

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

Stewardship

I would like to share with you an email I received from a dear friend of mine. It reminds us that we are to keep moving forward even in the midst of uncertainty..... it reminds us to remember to COMMIT to something once you start it and follow through to the end.

The Concert

When the house lights dimmed and the concert was about to begin, the mother returned to her seat and discovered that the child was missing Suddenly, the curtains parted and spotlights focused on the impressive Steinway on stage. To her horror, the mother saw her little boy sitting at the keyboard, innocently picking out 'Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star.'

At that moment, the great piano master made his entrance, quickly moved to the piano, and whispered in the boy's ear, 'Don't quit . . . keep playing.'

Then, leaning over , Paderewski reached down with his left hand and began filling in a bass part. Soon his right arm reached around to the other side of the child, and he added a running obbligato.

Together, the old master and the young novice transformed what could have been a frightening situation into a wonderfully creative experience.

The audience was so mesmerized that they couldn't recall what else the great master played.

**Only the classic,
' Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star.'
Perhaps that's the way it is with God.**

**What we can accomplish on
our own is hardly noteworthy.
We try our best, but the results aren't always
graceful flowing music. However, with the
hand of the Master, our life's
work can truly be beautiful.**

**The next time you set out to accomplish great feats,
listen carefully. You may hear the voice of the Master, whispering in your ear,**

'Don't quit . . . Keep playing.'

**May you feel His arms around you and
know that His hands are there, helping you
turn your feeble attempts into true masterpieces.**

**Remember, God doesn't seem to
call the equipped, rather, He equips the 'called.'**

Life is more accurately measured by the lives you touch than by the things you acquire.

**May God bless you and be with
you always!**

and

remember ,

'Don't quit . . . Keep playing.'

Live in such a way that those who know you but don't know God will come to know God because they know you.

How is our giving?

Income			
Month to Date May 31, 2009		Year to Date May 31, 2009	
Budgeted	Actual	Budgeted	Actual
\$9,013.00	\$8,161.00	\$45,065.00	\$42,481.00
	-\$852.00)		-\$2,584.00)
Expenses			
Month to Date May 31, 2009		Year to Date May 31, 2009	
Budgeted	Actual	Budgeted	Actual
\$11,750.00	\$11,283.00	\$58,750.00	\$48,848.00
	-\$467.00)		-\$9,902.00)

The difference between our actual income and actual expenses through May 31st is -\$6,403.00.

Please be prayerful as we approach the summer months that we can remain faithful in our giving and not get much further behind.

Hope Church T-shirts are now for sale! We have various child and adult sizes left in bur-gundy and gray with our new logo and the winning slogans from our contest. They are \$10.00 each. Please see anyone on Stewardship or Finance if you would like one. Help represent our church and it's mission!!

Coming soon - orders will be taken for polo shirts and Hoodies. These will also be available in Bur-gundy or gray. Order forms will be available on our website or at the welcome center in the next few weeks.

Parents' Night Out has returned to Hope Church. The next PNO will be held Friday July 10th at 6:30 - 9:00pm in the John Calvin Room. The children will play games, do crafts and activities, and hear a faith-based message under the watchful eye of church volunteers. This program is appropriate for toddlers to pre-teens and the families need not be members. If you are interested please register by calling the church at (732)542-0706 and leaving a message the Wednesday prior to PNO. Please tell your friends about this great opportunity to welcome new faces into our church. If you have any questions or are interested in helping with this program please see Michelle Mullan.

Drivers Needed

We are in need of additional volunteers to assist with our transportation ministry on Sunday mornings. Currently, we have a number of volunteers who take turns bringing Virginia Lippincott and Doris Woolley to church for Sunday worship, but now we could use some extra help. If you would like to assist with this ministry, perhaps once every 6 to 8 weeks, please speak to Fred Bauch (542-3733) or Bill Heller (542-1283). Thank you!

HOPE AT ALLAIRE STATE PARK

On Sunday, August 9th at 11am, we will have a change of venue, and we will be holding our Services at Allaire State Park, in Farmingdale! We will have an open air service followed by a cook-out and activities in the afternoon. Bring your extended family and friends to come join in the fun! Rain date the following Sunday, August 16th. Further Details will follow. For additional information, please contact Elder Adam Hayek: ahayek@ravewireless.com or 908.489.4497.

PRAAYER MINISTRY

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Phil. 4:6,7

Perhaps you have noticed a group of folks gathered together in the front left corner of the sanctuary – gathered for prayer before worship each Sunday morning. Did you know that anyone who wishes may join us as we pray for the worship service, for Pastor Andrew and the worship leaders, and for each person who has come to worship?

Beginning in a couple of weeks, we will be offering a new “arm” of our prayer ministry. Pastor Andrew is training a small group of folks who have a heart for prayer, and want to pray for others. These folks will be available to pray after worship each week except Communion weeks. On those Communion weeks, prayer will be offered during Communion. Of course, any requests and things discussed during these one-on-one prayer sessions will be kept strictly confidential. Those being trained are: Kelly Colao, Jonathan Lisle, Judy McGuire, Edwin Rivera, and Robyn Tibert.

If you feel the need to pray with someone about whatever is on your heart, we encourage you to seek out one of the prayer team members. Let’s lift our prayers and petitions for each other to our Lord. He is faithful to hear...and to answer.

Blue Claws Game

Join us at Lakewood First Energy Park on Monday July 20th at 7:05 for some Christian recreation and baseball.

\$6 for 5-12 year olds and 60 + year olds

\$ 8.50 for Adults

Kids Eat Free

Sign up in the Narthex or See Tammy Weiss!!!

The Sunday evening study on the Phillip Yancey book "The Jesus I Never Knew" will continue this Sunday evening at 7:00 PM. The study will be hosted by a different family every week. The schedule is as follows:

Bill & Kathy Heller: 6/21/2009

Michelle & Danny Mullan: 6/28/2009

Andrew & Robyn Tibert: 7/5/2009

Chi-Rho Update

On Sunday, May 31, Chi-Rho participated in the "Walk with Ronald" fundraiser at Six Flags, Great Adventure. The walk benefited the Ronald McDonald House in Long Branch. We met early at Great Adventure and did a quick one mile walk around the park with the other walkers. Then we enjoyed exclusive use of some select rides. There wasn't a lot of people at the park so we got to go on A LOT of rides and we never stood in line the whole day.

All the money we donated was raised at the Spaghetti Dinner we held in May. Thank you to everyone that came and supported us! The dinner raised \$520 in ticket sales.

Many families travel far from home to get treatment for their seriously ill or injured children. The treatment may last a day, a month, or even longer. It's a long time to be away from home, or to divide a family. Ronald McDonald Houses around the world offer families a way to stay together, in proximity to the treatment hospital, and be comfortable and cared for during their stay.



Last call for any ink cartridges Sunday June 28--(we now have to pay to send them making the cost above our profits) --after that please take them to your local Staples and get the credit--You can then donate the voucher you receive to the Church to purchase office supplies--

Thank you for your participation--

The Deacon Pumpkinfest/Craft Fair is on Saturday, September 26 from 9-2, we are looking for Crafters to participate--the cost is \$20 per space and tables are \$5 on a first come first serve basis--Please contact Nancy Oliviero at 732-571-3378 or email noliviero@aol.com for information and reservations.

July Birthdays

6	Robert Nuckle
9	Sue Schmardel
9	Megan Tursi
10	John Waldron V
13	Patty Gallup
14	Doris Woolley
16	Karen Schwartz
19	Carl Fritsche
20	Mitchell Sweeney
21	Mike Tursi
22	Betsy Fee
25	Joanne Cotton
28	Tim McGuire
31	Danny Mullan (father)