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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!

+ Annual Meeting: Attention Hope Church - The Annual Meeting is coming up on Sunday, November 12th immediately following worship. On your way out of the Annual Meeting, please stop at the back of the sanctuary and have a quick family photo taken so we can update the church directory photos! Nomination forms for Vestry Members and Delegates to Convention must be completed on an official nomination form and given to the Rector or Secretary of the Vestry no later than the Sunday preceding the election (11/5/23). If nomination forms are not turned in at least 1 week prior, candidates must be nominated from the floor.

+ All Saints Day is coming up and we would like to put together a special prayer list for the service. Please help us to compile this list by emailing office@hopeepiscopal.org with the names of loved ones we have lost throughout the year.

+ GriefShare meets every Tuesday at 6:30 PM. The next session will be October 31st. You may contact Jo Steffy, the Group Facilitator, at 717-572-7491.

+ ALERT Work Day: On Saturday, November 3rd from 9:00 AM until Noon, the ALERT Group will be having a work morning at the Aids Memorial Garden in Lancaster. All are welcome to come out and help! The address is 449 N. Mulberry St., Lancaster.

+ Yarn Ministry: Attention all knitters, crocheters, and other purveyors of yarn and string! The next meeting of the Yarn Ministry of Hope is scheduled for Monday, November 6 at 10 a.m. in the Parish Hall. All are welcome. For more information, please contact Deacon Nancy at nlesher@hopeepiscopal.org or 410-61-5016 or Patty Gokey at 717-304-8511.

+ Mid-Week Healing Service: Our next Third Thursday service will be on November 16th 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.

+ 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.

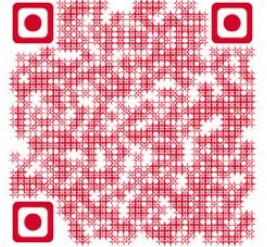
+ Green Paraments: We are so grateful for donations that have already come in to complete the green parament set. For those interested, you can still sponsor one of both of the Bible markers and then our set is complete! There are forms available on the table at the back of the church with more information.

+ 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!

10/31	GriefShare
11/6	Yarn Ministry of Hope - 10:00 AM
11/12	Annual Meeting; Toys for Tots Collection begins
11/16	Mid-Week Eucharist w/ Healing Service - 12:00 N
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	Mid-Week Eucharist w/ Healing Service - 12:00 N Blue Christmas - 6:30 PM
12/24	<i>(no morning service)</i> Children's Christmas Service & Pageant - 5:30 PM Spaghetti Supper - 6:30 PM Traditional Christmas Eve Service - 7:30 PM