



HOPE'S HAPPENINGS

February 2022



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COUNCIL INFORMATION

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 9, @ 6:30 p.m.

- Diane Ohlinger (President): 610-463-8150
- Henry Adam (Vice President): 484-256-7999
- Renee Muth (Treasurer): 484-646-9082
- Jen Trumbauer (Secretary): 610-781-1810
- Dorene Behney: 610-682-6052
- Stacy Bechtel: 610-914-9537
- Susie Kunkel: 484-824-0186

WORSHIP & MUSIC

Worship Services begin at 10:30 a.m. each Sunday

- Feb. 6- Holy Communion-
- Feb 13- Regular Worship- Souper Bowl Sunday
- Feb. 20- Regular Worship-
- Feb. 27- Holy Communion-



- 1-Marilyn Bucks
- 2- Archie Hill,
- 2-Karen Rauch
- 4- Dennis Heffner
- 9- Dorothy Bailey
- 11- Betty Hottenstein
- 16- Lisa Hilbert,
- 16-Alfred Roth Jr.
- 19- Pauline Watts
- 20- Michael Kline
- 24- Christine Helbert
- 24- Logan Trumbauer
- 27- Ken Schwoyer
- 28- Helen Schellenberger



12- Walter & Linda Reinert

It is hard to believe that winter weather is fast approaching. In the event that we would need to cancel church please watch WFMZ 69 or Hope's FB page for updates.

Be sure to check out our Facebook page at **Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church, Bowers, PA** for up-to-date events/activities.



PRAYER CONCERNS

FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF HOPE CHURCH

Lillian Schowalter, Ruthann Reed, Russell Bucks, Bill Miller

LONG-TERM PRAYER LIST:

Carrie Kistler, Miriam Reed, Michael Smaltz

SHUT-INS:

Peg Fenstermacher, Grace Frantz, Raymond Geiger, Mae Kunkel, Lorraine Laros, William Luckenbill. Robert Schappell, Richard Scheiwe, Donna Schwoyer



Hope Member Opportunities

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY- Feb 13

Bring a can of soup or contribute a few \$\$ to the food bank in exchange for a bowl of homemade soup and sandwiches after church. (Eat in or Take Out).

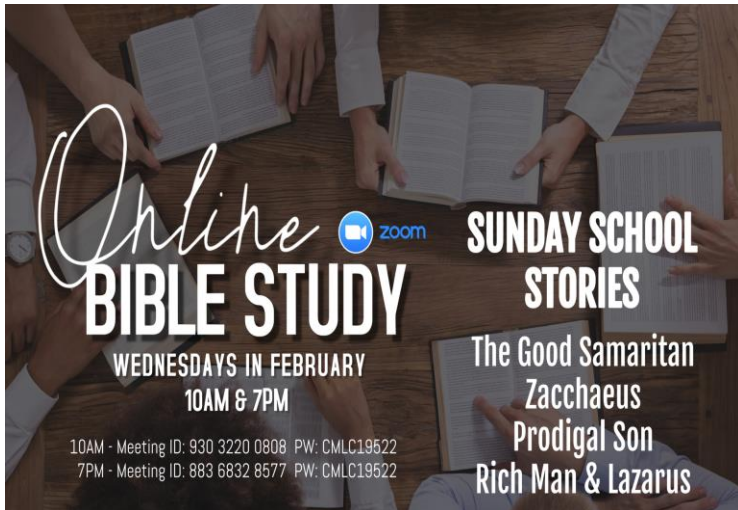
BACKPACK FOOD PROGRAM

The Brandywine Heights Area High School has been collecting food items for their Backpack Buddies initiative which provides healthy snacks and food for kids in food-insecure homes on weekends. Recently, students from the high school life skills class have gotten involved by organizing the food and filling the backpacks. They take inventory and make a list of the items that were not donated and are in low supply. Through gift card donations, they have also begun grocery shopping for the needed items which provides the opportunity for them to practice real-world life skills while supporting such a beneficial program.

We have received a request to donate Weis Gift cards in any amount to support this program. Gift cards can be sent to the church, given to a member of council or dropped in the offering basket.

Flower/Candle Sponsors- We are currently looking for people to sponsor the flowers and eternal candle for the remainder 2022 year. Flowers are \$40 week and the Candle is \$16 for the month. Due to the closing of Trexler Florist, flowers are now supplied by Tracey's Flowers in Fleetwood. To be a sponsor, please contact Teresa Bechtel or Dorene Behney.

I have found it challenging to do a consistent LIVE bible study during these pandemic days. I am trying to get folks ready for Lent by doing a ZOOM bible study of Wednesdays in February.



Meeting Login Info:

10 AM: ID- 93032200808

7PM: ID- 88368328577

Password for both meetings: CMLC19522

Just for Laughs

THE FAMILY CIRCUS®

By Bil Keane



"Heaven is a great big hug that lasts forever."

Annual Meeting Highlights

* Cole Geisinger a Scout with troop # 575 Longswamp, presented an action plan to restore our bells to fulfill his Eagle Scout requirements. The bells have been transported to Elderhorst Bell Company to be refurbished and the plan is to create a functional display in the grassy area in front of the building. After some discussion his plan was approved. The tentative completion date is late spring or early summer.

* The proposed 2022 budget was approved.

* Volunteers are needed to join the Bowers Cemetery Board and Church Council. The Cemetery Board meets quarterly; Church Council meets once a month. Meetings generally last less than two hours. We ask you to please consider filling one of these roles. A big thank you goes out to Pauline Watts for her willingness to serve on council. The next council meeting will be a reorganizational meeting and will be held on Wed Feb 9th at 6:30. Any active member who finds it in their heart to fulfill one of these roles is invited to attend this meeting to get a better understanding of the responsibilities.

Help Wanted

We are in need of some help in the office to type & print our weekly bulletins, respond to phone calls and emails and complete light clerical tasks. This is a paid position requiring less than five hours per week. Most tasks can be completed remotely. Contact Diane Ohlinger if you can help us out or know of someone who can.