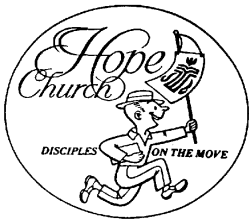


HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
TINTON FALLS, NEW JERSEY



# 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

Dear Members & Friends of Hope Presbyterian Church

In early November I published the current copy of the fall 2010 Hope Church Directory, Program Manual, By-Laws, & History. If you wish additional copies they will be available upon request from me. I distributed them at church in person and mailed the balance.

The next edition of the Church Directory is scheduled for March 2011 right after the January annual meeting, January Session retreat, and after the Deacons and Session reorganize in February for 2011

I have started collecting any changes required for that edition. I'm sure there might be some quick changes needed due to changes in your life like phone numbers and e-mail addresses.

There are two direct ways to submit changes, notes can be added to the blues on Sunday mornings that Bill Heller will capture & forward to me, and e-mail can be sent to me at [sbuckley@monmouth.com](mailto:sbuckley@monmouth.com). Always the best method is something written down in some form.

Important changes will be e-mailed to those with that capability listed in the Church Directory.

Steven Buckley

## ***DISCIPLESHIP/ CHILDREN AND YOUTH***

### **Live Nativity at the Great Ocean Grove Auditorium**

Sat. Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> is an opportunity that you will not want to miss! St. Paul's United Methodist presents a "live" nativity in the Great Auditorium at 5:00pm. The cast is children, youth and adults of the church. There are close to 100 people in the cast. The event has a great tradition and at one time it was held outdoors in the Auditorium Pavilion. Wear warm winter clothes because the Auditorium has not heat, but as you gather with hundreds of folks your heart will be warmed as you sing the Christmas carols and celebrate Jesus' birth.

### **Missions Alerts**

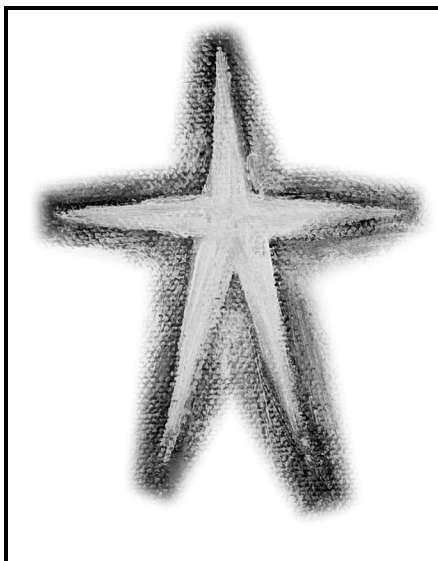
#### **Operation Christmas Child Results**

We want to give a big shout out and thanks to all who participated in our Operation Christmas Child boxes. Thank for all who filled shoe boxes with health and school supplies and lots of other neat treats. We learned so much from the videos played at the Minute For Missions. Many boxes included letters so maybe some of the children will be able to write back. Whether we hear back or not we know that children all over the world will be blessed as they receive our gifts and a copy of the Gospel in their language. **We collected 41 boxes from Hope Tinton Falls and Hope Korean Churches.** Thanks to Steven Buckley for dropping them off at Church on the Hill in Ocean!

### **Mitten and Hat Tree**

As you are doing your Christmas shopping please don't forget our **Mitten and Hat Tree** that we put up in January. Get the sales now so you will be ready when you will have the opportunity to decorate a Christmas tree with mittens and hats that we will donate to the Salvation Army.

## **Christmas Joy Offering 2010**



**The Christmas Joy Offering 2010 will be collected during the month of December.** Fifty percent of undesignated receipts to the Christmas Joy Offering are distributed to the Board of Pensions for assistance programs that provide support to retired and active church workers and their spouses and families.

The other fifty percent supports Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges through the Racial Ethnic and Women's Ministries of the General Assembly Council.

**From Lake Mills, Wisc.** *I want to thank you and the Board of Pensions for the very generous gift of \$250. I surely appreciate your thoughtfulness. You have helped me a great deal as a widow. My husband and I enjoyed our work in the ministry. May God's blessings be with you.*

**Christmas Joy Offering 2010 Envelopes will be in the pews for your use.**

# **Calling all Angels, Shepherds and Wise Children**

The Church School of Hope Church will be presenting the Christmas Pageant

## **“’Twas the Night Before”**

Sunday Dec. 19 @ 5:10pm

Children and support youth are to be in their seats at 4:30pm.

The grand and only rehearsal will be on

Sunday Dec. 12 @ 4:30- 5:30 pm.

This is an opportunity to invite the church family, relatives, neighbors and friends to witness the real meaning of Christmas!

The deacons have agreed to graciously serve our light sandwich supper with holiday desserts. We are asking for donations of finger sandwiches and finger desserts from the congregation.

We are asking the Confirmation class to serve as support to the children by sitting with them during the pageant and some members helping to set up, serve and clean up the refreshments. They are learning what it means to be part of a Christian community in action!

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Please fill out the information below and return it to Jean Buckley.

My child/ children \_\_\_\_\_

Plan to participate in the pageant.

Rehearsal Sunday Dec. 12 \_\_\_\_\_ Pageant Dec. 19 \_\_\_\_\_

I can bring finger sandwiches \_\_\_\_\_ finger desserts \_\_\_\_\_  
for Sunday Dec. 19

Thank you for your willingness to participate and share in our Christmas event!

*’Twas the night before Christ’s birth and far above earth,  
The angels were ready to announce Jesus’ birth.  
The people in Bethlehem, a very small town,  
Were just getting ready to lay themselves down.  
And out on the hillside, while watching their sheep  
A group of young shepherds were falling asleep*

## December Birthdays

- 2 Cyndie Van Bavel
- 2 Scott Van Bavel
- 2 Michelle Mullan
- 5 Marlene Cain
- 11 Joe Colao
- 15 Bob Mahns
- 15 Scott Long
- 16 Marie Butler
- 18 Rachel Hayek
- 19 Les Paul Morris
- 21 Lou Eckert
- 22 Kay Cass
- 24 Margot Eble
- 27 Leah Miller (born 2007)
- 30 Carol Fenwick