

The Messenger

2020



**HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
1901 MIDDLEBOROUGH RD, ESSEX MD 21221**



*All Stars Christian Learning
Center*

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A Hopeful Season for Hope Church

Sisters and brothers in Christ, I send you peace in the name of Christ Jesus and hope all is well with you and yours. Another month has passed since we started on this path of a “new normal.” I thank you for your patience as we have worked to maintain the ministry of Hope Church in an age of social dis-

tancing. As spring turns to summer, our church is transitioning to new opportunities and great hopes. God is awesome. It is clear His spirit is at work.

I know that many of you miss the one on one contact of our church community on Sunday morning. I can understand. I feel the same way and long for the day we can meet in the sanctuary and join in worship and fellowship. Starting July 12th, we will take our first steps toward onsite worship with one Worship Service at 10 a.m. A procedural list has been developed by our Safe Reopening Team and will be shared with our congregation. We will follow CDC guidelines to maintain the safety of our congregation during worship. We understand that our faith family has different comfort levels with social distancing. Considering this, we will continue to post our weekly worship services online. Anyone who is in a high-risk category or who is feeling sick should remain home and continue to worship online.

This transition will be a challenge. We have never had to worship this way before. Once again, please be patient with us. Even though we are in new territory, I passionately believe that in this our church community has grown stronger than it has ever been. Yes, this new normal has called us to work harder. Ministering to others is different than before. In many instances, it has challenged congregation members into uncharted territory. I am so proud of how easy it has been to transition most of our ministry online. I have also been pleasantly surprised in how fulfilling online ministry can be. I cannot imagine what it would be like to social distancing without online worship, fellowship, prayer, and study. Even though we are “distant” we are still connected.

The greatest blessing of all is that we have been able to maintain who we are as Hope Church within our online ministry. The inspiration for “who we are” as Hope Church comes from Acts 20:28: *“Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God...”* Our online presence and hard work have allowed us to continue the nurturing of our congregation. Our worship, prayer and studies have helped us feed our personal faith journey with God during this unprecedented time. I can honestly say that I feel connected to the members and ministry of this spirit filled church.

As we continue this new journey, we hope to stay true to the mission, vision, and values of Hope Church. As a mission church we are called to be a “bridge to Christ through faith and service”. When we live our mission, people will see Christ working in their lives and be inspired to follow. Most important, when we live our call and walk the path with Jesus, we become more accepting, caring, spirit-led people equipped for outreach and service.

Until we meet in-person again... God's peace,

Pastor Meheret



In Our **Prayers**

Edgar Amos, Jr. ning	Bobbi Floyd	Brian Miller	Jeanine Schen-
Louise Amoss & Family	Matthew Floyd	Jim Nemec	Barbara Shelly
Connis Baker	Marina Ford	Laura Nemec	Kevin Shields
Johnny Banack	Sara Garrett & Family	Frank Neukam	Vivian Smith
Dennis Berry	Chris Genco	Hannah Noack	John Stiemly
Gail Berry	Pierre Gibbons	Harvey Nockowitz's	Lucille Watson
Mary Bodenschatz	Cassidy Gore	Family & Friends	Richard Wrobel
Debbie Bryant	Daniel Hanke	Terry Novak	Susan Yelton
Debbie Button	Sharon Harris	Rick O'Dea	
Margaret Cain	Juliana Hasson	Pat Owens	
Blanche Cardelli	Beverly Hoffman	Francesca Prado	
Sharyl Clark	Karen Hoffman	Mike Porter	
Ed Cornelius	Karen Holzopf	Inez Rasinski	
Shirley Cosgrove	Timothy Hostetler	Cass Rayman	
Beulah Craig	Scott Hower	Loraine Reed's Family	
Patrick J. Curran	Leondra Jefferson	Lucille Rose	
Freddie Ditmar	Michelle Kincaid	Eddie Sabol's Family	
Fred Eszes	Leah Lane	& Friends	
Lois Farber	Michael McCoy	Jeff Sanders	



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

JULY	2020
Date/Day	Scripture texts
July 5	Zechariah 9:9-12 Psalm 145:8-14 Romans 7:15-25a Matthew 11:16-19,25-30
July 12	Isaiah 55:10-13 Psalm 65:1-13 Romans 8:1-11 Matthew 13:1-9, 18-
July 19	Isaiah 44:6-8 Psalm 86:11-17 Romans 8:12-25 Matthew 13:24-30.36-43
July 26	1Kings 3:5-12 Psalm 119:129-136 Romans 8:26-39 Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

AUG	2020
Date/Day	Scripture Texts
August 2	Isaiah 55:1-5 Psalm 145:8-9,14-21 Romans 9:1-5 Matthew 14:13-21
August 9	1 Kings 19:9-18 Psalm 85:8-13 Romans 10:5-15 Matthew 14:22-33
August 16	Isaiah 56:1, 6-8 Psalm 67 Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 Matthew 15:10-28
August 23	Isaiah 51:1-6 Psalm 138 Romans 12:1-8 Matthew 16:13-20
August 30	Jeremiah 15:15-21 Psalm 26:12-8 Romans 12:9-21 Matthew 16:21-28

**MAY THE PEACE OF GOD,
WHICH SURPASSES ALL UNDERSTANDING,
KEEP OUR HEARTS AND MINDS
IN CHRIST JESUS.**

PHILIPPIANS 4:7



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.

No Monday Morning Pastor's Class until further notice.

meets Mondays 10 – 11:30 AM in the church office.

Wednesday Night Bible Study:

Started their summer schedule. They will be meeting biweekly starting June 10, 2020 - Fall 2020. Zoom meetings every other Wednesday at 7 PM. Currently studying Bible study resource provided by Gather Magazine, For Faith and Action, June 2020 edition. The theme for June is "Just love"

Saturday Morning Breakfast Bible Study: meets 8:30 AM-10:30 AM every Saturday.

We will be studying "Many Faces of Wisdom" (Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, James) from Augsburg Adult Bible Studies, by Brian Peterson.

*****If you would like to join any of the Bible Studies, please let Pastor Meheret know and she will share links, phone number and meeting ID with you and more information.**

Pastor Meheret, meheretyon@gmail.com, Cell: (240) 413 7515

Holy God, write your Word on our hearts so that we might move with gracefulness through the world, balanced and whole.

In Jesus' name, Amen.



BIBLE STUDY GROUP



All Stars Christian Learning Center

Now enrolling for Summer 2020

Our 13 week program begins June 8 and ends September 4.

Please, contact Talesha Johnson, our Director, at 410-686-6060 or email allstarscenter@yahoo.com for the registration form.

Weekly tuition is based on the number of days the child will be attending:

5 days \$185

4 days \$155

3 days \$125

2 days \$85

1 day \$50



ALL STARS Christian Learning Center

A ministry of
Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church
**IS NOW ENROLLING FOR OUR
FALL PRE-K AND BEFORE & AFTER
SCHOOL CARE PROGRAMS**

MONDAY - FRIDAY 6:30AM - 6PM

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FALL PRE-K STARTS SEPT. 4TH

Contact 410-686-6060

or email allstarscenter@yahoo.com

We provide programs with a strong Christian emphasis.

We do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, gender, sexual orientation, age, ancestry, disability, marital status, or military status, in any of its activities or operations. Reasonable accommodation will be provided for qualified children with disabilities upon request, as specified under the American with Disabilities Act. We are committed to providing an inclusive and welcoming environment.



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 Talesha Johnson at 410-686-6060

ONLINE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

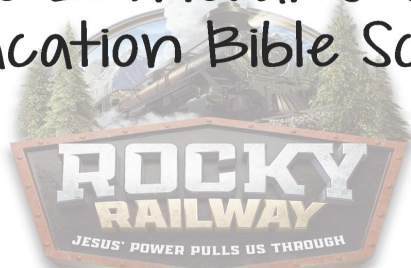
JULY 20th - 24th, 2020



Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church
VBS-at-home!

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Hope Lutheran's Virtual
Vacation Bible School



Where: Online via Google Meets
When: July 20-24, 2020
Cost: FREE

More details, as well as our registration form,
can be found on Hope Lutheran's webpage or
Facebook page.

Register by June 30th to be guaranteed an
at-home VBS craft kit.



Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church
1901 Middleborough Road
Baltimore, MD 21221-3099

Dear Hope Family,

The situation around the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) has brought on some unique challenges in our spiritual lives. I have been praying for every one of you that you are remaining safe and healthy. My family is doing well and following the recommendations of our government professionals. Hope Lutheran Church is a strong and resilient congregation and this pandemic has proven that. The decision to close the church building to in-person worship and activities was not an easy one, but one that was required. We wanted to do our part in stopping the transmission of this virus and protect those within our church and community who are most vulnerable to its effects. As the last 3 months progressed, congregation members have stepped up in volunteering to assist with online worship to keep us connected as a spiritual community. I am very grateful for their flexibility and willingness to deliver a worship experience for the congregation.

Our church is highly relational and all of us want to gather again in person, but we must leverage our lives for the benefit of our congregation, our neighbors, and our surrounding community because we are also extremely missional. The Congregation Council has been working hard to find the best and safest way for us to reopen. The council appointed a Safe Reopening Committee that was tasked with developing a thoughtful reopening plan that is safe for anyone that chooses to attend worship in person. The wisdom of the Safe Reopening Committee felt it was best to not reopen the church right away and to develop requirements that everyone must follow in order to safely worship in the sanctuary. The committee presented their recommendations to the council by email the week of June 15th for their review. I am pleased to report that the Congregation Council met on June 22nd to discuss the Safe Reopening Committee's plan and unanimously voted to **open the church to in-person worship starting on Sunday, July 12 at 50% capacity with one service at 10 a.m.** The worship services will be somewhat modified to remain in compliance with CDC recommendations and will still be recorded and posted online after the service for those who will not be able to join us in-person. We will be monitoring cases in our area as this date approaches. If cases drastically increase, we will reevaluate the reopening date. The Congregation Council and Safe Reopening Committee will meet regularly to evaluate how in-person worship and the environment is progressing and make changes as necessary. Our goal is your safety. We are asking anyone that might be vulnerable to the virus to please remain home and worship with us online.

Please stay tuned as there will be more information coming out in the weeks and months ahead. Thank you for all your patience and understanding.

Peace and stay safe,

Colan Kahl, President Congregation Council



★HAPPY★ BIRTHDAY!



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

2	Gracie Coyle
3	Vicki Lesko
7	Gabriel Baker
9	Rickie Houck
12	Sue Alexander
15	Barbara Weir
15	Sarah Shanahan
20	Joan Schweitzer
22	Matthew Floyd
24	Colan Kahl
29	Lori Comotto
30	John Kelly
30	Chuck Kroner
31	Julie Carl



Happy Birthday To You

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





May 26, 2020

Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church
1901 Middleborough Rd
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Dear Friends at Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your donation to Churches for Streets of Hope. Your gift of \$353 on 04/26/20 helps us to keep our cold weather shelter for men open all throughout the season. We have you to thank for helping our homeless neighbors stay warm and fed in the coldest part of the year.

We are always blessed to have your support. This shelter, these people, are your ministry. God's work in caring for our fellow men on the streets is happening right now because of your prayers, your invaluable volunteer time, and your contributions throughout the year.

I thank you personally for your dedication, and I pray that the Lord blesses you for the many ways you continue to serve Him and His purposes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patrick Dickerson".

Patrick Dickerson
Executive Director

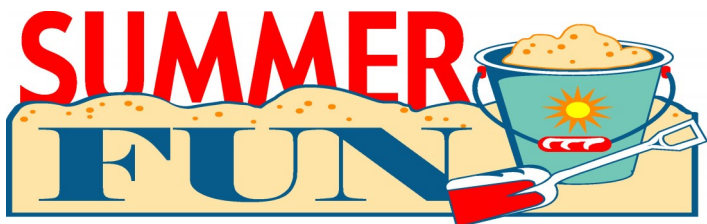
In compliance with IRS Code section 170 (f) (8), this letter serves as verification that your gift of \$353 is tax-deductible since you have received no goods or services in connection with these gifts to our organization.



July 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 8:00 AM Break-fast Bible Discussion.
5 10:00 AM Online Worship Service. 11:00 AM Zoom KBZ	6 9:00 AM Quilters	7	8 7:00 PM Bible Study via Zoom	9 10:30 AM Chapel Choir Practice TBA	10	11 8:00 AM Break-fast Bible Discussion
12 10:00 AM Worship Service in the Sanctuary. KBZ TBA	13 9:00 AM Quilters	14	15	16 10:30 AM Chapel Choir Practice TBA	17	18 8:00 AM Break-fast Bible Discussion
19 Worship Service TBA KBZ TBA	20 9:00 AM Quilters Online VBS	21 Online VBS	22 Online VBS 7:00 PM Bible Study TBA	23 Online VBS Choir Practice TBA	24 Online VBS	25 8:00 AM Break-fast Bible Discussion
26 Worship Service TBA KBZ TBA	27 9:00 AM Quilters 7:00 PM Council Meeting	28	29	30 10:30 AM Chapel Choir Practice TBA	31	1 8:00 AM Break-fast Bible Discussion





August 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 8:00 AM Breakfast Bible Discussion via Zoom
2 Worship Service TBA KBZ TBA	3 9:00 AM Quilters	4	5 7:00 PM Bible Study TBA	6 10:30 AM Chapel Choir Practice TBA	7	8 8:00 AM Breakfast Bible Discussion
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30 Worship Service TBA KBZ TBA	31 9:00 AM Quilters					



Duty Schedule for: July 2020

10:00	JULY 5	JULY 12	JULY 19	JULY 26
Assist		Bob Schweitzer	Joan Schweitzer	Lynda Frueh
Lector		John Kelly	Marge Carl	Brian Frueh
Usher		Peggy Talbott Joan Schweitzer	Donna Smith Patty Horney	Linda Moler Sandy Cincinnati
Counters		Colan Kahl Jeanne Faust	Linda Moler Joan Schweitzer	Donna Smith Steve/Sharyn Hahl

Duty Schedule for August will be sent out in July once we see how our in person services are going.





It's come to our attention that someone has been phishing clergy and sending email to people pretending to be the pastor asking for help. Some ask for money or gift cards to be sent. That's not an email Pastor Meheret would normally send, so you would probably doubt it anyway. But if you aren't sure, check the email

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Articles for the September issue of the Messenger, are due by Monday, August 17th, so please plan ahead!