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+ 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!

+ Acolyte Rehearsal: With the National Acolyte Festival right around the corner, we will hold an Acolyte Rehearsal on Sunday, October 1st following worship for all Acolytes. We will go over procedures to make sure the whole group is on the same page, and confirm robe assignments to expedite things for the big day! Please let Katie or Deacon Nancy know if your child *cannot* attend on October 1st, so we can plan another rehearsal time.

+ GriefShare meets every Tuesday at 6:30 PM. The next session will be September 19th. You may contact Jo Steffy, the Group Facilitator, at 717-572-7491.

+ 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.

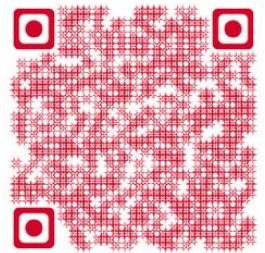
+ Green Paraments: We are working to complete the green parament set! If you would like to make a donation towards this project through the offering plate, you may simply note "paraments" in a check memo line or envelope. If you would like to sponsor a portion of the paraments as a memorial gift, there 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!

9/19	GriefShare - 6:30 to 8:30 PM
10/1	Feast of St. Francis - Blessing of the Animals Acolyte Rehearsal (<i>following worship</i>)
10/1	Cold Weather Clothing Collection begins
10/7	National Acolyte Festival
10/15	St. Luke's Day / Oktoberfest - 174 th Anniversary
11/12	Annual Meeting Toys for Tots Collection begins
11/19	Kirkin' of Tartans
12/1	Reverse Advent Food Collection begins
12/2	St. Lucy's Day - 6:30 PM
12/16	Lessons & Carols - 6:30 PM