

# HERE'S HOPE

Newsletter for the Congregation and Friends of Hope Church  
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September 2010

## Calendar of events:

- **Sunday Worship Services are 9:30 and 11:00**
- **Sunday School classes are at 9:30**
- **Sunday Jr. & Sr. High Youth Groups 7:00 p.m.**
- Covered Dish Supper every 3rd Sunday of the month
- Monday evenings Bible Study 7:30
- Wednesday mornings Bible Study 9:45
- 3rd Wednesday of every month Lunch with the Pastor!
- Thursday afternoons Quilting 1:00
- Thursday evenings Choir practice 7:30 p.m.
- Last Monday of every month Salt Shaker's Breakfast

### The following groups meet in the Fellowship Hall

**Monday evenings** Boy Scouts  
**Wednesday evenings** AA  
**Thursday evenings** Daytop NJ Family Association  
**Saturday evening** NA  
**Sunday afternoons** AA

Sunday Worship Services will start  
at 9:30 And 11:00 beginning on  
September 12th.

RALLY DAY is September 12th too!

Come back renewed, refreshed and  
ready to serve.



There will be an  
organizational meeting  
for Harvest Home on  
Sunday, August 29th  
directly after Worship

downstairs, in the Fellowship room.  
All hands on deck!

Dear Friends,

I'd like to thank all of you who have kept me in your prayers, have sent cards, called or visited, sent meals or gift cards for meals for Chris and I during this time of my surgery and recovery. It has meant more to me than you may ever know.

I look forward to being back among you, September 7th. God bless all of you.

Love, Barbara

## HOPE FLEA MARKET

September 11th (rain date September 18th)

Anyone interested in helping at the Rt. 70 Flea Market should call Elaine Flechtner at 732-350-2598.

All proceeds go to our church.

Call Elaine if you would like to join us and have a table waiting for you.

We hope to exceed last years total of \$905.25.

## Stewardship Dinner

*LIFE ITSELF IS A STEWARDSHIP.*

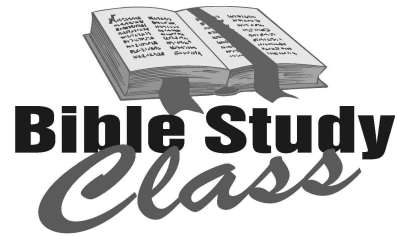
*EACH OF US CAN LIVE AS GOD'S STEWARD. "from everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required..." Luke 12:48*

Our annual Stewardship Dinner will be held on Sunday, October 17th. The location will be announced as the date draws near.

Please mark your calendars and keep this date open.

## WHO TO CONTACT

| FOR:                           | PHONE    | CONTACT                              |
|--------------------------------|----------|--------------------------------------|
| Hope Church                    | 364-8318 | Veralynn in the Office               |
| Pastor at home                 | 244-1299 | Rev. Barbara Hicks                   |
| Pastor's cell #                | 245-3690 | Rev. Barbara Hicks                   |
| Clerk of Session               | 364-8873 | Jim Marks                            |
| President of corporate matters | 814-1404 | Chris Earle                          |
| Treasurer                      | 367-5233 | Chris Szolkowski                     |
| Music Director                 | 275-1937 | Irina Bessedá                        |
| Sexton                         | 364-8873 | Jim Marks                            |
| Senior Youth Group             | 528-3459 | Peggy Wuestneck/<br>Jessica Johnson/ |
| Junior Youth Group             | 492-6948 | Maria & Chris Earle                  |
| Food Pantry                    | 367-6627 | Ken Williams                         |
| Flowers                        | 276-6925 | Judy Ward                            |
| Quilting Group                 | 363-8816 | Jean Horner                          |
| Redevelopment                  | 364-8873 | Jim Marks                            |



Thomas Moore's best-selling books Care of the Soul and Soulmates have inspired millions to reclaim and nurture the sacredness of everyday life.

This fall the Bible study classes will be participating in a six-part video series that profiles a variety of people who have been able to reclaim and nurture the sacredness of their everyday lives. Thomas Moore reflects on how, by following their example, we can all gain greater satisfaction in our lives and come to deeper knowledge of what it means to be human.

Joining Moore in this series are Robert Fulghum, author of All I Really Need to Know I learned in Kindergarten, "Jeff Smith of "The Frugal Gourmet," poet Kathleen Norris, author of Dakota, Dan Wakefield, a best-selling novelist and screenwriter and others.

Bible study classes will begin on Monday, September 13 @ 7:30p.m. in the Fellowship Room and Wednesday, 9:45 a.m. in the Manse. We hope you will join us. There is no need to register for these classes. Just show up and bring your Bibles!

### Committee members needed!

If you are interested in joining any committee please contact the committee chair.

|                          |                                |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Administration           | Chris Earle & Ron Hoffman      |
| Buildings & Grounds      | Ken Beyer & Tony Travisano     |
| Christian Education      | Hillary Bryce & Jacquie Revier |
| Fellowship               | Carol Urm & Chris Earle        |
| Membership / Stewardship | Cathie Strauss & Bob Blake     |
| Mission                  | Al Manus & Peggy Wuestneck     |
| Redevelopment            | Jim Marks & Jacquie Revier     |
| Worship                  | MaryAnn Hayes                  |

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|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Elder Nominating:       | Al Manus & Cathie Strauss |
| Harvest Home AdHoc      | Ron Hoffman & Chris Earle |
| Presbytery Commissioner | Hillary Bryce             |

### Providing An Address for the Homeless: Ocean County Solutions

The Monmouth Presbytery, along with the Kiwanis Club of Jackson, the Jackson Helping Hands Foundation, and STEPS (Solutions to Ending Poverty Soon) will host a forum about Ocean County's homeless on Tuesday September 21st, 7 p.m. at Hope Presbyterian Church, 617 Hope Chapel Road, Lakewood.

The forum will address the problem of the county's homeless, discuss solutions, offer action plans and establish a network for future discussions and action. The forum is free and open to the public. This is an opportunity for you to bear witness to Christ's love and to demonstrate your support for initiatives meeting the needs of both the community and the homeless.

Seating is limited so registration is required. Please contact or leave a message with Al Manus (732) 363-7776 or (732) 267-7266 to reserve your seat.

# A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR...



Dear friends, September is here, schools are opening up, folks are returning from summer vacations and the church is gearing up for an exciting and full fall season. I know I have said this almost every month but for those of us who love Jesus, attending worship is crucial for our spiritual health. In our sanctuary is the place where you will hear words of love and forgiveness and challenge. In our sanctuary you will find a place to lay your concerns and fears in the loving embrace of God and your brothers and sisters in Christ. In our sanctuary you will hear the word of God read and preached so that you may take what you hear with you into the week ahead and know that you are not alone.

As we begin a new church year, plan to make worship an integral part of your life as families and individuals. I know you will be glad you did and we will be glad to see you each and every week.

Ginny Kaiser sent me the following dialogue and I loved it. The strong base that we stand upon here at Hope is love—the love of God, the loving sacrifice of Jesus Christ and the love we have for one another. Enjoy! Thanks Ginny!

I will see you on Sunday.

Peace,

*Barbara*

## Installing Love

**Tech Support:** Yes, how can I help you?

**Customer:** Well, after much consideration, I've decided to install Love. Can you guide me through the process?

**Tech Support:** Yes. I can help you. Are you ready to proceed?

**Customer:** Well, I'm not very technical, but I think I'm ready. What do I do first?

**Tech Support:** The first step is to open your Heart. Have you located your Heart?

**Customer:** Yes, but there are several other programs running now. Is it okay to install Love while they are running?

**Tech Support:** What programs are running?

**Customer:** Let's see, I have Past Hurt, Low Self-Esteem, Grudge and Resentment running right now.

**TechSupport:** No problem, Love will gradually erase Past Hurt from your current operating system. It may remain in your permanent memory but it will no longer disrupt other programs. Love will eventually override Low Self-Esteem with a module of its own called High Self-Esteem. However, you have to completely turn off Grudge and Resentment. Those programs prevent Love from being properly installed. Can you turn those off?

**Customer:** I don't know how to turn them off. Can you tell me how?

**Tech Support:** With pleasure. Go to your start menu and invoke Forgiveness. Do this as many times as necessary until Grudge and Resentment have been completely erased.

**Customer:** Okay, done! Love has started installing itself. Is that normal?

**Tech Support:** Yes, but remember that you have only the base program. You need to begin connecting to other Hearts in order to get the upgrades.

**Customer:** Oops! I have an error message already. It says, "Error - Program not running on internal components." What should I do?

**Tech Support:** Don't worry. It means that the Love program is set up to run on Internal Hearts, but has not yet been run on your Heart. In non-technical terms, it simply means you have to Love yourself before you can Love others.

**Customer:** So, what should I do?

**Tech Support:** Pull down Self-Acceptance; then click on the following files: Forgive-Yourself; Realize Your Worth; and Acknowledge your Limitations.

**Customer:** Okay, done.

**Tech Support:** Now, copy them to the "My Heart" directory. The system will overwrite any conflicting files and begin patching faulty programming. Also, you need to delete Verbose Self-Criticism from all directories and empty your Recycle Bin to make sure it is completely gone and never comes back.

**Customer:** Got it. Hey! My heart is filling up with new files. Smile is playing on my monitor and Peace and Contentment are copying themselves all over My Heart. Is this normal?

**Tech Support:** Sometimes. For others it takes awhile, but eventually everything gets it at the proper time. So Love is installed and running. One more thing before we hang up. Love is Freeware. Be sure to give it and its various modules to everyone you meet. They will in turn share it with others and return some cool modules back to you.

**Customer:** Thank you, God.

## Vacation Bible School

Wow! What a great time. We had about 18 children from ages 3-12. We also had 5 amazing youth helpers and 8 adult helpers and leaders. Each day we had a different theme. We started each day learning songs thanks to Cathie and Sarah Strauss.

Monday was the Angel day. We learned all about Christmas angels. The children made angels in the craft room. Each day we had a movie as part of the station rotation. Barbara Johnson was there to happily greet the movie goers and even had some popcorn and snacks for them. Thanks to patty Williams we had 5 wonderful videos for our children to enjoy. In cooking class the children made Angel Food cake. Evelyn Clayton showed them all how to separate the yolks from the whites of about 4 dozen eggs.

Tuesday was Star day. We continued the Christmas story now including the star of the Kings and shepherds. We made star shaped sugar cookies. Maria and Ayla Earl had a fun craft each day. Pastor Lynne and Carol Urm did the story time and hands on time with the children each day. The children loved digging for gold on the Kings day!

On Thursday we celebrated the Sheppard's story. We made 18 Sheppard's pies and even had a surprise visit from a weird looking bearded Sheppard!

On Friday the children made a very special light-up get well card to our wonderful pastor, Barbara Hicks. I delivered it along with a Sheppard's pie, angel food cake and sundaes fit for a King.... We enjoyed making and eating sundaes after we sang happy Birthday Jesus! Thanks to everyone who helped make VBS 2010 a wonderful time !

### Youth Helpers

Teddi Rose Hayes, Samantha Blake, Sarah Strauss, Marissa Whitonis and Ayla Earl

### Adult Helpers

Judy Ward, Amanda Snyder, Jean Horner and Diane McCambridge

### Station Leaders

Cathie Strauss/ music, Pastor Lynne/ story time, Carol Urm/ hands on time, Barbara Johnson/movie time, Maria Earl/ crafts, and Evelyn Clayton/ cooking class

### **“On my honor, I will do my best to do my duty to God and my Country....”**

On Saturday, August 7, 2010, Peg and I had the pleasure of attending the Eagle Court of Honor for Kyle Bryant at which time Kyle was awarded the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest rank offered by the Boy Scouts of America. This was one day short of a year ago (August 8, 2009) that we attended the same award ceremony for his brother Ian.

We here at Hope Presbyterian Church should be extremely proud to have been a part of the lives of these young people. They have done well.

We should also be honored to be the chartering organization for the Boy Scout Troop 250 of which our Pastor Barbara Hicks is the Executive Officer and Lonnie Bryant is the organization representative.

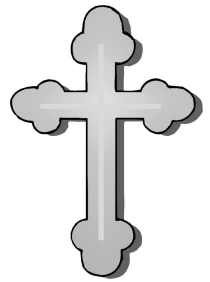
Many thanks to our Troop 250 and their leaders who have produced 18 Eagle Scouts and have touched the lives of an untold number of other young boys as they travel the road to manhood.

If you or anyone you know of has a son 11 years old or older, you may want to suggest the look in on one of the meetings of Troop 250 which are held in our Fellowship hall Monday evenings at 7:30 PM. Call the church office for more information.

Bill Kaufhold

**“...and to obey the Scout Law; to help other people at all times; to keep myself physically fit, mentally awake and morally straight.”**

Every two years we hold a confirmation/commission class for our 8th and 9th graders. This is a 14 week class that helps the students explore what it means to be a Christian and a Presbyterian. Through homework and class work the students are introduced to the tenets of our faith and the polity (government) of our denomination. At the end of the class each student is given the option of being confirmed if they feel ready. One of the main assignments is for the students to write a statement of faith. This statement is then read out loud at for the entire Session. The Session members can then examine the students as to their understanding of all that they learned.



Throughout the years here at Hope we have had some incredibly deep and excellent statements written by our children. This year was no exception. In the next few months we will be reprinting these statements so that you will see the fine work these students have completed.

When you see them at church, tell them what reading their statements have meant to you. It will make their day!

**Statement of Faith**

By Kyle Bryant

I believe that God is the creator of the universe. He sent his only Son to the earth to save us. He is the Father just as Jesus is the Son. He made the world as we know it.

I believe that Jesus is the earth's redeemer and savior. He went to earth to teach mankind how God wants us to live. He died on the cross in order to save the people of the earth. He is the inspiration on how we should live our lives.

The Holy Spirit is the one who blesses us. It gives us the courage to go out and spread the word of God. As it gave the disciples the courage to spread God's word, it gives us the that same courage.

The Bible is God's word in writing. Everyone forgets sometimes, so the Bible is a place to go to review the teachings of God. It is the place where we can go to see the words of God in writing.

The church is a body. A body that if even one of it's systems is not working, then the body as a whole does not work properly. Just as a body needs every part of it to work to it's best ability so does the church. It should treat every part of it as if it were a vital organ, just as a person should do to his or her own body.

Church membership is very important to the church. It needs it's members to run the church. Just like in politics, the everyday man helps to decide who runs our nation. The average church member helps to decide what the church does as a whole.

**HAMBURGER BARLEY VEGETABLE SOUP**

submitted by Judy Ward

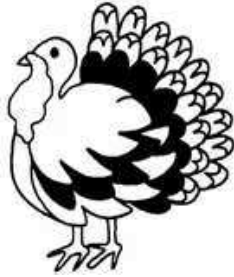
- 1 1/2 lb ground beef
- 6 cups water
- 3 beef flavored bouillon cubes or 3 tsp instant bouillon
- 2 cups sliced carrots
- 2 medium coarsely chopped onions
- 1 1/2 cups chopped celery
- 1/2 cup coarsely chopped green pepper
- 2 bay leaves
- 28 oz. can tomatoes, undrained, cup up
- 1/3 cup barley
- 1 tsp salt
- 1/8 tsp pepper
- 1/4 cup catsup
- 8 oz. can tomato paste

In 5 qt. heavy pot, brown ground beef; drain. Stir in remaining ingredients and bring to a boil. Reduce heat, cover and simmer one hour or until vegetables and barley are tender. Remove bay leaves. Makes 10 (1 1/2 cup) servings

Calories per serving 220  
Carbohydrates 18 g

### **Mission Outreach in Support of 21 Plus**

21 Plus is an Ocean County based charitable organization addressing the needs of adults with profound disabilities. On August 21<sup>st</sup> Hope Presbyterian Church sent an intergenerational team to Toms River to support the mission of 21 Plus. The team's support effort included painting a kitchen-dining room and the living room of a residential unit maintained by the 21 Plus organization. A big thank you goes out to the team for their witness of Christ's love to the community at large.



### **HPC 107TH ANNUAL HARVEST HOME DINNER**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS! SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2ND.  
DETAILS TO FOLLOW.**

**ALL HELPING HANDS NEEDED.  
PLEASE SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER.**

### **Homemade Pan Rolls**

- 3 to 3 1/2 cups Gold Medal® all-purpose flour**
- 1/4 cup sugar**
- 1/4 cup shortening**
- 1 teaspoon salt**
- 1 package regular or quick active dry yeast**
- 1/2 cup very warm water (120°F to 130°F)**
- 1/2 cup very warm milk (120°F to 130°F)**
- 1 egg**
- Butter or margarine, melted**



1. Mix 2 cups of the flour, the sugar, shortening, salt and yeast in medium bowl. Add warm water, warm milk and egg. Beat with electric mixer on low speed 1 minute, scraping bowl frequently. Beat on medium speed 1 minute, scraping bowl frequently. Stir in enough remaining flour to make dough easy to handle.
2. Turn dough onto lightly floured surface. Knead about 5 minutes or until smooth and elastic. Place in greased bowl and turn greased side up. Cover and let rise in warm place about 1 hour or until double. Dough is ready if indentation remains when touched.
3. Grease bottoms and sides of 2 round pans, 9x1 1/2 inches.
4. Punch down dough. Cut dough in half; cut each half into 12 pieces. Shape into balls. Place close together in pans. Brush with butter. Cover and let rise in warm place about 30 minutes or until double.
5. Heat oven to 400°F.
6. Bake 16 to 18 minutes or until golden brown

Yields 2 dozen rolls

**WE ARE COLLECTING INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED SNACKS AND CANS OF COFFEE FOR THE NEWLY OPENED VETERAN'S AFFAIRS OFFICE ON ROUTE 70 IN LAKEWOOD. ITEMS COLLECTED PROVIDE VETERANS WITH REFRESHMENTS WHILE THEY ARE SEEKING HELP. OUR GOVERNMENT DOES NOT CURRENTLY PROVIDE MONEY TO BUY SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN REFRESHMENTS IN THIS SITUATION.**

**PLEASE LEAVE YOUR DONATIONS IN THE RED MILK CRATE IN THE NARTHEX. MANY THANKS IN ADVANCE, KEN WILLIAMS**

## \*Hope for the Future\*

By the Rev. Lynne Manilla

It is remarkable to me the number of “new years” we experience throughout the year. There is, of course, January 1, but there are others. In the church the new year begins with Advent in December as we celebrate the beginning of Christ’s life. In many government offices and businesses, there is a fiscal year which begins on July 1. For Jews there is a new year in September. For students and their families there is a new year that begins after Labor Day with the beginning of a new school year. For many churches, including ours, we begin a new year of Sunday school classes, renewed worship hours after summer vacations and a focus on fall activities.

Next month we will celebrate the annual harvest home dinner and we will have our annual fellowship dinner to kick-off our stewardship season.

This year we have a special theme, “Hope for the Future.” As Hope Church we are invited by God to step into the future by envisioning what can happen if we return to God some of the material resources he has already given us. The Session has already been planning the budget for next year. Part of that process has led them to think about what new and exciting things might happen through the budget if people caught a vision of hope in their giving to this church. At our dinner on October 17 you will have the opportunity to catch that hope and vision by hearing some of those ideas for next year. In addition, you will hear the good news about the reduction of mortgages to one and the hope for eliminating the final \$90,000 in debt that this church carries. That would free up even more resources for new initiatives in mission to the world that Hope seeks to promote.

Our theme this year comes from a folk song by John McCutcheon, “Hope Dies Last.” We worry much about the finances in this church. This song, however, can give us heart to risk ourselves and our gifts for “Hope for the Future” by stepping out in faith. Come hear these words sung at our Stewardship Dinner.

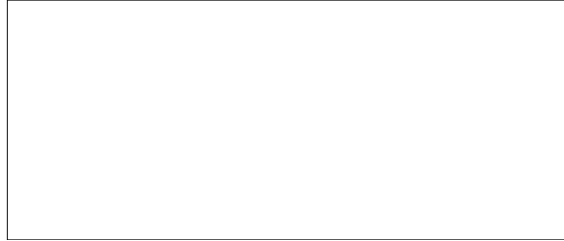
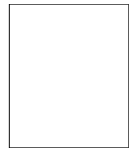
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BIRTHDAY  
TO...

Ed Chertowsky, Brandon Crawford, Rhonda Fletcher,  
Thomas Henry II, John Horner, Laura Johnson,  
Ginny Kaiser, Joseph Cuono Lyden, Marj Miller,  
Christian Pongracz, Benjamin Sapio, Charles Smith,  
Aubrey Stoner, Joe Strauss, Carol Urm,  
Heather Whitonis and Jerry Yurick

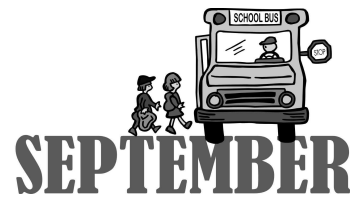
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OR [Cathie99@optonline.net](mailto:Cathie99@optonline.net).**



## **Church Office Hours**

The Rev. Barbara Hicks' Office hours for 2010 are as follows:  
Monday through Thursday: 10:00-2:00  
Friday: Off  
She is always available by telephone, or cell phone.

September means Autumn is just around the corner! Check out the soup and dinner roll recipes on pages 5 and 6. Perfect for a chilly day!