



HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
TINTON FALLS, NEW JERSERY



# NOTES OF HOPE

A monthly publication to keep us informed.

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*'May righteousness flourish  
and peace abound, until the  
moon is no more.'* Isaiah 54:17

2003 PEACEMAKING  
OFFERING



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### Our Mission Statement

We believe that God  
has gathered this  
congregation and  
staff at this time and  
place in order to:

**Introduce** people  
to the enduring love  
of Jesus

**Invite** them to  
become part of his  
family

**Instruct** them in  
the Scriptures

**Include** them in the  
celebration of  
worship, and

**Inspire** them to  
serve God according  
to their gifts

## Church Picnic

Our annual church picnic, which is sponsored by the Deacons, and our outdoor worship service will be held on Sunday, September 7. Dress is casual and the picnic festivities began immediately after the 9:30 am worship service. The picnic will take place on the grounds of Hope Church. In case of inclement weather we will move indoors. Please bring your own lawn chair and be ready for an enjoyable gathering of our Church family. We're pleased that our sisters and brothers from the Korean congregation will be joining us this year.

**Sunday School** Our fall education program for all ages begins on September 14th and coffee hour will also resume after its summer hiatus. Children start at 10:45 with junior choir at 11:30 and adults start at 11:00.

**Bible 101** This fall the high school/adult Sunday school class Bible 101 will be starting a New Testament survey. The survey will examine the mission of Jesus Christ as presented in the gospels, give historical perspective to each of the books of the New Testament, spend a few weeks in Acts looking at the history of our church, and examine the message and historical setting of the epistles. Wow! All this in 39 weeks!

Whether you have a familiarity with the Bible or are newcomers to Bible study this class should be a good opportunity to learn a little more or even a lot more about the New Testament, as well as an opportunity for us to share our faith and learn from each other.

**Parents! Night! Out!** Friday September 19<sup>th</sup>. Fun for all ages Nursery through Middle School. On a Friday night Mom & Dad can have quality time together and their children can enjoy crafts, movies & snacks at the church from 6:30-9:00.

**PNO Crafters are Needed.** Once a month we are looking for crafters who would like to share their art from with the children of Parents Night Out. Different people can sign up to come & demonstrate & instruct and just have a good time! Call Jean Buckley or Andrea Witter for more information. Crafts can be simple and can be general or relate to the season.

**Parish Assistant's Schedule for the Fall** Although there will be the occasional exceptions our Parish Assistant Gwynne Mahns usual weekly schedule this Fall will be as follows:

Monday works from home 8am - 4 pm

Tuesday works at (or out of) the church 9:30 am - 4 pm

Wednesday day off

Thursday works at (or out of) the church 9:30 am - 4:00 pm; 6 pm - 9:30 pm choir and other rehearsals

Friday works from home 8 am - 4 pm

Saturday works at home 8 am - 12 noon

Sunday at the church from 8 am - 12 noon

So that you will know how or where to contact Gwynne, the church office phone number is: 732-542-0706; her home telephone is 732-408-9266; and her cell phone is 908-600-2171; or you can email her at [Gmahns@aol.com](mailto:Gmahns@aol.com)

**Chancel Choir, Come Join Us!** Our first choir rehearsal of the season will be Thursday September 4 at 7:00 pm to 8:30. Wonderful new anthems have been purchased to support the lectionary readings for the day or the sermon emphasis. Hope church's choral repertoire reflects a variety of musical styles including Gospel, Contemporary, Classical and Traditional. Come and join us. The Chancel Choir is not a private club. You don't have to have a great voice. You just have to love the Lord, enjoy singing with others, attend our worship services regularly, and be willing to commit to being a faithful, hard-working choir colleague. If you fit that category, why not join us? You don't even have to read music as we'll teach you what you need to know. Our choir members take their ministry in music seriously, but the rehearsals are always fun. Will we see you next Thursday?

### **Blackwood Gospel Quartet Concert**

The church is presenting a special concert of Southern Gospel Christian music as the Blackwood Gospel Quartet comes to Hope on Saturday September 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. If you love Southern Gospel singing or you're a person who has never heard this type of music before this group is for you. No tickets are being sold but as an act of worship and in support of their Ministry a love offering will be taken.

For more concert information you can contact Elder Steven Buckley at 732-544-1131 or by e-mail at [sbuckley@monmouth.com](mailto:sbuckley@monmouth.com). If you want for information about the group see [www.blackwoodgospel.com](http://www.blackwoodgospel.com) on the internet.

**Calling All Worship Committee Members** Our first meeting of the new season will be on Tuesday, September 2nd at 8 pm. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend this important planning meeting. If you're a committee member and not able to attend please call the church office to let us know.

**Pumpkin Fest of Hope** October 4<sup>th</sup> is the date of our famous Pumpkin Fest of Hope, so mark your calendars it will be from 10 am to 3 pm. It once again this will be a community awareness and outreach event. So please invite your friends! Any money raised will be put together for the purpose of the whole church. This event will again include a craft fair, the sale of pumpkins mums, cornstalks, and hay, and the opportunity for children of all ages to come get their picture taken with Mr. Pumpkin. Please consider volunteering your time for set-up Friday evening October 3<sup>rd</sup> and on Saturday during the actual event. We will need your help to clean up after the event as well. See Lou Eckert if you are interested.

**Crop Walk "We walk because they walk."** This event will be on Sunday October 19 at 1pm at Red Bank Regional High School, Ridge Rd, Red Bank. Please sign up as a walker or a sponsor. It's a wonderful day of fellowship. See Jean Buckley for more info to come. We will be asking for jars of peanut butter for our community food pantries.

**Peacemaking Offering** Our annual offering for Peacemaking will on Sunday October 5<sup>th</sup> World Communion Sunday. Christians are called as Christ's people to be God's peacemakers as agents of reconciliation in families, individual lives, communities, churches, the international arena, and the whole of creation. Peacemaking is the human response to the divine gift of peace-giving. The Peacemaking Offering supports the peacemaking efforts of the church at every governing body level, and provides an opportunity to witness to God's gift of peace in the world. In order to help the whole church respond to God's peace-giving in the world 25 percent of the Peacemaking Offering is retained by our congregation for our support of our own peacemaking ministry. An additional 25 percent is used to support the Presbytery of Monmouth and Synod of the Northeast peacemaking efforts. The remaining 50 percent is forwarded to the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program of the General Assembly of the PCUSA so that it can continue to provide assistance and resources for congregations and other bodies within our denomination.