

HOPEFUL TIMES

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Change in Worship Schedule

The church council has made a decision to move all worship to Zoom for the month of January. This was a difficult decision to make, but with the rise in COVID cases in Berks County and the predicted surge following the Christmas holidays, the council felt that this would be the best course of action to keep everyone safe. Council will constantly be re-evaluating this decision to decide when it is safe to return.



January Birthdays

- James OttoJanuary 2
- Kelsi KegerizeJanuary 4
- Becky WalkerJanuary 8
- Catherine Price.....January 10
- Taylor Wunder.....January 16
- Carter SchaefferJanuary 20
- Daniel Vilardo.....January 25
- John PrintzJanuary 27
- Linda SnyderJanuary 29

Congratulations

Pastor Mary on
20 years of Ordination
and 15 years as our
Pastor at Hope!



Christmas greetings, Hope family and friends!

As I write this it is only the fourth day of Christmas, so 8 more to go! Good thing, because my family was not able to gather Christmas Day, so I'm enjoying simpler pleasures each day. Last night I watched the Muppets Christmas Carol (my favorite!) and was struck anew by Scrooge's passionate vow, "I will honor Christmas in my heart and try to keep it all the year!" As we enter 2022, still in the throes of a pandemic, unsure if there is an end in sight, this should perhaps be our vow, too. Can we, as the people of God, look for ways to bring the spirit of love and of peace into this troubled and contentious world? Can we also look for the beauty that exists in each person and treat others with generosity and kindness? Perhaps this pandemic has taught us to treasure the simple things, and also to be willing to sacrifice for the sake of our sisters and brothers in Christ. Maybe the world will be a better place when we get past this dark time. The light shines in the darkness and the darkness does not overcome it!

Faces of Hope - Holiday Fun and Celebration



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Sunday Morning during the
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helping in any
way, please
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Deb Maley or contact Margaret in
the church office.

**Rejoice in hope,
be patient in suffering,
persevere in prayer.
(Romans 12:12 NRSV)**

