

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

CALLING ALL FRIENDS OF HOPE CHURCH

Our next membership class has been scheduled for Sunday March 20th 5:30-8:00pm.

Many people have been waiting for the opportunity to come on board at Hope Church. We will share our reformed faith, our local ministry and how you can share in the ministry at Hope. The class will be held in the John Calvin Room. Light snacks will be served. Please register with Steven or Jean Buckley (732-544-1131/ jmbuckley@monmouth.com)

Our Mission Statement reads, "We believe that God has gathered this congregation and staff as a warm, caring, enthusiastic, Christ-centered community to reach and introduce people to the enduring love of Jesus by sharing the Good News, and by helping people to become part of His family." Come join us!

Schedule Changes

As from immediately, the Chancel Choir and the Praise Team will be rehearsing on Thursdays instead of Fridays. Choir at 6 PM and Praise Team at 7:30 PM.

Mark Your Calendars – Save the Date

Our 18 committed Hope Church musicians will be presenting a concert in our church sanctuary on **Saturday, May 14th, 2011 at 7 PM**

The music they will present for your pleasure is intended to be their offering of praise and thanksgiving to God for His gift of music. We hope you will plan NOW to attend the concert and show your support for our committed volunteer musicians who spend hours behind the scenes each week, rehearsing musical offerings that enhance our weekly worship experience here at Hope Presbyterian Church. We guarantee that you will enjoy the varied program that the Bell Choir, Men's Ensemble, Chancel Choir and Praise Team are planning to present. All the musicians have already marked the date on their calendars and are hard at work learning new music and planning the program. Now it's your turn to mark that date. We hope you'll plan to join the celebration to show your support and appreciation of our musicians.

Getting to Know You

We're planning to include personal profiles in all editions of our newsletters from now on, in the hope that this will help all of us get to know each other better. This month's "pew pal" is Judy McGuire, our newly ordained first-time Elder. She says:

"I was born in St. Paul, Minnesota, and grew up in the tiny farm town of Thorntown, Indiana. Tim and I met working at Home Hospital while we were students at Purdue University.

I am a registered nurse and work at University Radiology Group starting IVs for contrast scans. I like my job because I feel I help people during stressful times by caring for them, teaching them, and sometimes just making them smile or laugh. My hobbies include knitting, Sudoku puzzles, and reading. One of my goals this year is to read through the entire Bible. I have been working on memorizing Scripture, but would have a difficult time choosing a favorite verse because so many are quite powerful to repeat and meditate on. I would encourage everyone to read the Bible daily ... I have been amazed at how much peace it brings and how much it has affected me in my daily life. It has sensitized me to the needs of others, and helped me to resist the pull of our culture to do things that have no eternal value. Reading the Bible regularly has also helped me to set aside the "busyness" and keep things simple.

I have attended church since I was a baby. When I was in Junior High and High School I sang with a church group called The Unity Singers. That was my first experience of "stepping out" from the pews and being an active participant in the church. Tim and I have attended several churches since being married: Quaker, Methodist, and now Presbyterian. We came to Hope Church five years ago at the suggestion of a neighbor who had heard David Cotton speak at her workplace. We were overwhelmed with the friendly, caring atmosphere. That atmosphere, along with the teaching to "walk the walk, not just talk the talk" and the example of many of the members who exemplify that teaching, has kept us coming back. My faith and my courage to share it have grown leaps here at Hope. My passion as a new elder is to see each member step out in faith and affect the world around them each day with Christ's radical love."

Save the Dates

MARCH 12th - Game Night
April 9th - Breakfast with the Easter Bunny
May 8th - Church Yard Sale

March Birthdays

5	Carol-Jeanne Turk	8	Adam Hayek (2009)
10	Elisabeth Buckley	12	Jim Scheidt
12	Lisa Caffyn	18	Edith Leadbeater
19	Phyllis Trask	19	Helen Hubeny
20	Shannon Rivera	27	Rebecca Flynn
30	Joe Massa	30	Rob Weiss
30	Ellen Dingman		