

< *What's Up at Hope?* >

- + **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 our monthly PotLuck, plan to bring your favorite dish to share!
- + **Weekly Bible Study:** Join us for coffee and conversation as we dive deep into scripture over breakfast and end with a moment of grace in Holy Communion every Thursday at 9:30 AM in the Parish House. Bring your favorite mug, your questions, and an open heart. Let's brew up some Good News together!
- + **Fall Food Drive:** This fall, our food drive theme is "*Harvest Hope: Share the Bounty.*" We ask you to prioritize donating the following items: Toothbrushes and toothpaste, soap, shampoo and conditioner, dish soap, laundry detergent, pet food, and personal hygiene products. As always, the Food Bank needs the usual food items. A basket will be in the back of the church or items can be placed in the conference room.
- + **Yarn Ministry Meeting:** Attention all knitters, crocheters, and purveyors of yarn and string! The next meeting of the Yarn Ministry of Hope will be Monday, October 13th at 10:00 AM. All are welcome to attend! For more information, please contact Deacon Nancy at nlesher@hopeepiscopal.org.
- + **To+gether Youth Group:** The To+gether Youth Group meetings have resumed and we have a great first night together this week! The next Youth Group gathers on the 3rd Thursday of the each month. The next meeting will be Thursday, October 16th.
- + **Teen Central Halloween Event:** The Outreach Committee is partnering with Teen Central to support their "*Light the Night*" Halloween Event, scheduled for October 31st. We are looking for volunteers who are willing to help serve food, supervise games, hand out snacks, candy and Christian messages. A sign up sheet for volunteers will be in the back of the sanctuary and at the parish house.
- + **Lancaster Food Hub Visit:** Paige McFarling from the Lancaster Food Hub will visit Hope Church to speak with us about the ministry of the Food Hub on Sunday, October 19th. We are excited for her to share information about all of the wonderful services they provide. We hope everyone will be able to attend to hear about this vital work, and how we might support it.

+ **National Acolyte Festival:** Washington National Cathedral will welcome acolytes, servers, and vergers from across the country for the annual Acolyte Festival on Saturday, October 11, 2025. Mark your calendars - we hope to take a group of kids to the festival again this year!

+ **Playground Groundbreaking:** We are so excited for the official Groundbreaking of the Playground Renovation this All Saint's Sunday - November 2nd. In addition to our traditional All Saint's Celebration, we will welcome Nancy Wesley's family and have special music, and and conclude the service with a blessing over the work for the new playground.

Coming up at Hope:

10/9	Weekly Bible Study - 9:30 AM
10/11	National Acolyte Festival
10/13	Yarn Ministry Meeting
10/16	To+Gether Youth Group - 6PM
10/19	Vestry Meeting
10/31	'Light the Night" at Teen Central
11/2	All Saints' Sunday
	Playground Groundbreaking
11/16	Kirkin' the Tartans
12/5	St. Lucy's Day
12/18	Blue Christmas

Next Sunday's Worship Servers

October 12th

Ushers: Jim Burchik, Steve Norton

Lectors: Lynette Brown (*1st*), Stephanie Seaman (*Psalm*), Keegan Brown (*2nd*)
Lydia Engle (*Prayers of the People*)

Altar Guild: Bob sims

Crucifer: Keegan Brown **Acolytes:** JD Hynick

LEM: Bob sims