

HERE'S HOPE

Newsletter for the Congregation and Friends of Hope Church
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September 2011

ADULT BIBLE STUDY NEWS!

Our two Adult Bible Study Classes will begin our fall schedule on September 12th and September 14th respectively. This fall we will begin a study based on the book, What's The Least I Can Believe And Still Be A Christian? By Martin Thielen. We will talk about the ten things Christians *don't* need to believe and will cover such topics as: God causes cancer, car wrecks, and other catastrophes; good Christians don't doubt, true Christians can't believe in evolution, God loves straight people but not gay people, bad people will be "left behind" and then fry in hell, and much more.

This can lead to some provocative discussion as we search the scriptures and discuss just what is it that we must believe in order to call ourselves Christians. In the spring we will continue with the book as we discuss the ten things Christians *do* need to believe.

The classes are open to everyone and we would welcome your participation. All you need to do is to show up on Monday, September 12th at 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Room, or on Wednesday, September 14th in the manse.

If you have any questions, please speak to Patty Williams or Barbara Hicks.

108th Harvest Home Dinner

This event will be held on Saturday, October 1st. There will be 3 seatings; 4:00, 5:15 and 6:30. Adults are \$12 per person and children over 3 are \$7 per person. Children 3 years and younger are free.

Call the church office at 732-364-8318 and **press 5 to leave your reservation information;** Name, Phone Number, How Many Adults and How Many Children, and What Seating Time you will attend.

BOOK STUDY

On Sunday, September 18th immediately following the pot luck supper the book study group will meet to discuss the book, Little Bee by Chris Cleave. All are welcome to join us. If you have read a good book and would like the group to read it and discuss it, bring it with you because we all love a good book!!!

If you have any questions, please speak to Patty Williams or Barbara Hicks



CALLING ALL MEN!

SOMETHING NEW, SOMETHING OLD

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| WHAT'S NEW? | Men's Bible Study. |
| WHAT'S OLD? | The Bible |
| WHEN? | Saturday mornings beginning October 8, 2011 for four weeks. (Plan Ahead) |
| WHERE? | The Fellowship Room. |
| WHAT? | A look at some current events and how they affect our lives and how the Bible can help us cope with the results. |
| AGENDA: | 7:00 AM - 7:30 AM. Coffee and ?.
7:30 AM - 8:30 AM. |

Must be over by 8:30 AM so you can spend the rest of the day doing the things that you didn't have time to do during the week.

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ON
OCTOBER 8th.

WHO TO CONTACT

FOR:	PHONE	CONTACT
Hope Church	364-8318	Veralynn in the Office
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Treasurer	942-0780	Tammi Beyer
Music Director	275-1937	Irina Bessedá
Sexton	364-8873	Jim Marks
Senior Youth Group	528-3459	Peggy Wuestneck/ Jessica Johnson/
Junior Youth Group	695-3008	Katie Revier
Food Pantry	367-6627	Ken Williams
Flowers	276-6925	Judy Ward
Quilting Group	363-8816	Jean Horner
Redevelopment	364-8873	Jim Marks

Calendar of events:

- Summer Sunday Worship Service is at 10:00
- 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!
- Wednesday afternoons Quilting 1:00
- Thursday evenings Youth Choir practice 6:00 p.m.
- Thursday evenings Adult 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

How to speak Presbyterian

It has been estimated that 58 percent of the members of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) did not grow up in the denomination. For readers in that category, here is a short rundown of the lingo you are likely to hear in a Presbyterian church that you may not have heard in another church.

Calvin and Knox

In the Presbyterian Church you will hear "Calvin Church," "Calvin this-and-that," as well as "Knox Church," etc. John Calvin was a French Reformer who followed in the footsteps of Martin Luther in the 1500s. He gave us the theological foundations for our church, so we have named a lot of things after him. John Knox was a Scottish preacher who brought the teachings of John Calvin to Scotland and got the Presbyterian Church going in that country, so we have named a lot of things after him too.

This and the previous months vocabulary are just a start to understanding Presbyterian lingo. If you hear a word that is new to you and want to know what it means, ask your teaching elder or pastor to explain it to you. And don't let him or her off the hook until you have an answer!

Committee members needed!

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

Administration	David Johnson & Chris Earle
Buildings & Grounds	Tony Travisano
Christian Education	Jacque Revier
Fellowship	Carol Urm & Chris Earle
Membership	Cathie Strauss
Stewardship	Bob Blake
Mission	Peggy Wuestneck
Redevelopment	Jim Marks & Jacque Revier
Worship	Donna Smith

Elder Nominating: Tony Travisano & Peggy Wuestneck

Harvest Home AdHoc: Ron Hoffman & Chris Earle

Presbytery Commissioner Hillary Bryce

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR...



Dear friends:

As September rolls in I am realizing that for the first time in over twenty years I do not have a child in the public schools. Chris graduated in June and is now off to college at Ocean County College. How time flies!

Once again we are looking at a fall season that is going to be filled with exciting and new things here at Hope. I hope you will take some time to read through this newsletter carefully noting the programs that are being offered to everyone!

This summer I had the poignant privilege of officiating at the funeral of my best friend's mother. As I mentioned in a sermon this summer, Peggy and I have been friends since we were four years old and met in the nursery at church. Our friendship has stood the test of time and distance as we each have pursued our life goals.

The funeral was held in the church where I spent my formative years. Every Sunday my family would pile into our station wagon and make the trip to church where my mother taught Sunday school and my father directed the choir and served on Session. It was in this church that I first learned about Jesus and God's love. It was in this church every week that I saw my best friend and felt the love of the teachers we had in Sunday school. And yes, it was in this church where Peggy and I got into trouble for being boisterous and at times too exuberant youth.

It was in this church where I realized that God loved a little girl who often felt unlovable; who struggled with school work; and who accepted me just as I was. This was a powerful lesson to learn and it has stayed with me over the years. I remember my Sunday school teachers—those folks who gave so much of their time and love to be with us each week and bring us the story of Jesus. And as I have gotten older, I am more and more grateful for them and for their loving time with me.

As we begin another year of Sunday school and youth groups and Bible studies and more, I encourage you to make a commitment to be here with your family so that they too will remember Hope as the place where their faith journey began. For I will tell you that when life gets difficult, it is our faith that will see us through. And as parents, it is our responsibility to bring our children to the place where they can learn about Jesus and his love.

I am excited about this coming fall season and I hope you will be a part of the ongoing work and worship of Hope.

Blessings,

Barbara

S.O.S "Stewardship over Summer"

It takes **\$2,687.50** each week to run the church: Summer, Fall, Winter and Spring.

God never takes a vacation.

Our church needs your support to continue in the ministry to which it has been called.

Are you able to do your part?

Watch for progress in the narthex.

Progress depends on you!!!

Can you commit?

Food Contributions Needed to Address Needs of Ocean County Combat Veterans Served by the Vet Center in Lakewood

The Vet Center in Lakewood has communicated a need for food contributions for combat veterans and their families served by the Lakewood Vet Center. The food needs in our community are significant. Please remember our veterans and those in need in an economy characterized by continuing significant unemployment.

Our thanks to Ken Williams for delivering the collected donations on a regular basis.

The box is always in the narthex and ready to be filled!



Everyone enjoys the Harvest Home Dinner but do you know how much work goes into making this special event a success?

Food donations and volunteer helpers are needed.

Watch for sign-up posters in the narthex. And don't be afraid to be generous not only with your donations but with your time. Speak with Chris Earle or Carol Urm for more information.

Together, we can all make this Harvest Home dinner the best one yet!

Catching the Wave

No we are not going surfing!

Small Group Opportunity -
September through November – Forum Style

Beginning Sunday, September 18 after the 11 a.m. service

Join this group and take the opportunity to get a vision of the future for Hope Church. What do you love about Hope Church? What would you like to see in the future?

The world is always changing and often we are caught up in that flood of change with no input. Gather with your friends and think about where our faith community is heading. Young men dream dreams and old men have visions.

Get together and share our dreams with visions for our congregation. Based on Scripture, short surveys and conversations, we will develop ideas to be passed along to the Session as well as generating our actions to energize Hope Church. Join Lynne Manilla, weekly for this opportunity.

RINGERS OF HOPE



Calling all people who love music and handbells. We are fortunate to have on loan from the First Presbyterian Church of Lakewood their entire handbell collection.

It is timely that we are able to form a small ensemble of handbell ringers. Preparation for special and holiday worship presentations, with anniversary foresight will begin soon.

Anyone who is interested can sign up during coffee hour each Sunday and after church services. Contact Cathie Strauss (732-363-5985) for specific information. Practice and instruction times will be determined by the participants.



Christian Education's SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE

September 11 *First day back to Sunday School!*

At the 9:30 AM worship service children will attend with their families. The children will sing their VBS songs. After the fellowship greeting children will go downstairs to their classrooms. The lesson will be taught till 10:45 AM.

We are very excited to add some new teachers, classes and new curriculum to our program. All children from ages 2 years old up to High School will have a place in a class.

Parents are encouraged to attend coffee hour in the Fellowship Hall until lessons are finished. Pastor Hicks will have a chat for the children once a month to add to their worship experience.

September 18 *"Rally Day"*

The CE and Fellowship committees would like to invite the whole congregation to a celebration @ 5:30 PM in the Fellowship hall. It will be a traditional covered dish with a twist.

We will finish up with a ...

"Build Your Own Sunday" I know it is spelled Sundaes. But we are excited about building up participation in all our Christian education opportunities to be offered this fall. Youth groups and Bible studies will resume around this time.

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY

Ed Chertowsky, Brandon Crawford,
Rhonda Fletcher, Laura Johnson,
Ginny Kaiser, Marj Miller,
Benjamin Sapio, Aubrey Stoner,
Carol Urm and Jerry Yurick

Vacation Bible School

Thanks to all that helped with Vacation Bible School this year. We had a wonderful time with the children of Hope. Some sang their songs in worship Sunday August 14th.

Our many volunteers made it a very successful event. Emily Hicks Allen led the singing, Pastor Barbara told stories, Barbara Johnson presented video lessons, Maria and Ayla Earle did creative crafts, Sharon Green and Savannah Beyer provided themed snacks.

Our many helpers included Jacquie Blaho, Samantha Blake, Aviana Johnson, and Michael Bryce. It is a gift of love by Jacquie Revier and the creative support staff that brought our amazing summer adventure in God's love.

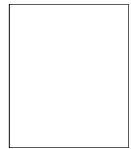


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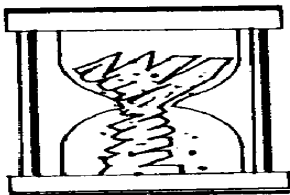


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Newsletter Deadline is the 15th of each month.

**E-mail any news to Secretary@lakewoodhope.com
OR Cathie99@optonline.net.**



**Church
Office
Hours**

The Rev. Barbara Hicks' Office hours for 2011 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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