

HERE'S HOPE

Newsletter for the Congregation and Friends of Hope Church
www.lakewoodhope.com

October 2010

"Come Unto Me - All Children of God" - New Adult Sunday School Class

Beginning, Sunday, October 10, 10:15 a.m. to 10:55 a.m. we will be having a new adult class led by our Parish Associate, Lynne Manilla. The topic is: "Come Unto Me - All Children of God". We will have the opportunity to consider: spirituality/imagination/wonder (for adults and children); faith formation/development/nurture - how we learn as adults and children; how these two topics intersect with sacraments and worship. Join us in the fellowship room in our Sunday school space for interesting facts, discussion and the opportunity to grow as the family of God.

If you wish to participate and have children in church school, an extended class for your children will be available for the last ten minutes.

107th Harvest Home Dinner

Come and enjoy a homemade turkey dinner
and all that goes with it!
Including Hope Church's famous pickles!

Seating are at 4:30, 6:00 and 7:30

Can't stay? Call and order a meal to take out.

Reserve your seat today 732-364-8318.



Prices are \$10.95 for adults and
\$5.95 for children 12 and under.

Hope Flea Market 2010

My grateful thanks to our "Flea Marketers", Al Manus, Bob Blake & sons, Juhan Urm, Cathie Strauss, Judy Ward, Carol Mason, Beverly Daniels & Ginny Kaiser. A big thank you to all those who donated items to sell. We did it! \$1,021.21!

Submitted by Elaine Flechtner, chairperson

Stewardship Dinner:

Hope For The Future

"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 at 5:30**. The location will be announced as the date draws near.

You are encouraged to participate. The thrust of this year's campaign is about active worship and participation. You will hear testimonials of faithful giving, receive the proposed budget for 2011, and hear our talented musical and dramatic entertainment.

The pledge drive will conclude on November 21st with dedications during the Worship services on November 28th. We are asking you to dream the future of this church community.

Together, we can make that dream a reality.

Please call the office 732-364-8318, and let us know you are coming!

Colder Weather in the Forecast

The seasons are changing and colder weather will soon be upon us. For those in need, colder weather can be an additional hardship. Between October 17th and November 21st the Mission Committee will be conducting a fall/winter apparel drive for the homeless of Ocean County. Donations can be brought to the church for distribution. There is also a need for fire wood. Contact Al Manus for additional information at 732-363-7776, 732-267-7266, or amanus987@yahoo.com.

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/ 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

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

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

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

Hope Presbyterian Church Extends a Helping Hand

Accolades go to the mission team who on Saturday, August 21st between 8 am and 12 noon painted a kitchen, dining room, living room, and hallway of a residential facility (a home) serving adults with profound disabilities.

Members of team included Bob Blake, Samantha Blake, Avianna Johnson, Cheryl Rivera, Cheryl's niece Rebecca, Sarah Strauss, Ed Chertowsky, Peggy Wuestneck, TJ Wuestneck, Alex Wuestneck, and Al Manus.



The **Per Capita** Apportionment for the calendar year 2010 is \$34.92 per active member. The Per Capita is an assessment made to each church for those on the active members roll (including youth members) as of December 31 of a preceding year. The funds go toward paying the administrative costs of The General Assembly, Synod, and Presbytery. We encourage each member to do what they can to contribute their share, as the church as a whole is responsible for the total amount (approximately \$8,070).

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR...



Dear Friends,

I am writing this article on the eve of what would have been my mother's 88th birthday (September 22nd) and so my heart and mind are deep in remembrance of her. One of the many things I remember most of my mother was her deep and abiding faith. She taught us by word and by action how to live a life that reflected Christ's love to all whom she met. We almost never missed a Sunday at church. She taught Sunday school and played the piano for the choir as they practiced their anthem before worship. My mother showed by example how important being part of a worshiping community was. I think I learned that lesson pretty well for I cannot imagine living my life apart from a community of faith.

Unfortunately we live in a time when participation in the life of a church is not "in vogue". Many churches have seen a drop in attendance and membership over the last decade or so. With the economic crisis churches have also seen a drop in giving - some to the point that they are now faced with closing their doors.

Here at Hope we are excited about the things we have planned for this year. However we need your presence in order to make our activities successful. In this newsletter are announcements about upcoming events and I hope you will read it with your calendar in hand so that you can mark down all the dates.

I found a short story that made me think and so I share it with you.

There is a story told about the famous actor Charles Laughton. One night he attended a dinner party. After dinner they gathered in the living room. The host called upon him to recite the 23rd Psalm. He said he would. His timing and intonation were perfect. And we Americans seem to love anything said with a British accent. He recited the 23rd Psalm that night. Then they went around the room and others were invited to offer something. There was an old woman sitting in the corner. She happened to be the aunt of the host. She was asked if she would recite something.

She was nearly deaf so she hadn't heard what had gone before. She stood up and started to recite the 23rd Psalm. People at first were embarrassed. It was an awkward situation to have her recite the same psalm as the great actor Charles Laughton. Before she finished, people were caught up in her recitation. Some began to weep. It was a tour de force.

Later somebody asked Mr. Laughton why her reading was so moving when she didn't have any of the skills that he had as an actor. He said, "I know the psalm. She knows the shepherd."

As we travel through this fall season, let us ask ourselves, "Do we know the shepherd?" I look forward to seeing you on Sunday!

Peace,
Barbara

Clerk's Corner

Fall has arrived. Your session has been discussing events over the course of the summer. If everything goes as planned, this season will be one filled with many different activities. In addition to those programs that the committees provide there will be the Annual Congregational Meeting. Session has begun discussing the time frame for scheduling this important aspect of church life. It is the time for YOU to elect elders to the Session Class of 2013, elect the congregational members for next year's Elder Nominating Committee, act upon the Pastor's Terms of Call, receive the official budget for 2011, and other administrative necessities. They encourage you to be involved in this part of the decision making process. Once the date has been set, the notice will be posted, it will be announced, and if the time frame works out it will be advertised in this newsletter.

As a reminder to you, the congregation, regular session meetings are open for you to come out and see your session at work. It is an opportunity for you to see your session in action. The meetings are usually held on the second Tuesday of each month in the Fellowship Room of the church at **7:00 P.M.** When a scheduling conflict arises the meeting will be relocated to one of the other facilities. Once session re-organizes in January 2011, I will let you know if there are any changes to the meeting night or time.

In His Service,
James S. Marks
Clerk of Session

Every two years we hold a confirmation/commission class for our 8th and 9th graders. 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. We have been printing these statements for the past few months 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!

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KNOW YOUR ELDER-CATHIE STRAUSS

Greetings!

I like to think that I've learned something in my life, like how to treat others fairly, how to love abundantly, how to cook a turkey, and how to smile, even when I don't feel like it. Our Lord, Jesus Christ, commissioned us to do unto others as we would like them to do unto us. I like to feel that I'm a generous person, can listen to reason and make judgments according to the sense of things.

My upbringing in the church had been one of a conservative nature brought forth from my parents who thought, "children are to be seen, and not heard" and "good better best, never let it rest, till the good is better and the better best". Our family was a church going family involved in most aspects of being a "good" member.

I wandered away from the church as an adult. I was born in Denver, Colorado. I met my husband, Allan, a NJ native, while he was stationed there in the service. Our son, Joseph was born in Denver. A long journey from the Colorado mountains to the New Jersey shores brought me to rest at Hope Presbyterian Church in 1973. I had no immediate family near, and knowing the importance of a Christian education led me to this place. I came to sing in choir, held presidency of United Presbyterian Women, and even taught Sunday school, worked on the worship and fellowship committees. My daughter Aimee was born after we became "family" here at Hope. She came along and attended every meeting, luncheon, every pot luck dinner and she too was raised in this church. Now, after 43 happily married years, my children have children who were baptized here and my granddaughters have been confirmed here at Hope.

Currently, I serve on session as your Membership chairperson. Bob Blake and I co-chair each other's committee. There is connection to Stewardship and Membership that encourages us to take our faith seriously and to share talents. Producing the church newsletter with our secretary, Verallynn, is one of most joyous assignments. I love hearing from each and every one of you and sharing the love of Christ. Together we are the church.

Each and every week, I attend church bringing my burdens to the Lord. I hear and am supported by the Word of God and by the unfailing support from my "Family" here at Hope. I hold it a measure of success in my life. I wish and pray for all of you to have the Peace.

Statement of Faith

I believe God is our strength and helps us through our struggles and suffering to find who we are and how strong we truly are. He gives us something to believe in and someone to look forward to. God shows you a path and guides you as best HE can with the decisions you make. God is our spirit and God is good. God is more than we can know or think. He is living, not just an idea, but a person who loves, rejoices, and regrets. God can be angry, compassionate, jealous and merciful. God is love, just, and unchangeable. And God is faithful and dependable.

Jesus shows us who God is and who we really are. Jesus taught people about God's kingdom or rule of love and righteousness. Some of his teachings are found in the Sermon of the Mount. In Matthew 5:3-11, there are nine verses called the Beatitudes. Each begins with the word "blessed". These verses tell who are the truly happy people, the poor in spirit, those who mourn, the meek, those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, the merciful, the pure in heart, and the peace makers. Jesus also said that we should love our enemies and that we should not worry about living, eating or drinking, because God knows our needs. Jesus shows us who God is, and in showing this, Jesus helps us find who we really are.

The Holy Spirit in my opinion is the power and will of God. To some people the Holy Spirit is, in their own words, "God's Messenger". The Holy Spirit is the moving power of God that has been around since the beginning of God; a companion that has journeyed with many people and will journey with you. The Holy Spirit moves over the waters of creation and humanity. It is the same Spirit that strengthened the chosen people of God. The Spirit that filled Mary so she gave birth to Jesus. The Spirit that was present at Jesus' baptism. The same Spirit that chose Jesus to preach the good news, love, heal, and save. And the Holy Spirit is the same Spirit that dwells with us every day of our lives.

The Bible is not one book, as it may appear, but many books. The Bible is actually sixty-six books. The word "Bible" tells us that this is really a library of smaller books. The word Bible comes from the Greek word *Biblia*, which means "little books" or "booklets". The books of the Bible tell the story of God's covenant with people who claim as our faith ancestors.

The church is like a body. And Like a body, the church has many parts. These different parts have been given a variety of different jobs to build up the body. One of these parts cannot say to another "I don't need you" because all of these parts have different and equally important jobs. If any of these parts fall through, then it effects the proper running and functioning of the church, just as if one of your organs stopped working, your body would not run or function properly.

Many people choose to become church members because of their desire to commit their lives to Jesus Christ and to become an active part of the ongoing life of the Christian community. By uniting the church, one becomes a part of the fellowship of Christian believers. This is a fellowship in which Christ's spirit is present, and through which he continues redeeming the work in the world.

Somewhere in the middle of one of my confirmation classes, I told Barbara that I found it difficult to put my faith in others. She then said to me "Sarah, I really hope you can find someone to put your faith into someday." Well, I can now say that I have found someone to put my faith in. I am able to put my faith in the loving, kind and dependable God. I am able to put my faith in Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit, and the whole Presbyterian Church.

By Sarah Strauss



Zumba Classes

The Fellowship Committee is looking at something new for the coming year – Zumba exercise classes. Jacquie Revier's friend, Terry Brown is a Zumba instructor and she is willing to start a class at our church. The first lesson will be Tuesday, October 5th from 6:15 to 7:15 in the Fellowship Hall.

This lesson is FREE! It will give people a chance to see if Zumba is something they wish to pursue. Each class after the first is only \$5.00 per person! Sign up with Jacquie Revier 732-363-8816 or Carol Urm 732-364-2182. This is a perfect opportunity to bring a friend to an activity at our church. The more participants there are, the more fun!

Salt Shakers

The Fellowship Committee would like to start 2 more dinner groups. One will be for young adults and one will be for parents. Call Carol Urm 732-364-2182 if you are interested or sign up on the poster in the narthex.

Other Salt Shaker's groups still meet regularly. Those groups have so much fun together and always look forward to their meetings. Join other congregation members for more fun and fellowship!

Breakfast Salt Shaker's Schedule:

September 27th at Beth Erath's beach house

October 25th at the Jackson Diner

November 29th at the Jackson Diner



Celebrate our heritage, support our 2011 youth mission trip, dig out your boots, find that petticoat, freshen up that bandana, get ready for the event of the fall season:

Square/Country Western Dance, Whitesville Fire Department,

November 13th, 7 – 9:30 pm, Couples \$25.00, Singles \$15.00,

Youth (Grade 12 and Under) \$7.50.

Light refreshments. Look for signup sheet.

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.

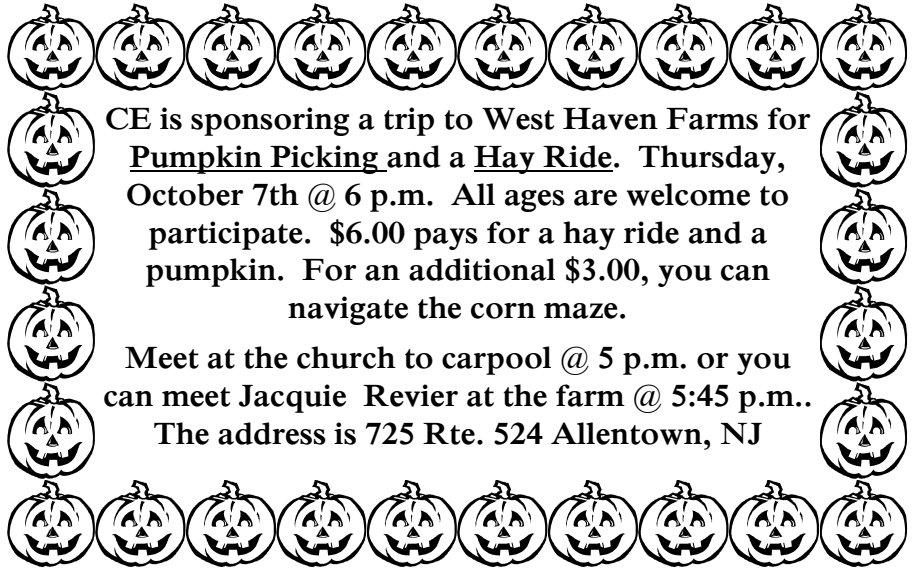
Many Thanks - Ken Williams



Good luck and best wishes to Beverly Blauvelt on the opening of her store, "The What Not Shop". The store will have a variety of merchandise for sale, including Beverly's delicious chocolates. Yummy! We also understand there will be gift basket choices for all occasions and plenty of her warm hospitality. We wish Beverly the best of luck and much happiness in her new endeavor.

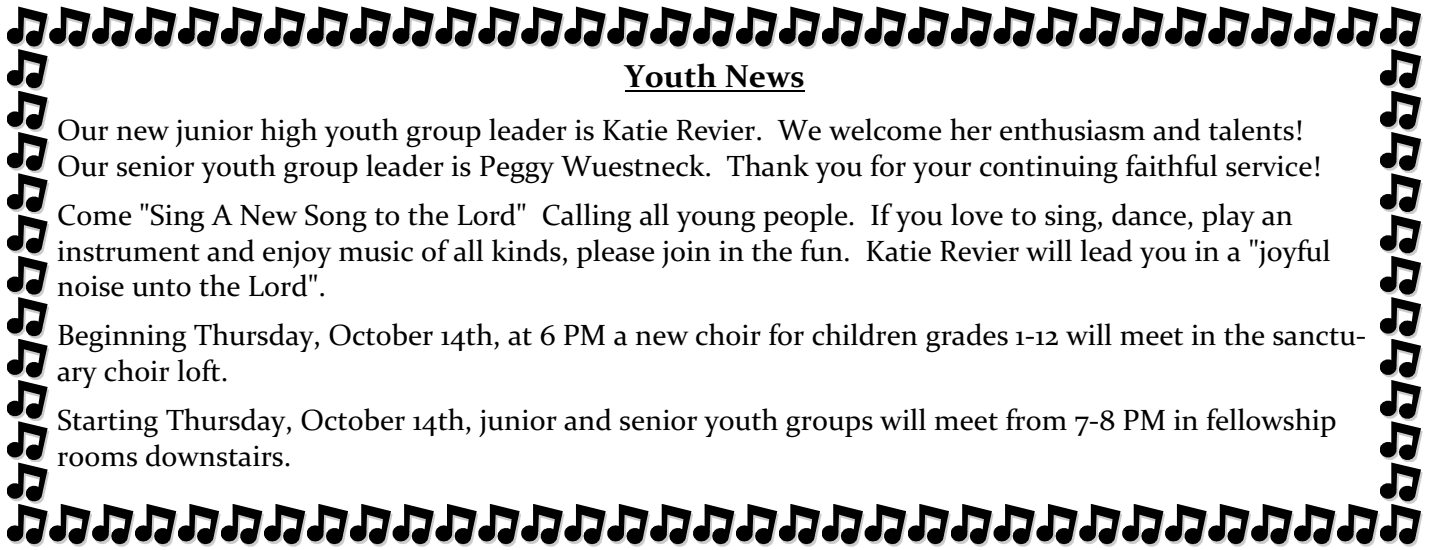
Your friends at Hope Church

PS: See Beverly after worship services on Sundays for directions to her new store in Allentown.



CE is sponsoring a trip to West Haven Farms for Pumpkin Picking and a Hay Ride. Thursday, October 7th @ 6 p.m. All ages are welcome to participate. \$6.00 pays for a hay ride and a pumpkin. For an additional \$3.00, you can navigate the corn maze.

Meet at the church to carpool @ 5 p.m. or you can meet Jacquie Revier at the farm @ 5:45 p.m.. The address is 725 Rte. 524 Allentown, NJ



Youth News

Our new junior high youth group leader is Katie Revier. We welcome her enthusiasm and talents! Our senior youth group leader is Peggy Wuestneck. Thank you for your continuing faithful service!

Come "Sing A New Song to the Lord" Calling all young people. If you love to sing, dance, play an instrument and enjoy music of all kinds, please join in the fun. Katie Revier will lead you in a "joyful noise unto the Lord".

Beginning Thursday, October 14th, at 6 PM a new choir for children grades 1-12 will meet in the sanctuary choir loft.

Starting Thursday, October 14th, junior and senior youth groups will meet from 7-8 PM in fellowship rooms downstairs.

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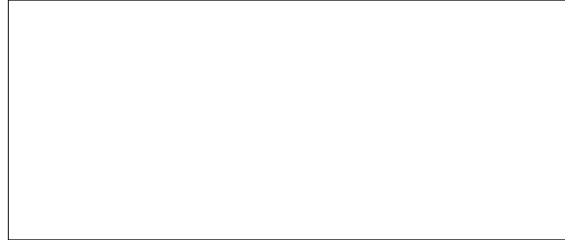
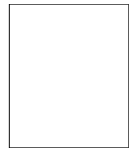


Evelyn Clayton, Courtney Crawford, Beverly Daniels, Janine Gorsak, Trudi Horner, Ian Johnston, Peg Kaufhold, Gary Magee, Jim Marks, Hailey Pongracz, Jacquie Revier, Victor Rivera, Donna Smith, Rajakumar Soundarapandian, Jennifer Spagnuolo, Tony Trivisano, Juhan Urm & Marissa Whitonis

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**Church
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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.



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