



The following memorials were received in the month of May:

In Memory of Betty Seidel
Given by Fred Wunder
Given by Bill & Carolyn Hawver

In Memory of Naomi Dawson
Given by Carolyn Horan

In Memory of LaVera Yekstat
Given by Helen Cogle



Helen Cogle
26032 Veterans Memorial Highway
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A Poem For Volunteers

Once upon eternity, above the clouds so high,
there were some chosen Angels,
who had no wings to fly.
Their hands were made for helping,
their hearts were tender too,
their smiles were warm and happy,
and glowed as halos do.
So God sent down these Angels,
because they were such dears,
to spread their gentle love on earth,
We call them volunteers.

-Writer Unknown
Submitted by Dora Lee Price



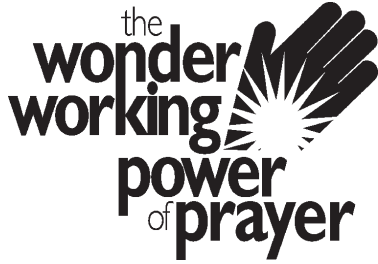
Please keep in your prayers:
Rose Airey, Bill Alexander,
Beverly Barr, Susan
Baucom, Joe & Nancy
Bauer, Barbara Bender,
Alberta Bischer, Russell

Blosser, Audrey Brooks, Gavin Byrd, Marissa
Carl, Cincotta Family, Derek Cobb, Steven
Daneker, Ruby Davis, Sylvia Davis, Ed Dilley,
Jr., Jim Drotar, ELCA, Linda Ewing, Allen
Farber, Ellen Fretterd, Joe Fuchs, Vera Fuchs,
Peggy Gilroy, Amy Grant, Tyler Guzman,
Barbara Hanke, Dorothy Harris, Bill & Caro-
lyn Hawver, Billy Hawver, Ty Hawver,
Charles Henry, Karen Holzopfel, Carolyn
Horan, Helen Hughes, Harriet Humphrey,
Vickie Humphrey, Amber Irwin & Family,
Joseph Karwacki, Peggy Kasten, Jerry Keath,
Vicki Kegriss, Josh Konivel, Phil Koubik, Becky
Krupkowski, Dawn Kulczycki, Beth & Paul
Leucht, Robert Logue, Edith Manley, Bob
Marshall, Madelyn Marshall, Sarah Marshall,
Lenora Massey, Kathryn Matthews, Alex
McCall, George McKenney, Bob Meyer,
Robert Mitten, Faith Morrison, Slava Mowll,
Sondra Nance, Iverly Oakes, Billy Ortel, June
Protani, Al Ross & Family of Diana Ross,
Virginia Russell, Wayne Scanlon, Jeanine
Schenning, Robin Schlag, Dorothy Schreiber,
Delma Shrader, Lloyd Simon, Helen & Paul
Stevenson, Scott Stewart, Heidi Stewart,
Connie Sweet, Travis Tagliaferro, Bill Talbott,
Richard Thomas, Jean Torbert, Debby Weath-
ers, Jeremy Whaley, Vernon Whaley, Ray
Wilson, Tiffanie Woutila, Martha Youst, and
Margaret Ziemann.



Also please remember to pray
for those who are serving our

nation in the Armed Forces: Steven Fischer
(Alaska), Tim Oakes, Jr., Evan Page, and
Kristen Reich.



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!

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, Pastor Charlie, or prayer chain coordinator Joyce Glover at (410) 335-3061.

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 Group meets year round on **Thursdays at 6:30 PM**. We are currently meeting in the Pastor's office. During our 30 minute guided prayer time we open our hearts to God, receive Christ's affirmation, offer thanks for God's blessings, ask for God's help for ourselves, and pray for one another and others in need. No prior experience in group prayer is needed; just come! Curious? Come and check us out. Pastor Charlie is also available for prayer and conversation in his office by appointment.

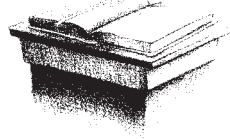
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Aluminum Can Drive

Bring in your aluminum cans and leave them by the shed next to the Educational Bldg. **Please clean cans only.**

Study ^{the Bible} with us



We offer the following Bible Study opportunities here at Hope Church during the summer months. Please feel free to join any one or both of them. Monday mornings at 10:00 a.m. in the educational building and Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. after the worship service.



**Deadline for the July-August Issue
June 10th**



There will be a blood drive, Saturday, June 6th, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. here at Hope Church in the Christian Educational Building.

Volunteers will be needed that day to serve as hosts and hostesses, so please check your calendars and reserve June 6th to help with the drive.



YOUTH DROP-IN

Youth drop-in is has stopped for the summer. Watch future issues of the Messenger for start up date.

Food donations, store bought or home made, will also be needed, so if you can't help that day maybe you can donate food. The Blood Drive coordinator is Kathy Gunkel. For more info you can reach Kathy at 410-686-0722 or thegunk28@comcast.net.

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Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On May 28-29, three lay people and I will be attending the annual synod assembly in Ocean City. Hope Church is an integral part of the Delaware-Maryland Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), and each of these larger expressions of the Church is organized similarly. Like our congregation, the synod and the ELCA have a council that meets regularly to make important decisions and guide the work of the church. Like Hope, our synod has an annual meeting at which every congregation is represented through voting members sent by each congregation. Our voting members this year are Bob Schweitzer (President of our congregation), Debbie Cannon (Director of the Board of Outreach), and Ellen Gollhardt (Bethel Series leader and Board member). In the same way, our synod will be sending voting members to the biennial churchwide assembly of the ELCA in Minneapolis Aug. 17-23. There will be 1,045 voting members from 65 synods and 10,448 congregations serving on behalf of the 4,709,203 baptized members of the ELCA (including you and me).

Each year our synod assembly has a theme, and this year's is *The Bible: Book of Faith*, lifting up a major new emphasis of our ELCA which is encouraging every member of every congregation to devote themselves to the study of God's Word. We stress the importance of Bible reading and small group Bible study here at Hope, and I am pleased that all congregations are being encouraged to grow in this area. Please avail yourself of the many opportunities to grow in God's Word here at Hope!

There are many challenges before our synod and the whole ELCA. As I have shared with you before, the most pressing and divisive is the issue of the church's policies and teaching on human sexuality. After a very lengthy study and much debate, our ELCA will be deciding at the assembly in August whether to adopt a proposed new social statement on sexuality, as well as some proposed changes to our church's policy regarding the recognition of lifelong, monogamous same-gender unions and whether persons living in such unions may serve as pastors. Current ELCA policy excludes both. The recommendation coming before the ELCA assembly in August, if adopted, would permit both, not across the board for everyone, but only for those synods and congregations whose consciences, guided by Scripture, lead them to do so. The biblical principle behind this recommendation is our calling as Christians to respect the personal conscience of fellow believers, especially when this conflicts with our own personal conscience. The hope is that we will be able to remain a united church while allowing for differences in conscience and practice in this highly charged arena of human sexuality.

Whatever decision is reached at the ELCA Assembly will be made with much prayerful deliberation and soul-searching. My fervent hope and prayer is that we will be able to preserve the unity of this church through the actions we take and through the manner in which we take those actions.

I call on you to keep Hope Church, the Delaware-Maryland Synod, and our ELCA as a whole in prayer as we gather to seek God's will for the future life of all our congregations, in all aspects of congregational life. Pray for the continued unity of Christ's Church, and for God's guidance for all those who will have to make tough decisions that will affect the future of the Church.

May God bless you as we walk God's road together!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Charlie Marshall

P.S. If you would like to study and discuss with me and/or with some fellow believers the issue of the church's response to human sexuality, please let me know.

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Messenger Dedication

June Worship Theme: Leadership

June is a month for leadership, as we honor our fathers on Fathers Day and install new leaders here at Hope Church. Worship with us we learn from Jesus and others in the Bible about the nature and power of leadership.

June 4 & 7: The Holy Trinity – Here I Am! (Isaiah 6:1-8) Summer Schedule Begins: One Service at 9:30 AM (alternating between more traditional and more contemporary in worship style), followed by **Adult Bible Study at 10:45 AM. Traditional Sunday - Holy Baptism (9:30 service)** Today we explore how God called Isaiah to be a prophet, and how God continues to call men and women to lead God's people today, as we celebrate our baptismal faith in God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

June 11 & 14: Aiming to Please (2 Corinthians 5:6-17) Contemporary Sunday Paul's second letter to the Corinthians is all about leadership, as many in that New Testament church were questioning his leadership credentials and style. In these verses, Paul tells how Christian leaders make it their aim to please their leader, Jesus Christ.

June 18 & 21: Peace! Be Still! (Mark 4:35-41) Traditional Sunday - Fathers Day Leadership includes the ability to remain calm and project a sense of peace, especially when the storms of life are raging all around you, as we learn in the story of Jesus calming the storm. Join us as we give thanks for all fathers and the leadership they provide for their families in troubled times.

June 25 & 28: Fear Not, Only Believe (Mark 5:21-43) Contemporary Sunday – Installation of Elected Officers and Board Members Like the leader of the synagogue in today's Gospel, faithful leaders listen to Jesus' reassuring voice when others see no hope. Join us as we install and pray for our new leaders at Hope Church.



Happy Father's Day

June 21, 2009



May 31st was the last day of Sunday School for the summer. Classes will resume on Sunday, September 13th, Rally Day. We wish everyone a safe, healthy and blessed summer.



The board welcomes all new members and we pray God's blessings upon each member.

May 31st was Pentecost Sunday and Christopher Harrison, Steven Horney and Allison Tarr were confirmed. We pray God's blessings on each one of our young people.

Although confirmation class will be discontinued for the summer all students are expected to attend church on a regular basis, to continue to do a service to the church and fill out a sermon report form.

Vacation Bible School will be July 6-10 from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. VBS has something for everyone. This is the VBS you don't want to miss. Invite a friend to come and spend a week at the Discovery Canyon. Registration is going on now. Visit the church narthex and pick up a registration form.



One service begins on June 7th at 9:30 a.m. As in the past we will alternate between traditional and contemporary style services. Let's use this as a time for fellowship with our christian brothers and sisters, some of whom you may not know because they attend another service.

We ask everyone who is physically able to walk from the parking lot to the church not park in the handicap spaces out front. We need these for those who are unable to walk that distance. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

We wish all a blessed summer.



A study of the Ray Vander Laan Films from the perspective of his own workshop. Any Bethel Series students (current or past) are welcome and we will meet on Wednesday, June 3, at 10:00 a.m.

in the choir room. This workshop will last for five weeks and will cover the first DVD in the series. No cost. The leader will be Ellen Gollhardt.

Thank you, all!

To all my church family - Thank you so much for all your love, cards and prayers. I am so blessed to belong to such a loving church family.

A special thank you to Pastor Charlie for all his visits, love and prayers. We are very blessed to have such a caring Pastor.

Love and God's Blessings,
Sue Baucom



The Rainbow Puppets performed during Sunday School and

Church on Mother's Day, May 12th. They also performed at the Spring Fling on Saturday, May 16th.

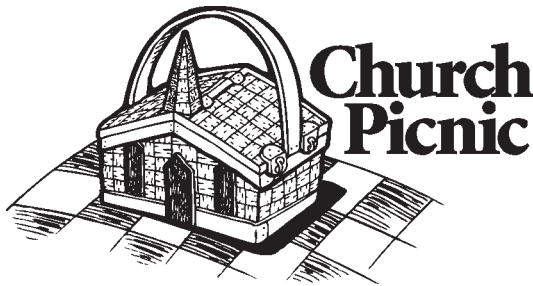
The Youth Band, "The Messengers" also performed at the Spring Fling.

The proceeds from this year's Spring Fling will go toward sending our youth to christian retreats. They will also make a donation to the Johns Hopkins Cancer Center for Children.

May's fun activity was going to the movies on May 22nd.

Pizza Hut Night is Wednesday, June 3rd, 5:00-9:00 p.m. The TNT will get a percentage of the sales - last year was 20%. TNT will be donating this money to our Vacation Bible School.

Contact Mary Smith for more information at plantlady333@gmail.com or 443-600-0678.



Mark your calendars! Our annual picnic will be held this year at Wilson Point Park on Sunday, September 13. The park is located at 950 Beech Drive, off Wilson Point Road. Further details and driving directions will be provided. We hope to see you there!



Hope Lutheran Church Women

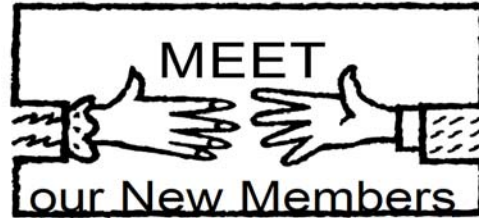
The Hope Lutheran Church Women's group needs you! We are currently trying to get more ladies to join our group. Our present ladies are willing and eager to share their wisdom and knowledge to a younger group in order to keep the HLCW up and going. A lot of our activities we can no longer do because we just don't have the energy anymore! The HLCW, as you know, is very instrumental in the work of Hope Church - your Church! We have fundraisers and other interesting activities throughout the year. Some of you are already helping by giving contributions when we need them.

The only requisition to join us - you must be a member of Hope Church. That is it - so please find some time to join us on the first Monday of each month. We meet in the Christian Education Building at 7:00 p.m. - you will enjoy it!

If you need any other information, or just have some questions, ask any current participating member - we will be glad to help you. At the 8:15 a.m. service - Joyce Glovier, Connie Hagenbuch, Carolyn Hawver, Irene Klingenstein, Tillie Miller, Carol Ogle, Dorothy Schreiber or Catherine Wohlleben. At the 10:45 a.m. service - Ellen Gollhardt, Linda Moler or Peggy Talbott. Contemporary Service - Joyce Glovier. You could just show up at one of our meetings. We would love to have you!

In Christian Love,

HLCW



The following people joined Hope Church on May 17, 2009. Please introduce yourselves and make them feel welcome!

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Brooke M. & Hayley A. Hays
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Francis & Zegbeh Kpadeh
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Steven M. & Jade D. Lightner
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Isaac & Kulbah Mulbah
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410-391-8159

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410-574-5606



We wish all graduates much success in the future and ask that the congregation hold them in prayer as they continue in their education or chosen field.

Kiersten Airey - graduated from Bel Air High School - June 2nd - hopes to go to culinary school. She is the granddaughter of Rose Airey.

Everett J. Glovier - graduated from North Harford High School - June 3rd - is going to Harford Community College in the fall for computer science and photography. He is the grandson of Jim & Joyce Glovier.

Rachel Hedding - graduated from Eastern Technical High School - June 3rd. She is the daughter of Tammy Hedding.

Michael D. Horney - graduated from Chesapeake High School - June 2nd. He is the son of Rodney & Patty Horney.

Matthew Klingenstein - graduated from Perry Hall High School - May 29th - plans to go to Essex Community College for their two year program before transferring to Towson State to become a high school teacher. He is the son of Edward & Alice Klingenstein, III and grandson of Ed & Irene Klingenstein.

Joanna Marshall - graduated from Maryland Institute College of Art - May 18th - will be working in graphic design at Under Armor. She is the daughter of Pastor Charles & Caroline Marshall.

Ethan Neukam - graduated from Eastern Technical High School - June 3rd - hopes to be accepted in Towson State for this fall term. He is the son of Franklin Neukam, Sr. and grandson of Ed & Irene Klingenstein.

Joseph Wiegand, Jr. - graduated from Eastern Technical High School - June 3rd - plans to apply for an electrician apprenticeship. He is the son of Susan Wiegand.