

## < *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!

+ GriefShare meets every Tuesday at 6:30 PM. The next session will be October 3rd. 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 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.

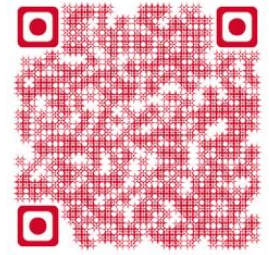
+ Help, Healing and Hope: We continue to host Phase 2 of the Help, Healing and Hope campaign this as a ministry for our neighboring churches in an effort to continue knocking out medical debt for our neighbors! If you would like to make a donation to this initiative, you may note "Help, Healing & Hope"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

+ Festal Choral Evensong & Organ Recital: Head over to St. Luke's Episcopal Church on October 15<sup>th</sup> for a Festal Choral Evensong beginning at 6PM followed at 7PM by an Organ Recital by Thomas Mellan that you won't want to miss!

+ 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!*

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| 10/1  | Acolyte Rehearsal ( <i>following worship</i> )<br>Cold Weather Clothing Collection begins                                     |
| 10/3  | GriefShare  |
| 10/7  | National Acolyte Festival   |
| 10/15 | St. Luke's Day / Oktoberfest - 174 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary  |
| 11/12 | Annual Meeting<br>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  |
| 12/21 | Blue Christmas - 6:30 PM  |
| 12/24 | Children's Christmas Service & Pageant - 5:30 PM<br>Spaghetti Supper - 6:30 PM<br>Traditional Christmas Eve Service - 7:30 PM |