



HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
TINTON FALLS, NEW JERSERY



NOTES OF HOPE

A monthly publication to keep us informed.

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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



“OUR NAME IS HOPE BECAUSE OUR HOPE IS ALIVE!”

My mother-in-law is a real estate agent, and when she speaks about public or business property, she says there are three things that matter most: LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION. And she’s right! Where you are so often helps to determine who you are and what you are as a public enterprise.

Have you stopped to consider what a GREAT location we have at Hope Presbyterian? Every day hundreds of cars go past our church, coming to or from Industrial Way. What a marvelous opportunity for us to reach out to them and invite them in!

But therein lies the problem. We need to convert driving past to driving in! How can we be inviting, how can we be welcoming, how can we be noticed – so that people will see us again for the first time – so they will make the turn to Hope and Jesus?

In a sermon sometime back I described our church’s mission as “lifesaving station” instead of “costal fortress.” Our mission from the Savior is to carry his saving love and message to a world that is lost, without faith and without foundation. We have the mission, and we have the message – now how do we share it with those who drive past us every day and see us as a lovely little building in the trees – or don’t see us at all?

We’ve put up a sign advertising our services, and we’ve initiated advertising inserts in the Asbury Park Press. But we need to do more. What are your ideas for reaching out and for encouraging folks to drive in instead of drive past? Send an e-mail, make a call, give a note to me or to one of the Session members. Let’s talk about this issue and really make it our mission priority. To do that, we need everyone’s energy and everyone’s ideas.

Our name is Hope because our hope is alive. As we approach the celebration of Christ’s victory over the grave, let’s pray together and work together to share that hope so others may know the forgiving, redeeming, transforming love of Jesus. Blessings to you this Lenten season!

Grace and peace, Rev. David Cotton

MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND PLAN TO ATTEND....

Parent's Night Out will meet on Friday Night April 16 from 6:30- 9:00 pm. Parents are invited to drop their off at the church for games, crafts, snack and a movie. No charge for the monthly event.

Sunday April 25th @ 7pm “**An Evening of Contemporary Christian Music with Carl and Friends.**” Carl, who directs our bell choir, holds a degree in composition from the Berklee College of Music in Boston. Admission is free and there will be a free-will offering. A dessert reception will follow.

Tuesday May 18 @ 6 pm **Christian Ed. Task Force For Middle School Youth Group.** The Christian Ed Committee, Parents and other interested adults are invited to the beginning meeting to organize a MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP FOR SEPT. '04.

Hope Garage Sale on Saturday June 5th. Please begin to save your best junk for this event. Clothing will not be sold. Sale items will be brought to the church the afternoon or evening before the sale. Questions should be directed to Bill Heller.

Sunday June 6th invite a friend to hear the **Bell Choir Concert** at 5pm. Then join the Deacons for a pot-luck dinner.

The May 2004 “Notes of Hope dead line for articles will be Sunday April 18th. Articles can be hand written or sent via email to esbuckey@monmouth.com and sbuckley@monmouth.com.