. This Gospel of the Kingdom has the power to transform the lives of all who hear it. Come and learn how you can help others to "repent and believe in the good news."

Lenten Midweek Series: Transformed by the Gospel

Each Wednesday in Lent this year (February 29 – March 28) we will hear a story from the book of Acts about a person whose life was changed by the gospel message. We begin February 29 with a man who was lame from birth. (Acts 3-4). Soup Supper 6:15 PM; Lenten Service 7:30 PM



Hope Lutheran Church Women

Thank you to everyone who made our prior cake sales a success - from baking, buying or any other participation. We will resume the cake sales starting the first Sunday in February. Look for upcoming notices.

As Lent is just around the corner, we will be having our Pancake Supper on Shrove Tuesday, February 21st. It will be held from 5:00-7:00 p.m. in the Christian Education Building. Pancakes, sausage, applesauce, coffee, tea and punch. Come and join us for some tasty pancakes. There will be a freewill offering to offset our cost.

We will be serving delicious hot cross buns after the Ash Wednesday service on February 22nd - stop by for a treat before heading home.

Then starting on Wednesday, February 29th we will be having our Lenten Soup Suppers before Lenten Services. Look for a sign-up sheet for soups and desserts. We had a very nice turn out last year for the suppers and hope this year will be the same or better. The dates are: February 29, March 7, 14, 21 and 28. Soup will be served from 6:16 - 7:00 p.m. Come and enjoy a bowl (or two or three) of soup and end with a selection of delicious desserts. Lenten Services begin at 7:30 p.m.

The HLCW meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 9:30 a.m. in the Choir Room. We do not meet in July or August. After our meeting, we have a short Bible study. All women of Hope Church are welcome to attend. We would love to see you at one of our meetings.

We are still recycling cell phones, ink cartridges, cameras and toner cartridges. The collection boxes are located in both the church area and education building. Also, we are still recycling aluminum cans - place the clean cans along side the shed for pick-up.

Our baby blanket ministry is going strong - anyone interested in crocheting or knitting a baby blanket for baptisms, please contact Bobbi Floyd at 410-682-3593. The blankets are given to all babies (infants) that are baptized at our Church.

God's Blessings,

The HLCW



It isn't too early to start to think about summer camp at Mar-Lu-Ridge Camp & Retreat Center. Summer Camp registration is now open! Check out their brochure online and choose

your camp - there is something for everyone. Small group camping, arts, adventure (new this year: Workers in the Vineyard), Night Owls, Swimming Camp, Guitar Camp, and so much more. Family Camp is already filling up, so select from two sessions and join the fun. They provide programming for everyone: Ages 6-10: day Camp, Ages 6-17: Residential, Families and Adults. Call the office with questions - they will help you choose the perfect week!

Sarah Lefler, Executive Director
Elliott Morris, Associate Director
Phone: 1-800-238-9974
E-mail: mlr@mar-lu-ridge.org
Web: www.mar-lu-ridge.org



Presidents' Day
February 20th - Office Closed



Roast Beef
Dinner

February 18th
3:00-6:00 p.m.

Cost is \$10 per person - 2nd helpings included, \$5 for children under 12 and children under 4 are free. Tell your neighbors, friends and family and come out and support our fundraiser.



All married couples don't forget to join us February 11th or 12th as we celebrate all the "little things" that make up a loving marriage and renew our marriage vows together.



**SOUPER
BOWL
of CARING**

Nearly 100 million Americans are expected to tune in to watch the Super Bowl. Many of them will be hosting or attending parties with abundant food, friendship and fellowship. At the same time, nearly 1 billion

people will be hungry - some worrying about staying warm, finding shelter and securing the next meal.

Please join us in remembering the hungry this Super Bowl - and give a donation to help fight hunger after worship on Saturday, February 4 or Sunday, February 5.

There will be soup pots one marked for each of the teams in the Super Bowl in the narthex. Please put your generous donation in the pot of your choice.



February 22nd
Holy Communion Services
with imposition of ashes
Spoken Service (No Music) 12:30 p.m.
Full Service 7:30 PM



SHROVE TUESDAY

You are invited to attend a Pancake Supper, Shrove Tuesday, February 21st from 5:00-7:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend. Just drop by the Christian Ed Bldg. anytime between 5-7 and celebrate Shrove Tuesday with us. This event is sponsored by the HLCW. A freewill offering will be taken.



It is that time of year again when we will be having soup suppers before the Wednesday evening Lenten services. The first supper will be on February 29th at 6:15 p.m. A sign-up sheet has been posted in the narthex for contributions of soup and desserts. If you are unable to make soup and would like to participate, we can purchase soup for \$10 if you wish to make a monetary contribution. Thanks again for your help in this ministry and please join us for fellowship and worship during this Lenten season.



Wednesday Evening Lenten Services will begin on February 29th and continue thru March 28th at 7:30 p.m. in the Christian Education Building. Please join us on our Lenten journey.

WE'RE GOING TO A



BALL GAME!

IRONBIRDS Game – Believe it or not, we are already thinking about next summer. Please mark your calendars for Saturday, June 30th. We have reserved tickets at \$13 each. There will be a fireworks display after the game. Contact Kathy Gunkel to reserve your tickets (410-686-0728, thegunk28@comcast.net). We have a limited number of tickets and it is first come, first serve.



The 2012 sponsor sheet is on the bulletin board in the hallway next to the flower chart. If you wish to sponsor the "Messenger" please sign up. Sponsorship is \$12.50 and must be paid one month in advance of chosen month. There can be 2 sponsors a month. You can use flower envelopes and mark it for Messenger.

Altar Flowers



The flowers sitting on either side of the altar each Sunday are made possible by members of the congregation "buying" the arrangements and dedicating them in memory or in honor of a loved one or dedicating them to the glory of God. The

cost of the flowers is \$12.50 per arrangement and after the conclusion of the late Sunday worship service, you may take the arrangement home with you. With care and watering, these arrangements can last two to three weeks. Alternatively, you may donate the arrangements to the church and Pastor Charlie will take the arrangements to a shut-in to enjoy.

There is a poster hanging in the hallway just past the doorway to the Choir Room where one can sign up to dedicate an arrangement. Envelopes are available on the poster's bulletin board to use to submit payment and to advise of the dedication for the flower arrangement. There are two arrangements available for dedication each weekend. Flower arrangements for dedications are still available for the Sunday's listed below. If a date appears twice, that means both arrangements are available for dedication. If a date appears once, that means only one arrangement is available for dedication.

February
5, 12, 19

April
29

June
24

July
1, 8

August
26

September
2, 16, 23

October
21, 28

November
18

December
9, 16