

# HERE'S HOPE

Newsletter for the Congregation and Friends of Hope Church  
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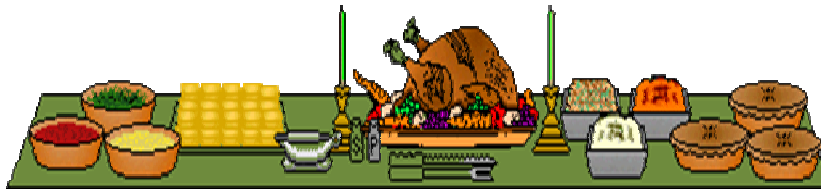
## Hope Presbyterian Church's 108th Harvest Home Dinner **Saturday, October 1, 2011**

Seatings are at 4:00, 5:15 and 6:30  
Adults are \$12 and children 4-12 are \$7.  
Children 3 and under are free.

For reservations call 732-364-8318 and leave your name,  
telephone number, how many in your party and which seating  
time you prefer.



*Turkey, Gravy, Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes, Sweet Potatoes, Green Beans,  
Carrots, Home Made Pickles, Cranberry Sauce, Cole Slaw and  
a delicious array of Home made Desserts!*



### CALLING ALL MEN!

SOMETHING NEW, SOMETHING OLD

- 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 8<sup>th</sup>.

### Stewardship

Take A Gamble on  
HOPE.....everyone should.  
Please join your fellow members of  
Hope in the Fellowship Hall on  
Sunday, October 16 @ 5:30  
For our "Annual Stewardship Din-  
ner."

Dinner and Dessert provided.  
Child care available.  
Bring your appetite & tokens!



### A Few Words From Worship

As we begin a new church season the Worship Committee would like to invite the entire congregation to take part in the Worship life of Hope Church.

The most obvious way is by coming to services on Sunday morning. We have two opportunities to worship, 9:30a.m. and then at 11:00a.m. The worship experience is what draws the Body of Christ together and makes it whole. We as Christians can and must find that time every week to renew our souls and make our church stronger.

Sunday Worship is not the only thing the Worship Committee is responsible for. The committee makes sure there are greeters, ushers, and lay readers for both services each week. We are also responsible for scheduling Elders to serve Communion on the first Sunday of each month and special occasions. Each of these tasks is easy and allows the volunteer a chance to participate in the worship experience in a more personal way. So when Donna Smith or Carol Urm calls you and asks you to do one of these things please say yes. You will be amazed at the joy it will bring you.

The committee is also responsible for "special" services and events through out the life of the church. This year we will be decorating the sanctuary for the Christmas season on the Saturday after Thanksgiving - Nov. 26 at 1p.m. Join us as we transform our Church home for the Advent season. We always have fun and the end result is always SPECTACULAR.

This year our Longest Night service will be on Dec. 4 at 7p.m. Join us and center yourself acknowledging that loss of many kinds affects our lives. Come away knowing we are not alone and that God through Hope Church is there to lean on.

The Season of Light will be celebrated through out the Advent season by lighting the candles on our Advent Wreath during worship services. Each week of Advent a family will be asked to light the candles, do a short reading, and read a prayer. What a wonderful and joy filled way to participate in the life of the church. Please say yes if you are asked, or if you would like to volunteer talk to Carol Urm, she will be thrilled to hear from you.

We will have two services on Christmas Eve filled with music, and the message of the coming of the baby to the manger. Join us, celebrate with us, praise God with us for all the things He has done for us through out the year.

We look forward to you being an active participant in the life of Hope Church. Remember...To those whom God has given much, much is expected.

Peace,

Kathy Marks for the committee

HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY  
TO...



# A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR...



Dear Friends,

As we move into the fall season, I must say that I am grateful that the summer is past. Think about this past summer: unbearably hot weather for weeks and weeks; an earthquake and a strong hurricane within a week of each other; an economy that is testing all our patience. When the first cool breeze came in I felt some relief and I welcome the beginning changes in the leaves. I also love the changes we see in the sky. There is a difference in the sky in each season and I hope you will all take time to look at the clouds and enjoy their beauty.

With fall comes the start up of the church's year. Sunday school has begun; our teachers are in place and eager to share the stories of the Bible with our children. Adult Bible studies have begun and we are looking at the book, What is the Least I Can Believe and Still be a Christian? We are having great discussions. The book study group has met and we have picked out the next several books we want to read. Preparations for Harvest Home are into their final stages as we look forward to another year of great food and fellowship. And, each and every Sunday we gather together for worship—to hear again the words of forgiveness and God's word of love to us.

Yes, the church is the place to be! In the midst of troubling economic times and uncertain futures, God remains the same, yesterday, today and tomorrow. This gives us comfort. This gives us hope. This gives us reassurance.

Our world has become more and more secular and so the church has had to struggle to be heard over the clamor of the moneychangers. The message we have to give is the one that tells you God loves you; that there is a higher purpose in life than amassing all the "things" this world values; that Jesus came to show us how to live; that you are a person of worth.

That is not a message you will hear at Wal-Mart or K-Mart or Target or The Home Depot; on the soccer field; the football field or from the cheerleading coach. The message you receive in Sunday school and church is a message that gives meaning to life and it is a message that the world is desperate to hear.

This year make it a priority in you and your family's life to be present here on Sunday mornings so that your children will have a life-long faith to rely on and so that your faith will grow deeper and will be a guide for you in all of life's circumstances.

See you on Sunday!

Blessings

*Barbara*



## BOOK STUDY

The book study group met in September and discussed Little Bee. We have picked out the next few books we will be reading. Below is a list of the books along with the dates of our meetings. We hope you will join us in reading and discussions. All the books are available at Barnes and Noble or on Amazon.com

**November 20<sup>th</sup>** following the pot luck supper and mission trip report, we will meet and discuss Love Wins by Rob Bell. Bell presents a deeply biblical vision for rediscovering a richer, grander, truer and more spiritually satisfying way of understanding heaven, hell, God, Jesus, salvation, and repentance. The result is the discovery that the “good news” is much, much better than we ever imagined!

**January 15<sup>th</sup>** following the pot luck supper we will meet and discuss Heaven is for Real by Todd Burpo. “When Colton Burpo made it through an emergency appendectomy, his family was overjoyed at his miraculous survival. What they weren’t expecting, though, was the story that emerged in the months that followed—a story as beautiful as it was extraordinary, detailing their little boy’s trip to heaven and back. Heaven is for Real will forever change the way you think of eternity, offering the chance to see, and believe, like a child.

**March 18<sup>th</sup>** following the pot luck supper we will meet and discuss Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet by Jamie Ford. Ford tells a heartwarming story of fathers and sons, first loves, fate, and the resilient human heart. Set in the ethnic neighborhoods of Seattle during World War II and in Japanese American internment camps, this beautifully written book will make you think. And, more important, it will make you *feel*.

## HOPE FLEA MARKET 2011

While everyone at Hope Church is grateful to Elaine Flechtner for all her hard work organizing and running our booth at the flea market, Elaine is most grateful to those listed below for their hard work at the flea market.

### **Helpers in the month of June**

Bob Blake, along with his sons Robert & Michael	
Gary & Yvette Blythe	Chris Earle
Beverly Daniels	Ginny Kaiser
Carol Mason	Diane McCambridge
Cathie Strauss	Juhan Urm
Judy Ward	

### **Helpers in the month of September**

Ken Beyer	Chris Earle
Sharon Green	Jean Horner
Ginny Kaiser	Bob Kayser
Diane McCambridge	Raj Rajakumar
Tony Travisano	Patty & Ken Williams



Thank you to all who donated items to sell.

**Our grand total for 2011 was \$1,238.10!**



## Catching the Wave

No we are not going surfing!

This is a small Group Opportunity -  
September through November – Forum Style

Sundays, 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.

# 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	942-0780	Tammi Beyer
Music Director	275-1937	Irina Bessedia
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

## **Food Contributions**

As you all know by now the Vet Center in Lakewood needs 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.

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

## **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.

## **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	Jacquie Revier
Fellowship	Carol Urm & Chris Earle
Membership	Cathie Strauss
Stewardship	Bob Blake
Mission	Peggy Wuestneck
Redevelopment	Jim Marks & Jacquie Revier
Worship	Donna Smith

Elder Nominating: Tony Travisano & Peggy Wuestneck

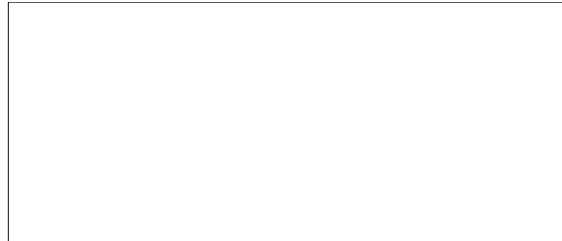
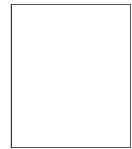
Harvest Home AdHoc: Ron Hoffman & Chris Earle

Presbytery Commissioner Hillary Bryce

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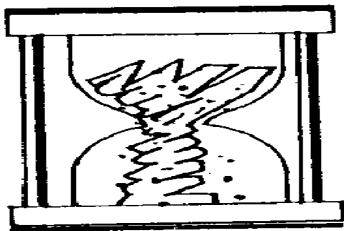


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**Newsletter Deadline is the 15th of each month.**

**E-mail any news to [Secretary@lakewoodhope.com](mailto:Secretary@lakewoodhope.com)  
OR [Cathie99@optonline.net](mailto: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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