



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

### “SUMMERTIME BLUES BRING ON THE RED”

No one has to remind any of us what a really hot summer we just had. Good for beach activities, but tough for most everything else, including the church. I’d like to share some interesting facts about the summer and our church family.

This summer we maintained the two-service schedule and just flip-flopped the order. Our attendance stayed at about the same lower numbers as last summer. That wasn’t the surprise. The shock was that while attendance was steady, giving was significantly *below* the previous year. We’ve had to spend money from savings in order to pay utilities and salaries – basics for running the church. We all know that can’t go on forever....

I’m excited about all that’s happening at Hope! New members are joining, church school is growing, the youth group is active, the music department is amazing, the unified service is a joy, and we’re reaching out in mission on a variety of fronts.

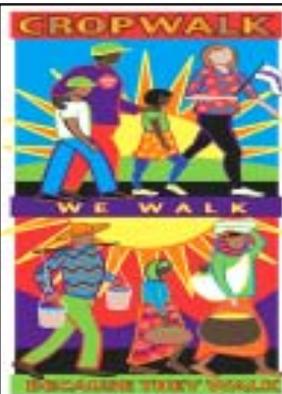
Let’s keep this momentum going forward. Let’s not be held back from doing ministry by lack of financial support. The Lord’s work – it’s a great investment that pays wonderful dividends! Rev. Cotton

### Crop Walk

The CROPWALK is coming Sunday Oct. 16 1:30 at Red Bank Regional H.S.

Why do we walk?

Red Bank Area CROP Walk, New Jersey’s # 1 Walk, raises funds to help hungry neighbors round the block and around the world. Part of the funds raised will help. Food pantries Children & youth programs and other food programs. Do you want to walk or support a walker? See Jean Buckley 732-544-1131



### **Worship Aids “Help Wanted”**

Worship aides needs sextons, ushers and nursery help. Maybe add a bible verse that calls upon us as servants of the Lord? Whatever your task, work heartily, as serving the Lord and not men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward; you are serving the Lord Christ. Colossians 3:23-24.

### **For those that serve as ushers**

Sunday October 16<sup>th</sup> after the service, there will be an orientation/refresher class for ushers. We will be discussing the guidelines and addressing some important issues that have recently arisen. It is extremely important that all ushers be in attendance for this. There will be time for discussion and any questions you may have.

### **CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS**

Church School kids have been busy putting their hands to work creating pottery plates and chalices and baking bread for their participation in World Communion Sunday on Oct. 2. These activities are the culmination of our study of the Lord’s Supper, which we began last spring. Our next theme is called “The Spice of Life” and will begin Oct. 9. We’ll learn about the importance of Christians meeting together at church, and understand that church is a place where we can encourage others, worship, give offerings, serve others, learn about God and Jesus, and share the Lord’s Supper.

With a new Church School year under way, we are excited to welcome back our students, meet new children, and celebrate the “toddler boom” in our nursery class. All children age 1 through grade 6, and their friends, are invited to participate in our G - FORCE program. We can always use extra adult helping hands on a regular basis or for special projects.

A Bible presentation is coming up for our second graders. We also like to offer Bibles to older students who do not have them. Please contact Kathy Heller for more information.

In October, look for information about Church School sponsorship of family participation in “Operation Christmas Child” during Coffee Hour on Oct. 9. Through preparation of a shoe box filled with such items as small toys, school supplies, hygiene items, and hard candy, we can bring joy and hope, sharing God’s love with hurting boys and girls around the world. Please plan for your family to participate in this meaningful experience when we collect the boxes on Sun., Nov. 13.



# **Operation Christmas Child**

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**Do you know who Belteshazzar was? Or the similarities between Daniel and Joseph?**

Join the Sunday Adult Bible Study group as we look at the Book of Daniel for these answers. This book gives us an encouraging look at some rare young men of integrity, and gives lessons about purity and principle. Hard times and crises not only build character, but they also reveal it.

Join us after Worship service in the John Calvin Room and learn how even Jesus confirmed Daniel's existence. We are excited about studying the Book of Daniel and the prophecies made through God's guidance, even to the exact date month and year of the Messiah's death and events leading up to His coming. Marilyn Hicken

**Youth Garage Sale on October 22nd**

During the first half of the year, the youth group would like to focus our mission's efforts on helping the victims of the hurricane. We would like to do that by having a Garage Sale in the Manse/Church parking lot on Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> from 8-12 and possibly run a car wash at the same time. *In order to make this happen, we would request the Body of Hope Pres. Church to contribute items for sale over the next month. Collection of the items would take place after each service at the Manse Garage.* Youth members would be present to receive donated items and organize them in the garage for later sale in October. All profit from the sale will be used to help the hurricane victims. Youth members will spend time researching Christian Organizations such as Samaritan's Purse to make the donation.

**Gleaners**

We meet the second Monday of the month from 1-3 p.m. At this time we only have women members, but any men wishing to become involved are welcome. We have devotions and bible study before the meeting. Refreshments are provided at each meeting.

We will have a table at the Pumpkinfest on October 8th. We'll have crafts and various things you realize you need.

We have three boxes that Susan Penrose will take to Louisiana. We'll be sending handmade sweaters, hats, and booties for babies and young children. We are also sending handmade quilts.

We are making up several shoe boxes with school supplies. This project is being done by the Sunday school and boxes are being sent around the world. Boxes will be sent out before Thanksgiving.

Doris Woolley's gave a demonstration of Tai Chi at the last meeting. We hope to see any and all at the next meeting. Dorothy Van Pelt

**Preparing for College Special Program at Middletown**

Westminster Presbyterian Church 94 Tindall Rd Middletown. Invites high school students and their parents to a special program, Preparing for College on October 27, 2005, 7:30 p.m. Come learn about academic preparation, aspects of admissions, financial support. Admission Is Free.



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## Johnsonburg Camp and Conference Center News

This summer Camp Johnsonburg completed its 46<sup>th</sup> year of Christian camping. During our summer program, we served over 1550 campers, ages 7-17. Of that number, more than 225 received financial assistance from us, and many more received aid from individual churches. We would like to extend our thanks to the churches and individuals who made those gifts and contributions. It is because of you that many children who otherwise wouldn't have been able to afford it, had a wonderful week at camp.

One of the highlights of this past summer was our mission to underprivileged children. Working with several agencies and organizations, we made available a week of camp for those less fortunate. As a result of these efforts, we hosted forty children from homeless backgrounds. What a thrill it was, for us and them!

One exciting opportunity we want to make you aware of is an open week during our summer calendar, beginning next year. We can host a group of up to 250 and provide meal service and some program assistance. Please contact us if interested, or if you know of a group that may be.

## **Pumpkin Fest October 8 9 to 2 pm**

Mark the date and tell all your friends and neighbors that the Pumpkin Fest is back and it can only get better!

Come and get your fall decorations, Pumpkins, cornstalks, hay bails, mums. There will also be bake goods for sale, local crafters, family fun. This event is lead by the deacons. But don't stay home get involved by calling a deacon and signing up to volunteer. Many hands make light work for the lord!