

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
July 21	Genesis 18:1-10a
	Psalm 15
	Colossians 1:15-28
	Luke 10:38-42
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
August 25	Isaiah 58:9b-14
	Psalm 103:1-8
	Hebrews 12:18-29
	Luke 13:10-17

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

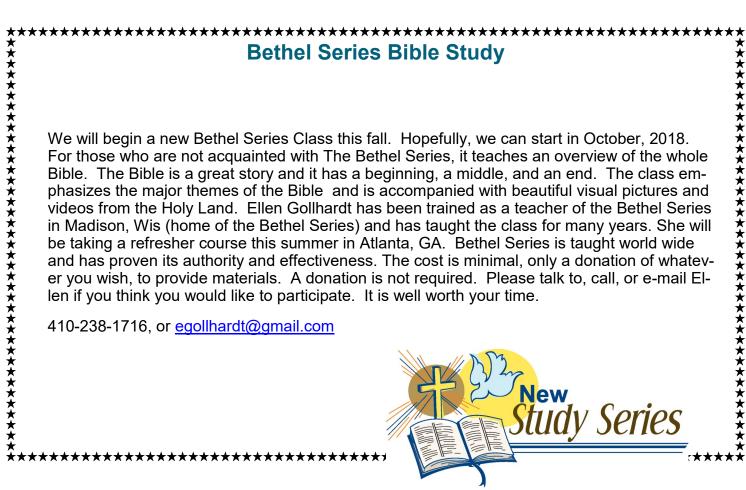
meets Mondays 10 - 11:30 AM in the church office. We are currently watching a documentary titled: PROMISED LAND— The Faith Lessons Series with Roy Vander Laam. All are welcome!

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.







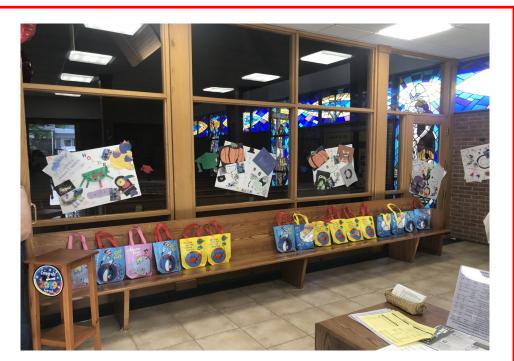
Congratulations to All Stars Christian Learning Center's 2019 Preschool Graduates! The following children will be moving on to Kindergarten in the fall:

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















PreSchool Graduation



All Stars Christian Learning Center Picnic



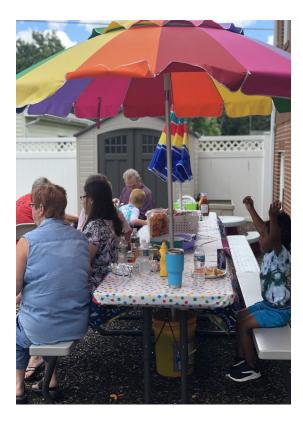




It's Party!





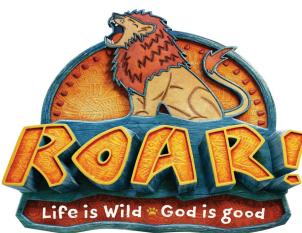




ALL STARS LEARNING CENTER: is now accepting registrations for Pre-K 3 & 4 and Before/After School Care programs. Please spread the word. For more information contact Linda Moler 410-686-6060 or email at **<u>allstarscenter@yahoo.com</u>**.

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
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

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Gracie Coyle
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

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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9:00	7 9:30	14	21	28
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				
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
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				
Assist	Lynda Frueh	Colan Kahl	Eric Eszes	Lori Comotto
Lector	Brian Frueh	John Kelly	Debbie Cannon	Beth Haught
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We will be having a September issue of the Messenger, articles due by August 15th, so please plan ahead!