

HERE'S HOPE

Newsletter for the Congregation and Friends of Hope Church
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November 2011

The Lakewood Houses of Worship Experience

The Lakewood Heritage Commission has invited Hope Presbyterian Church to participate in the *Lakewood Houses of Worship Experience* on November 20, 2011. Each year the Lakewood Historical Society focuses on a different element of the town's unique history. This year they have decided to focus on Lakewood's oldest houses of worship.

Each participating house of worship will hold a variety of programs, events, tours or activities ranging from a simple tour and a brief history of the structure and how the congregation began to slide shows and choir performances and anything in between. The Historical Society will provide a map and program to all visitors at the Municipal Building.

We at Hope Church will be hosting an Open House from 2:00 to 5:00 the afternoon of November 20th. There will be a tour and Chris Earle has volunteered to create a video presentation. Light refreshments will be served.

Lakewood has a diverse religious history. Come out on November 20th and enjoy an opportunity to gain knowledge about our neighbors in a unique way. If you have questions about this event please contact the director of the Lakewood Heritage Museum, Stacey Spina, at 732-779-1081.

Stewardship

The 2012 pledge drive began on Sunday, October 16 with the Annual Stewardship Dinner. A wonderful meal, consisting of fried chicken, baked ziti, macaroni and cheese, salad and dessert was a huge hit. A remarkable 100% participation of the families who attended committed to a 2012 pledge!

Congratulations to Carol and Juhan Urm, the winners of Stewardship Committee gift basket. I would like to send a big "Thank You" to the committee members who helped to make the evening a success.

As much fun as the Stewardship Dinner was, let us not forget that was just the beginning. Stewardship continues all year long. Be it financially or with your gift of time. Our church is nothing without YOU! Please take a moment to complete the enclosed Stewardship Pledge card. You can mail it to the church or drop it in the offering plate on Sunday.

Robert Blake
Stewardship Chairman



HOPE'S ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARTY

sponsored by the CE committee

Friday October 28th

7:00 to 8:30 in the evening

Youth group Haunted/ Fun House

Trick or Treating/ Costume parade

fun snacks and games

All are invited, bring a friend. Bring your cameras!

Candy donations for the little monsters would be greatly appreciated!!

Please bring donations in by Sunday Oct 23rd and place them in the BIG basket in the narthex.



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...

Laura Bryant, Hillary Bryce,
Gerald Crawford, Miley Ferriolo,
Ron & Claire Hoffman, Bill Kauufhold,
Vera Lawton, Samantha Smith
& David Stearns

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 20th 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 15th 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 18th 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*.

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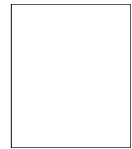
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THE DATE.**

**THE ANNUAL
CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING IS HEREBY
CALLED FOR SUNDAY,
DECEMBER 4, 2011
IN THE CHURCH
SANCTUARY,
IMMEDIATELY
FOLLOWING THE
11:00 A.M. WORSHIP
SERVICE.**

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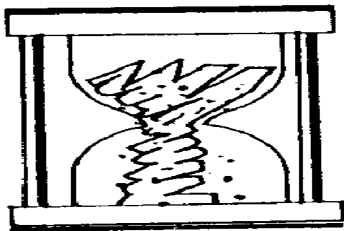


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Newsletter Deadline is the 15th of each month.

**E-mail any news to Secretary@lakewoodhope.com
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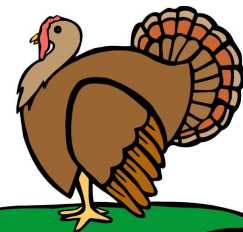
Church Office Hours

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.



NOVEMBER