

## < *Happenings at Hope Church* >

+ Coffee hour/Sunday Luncheon: There is a sign-up list on the whiteboard in the parish house kitchen for those who want to provide lunch. The entire year is listed on the sign-up pages. The last Sunday of the month is a Pot Luck, so plan to bring your favorite dish!

+ Church Decorating: The greening of the church will take place on Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM. All are welcome to come and help!

+ Christmas Flower Donations: Christmas Flower Donations are do this weekend! If you would like to make a donation for Christmas flowers, please do so via the offering plate or online giving QR code in your bulletin! Regardless of which way you would like to donate, please fill out the Flower Donation Insert in your bulletin where you can note if you are donation flowers in memory or in honor of loved ones or to the Glory of God.

+ Creation Care Bird House Building: After lunch on December 10th, the Creation Care Green Team will be building bird houses with Mike Hudson, our new Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake representative in Lancaster County. We will be building bird houses especially for native birds like the Eastern Bluebird, Carolina Chickadee and the Tufted Titmouse. Mike has arranged for IPC to fund both the building materials and plans for this project. He is a real bird lover and enthusiast and will provide an interesting discussion as we work. You are invited to help out, or just watch and listen.

+ Mid-Week Healing Service: Our next Third Thursday service will be on December 21st at Noon. These casual, mid-week services will feature Holy Communion + Healing. Our Third Thursday services will take place at Noon on the third Thursday of each month through the end of the year! We will follow along with the Scottish Liturgy and for those who don't need to head back to work, we will head over to the Parish House for coffee, tea and cookies following worship.

+ Blue Christmas Service: Mark your calendar for this year's Blue Christmas service is coming up on Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Blue Christmas is geared toward those mourning or in need of special comfort this season and we are so excited to be joined by members and Clergy of St. James, St. Luke's and St. Thomas Churches for this special service!

+ Dedicate a Bible: Have you ever thought about dedicating a Bible in honor or in memory of someone? New pew Bibles have been purchased and placed in the pews for use during services. If you would like to sponsor and dedicate a Bible, please contact the church office. The cost is \$20. Forms are available on the table at the back of the Church.

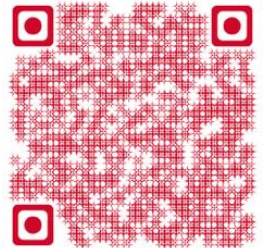
+ Green Paraments: We are so grateful for donations that have already come in to complete the green parament set. For those interested, you can still sponsor one of both of the Bible markers and then our set is complete! There are forms available on the table at the back of the church with more information.

+ Help, Healing and Hope: We continue to host Phase 2 of the Help, Healing and Hope campaign this as a ministry for our neighboring churches in an effort to continue knocking out medical debt for our neighbors! If you would like to make a donation to this initiative, you may note "Help, Healing & Hope" in the memo line of a check or use the online giving platform and select the "Help, Healing & Hope" designation.

+ Now more than ever, people need your help. The pandemic and inflation have exasperated food insecurity and housing issues. We need to continue to support our local food banks. One in 10 Lebanon County residents face food insecurity, which means nearly 14,000 individuals do not have certain access to adequate food throughout the year. There is a collection basket in the back of the church. From LCCM.

+ Membership Update Survey: In an effort to minister to the parishioners of Hope Church most effectively, we are working through and updating our membership records and the contact information that we have on file.

A simple, digital survey has been created that you may fill out to help update us on current contact preferences, birthdays and important anniversaries, and areas that you are interested in getting involved here at Hope Church! You may access it by scanning the QR code! Thank you for helping us update our records!



*For those who are not tech-savvy, a paper copy of the membership survey is available on the table at the back of the Sanctuary! You may drop it off at the church office or leave it in the offering plate once complete.*

### *Mark your Calendars!*

12/10	Pop-Up Choir Vestry Meeting Bird House Building
12/18	Church Decorating - 10:00 AM
12/21	Mid-Week Eucharist w/ Healing Service - 12:00 N Blue Christmas - 6:30 PM
12/24	Children's Christmas Service & Pageant - 5:30 PM Spaghetti Supper - 6:30 PM Traditional Christmas Eve Service - 7:30 PM
12/31	Lessons & Carols featuring the Pop-Up Choir