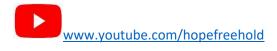
Hope Anchor for May 2024



211 Elton Adelphia Road Freehold NJ 07728



Growing in Faith, Love and Service









THANK YOU!

Jeanette and I, and our entire family, would like to thank you – our Hope Family – for all of your kindness and concern since we first learned of Kaitlin's leukemia diagnosis! The prayers, meals, gift cards, and encouraging words have meant more to us than you can ever imagine!

As you have probably heard, her diagnosis came out of the blue and hit us hard, like a ton of bricks. Never in a million years would we have anticipated facing such a serious challenge.

The good news, however, is that a simple blood test in advance of her annual physical revealed what was actually going on, almost undetected, in her body. And this was then quickly confirmed with a bone marrow biopsy. Looking back on it now, there were some telltale signs and symptoms, like fatigue, weakness, and bruising. But, by themselves, and even together, none of these were particularly unusual or concerning. Nor did they trigger any serious worries.

Yet, once she was diagnosed – in a matter of just a couple of days – we were able to have her transferred to the Jersey Shore Medical Center, where the doctors of the John C. Theurer Cancer Center of Hackensack Meridian Hospital immediately began to treat her and lay out for us a plan for aggressively attacking this very aggressive disease. We are so grateful for their expertise and support!

After receiving a first round of (induction) chemotherapy, Kaitlin is now on a schedule to receive follow-up (or consolidation) chemo every 28 days while they search for a stem cell donor match. And in between these monthly chemo sessions, that each last 5 days and require her to be in the hospital for them, she also goes to Jersey Shore twice a week for bloodwork, a doctor's appointment and, if need be, blood and platelet transfusions as well. It's a hectic, time-consuming regimen. But it's a small price to pay in order for her to beat this disease.

Once a stem cell donor is identified, we are anticipating that Kaitlin will undergo a stem cell transplant sometime this summer; such a transplant being the only avenue for a cure. Her doctors are thinking that this may take place in July.

Between now and then, there is literally a worldwide stem cell donor registry where they are already at work looking for potential matches. Her two sisters, Kristyn and Sarah, are also potential donors as well. It's impossible to know at this point how long this search for a donor match will take. But, again, we have every hope that it will happen in the next couple of months.

And as we travel this road to healing with her, we sincerely want to thank you once again for all of your ongoing prayers and support! It has meant the world to us.

Pastor Ed

Council meeting April 15, 2024 7pm

<u>Devotions:</u> Steve shared devotions. He read from psalm 127. We need to remember to always include God in anything we build, physical or otherwise.

Approval of Minutes:

- ➤ Council meeting minutes of March 18th, 2024 (previously distributed).
- ➤ Steve makes a motion to accept the minutes. Dave second, motion carried.

Hope Christian School Report: Judy Canfield shared the April newsletter. She shared an update on the bathroom remodel, hoping to share plans via email soon.

Backyard BBQ date is May 22.

Judy and Josh will be at church this Sunday signing up volunteers for VBS.

<u>Treasurer's Report:</u> Mike Della Rosa shared the March Treasurer's Report.

<u>Pastor's Report:</u> Pastor Kropa shared his April Pastor's report. Pastor and Josh are working on updating the attendance numbers with the online views.

Old Business: Status / Updates (if available).

- ➤ Renovation Finance Committee Update (Mike / Committee final report).
 - The council considered the version .9 document. The committee took a conservative approach to the numbers, not taking into consideration any additional funds that Generis' initiative might bring in. The document was shared among the finance committee,

as well as past treasurers, and seemed to be agreeable by those it was shared with.

- ➤ Architectural design / update.
 - The council discussed the options of our different plans. 3 rooms, 6 rooms, multipurpose, etc. Before the May meeting we will need to get a document together with our recommendations for the June congregational meeting.
 - Is it possible to add additional rooms (total 8?), classrooms, and offices, which would leave the fellowship hall open?
 - o If we know we can't afford the biggest plan, should that be something we present to the congregation?
 - Postposing Expansion presentation for a special meeting in September. Dave, Sarah, and Michelle will work on a consolidated document with a council recommendation to consider to present for this meeting. Will present to council in May.

New Business:

- ➤ Nominating Committee Debbie and Mike will be off council.
- > Treasurer Position: Planning for the future.
 - A secretary from the synod reviewed our constitution and sent this message in response, "As I read your Constitution, the treasurer may be elected by the Congregation Council and not be a member of the council. They must be a member of the congregation and it is a year long term. Also, the Treasurer in this situation would have a voice but not a vote in Council meetings."
 - In this situation, we would ask the congregation to vote to appoint this person to the position for a year long term.

➤ Debbie Crawford has submitted her resignation from the congregational council. We thank her for her service to our church, and wish her and Jay much happiness in their new chapter in North Carolina!

Congregation Meeting will be June 9, 2024.

Adjournment at 8:50 pm. We closed the meeting with prayer.

Next Council Meeting: May 28th **Devotions:** Sarah



The Women of Hope will meet at 9:30 on Saturday, May 4th in the church kitchen. We will have an inspiring little devotion about God's plan for our lives, sample tasty snacks, and discuss some articles from the Gather Magazine.

For more information about Hope Lutheran's Women of Hope group, please call 732-513-8804 or email <a href="mailto:





Gathering of Men

Next meeting is

Saturday,

May 11, 2024 at 9am



There will be flowers and crafts to celebrate!



Sunday, May 19 at the 11am Service – JOIN US to celebrate our newest round of Hope Confirmands!



Join us for HLC's Sunday School end of the year bingo! All families are invited to attend. No registration required!

MAY 19

ON THE PLAYGROUND 10.00 AM



In case of bad weather, we will meet in the Narthex. This will be the last Sunday School class until September. Join us at 9:30 for worship over the summer!





Let's say Good Luck to our friends! Jay and Deb Crawford are moving to North Carolina,

let's gather to fellowship and wish them well!!

Sunday, May 26 – Immediately following our 930am Worship Service

Park Nine Diner (3320 Route 9) A minute up the road from church

PLEASE RSVP to Cheryl @ 732-462-7545 or

hopelutheran17@gmail.com

<u>by Monday, May 6</u>



Don't Miss... HLC/HCS Backyard BBQ Night!

All invited for Food, Fellowship and Fun!
Wednesday, May 22 at 6:00 p.m in the
Parking Lot area

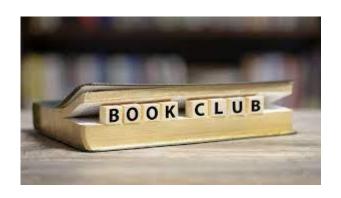
Serving hamburgers, hot dogs, watermelon, chips, lemonade and desserts.

Ice Cream Truck will be here for purchases! Kids craft table and face painting!

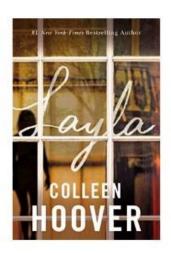
Entertainment by HLC Music Minister, Mr.
Josh and his the Hope Band
Greeting by Pastor Kropa







Our Next meeting will be: Sunday, June 2 after Worship in the Kitchen and we will be discussing....



HOPE COUNCIL NOMINATION PROCESS

Once a year, the Council goes through the process of recruiting new members to serve on the Council. This year is no different, but the needs are close to critical.

First, we are losing Deb Crawford (and Jay) who have a wonderful opportunity to relocate to North Carolina and be closer to family. Deb has been a key member of Hope and Council since coming over to Hope from Grace when they closed a few years back. Deb was a key part in the "Vision Team" that has evolved into the process we are now considering as part of our facility changes. Deb has also been on our Worship Committee for the last few years. Also, over the years Deb has helped many in the community loosen their limbs and minds with her weekly yoga classes. Deb and Jay will be missed.

Second, we are losing from Council Mike DellaRosa who will have reached the maximum number of years on Council. Mike over the years has spent many years on Council (6 years in the 1980's) and his latest service (6 years) included him taking over the Treasurer responsibilities for the last 2+ years.

As noted, we would like the members of the Congregation to give serious thought to joining Council. We are particularly in need of a Treasurer to join Council. Many of you may have a background in accounting or have an interest in statistics and budgeting. Over the last few years Dave Lynch and our Administrator (Cheryl) have migrated "our books" to Quick Books that has streamlined, improved, and simplified the accounting process. In addition, Council in the last few years approved hiring an accounting firm to further assist with guidance and accounting legalities.

We ask you to give serious thoughts to joining Council! Please feel free to speak to a member of Council, Pastor or Cheryl if you have any questions.

Bill Unger for the Congregation Council



First and foremost, thank you all for your overwhelming support over the past two months as I recovered from my medical emergencies back in February. So many people from the band, choir, and other members continued to make music at the services happen despite my absences in February and March, and for that, I am so grateful. As of Easter, I began transitioning back into my roles and responsibilities at Hope. I look forward to now being able to renew my focus on my faith formation responsibilities at Hope. Look for updates in the coming weeks!

In the meantime, we have many service opportunities still available once Sunday School and Youth Group break for the summer. We need volunteers to help set up the HLC/HCS BBQ! More importantly, Vacation Bible School is quickly approaching! Thank you to all the adults who have volunteered so far for VBS. Vacation Bible School is taking place from August 12-26 from 9am-noon. We already have many youths who have volunteered to help, but we are looking for all the help to make this year's Vacation Bible School extra special!

Please email me if you have any questions or would like more information at hopelutheranmusic@gmail.com

CONGREGATION MEETING

Sunday, June 9 immediately following 930am Worship Service ZOOM will be available for those interested



Annual HCS/HLC
Faith Family Night
scheduled for
Thursday, June 27



USED BOOK SALE

JUNE 19-22, 2024



A Freehold tradition since 1973

AAUW Freehold Area (NJ) Branch
Visit our Two Websites
www.facebook.com/BooksFreeholdNJ
Freeholdarea-nj.aauw.net/fundraising

Book Sale Location is at the First United Methodist Church 91 West Main St, Freehold NJ 07728

Wed. is Preview Sale Day
June 19, Wed. 1 PM to 7 PM
Admission (Anyone over 12 years old): \$10.

Free admission Thurs., Fri., & Sat.

June 20, Thur. 9 AM to 7 PM

June 21, Fri. 9 AM to 7 PM

June 22, Sat. * 9 AM to 3 PM

* BAG SALE Saturday...\$5 per bag

Prices

Paperback \$.50
Trade size \$1.50-\$2.00
Hardcover \$2-\$3
Children's \$.25 and up
Special Price Room
(as marked)
Cash or check accepted



No Strollers

Animals Anthropology Audiobooks-on-CD Art Biography CDs Children Classics Cookbooks Crime DVDs Entertainment Education Fantasy Fiction Gardening Geography History Humor Horror Hobbies Language Math Medical Military Movies Music Mystery Nature New Jersey Parenting Plays Poetry Politics Religion Romance Self-Help Sci-Fi Science Sociology Sports Teacher-materials Travel Westerns

AAUW Freehold Area NJ Branch Book Sale



Time for VBS sign ups! The registration form is attached to this Weekly email and hard copies will be available in Sunday School and at the round Welcome Table when entering Church!

HOPE CONGREGATION'S CONTINUING GENEROSITY

SOCIAL MINISTRY UPDATE:

How blessed we are that Hope can provide assistance beyond our physical boundaries. All our Ministries continue to be a source of pride and are recognized throughout our local communities and our giving provides global support for those suffering and in need.

There are countless ways the Hope Congregation continues to contribute toward God's message about helping others to thrive and grow due to your generous generosity:

- ➤ We provided funds (\$5,000) to assist with the mission provided by Edna Williams (Mary Jane Enrichment Center). As many of you know the center had a fire and was totally destroyed. Ms. Edna has already started the process of restarting this mission that Hope has supported for many years.
- ➤ Provided three youngsters with funds to attend **Bear Creek Camp** this summer. Both Bear Creek and Crossroads provided summer camping experiences for youth that may not be able to participate due to financial issues.
- End of year donation (2023) from the remaining Social Ministry budget (Community Projects budget) to the Advocacy Program (\$3,000). These funds will go directly to client needs coordinated by Erika Wood. These needs include utility bills, bus tickets and housing needs.
- ➤ <u>Crop Walk</u> As we have for many decades Hope again fielded a "walking Team" and contributed financially to this ongoing effort to curb hunger and reduce food insecurities in our local communities.
- ➤ Hope Christian School. After the creation of Hope Lutheran Church, our next longest ministry is our Hope Christian School that has served generations of youngsters since Hope was founded in 1967. The school and the teaching staff, with the established curriculum, prepare our youngsters to migrate directly into a learning environment along with having a spiritual starting point in a Christian life.

- Community Projects included donations to the following start-up Congregations:
 - Christus Evangelical Lutheran Church in Camden NJ and
 - Santa Isabel Lutheran Church in Elizabeth NJ.
- ➤ <u>Community Projects</u> included donations to the "180 Turning Live Around" organization of Monmouth County to overcome domestic violence and sexual assault.
- ➤ <u>Undesignated Benevolence (for emergency situations).</u> This year included donations to the following emergency situations:
 - Lutheran World Relief to support Ukrainian relief.
 - Lutheran World Relief providing direct support to earthquake victims in Syria and Turkey.
 - Lutheran Disaster Response for flooding and fire situations.
 - Lutheran Disaster Response for the devasting fires in Maui Hawaii.
- Emergency Housing and Advocacy Program (EHAP). This is another long-running ministry at Hope that provides support to those most in need in our community. For close to 20 years Emergency Housing has been supported by seven houses of worship that are part of the Freehold Clergy Association. This program has moved from a "housing" program toward a "meal" program providing additional weekday meals to the community. The housing program for the 2023>24 winter season was suspended because of having no funds made available to support the program along with a lack of volunteers in some houses of worship. The Advocacy Program includes many areas of support to those most in need, including securing transitional and permanent housing along with assisting in securing employment and government benefits. They also coordinate with medical and mental health agencies for counseling, medication management, detox and substance abuse treatment and medical care.
- ➤ <u>Education</u> that includes Vacation Bible School (VBS) that started in 1967 with sixty-seven students! We also conduct Sunday School each week.
- ➤ <u>Open Door</u> This is another long-term ministry that supports those who have food needs in our community. Food stuffs are provided with no questions asked a few times a week.

- ➤ St Peters Outreach Meals Each of the churches that are part of the Freehold Clergy Association take turns during the year to prepare and serve meals at St Peters in Freehold Borough. This has become an incredibly significant community project and again supplies those in need that suffer from food shortages.
- Facilities Usage. Almost every night our facility is used as a meeting place for those in need. Whether 12 Step or other similar needs there is always a meeting place. We also have a group called the "Stroller Moms" who conduct exercise classes and enjoy a social outing. And of course, let us not forget Tuesday night Yoga!

Bill Unger, for the Congregation Council



Sunday, June 9 – Congregation Meeting
 Sunday, June 16 – Donuts with Dad
 Thursday, June 27 – HLC/HCS
 Lakewood Blue Claws Game
 June 23 – June 30 – Pastor Vacation



April's Giving (final!)

Online - \$ 3130.41

Worship - \$ 13,619

TOTAL MONTHLY OFFERING = \$ 16,749.41

Amount needed each month to reach budget = \$15,000

GOAL REACHED for the second month in a row - Great Job and THANK YOU to everyone!!





Most Needed List

Featured Items of the Month

Mayo, Juice Boxes, Bread Crumbs, Tea

Rice A Roni Ketchup Mustard Mayo BBQ Sauce Canned Beets Olives Sauerkraut

Spam Canned Chicken

Cookies Crackers

Juice Boxes/Pouches 64 oz Juice Bottles Canned Fruit

Apple Sauce (no pouches)

Black Beans Cannellini Beans Red Beans Pork & Beans Salt & Pepper Oatmeal
Jello/Pudding
Cake Mix
Cake Frosting
Brownie Mix
Pancake Mix
Syrup
Grits

Chicken/Beef Broth

Coffee Tea

Salad Dressing - Ranch & Italian

Sugar (up to 5 lbs) Flour (up to 5lbs) Bread Crumbs

Cooking Oil - No jumbo sizes please Vinegar - No jumbo sizes please

Paper Towels Tissues Wipes

Ensure, Boost, Glucerna

All above items are greatly needed

Nonperishable Donations Monday through Thursday 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at our back door in the Broad Street parking lot entrance behind our building at 39 Throckmorton St.

Kindly do not leave anything outside when we are not here.

You may also drop off non-perishable items at the <u>Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine</u>
61 Georgia Road, Freehold Daily 7am to 7pm. Look for the designated area inside the main gathering area.

Please call us at 732-780-1089 or email us at info@faopendoor.org to schedule any perishable donations.

Updated 4/4/24



Rainbows is an international non-profit organization fostering emotional healing for children in grades K-8 (ages 5-14) children who are grieving from a life altering crisis, due to death of a loved one, divorce, separation, illness, incarceration, deployment, or other painful family transitions.

Rainbows trained facilitators use age-appropriate curriculum for children support groups which have helped over 3 million of our youth over the past 32 years. Children are provided with a safe environment to express their feelings and realize they are not alone. The program helps children develop problem solving and appropriate behavior management skills.

Rainbows is non-denominational and completely free of charge.

It is open to all families in Monmouth County from all economic, racial, ethnic, and religious backgrounds, and from two-parent, single- parent, or foster-parent families.

Meetings are held on Wednesdays at St. Robert's Parish Hall in Freehold.

For more information please contact:

Sue Della Rosa

Sdell425@optonline.net



We take bike donations here at Hope, and John Drager so graciously will pick up any donations to get them to Asbury Park so they can be put to good use!!



We take lots of pictures at our events and post them on our website and social medias to show our community how we help others and what we offer as a Church Family. If you do NOT want your picture taken

and posted please let Josh know by sending an email requesting not to have any of your pics posted to hopelutheranmusic@gmail.com



We are looking to bring back Fellowship Hour!!!
That's that time between the services that runs from 10am – 1050am. The ladies of the Altar Guilde make the

coffee and tea that Hope provides but we could use some refreshements (*NO NUTS please!*) to compliment the beverages!! Please let us know if you are interested in signing up to help! A Sign up Sheet will be out in the Narthex – Please join us for some fellowship!!

HOPE FAMILY PRAYER LIST

Rebekah Heilman's baby niece and the whole family, **Hope**, could use prayers for health and healing;

Kaitlin Kropa; Siggy Kuehn family friend, Ruth Biele and co-worker, Frances Wilkens; Corn Family Friend, Mike Pepper; David Kropa struggling with some health complications; Janice and Bill Seifert; Josh Staudinger; Gerry Bergh; Bill and Janice's daughter, Lynne **Palumbo**; **Dan Denef** is home but still in need of many prayers; Wayne Kless' sister, Jacqueline White; Justine Brozyna, friend of the Corn Family; Kuehn Family Friend, Deena Harmon; Deloris Laub; Bonnie Palamara; Pastor's former parishioner, Eric Westberg; **Dolores O'Brien; Bob Zarilli,** family friend of **John** and **Debbie Bonanno**; **Pat Fensham's** brother in law, **Patrick** DePiano; Gary Rosenberg; Valrie McGinn; Willy and Marilyn Wolter, Cindy Lynch's mother and father; Margaret Holen; Erin Bereheiko; Jim Mulligan; Dani **Hulsart** family friend of the **Donmoyer Family**; **Pam** Renouff:

Those serving as first responders and in the armed services.

CONGREGATION COUNCIL

President	Bill Unger				
Vice President	Sarah Kozak				
Treasurer	Mike Della Rosa				
Secretary	Michelle Miele				
Education	Jessica Somodi				
Worship	Debbie Crawford				
Financial Secretary	Sue Hu				
Open Door/ Alternate	Rebekah Heilman/Pat Fensham				
	Matthew Sprunger				
Architecture Team	Brian McMillin				
	Matthew Malanuk				
Maintenance Team	Steve Weiss				
Maintenance Team	David Peters				

	Assisting	Acolyte	Altar	Counting
April 14	Sue H		Rebekah H	Della Rosas
April 21	Debbie U		Barbara T	Weiss/Tyrrell
April 28	John D		Debbie U	Ungers
May 5	Rita C		Diane K	Fenshams
May 12	Steve W		Rachel R	Della Rosas
May 19	Tom T		Christine H	Crawford/Bondo
<i>May 26-</i> <u>930</u>	Bill U		Pat F	Weiss/Tyrrell
June 2	Rebekah H		Rebekah H	Ungers
June 9	Sue H		Barbara T	Fenshams
June 16	Debbie U		Debbie U	Della Rosas
June 23	John D		Diane K	Crawford/Bondo
June 30	Rita C		Rachel R	Weiss/Tyrrell
July 7	Jackie P		Pat F	Ungers
July 14	Steve W		Christine H	Fenshams
July 21	Tom T		Rebekah H	Della Rosas
July 28	Bill U		Barbara T	Crawford/Bondo
August 4	Rebekah H		Diane K	Weiss/Tyrrell
August 11	Sue H		Debbie U	Ungers
August 18	Debbie U		Rachel R	Fenshams
August 25	John D		Pat F	Della Rosas

Acolytes –

Ryan Somodi, Cara Smith, Joey Mancini, Adrianna Mancini, Melody Burger, Autumn Hedin, Riley Hedin, Harper Hedin

	Ushers 9am	Ushers 11am
April 14	Matt M	Matt S
April 21	Mark A	Chuck M
April 28	Ken B	Deb C
May 5	Rebekah H	Mark B
May 12	Bill U	Matt S
May 19	Matt M	Chuck M

ONE SERVICE 930am starting Memorial Day -

USHERS continued....

May 26	Deb C/Mark A
June 2	Mark B/Ken B
June 9	Matt S/Rebekah H
June 16	Bill U
June 23	Matt M
June 30	Mark A



MAY 2024

Congregation Meeting Sunday, June 9 after 930am Worship

The state of the s						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			7p- 12 Step	5p- Counseling 730p- 12 Step	730p- 12 Step	930a- WOH 12p- Counseling
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
9a- Traditional 10a- Sun School 11a- Contemp 630p- Confirm	730p- Choir	7p- Yoga Teacher	7p- 12 Step Appreciation	5p- Counseling 730p- 12 Step <i>Week</i>	730p- 12 Step	9a- GOM 12p- Counseling
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Mothers' Day 9a- Traditional 10a- Sun School 11a- Contemp	730p- Choir	7p- Yoga	7p- 12 Step	5p- Counseling 730p- 12 Step	730p- 12 Step	12p- Counseling
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
9a- Traditional w/ Baptism 10a- Sun School – LAST DAY!!! 11a- Contemp - Confirmation	730p- Choir	7p- Yoga	HLC/HCS BBQ 7p- 12 Step	5p- Counseling 730p- 12 Step	730p- 12 Step	12p- Counseling
26	27	28	29	30	31	
930a – Traditional w/ <i>Baptism</i> 11am – Crawford Diner Farewell	730p- Choir	7p - Council Mtng 7p- Yoga	7p- 12 Step	5p- Counseling 730p- 12 Step	730p- 12 Step	

MAY 2024 YOUTH CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out our team! Faith Formation Director: Josh Staudinger (hopelutheranmusic@gmail.com) Youth Group Bible Study Leader: Inhyoung Chae (istaudinger@gmail.com)		1	2	3	4	
5 No Youth Group	6	7 SERVICE OPPORTUNITY Choir 7:30 PM	8	9	10	11
Mother's Day Youth Group Activity 10:00AM – YG Room	SERVICE OPPORTUNITY Choir 7:30 PM	14	15	16	17	18
Pentecost Special Fellowship Hour LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL/YG	SERVICE OPPORTUNITY Choir 7:30 PM	21	SERVICE OPPORTUNITY HLC/HCS BBQ!	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	Service Oppo	ner Party -TBD ortunity - VBS 'e need volunteers