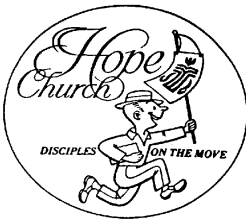


HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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NOTES OF HOPE



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

Update on Budget

So you all know why I'm here, yes it's that time again. Let me tell you about what has happened so far this year. The elders have been working hard to control spending in all areas of our mission here. We started with a budget which was \$17,000 less than the previous year. Add to that through October our spending is down for the year. Throughout the year we have received numerous gifts which have also help offset our spending. We received a total of \$5,400 in gifts in memory of our dear friends Carol, John and Stan who were all called home this year. The Gleaners also presented a gift to the church of \$2,200 to help offset the pastor's salary. All of this has left us with a surplus which we will use to start rebuilding our savings . Everyone should be congratulated for this effort, but we can't let it stop here. We must continue to look for cost savings where they can be found, be good stewards of our utilities and supplies, and yes continue our giving. We give not just to keep the lights on and the church heated, but to bring the good news of the gospel to those who have not received it yet and those who are unsure where they are. We need everyone's help next year as we embark on new and exciting programs designed to do just that. Early this month you should have received a letter from me along with a pledge card and return envelope. I hope everyone has had a chance to prayerfully consider this pledge and is preparing to return it to me as these numbers are what we use to base next year's budget on. Let me tell you about some things we see in our future. We would like to start a program where each of learns what our strengths and weakness and how we can best serve our Lord. We would like to become more active with the missions we support; not just giving them financial support but also joining them were they serve the people they support. We would also like to have more fellowship among our family here so we can grow together in our love for our Lord and each other. So here is what we are going to do, Cyndie is going to pass out cards to everyone, on this card we are going to recommit ourselves in 2012 to serving God, our family here at Hope and the greater community bring the gospel to those we meet every day. We must let go of the life we have planned, so as to accept the one that is waiting for us. (Joseph Campbell)

The Latest From the Care and Visitation Ministry

Care and Visitation has been able to touch base with all of our friends and members who are not able to join us for Sunday Worship. We, including Rev. Rack, have been able to visit and take communion to Ann Anthony, Dottie Van Pelt, Betty Lisle, and Ginny Catenaro. Personal contact through phone calls has been made to Marie and Charles Butler, Marilyn Hicken, and Betty Janin and Mary Mazza. Many of our dear members have had to move to different living situations and our church members have frequently asked for new addresses and phone numbers.

This is an update on the contact information for our 'shut-in's':

Dottie Van Pelt is now a permanent resident of Geraldine L. Thompson Care Center, Room 213, 2350 Hospital Road, Allenwood, NJ 08720 direct line 732-938-5183

Betty Lisle is currently at her residence listed in the directory: Luftman Towers, Apt 308, Lincroft, NJ 07738 732-383-8609

Marilyn Hicken has moved and her new information is: 1128 Applewood Drive, Freehold, NJ 07728 732-292-2802

Mary Mazza is back home at 342 Grant Ave., Eatontown, NJ 07724 732-542-0320

Ann Anthony has made a permanent move to Meridian Nursing and Rehab. Rm 3B, 415 Jack Martin Blvd., Brick, NJ 08724 direct line 732-965-0205

Betty Janin is still at the address listed in the directory: 67 Victoria Court, Eatontown, NJ 07724 732-542-9386

Charles and Marie Butler are still at 13 Cranberry Dr., Tinton Falls, NJ 07753 732-918-1616

Ginny Catenaro is still at the address listed in the directory: 16 Redwood Drive, Eatontown, NJ 07724 732-542-0583

Doris Woolley has moved to 98059 Gerlach Way Apt 251, Brookings OR 97415
dorwoolley@gmail.com 732-673-3237

Why not take a moment to pick up the phone or send a little note to these wonderful folks? They would be very happy to hear from you and would appreciate the contact.

The latest news from Doris Woolley, who has recently moved to the opposite coast, in Oregon, is included in the latest e-mail that she has sent. She has given her permission to print her verbatim message in our newsletter, so that all can 'hear' her news and see some photos of her new home.

Read Doris's email on the next page:

Doris's e-mail:

"I unpacked my last two boxes today and my apartment is beginning to look more like home with all my familiar things. Fortunately I have plenty of closet space and a lot of things are really just hidden out of sight until I get around to deciding what goes where. This place is really lovely, everyone is so friendly and am easily making friends. I joined an exercise class which meets four days a week, but two is plenty for me. We exercise to fast march music and reminds me of the Zumba in Eatontown. Then we lift weights and cool down with stretches. There is a free small bus that takes us to whatever stores we want each Tuesday, Church on Sunday, and various appointments everyday. Also rode a small City bus service which charges \$2.00 each way. One day I went with a friend, ate lunch out and shopped. The bus doesn't have a regular route, just picking you up at your home and taking people wherever they want to go. Very convenient. Haven't been to Church here as yet since each weekend my son, Bill, has been taking me to his home. Next week will be busy as my other son, Tom, who lives over the mountain is picking me up Tuesday for Thanksgiving. His son and wife are also driving down from Portland. Bill and Teri have to work, so will come later and then bring me home.

I have a large kitchen and fix my own breakfast and lunch, then eat dinner downstairs. The meals are delicious. According to what I'm doing, I can also switch and eat lunch instead of dinner when I want. I left my old, slow computer and my son got a new Compaq for me, plus a new desk and chair. Also a sewing machine cabinet. Both are on one wall of my bedroom so have a multi-room which will work out fine.

The inspection of my home in Eatontown went just fine and closing is set for December 15th. Since it is in my second husband's Trust, I've arranged to invest the money for his children, but I get the interest which will be a help with my additional living expenses here. I shouldn't be, but am always amazed the way God works in my life. Each time I've made a big move or decision He is always there and I feel so right about it. I have so much for which to be thankful.

Am attaching a few pictures to give you an idea of where I'm living. One of the sunsets over the Ocean was taken from my balcony. The other shows the mountain on the other side of the street, also of the balcony. Mine has the green chair, I'm on the second floor."





Care and Visitation Ministry Members:

Nancy Massa, Chair
Gail McCabe

Nancy Oliviero
Sandy Ambrose

Our meetings are the first Sunday of the month, after church. We welcome all who wish to participate in sharing God's love.

The Support Commission at Hope Presbyterian Church is here to serve our congregation and community by informing them of the activities and events that happen here at Hope including, fellowship, fund raising, missions, bible studies and Worship. However, we need your help in keeping this information current. When an activity or event has to be cancelled, please contact either Daniel (calendar) or Adam (Face Book) so they can take this information off our Web Site.

All information pertaining to the Web Site or Face Book should be directed to Adam Hayek, the calendar should go to Daniel Buckley, Newsletter information goes to Erica Anderson and Mary Harris is in charge of the bulletin insert. The email addresses and telephone numbers are listed in the Hope Church Directory, which is printed by Steven Buckley. Information for the church bulletin insert should be sent to Mary by the Wednesday before each Sunday. Erica usually announces her deadline by the third week of each month.

I thank you in advance for your help in this matter by helping our stewards on this committee, who are a blessing to Hope Church by sharing their time and talents.

Linda Morgan

December

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)