

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH 1901 MIDDLEBOROUGH RD, ESSEX MD 21221





Dear Friends in Christ,

"Grow in Knowledge and Grace!"

"But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity." 2 Peter 3:18

I love this time of year!

The grass is green, flowers are blooming, the sun is shining! It is during these beautiful months I look around and am amazed at the amount of growth I see. Even my kids seem to grow a lot during these months. As I gaze at the beauty of God's amazing creation, I am struck by the question, "How am I growing at this season of my life?"

It's actually a hard question to answer. Each of us grows in so many different ways. We can become overwhelmed by it all, much like our senses can become overwhelmed by everything coming into bloom at the same time. With that in mind, let's narrow it down to a more specific question from our text above. How are you growing in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ?

The reason I want to talk about this question now is because while nature is growing, our relationship with Christ tends to fall behind a bit at this time of year. And while that is not desirable, it is understandable. Consider the things which pull our focus away: kids off school, family vacations, increased activities and events. In what is supposed to be a few months of relaxation, many find it just the opposite. So many things can pull us away from focusing on growing in our relationship with Christ!

And it is to avoid this happening that I believe we each need to ask ourselves, **"How am I growing in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ?"** If we aren't asking the question now, we won't be prepared to keep it a priority when life seeks to pull us away. Here are some things you can do to continue to grow in your relationship with Jesus Christ amidst the chaos that often seeks to distract us.

- Try to attend worship whenever possible, whether here at Hope or at a church in your travels!
- If you aren't able to attend worship, try listening to sermons and/or Bible studies online.
- Keep a devotional book like "Christ in Our Home" (which our church provides) in your car or purse and read it whenever you get a chance to pause and focus on Christ.
- If you are with family or friends, invite them to join you in your devotion.
- Pause and pray. Connecting with our Lord and Savior in prayer is vital. It can be a 20- minute prayer or a 20-second prayer. The point is not the amount of time, but about taking time.

Remember God's Grace! No matter how chaotic life gets, God's love and grace for you is constant. It is unwavering and always there for you! Grab on to it and just like we watch the flowers bloom in the spring and summer, watch as God's grace grows in you!

Yours in Christ,

~Pastor Meheret

Keep them in your prayers

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| Edgar Amos, Jr. | Sara Garrett & Family | Jim Ogle |
| Louise Amoss | Cassidy Gore | Pat Owens |
| Gail Anuszewski | Ruth Gunn | Francesca Prado |
| Connie Baker | Daniel Hanke | Mike Porter |
| Robi Benny | Sharon Harris | Inez Rasinski |
| Dennis Berry | Juliana Hasson | Cliff Rodney |
| Gail Berry | The Hays Family | Reiva Robinson |
| Mary Bodenschatz | Beverly Hoffman | Lucille Rose |
| Tommy Bower | Karen Hoffman | Jeff Sanders |
| Debbie Bryant | Karen Holzopfel | Connie Sanders |
| Debbie Button | Timothy Hostetler | Jeanine Schenning |
| Margaret Cain | Loretta Jefferson | The Schepers Family |
| Blanche Cardarelli | Leondra Jefferson | Debbie Schmidt |
| Julie Carl | Michelle Kincaid | Steve Schweitzer |
| Sharyl Clark | Jack Kincaid | Barbara Shelly |
| Shirley Cosgrove | Irene Klingenstein | Kevin Shields |
| Philip Coyle | Mickey Koontz | Vivian Smith |
| Beulah Craig | Joshua Kraeger | Eloise Somogyi |
| Patrick J. Curran | Mary Lindsay | John Stiemly |
| Freddie Ditmar | Lainey Loftus | Peggy Anna Talbott |
| Gloria Eckles | Michael McCoy | Penny Wallace |
| Lois Farber | Jim Nemec | Lucille Watson |

Our Congregation, All First Responders and all active and reserve members of our armed forces. Please notify our church office if you want to add or remove any names from the Prayer List.



Worship Readings

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| JULY | |
| Date/Day | Scripture texts |
| July 7 | Isaiah 66:10-14 |
| | Psalm 66:1-9 |
| | Galatians 6:[1-6] 7-16 |
| | Luke 10:1-11, 16-20 |
| July 14 | Deuteronomy 30:9-14 |
| | Psalm 25:1-10 |
| | Colossians 1:1-14 |
| | Luke 10:25-37 |
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| July 21 | Genesis 18:1-10a |
| | Psalm 15 |
| | Colossians 1:15-28 |
| | Luke 10:38-42 |
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| July 28 | Genesis 18:20-32 |
| | Psalm 138 |
| | Colossians 2:6-15 [16- 19] |
| | Luke 11:1-13 |
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| Date/Day | Scripture Texts |
| August 5 | Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12- 14; 2:18-23 |
| | Psalm 49:1-12 |
| | Colossians 3:1-11 |
| | Luke 12:13-21 |
| August 11 | Genesis 15:1-6 |
| | Psalm 33:12-22 |
| | Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 |
| | Luke 12:32-40 |
| August 18 | Jeremiah 23:23-29 |
| | Psalm 82 |
| | Hebrews 11:2912:2 |
| | Luke 12:49-56 |
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| August 25 | Isaiah 58:9b-14 |
| | Psalm 103:1-8 |
| | Hebrews 12:18-29 |
| | Luke 13:10-17 |
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ONE WORSHIP SERVICE

We will have one worship service on Sunday, July 1, August 5 and September 1, @ 9:30 a.m. followed by the Coffee Hour in the

Narthex.

Please invite friends & family and join us!

Bible Study and Small Groups

At Hope Church we take seriously the Great Commission of the Risen Jesus to "go, make disciples of all nations... teaching them..." We offer a variety of opportunities for people of all ages to deepen their faith through small group Bible study and other discipleship groups and classes. To register for any class or seminar, call (410) 686-7587 or email info@hopeelca.org.

Monday Morning Pastor's Class

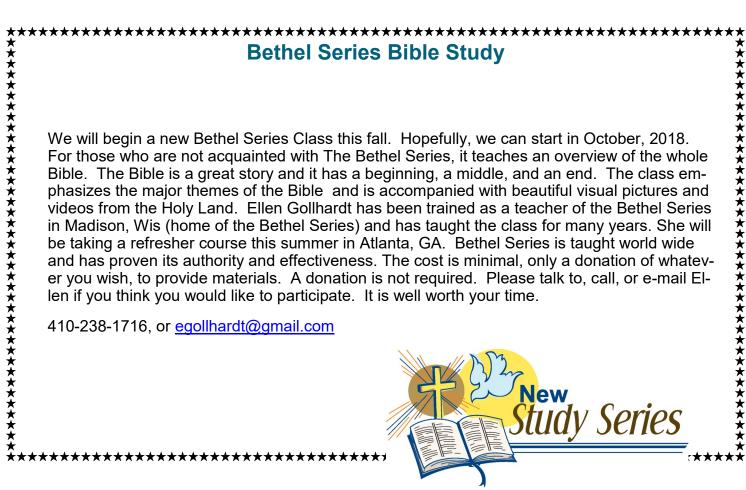
meets Mondays 10 - 11:30 AM in the church office. We are currently watching a documentary titled: PROMISED LAND— The Faith Lessons Series with Roy Vander Laam. All are welcome!

Wednesday Night Bible Study

*No Study meetings during the summer. Will start again in September

Saturday Morning Breakfast Bible Study

meets 8-9:30 AM at Alice's. Currently studying "Living in Covenant" (Ruth; 1 Samuel; Matthew; Luke; John; Ephesians; Hebrews; Romans) Augsburg Adult Bible Studies.







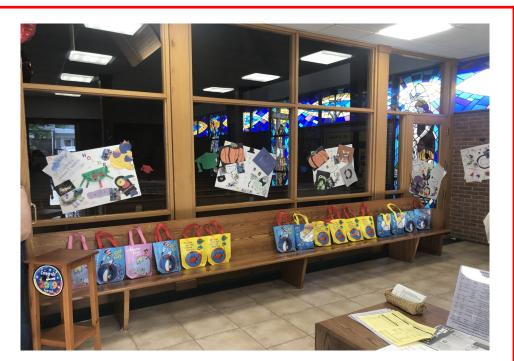
Congratulations to All Stars Christian Learning Center's 2019 Preschool Graduates! The following children will be moving on to Kindergarten in the fall:

| Gabriel Baker | Hailey Ballerstadt | Max Boyd |
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| Noah Diaz | Naiyana Ford | Jasmine Fries |
| Lucas Gilliland | Parker Mabry | Duke Henry Shaffer |















PreSchool Graduation



All Stars Christian Learning Center Picnic







It's Party!





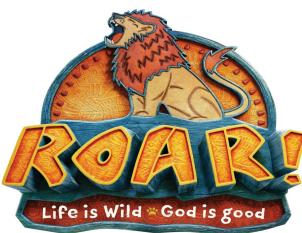




ALL STARS LEARNING CENTER: is now accepting registrations for Pre-K 3 & 4 and Before/After School Care programs. Please spread the word. For more information contact Linda Moler 410-686-6060 or email at **<u>allstarscenter@yahoo.com</u>**.

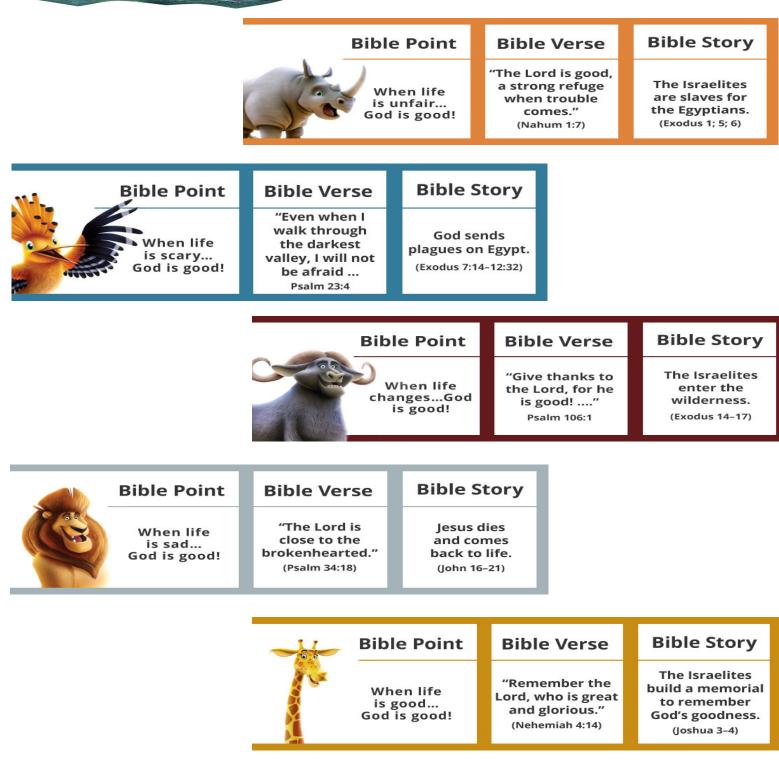
ALL STARS LEARNING CENTER SUMMER CAMP 2019: Now enrolling, registration forms and information are in the Narthex. Please spread the word to family, friends and neighbors. For more information contact Linda Moler at 410-686-6060 or email **allstarscenter@yahoo.com**.





VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

2019 Vacation Bible School was held June 24th— 28th.At Roar VBS, the daily Bible points below were carefully integrated into each day. Lori Comotto, lead this year's team that brought Bible stories and God's word to life through Roar participation.















Sunday School aka Kidz Bible Zone will continue to be in session throughout the summer months.





Faith the Church Mouse Corner

From the Property Committee

The Sanctuary roof is finally scheduled to be replaced. The work will be done during the week to minimize disruption so please use caution when on the church grounds during the following days:

<u>July 8-12 - Middleborough road side of the roof will be replaced.</u> Monday-Wednesday: four (4) 30 yard dumpsters will be delivered. The existing shingles will be removed and the new shingles will be delivered. Thursday-Friday the new shingles will be installed.

<u>July 15-19 - The Education building side of the roof will be replaced.</u> Monday-Wednesday four (4) 30 yard dumpsters will be delivered The existing shingles will be removed and the new shingles will be delivered. Thursday-Friday the new shingles will be installed.

We give thanks to GOD for this blessing!

Thank you,

Property Team



JULY BIRTHDAYS

| 1 | Hailey O'Donnell |
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| 2 | Brandi Miner |
| 6 | Stacie Gosting |
| 9 | Freddy Neewary |
| 13 | Dora Lee Price |
| 17 | Ellen Gollhardt |
| 18 | Cailin Peluso |
| 22 | Lorene Deckelman |
| 23 | Linda Moler |
| 28 | Carol Ogle |
| 30 | Nicholas Scanlon |
| 31 | Jadon Caruthers |
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AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

| Gracie Coyle |
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| Vicki Lesko |
| Gabriel Baker |
| Rickie Houck |
| Sue Alexander |
| Barbara Weir |
| Sarah Shanahan |
| Joan Schweitzer |
| Matthew Floyd |
| Colan Kahl |
| Lori Comotto |
| John Kelly |
| Chuck Kroner |
| Julie Carl |
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Happy Birthday To You Please contact the office if you would like to add or remove

Please contact the office if you would like to add or remove your name from our birthday list. Thank you!





Congratulations to our Confirmands!

Haley Hays

Lilah Crout

First Communion:

Danielle Cardarelli



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July 2019

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---|---|---|--|--|---|
| 30 9:00 AM Traditional Com- munion 10:30 AM Calvert Baptism 10:30 AM Family Contempo- rary Communion 10:30 AM Kidz Bible Zone | 1 10:00 AM Bible Study | 2 5:30 PM No Con- firmation Class In the Summer | 3 7:00 PM No Even- ing Bible Study in the Summer | 4 Office Closed | 5 | 6 8:00 AM Breakfast Bible Discussion at Alice's Restaurant |
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| 14 9:00 AM Traditional Com- munion 10:30 AM Family Contempo- rary Communion 10:30 AM Kidz Bible Zone | 15 10:00 AM Bible Study 7:00 PM Executive Committee Meeting | 16 5:30 PM No Con- firmation Class In the Summer | 17 Hope Youth Group Retreat to OC 7:00 PM No Even- ing Bible Study in the Summer | 18 Hope Youth Group Retreat to OC 7:00 PM No Choir Practice in the Summer | 19 Hope Youth Group Retreat to OC | 20 Hope Youth Group Retreat to OC 8:00 AM Breakfast Bible Discussion at Alice's Restaurant |
| 21 9:00 AM Traditional Com- munion 10:30 AM Family Contempo- rary Communion 10:30 AM Kidz Bible Zone | 22 10:00 AM Bible Study 7:00 PM Council Meeting | 23 5:30 PM No Con- firmation Class In the Summer | 24 7:00 PM No Even- ing Bible Study in the Summer | 25 7:00 PM No Choir Practice in the Summer | 26 | 27 8:00 AM Breakfast Bible Discussion at Alice's Restaurant |
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August 2019

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| 28 9:00 AM Traditional Com- munion 10:30 AM Family Contem- porary Communion 10:30 AM Kidz Bible Zone | 29 10:00 AM Bible Study | 30 5:30 PM No Confir- mation Class In the Summer | 31 7:00 PM No Even- ing Bible Study in the Summer | 1 7:00 PM No Choir Practice in the Summer | 2 | 3 8:00 AM Breakfast Bible Discussion at Alice's Restau- rant |
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| 9:00 | 7 9:30 | 14 | 21 | 28 |
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| Assist | Bob | Colan Kahl | Joan | Brandi Miner |
| Lector | Schweitzer | Eric Carl | Schweitzer | Marge Carl |
| Server | Patty Horney | Carol Ogle | Robin Smith | Joan Schweitzer |
| Usher/greeter | Carol Ogle | Rick Carl | Ed | Thea Melton |
| | Frank | Sue | Klingenstein | Ed |
| | Schmidt | Alexander | Eric Eszes | Klingenstein |

| 10:30 | | | | |
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| Assist | Single Service at 9:30 | Colan Kahl | Lori Comotto | Sharyn Kahl |
| Lector | X | Lynne Lake | Debbie Cannon | John Kelly |
| Server | X | Jess Kahl | Sandy Cincinnati | Beth Haught |
| Usher/ Greeter | X | Jeanne Faust Mary Emge | Trish and Hayley Hays | Ruth Kraeger Linda Moler |
| Altar Set Up | Joan and Bob Schweitzer | Colan Kahl | Robin Smith | Joan and Bob Schweitzer |
| Children's Church | TBD | TBD | TBD | TBD |
| KBZ | TBD | TBD | TBD | TBD |
| Counters | Bob Schweitzer- Trudy Grauer | Colan Kahl Jeanne Faust | Linda Moler Deloris Phil- lips | Donna Smith Steve/Sharyn Kahl |









| 9:00 | 4 | 11 | 18 | 25 |
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| Assist Lector | One Service at 9:30 | Colan Kahl Eric Carl | Bob Schweitzer | Joan Schweitzer |
| Server | | Patty Horney | Robin Smith | Carol Ogle |
| Usher/ greeter | | Rick Calo Eric Eszes | Sue Alexander Frank Schmidt | Ed Klingenstein Thea Melton |

| 10:30 | | | | |
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| Assist | Lynda Frueh | Colan Kahl | Eric Eszes | Lori Comotto |
| Lector | Brian Frueh | John Kelly | Debbie Cannon | Beth Haught |
| Server | Denise McLaughlin | Jess Kahl | Sandy Cincinnati | Sharyn Kahl |
| Usher/ Greeter | Linda Moler Sandy Cincinnati | Lynne Lake Jeanne Faust | Mary Emge John Kelly | Trish and Hayley Hays |
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We will be having a September issue of the Messenger, articles due by August 15th, so please plan ahead!