

## *< 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!
  
- + **Rogation Service:** Head over to Bangor Episcopal Church in Caernarvon today at 4:00 PM to offer prayer for and celebrate the gift of the created order. The informal service is outdoors in the historic churchyard. Bring lawn chairs – and pets for a blessing – and enjoy what has become one of Bangor’s most cherished annual programs.
  
- + **Church Work Day:** Mark your calendars for the next church work day! The Property and Creation Care Committees are finalizing their list of projects for Saturday, May 11th. Coffee and donuts will be ready by 7:00 AM and lunch will be served! You can come anytime and volunteer for as long as you are able.
  
- + **Yarn Ministry of Hope:** The next meeting of the Yarn Ministry of Hope will be Monday, May 13th at 10 a.m. in the Parish Hall. All are welcome! For more information, please contact Deacon Nancy at [nlesher@hopeepiscopal.org](mailto:nlesher@hopeepiscopal.org) or 410-61-5016 or Patty Gokey at 717-304-8511.
  
- + **Blood Drive:** On Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 - 7:00 PM St. Edwards will be hosting a Community Blood Drive. To sign-up in advance, you may go to [LGHealth.org/giveblood](http://LGHealth.org/giveblood).
  
- + **Mid-Week Healing Service:** Our next Third Thursday service will be this Thursday, May 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 follow along with the Scottish Liturgy and for those who don't need to head back to work, head over to the Parish House for coffee, tea and cookies following worship.
  
- + **Confirmations, Receptions & Baptisms:** If you have not been confirmed, baptized and/or received as a member of Hope Church and would like to be - mark your calendars for Sunday, May 19th! On Pentecost Sunday, during our visit with the Bishop, we will be having a wonderful combined service where we will be celebrating Confirmation, Baptism and Reception! If you are interested in participating, please email [office@hopeepiscopal.org](mailto:office@hopeepiscopal.org)!
  
- + **Blessing Yarn Ministry Creations:** On June 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Yarn Ministry of Hope will be presenting their first group of creations to be blessed. Mark your calendars to see what they’ve been up to and be present for this wonderful event!

+ **Vacation Bible School:** Mark your calendars for another fun, building themed Vacation Bible School! VBS 2024 will run Monday, June 17th through Thursday, June 20th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. All children ages preschool and up are welcome! Lunch will be provided each day. Keep an eye out for the VBS registration link coming soon!

+ 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.

### *Mark your Calendars!*

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| 5/7     | GriefShare week 11   |
| 5/8     | Creation Care Meeting - 10:00 AM   |
| 5/11    | Church Work Day - 7:00 AM - Noon   |
| 5/13    | Yarn Ministry of Hope - 10:00 AM   |
| 5/14    | GriefShare week 12   |
| 5/16    | Mid-Week Eucharist w/ Healing Service - 12:00 N<br>St. Edward's Blood Drive - 2:00-7:00 PM |
| 5/19    | Pentecost, Baptisms, Confirmations & Bishop's Visit  |
| 6/2     | Blessing of Yarn Ministry Creations  |
| 6/17-20 | Vacation Bible School  |
| 10/12   | National Acolyte Festival  |