HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH TINTON FALLS, NEW JERSEY



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 found in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

Invite them to become part of the family of God

Instruct them in the scriptures, God's word to us

Involve them in the ministry of the church, according to their gifts

Inspire them to go into the world, making disciples of others

Coming on September 7th: 11th Annual Hope Backyard Picnic!

Make plans now to attend the eleventh annual Hope Backyard Pic nic, to be held on Sunday, September 7th. The picnic will take place in the back yard of the manse following the worship service, and in the case of inclement weather will be moved indoors. Come dressed casually with your own lawn chair and ready for an enjoyable gathering of our Church family. Some picnic details:

The picnic sign up list is available in the Narthex. Please sign up by Sunday, August 31,st.

-Hamburgers, hot dogs, drinks, paper products, and utensils will be provided. (Note: Special thanks to Ceil Norman for again arranging for donations of hamburgers and hot dogs from her employer, Key Foods)

-We ask each family to bring a side salad to share (if your last name begins with A through L) or a dessert to share (if your last name begins with M through Z).

So mark your calendars, sign up, and get ready for some fun. Questions may be addressed to any Deacon.

Summer God-Experiences

Carol-Jeanne Turk is collecting your experiences. God will be with you for the summer months. When you witness Him in your lives this summer write down the experience and email it to Carol-Jeanne. If you notice the glory of a sunrise over the ocean or you meet someone who goes above and beyond the norm to help you out, thank god and let Carol-Jeanne know. Your stories will be shared in this year's Advent Booklet. God loves you and wants you to spread His Good News to everyone in as many ways as possible. Add a Bible verse to supplement the experience and a prayer to thank God for it. Send all stories to <u>adventbooklet@live.com</u>. Work on as many stories as God gives you over the entire summer. Talk to Carol-Jeanne for more information. 732-542-8060.

Look What Our Kids Are Doing!

During the summer we miss having weekly contact with our church school kids and youth, but were recently able to catch up on their activities through email. We'd like to share with the congregation what they've been doing.

Jennifer Morris has been having fun in the backyard wading pool during the hot weather. She also enjoys dancing to a good beat and playing the piano with her fists. Is this how Fred discovered his musical talents as a child? Les Paul is participating in a weekly theater workshop at the Eatontown Playhouse and going to Eatontown Recreation day camp.

The McNicholas family is having a busy summer with camping trips to Sea Pirate campground near LBI and Knoebel's in Pennsylvania. Soon they'll be meeting cousins for a camping trip in Delaware. Kelly and Jamie have been to Girl Scout Camp, where they saw counselor Elisabeth Buckley. Kelly is also attending RBC Green and Gold basketball camp. They have a new family member, too...a bouncing baby dog, their lab puppy, Pepper. Everyone has been busy playing with and training the puppy. A big day is coming up on August 10 when Trevor turns 4.

The Mullans have traveled to Pennsylvania and Massachusetts to visit family and friends. Conor, Danny, and Riley are excited about an upcoming family trip to the Bahamas. Riley has been going to a cooking camp with her cousins, and Conor will be going to Washington, D.C. for a leadership camp, nominated by his teacher to do so.

Chazz Carson has returned from a terrific week at Johnsonburg with the theme, "Hangin' Out with Jesus." By sharing in the stories of Jesus, the campers explored their faith, honored their individual journeys, and shared God's love with one another.

Emily McGuire flew out to Michigan to return to Spring Hill Camp for a week of music, crafts, outdoor adventures, and fellowship.

Tim and Nate Brown won't be going to Johnsonburg after several summers there. Instead they will be adding to their musical skills by attending Band Camp, since both are members of the MRHS Band.

We'd like to share more news next month, so please email if you have news to share. kathrynheller@gmail.com

Camp Scholarships Awarded

Hope Church has proudly awarded partial scholarships to 4 students who attended Camp Johnsonburg this summer. The scholarship recipients were: Chazz Carson, Cody Norman, Amanda Tursi, and Mary Tursi. We hope that their experiences this summer will be a blessing to them as they continue to grow in their faith.

New Fundraiser Opportunities!!!!!!

Fun, family and fellowship –stewardship too!! Applebee's Dining to Donate Enjoy a meal that is filling and fulfilling Dine at Applebee's, 14 Park Rd off Hope Rd,, Tinton Falls and <u>10% of your food order will be donated to HOPE CHURCH on August 12th from 5-8 PM Hey MOM no cooking if you bring the family! We will be handing out the flyer needed to participate On the two Sundays prior to Tuesday, August 12th, After service—if you need the flyer mailed, please Call Nancy Oliviero at 732-571- 3378</u>

Recycling 4 Cash

We can earn \$\$\$ collecting empty inkjets, laser toners and cell phones!! Bring in cartridges from home, family and friends or ask to place a box at work. We have set up the collection box downstairs by the copier Help save the environment one cartridge at a time!!!

August Birthdays

- 1 Kyle Todd
- 2 Marianne Valerio
- 3 Allison Baker
- 5 Cliff Schmardel
- 6 Doreen Clark
- 6 Willie Brown III
- 7 Danny Mullan (son)
- 8 Hank Frey
- 9 Dan Cotton

- 10 Stacy Herring
- 11 Timothy Brown
- 15 Billy Ellsworth
- 18 Amanda Tursi
- 21 Maryann Morris
- 25 Ray Cass
- 28 Brenda Van Pelt
- 28 Mason Weiss