



The ANCHOR

The Newsletter of Hope Lutheran Church

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211 Elton-Adelphia Road (Rte 524), Freehold, NJ 07728

Anchored in Christ, Growing in Faith, Love and Service!

WORSHIP SERVICES with HOLY COMMUNION

Worship @ 8:30 & 10:45 AM

Sunday School @ 9:30 AM

Wednesday Church School @ 7 PM

Worship with Holy Communion @ 7 PM

Wednesday Bible Study @ 7:30 PM



Come Worship With Us

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Pastor Detweiler's Message.....

From the *Interim Pastor*

Transition Update

Pastor Aaron Richter from the New Jersey Synod has met with the Call Committee. That committee is composed of **John Drager** (chair), **Art Casement**, **Erica Driscoll**, **Brian McMillan**, **Sue Sprunger** and **Chelsea Zigler**. It is expected that they will receive the name of a candidate by late February. In this synod, names are submitted one at a time, with both the congregation and candidate having to decide whether or not to go forward without the possibility of looking elsewhere first.

Some of you have asked me why more names are not submitted at one time so the Call Committee can compare candidates. One reason is that this is about discernment guided by the Holy Spirit. It is not just a hiring process. We believe that the Holy Spirit calls, gathers, enlightens and makes the church holy. The selection of pastors is part of that process. It is not a matter of picking the best one available at the time you are looking. That might not produce a good match.

Another reason is simply practical: when one name is submitted at a time, both the candidate and congregation are bound to consider only each other. When there are multiple names submitted, those candidates are free to be considering other congregations simultaneously. I have told some of you about the interim congregation I served that received four candidates' names, and by the time they finished interviewing the last one, all four had accepted other calls or decided to stay where they were. The last time Hope was seeking a pastor, there were many pastors available. That is not the case now. Seminaries are producing fewer pastors than the number who retire each year. Consequently, there are many open congregations and fewer available pastors.

We have no idea how long the call process will take. It could be over in a few months, or it could take many months. Additionally, it is a confidential process, which means the Call Committee can say nothing about candidates as it proceeds. The most important thing we can do as members of the congregation is to pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and to be patient. As this is a Spirit led process, it cannot be rushed. We can pray every day that the Holy Spirit will guide the Call Committee, and will move in the heart of the person who is being called to be the next pastor of Hope. Please join me in prayer every day for our Call Committee, and for the next pastor.

Christian Education/Formation and Confirmation

At a recent confirmation planning meeting, some of the parents and I discussed the program and the challenges of engaging young people and their parents. We talked about the need to connect our confirmation program more firmly to our worship life and the challenges of doing so. For example, the Bible learning part of the confirmation program is taught on Sunday mornings by a rotating group of leaders (**John Drager**, **Bob Cory**, **Rebekah Heilman-Mancini** & **Chelsea Zigler**), but only half of the evening confirmation class attends. That means that half of the group is missing half of the learning.

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Official Acts.....

Funeral.....Pastor Detweiler officiated at the funeral of **Bruce Lennox**, who entered Life Eternal on January 25 after a lengthy battle with cancer. Our love and sympathy is extended to **Joan and family**.



Our Love & Sympathy..... We extend our love & sympathy to the following families for **David Decker**, **Janice Neilan's father**, entered Life Eternal on January 21. **Donald Coulter**, **Suzy's brother-in-law**, entered Life Eternal on January 26. Friends and former members: **Ray Bizzigotti** entered Life Eternal on February 2. **Ray, his wife Edna and family** joined Hope in 1970 and was transferred in 2001. Ray designed the Bell Tower. **Homer McCall** entered Life Eternal on February 13. **Homer, his wife, Judy and family** also joined Hope in 1970, transferred in 2006.



HOPE STATS					
Sun/Wed Attendance		Wed&Sun Sch	Offerings	- <u>did not reach</u>	+ reached
Jan 29	138	29	\$2,796.11	- \$2,011.89	
Feb 05	116	32	\$3,301.82	- \$1,508.18	
Feb 12	118	29	\$4,181.00	- \$ 627.00	
Feb 19	131	34	\$3,180.00	- \$1,628.00	
Feb 26	126	29	\$3,139.00	- \$1,669.00	
Average Offering needed <u>weekly</u> to meet the proposed 2017 Budgeted Offerings of \$250,000.00 is \$4,808.00					

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The Wisdom Club! Join us for Lunch!
Wednesday, March 1 @ 11:30 am at Hope
We will have lunch then attend the
Ash Wednesday Service @ 12:30 pm

Anyone who remembers when there were only black & white TV's, rotary-dial phones and party lines, or those who have received AARP Memberships are invited to join this group!

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Ash Wednesday Worship Service
March 1 @ 12:30 PM and 7:30 PM

Distribution of Ashes and Holy Communion
Assisting Ministers are needed for these services.
Please contact the office if you are willing to serve.



★.... *Debbie Unger* is scheduling the Assisting Ministers.

★.... **John Fink, Hope's Maintenance Chairperson** continues to work with the office when hiring contractors to repair items that cannot be accomplished by members. He also comes to our rescue many times to assemble or disassemble shelves or move furniture, etc., when needed. Thanks so much John!

✦....**Dave Lynch** schedules the Counters for each Sunday. Thanks to all the counters: **Erica Driscoll, Rich Rifenburg, Chris Driscoll, Gerry Bergh, Dave Lynch, Angelo Ranaudo, Kim & Keith Jones, Debbie Bonanno, Chuck Mineer, Ren Meiseman, Chris Fensham.**

★....*Rich Hering* repairs the sanctuary chairs and hymnal holders as needed.

★....*Emergency Housing volunteers from December through March are: Gerry Bergh, Pat McCormick, Chris Fensham Matthew Somodi, Steve Weiss, Bill Seifert, Mark Bondo, Bill Unger, John Fink, Matthew Sprunger as drivers and those who stayed overnight were: Anthony Ng, Rich Rifenburg, Matthew Sprunger, John Fink, John Bonanno, Bill Unger, Scott Horton, Steve Weiss, Art Hornak, Blair Ward, and providing food for the guests were: Susan Sprunger, her mother, Margaret Loennecker and sisters, Christine Hassel and Liz Spector, Karen Donmoyer and friend Cyndi Gegco, Jess Somodi, Steve Rinker, Rebekah Heilman-Mancini, Angelika Kuehn, Woods Family, Ralph & Sue Werner, Susan Sterrett and friend, Maria Lapardo, Kim Jones, Tori Sikkema, Bill & Debbie Unger, Ken & Janet Creech, Frances Vender, Serina DeFelice, Tara Zigler, and Palew Family.*

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My perception is that we (by “we” I mean most congregations) take too much for granted. We assume people know what is expected of Christians, when in fact we haven’t specifically told them lately. And that renders our attempts at forming young and new Christians ineffective.

There are five disciplines that define us as disciples of Jesus:

- Worship with other Christians weekly
- Read the Bible every day
- Pray every day
- Give of ourselves and what we have, seeking to grow as followers of Jesus.
- Care for others and the world, working for justice and peace.

At baptism we promise to take on these disciplines and teach them to our children. Sunday School, communion instruction, confirmation and youth ministries are to help us keep those promises. The first one is primary. Without regular worship, we are unlikely to maintain the other disciplines.

In my forty plus years as a pastor, I have seen dramatic cultural change. Since it has taken place gradually, many of us do not notice how it has changed us. People today are away from home much more than they were 40 years ago. Few attend worship even three times a month. And sports have replaced religion as the primary center of meaning in our culture.

Today one is more likely to read in someone’s obituary about the sports team to which they were devoted than about their church membership. People are buried in the jersey of their favorite team. Community is found in attending sports events or by participating in a sports team, rather than by participating in the life of a congregation. Parents often hope their child will earn a sports scholarship to help pay for college.

Sports, of course, does not offer the promise of eternal life. That is found only in baptism and following Jesus on the way to death and resurrection. All of us are making choices about finding meaning for our lives and the source of our hope every day - this is not only an issue for young parents, but for all of us. We are teaching the young people in our circle by the choices we make: whether or not to go to worship, whether or not to participate in that Bible study, whether or not to read a Bible story to our children or grandchildren.

We are living in a challenging environment for nurturing Christian faith. Living as a follower of Jesus - practicing those disciplines listed above - requires choices which are sometimes unpopular. But as a Christian community, we are called to encourage one another in living faithful lives, and in choosing to be an active participant in a community of faith in Jesus Christ, the only one who promises eternal life with God. Encouraging that participation is the goal of our ministries with children, youth and parents.

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A thank you: this year the confirmation program has benefited from the regular help of a number of parents. I am grateful to all who have volunteered to help with the small groups, or to bring snacks. I am especially thankful to **Loretta Hart and Jennifer Duvelsdorf** for their almost weekly assistance. Loretta has kept records of attendance and participation, while Jennifer has kept track of the schedule and sent out email reminders about class and service project schedules. A big “thank you” to both of them!

In Christ, *Pastor Detweiler*



Dr. Seuss/Scholastic Book Fair

Family Fun Events

Thursday & Friday, March 2 & 3 (during school)

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## **Special Congregation Meeting**

**Sunday, March 5 @ Noon**

**Agenda Items: Communications Director Position  
Changes to Constitution**

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B I B L E SUNDAY / WEDNESDAY

Sunday, March 12

Wednesday, March 15

PreK to 2nd graders – come to worship and receive your own Spark Story Bible!

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***Embracing Hospice from Wall TWP offers a***

***Bereavement Group every other Monday @ 2:30P in Hope's Sanctuary.***

***Monday, March 13 & 27, April 10 & 24, May 8 & 22***

***Anyone who feels the need for this group, may attend.***

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LWR Quilting Projects

Tuesdays @ 9:30 AM

LWR Quilting Projects

@ 9:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall



Confirmation Classes-Sunday Evening Program

March 5 and 12
From 6 to 8 PM each evening.
This program is for 7th & 8th Graders.



Assisting Ministers Training

Sunday, March 5 @ 9:30

All newly assigned as well as a refresher course for those Assisting Ministers already scheduled.

FREEHOLD CLERGY ASSOCIATION

LENTEN PRAYER AND LUNCH

12:00 LUNCH, 12:30 PRAYER, 1:00 LUNCH

WEDNESDAYS DURING LENT

<u>Date</u>	<u>Host</u>	<u>Preacher</u>
March 8 th	Bethel A.M.E. 3 Waterworks Rd., Freehold	Rev. Sharon Douglas
March 15 th	Old Tennant 450 Tennent Road, Manalapan	Rev. Dirk Reinken
March 22 nd	St. Robert's Church Georgia Road, Freehold	Rev. Jonathan Elsensohn
March 29 th	First United Meth. 91 West Main St., Freehold	Rev. Pat Medley
April 5 th	Reformed 67 West Main St., Freehold	Rev. George Detweiler



Gathering of Men Breakfast

Saturday, March 11 @ 9 AM

Join the Gathering of Men for breakfast, fellowship and sharing.
We'll have breakfast and conversation. Any questions may be directed to: Gerry Bergh, 732-972-2799.





Wednesday Church School

@ 7 – 8 PM

Ash Wednesday short lesson and children
accompany parents to Worship
*{same as Sunday School} – check calendar for
scheduled dates!*

Worship Service with Holy Communion



You are invited to Women of Hope

~~Tuesday,

March 14 @ 7:30 PM

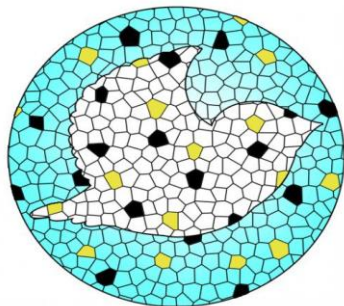
Discussion and refreshments.



***Women of Hope Memorial Scholarship Fund Sponsored by: The Women of Hope
Donations may be given directly to Wanda Nebiolo, Women of Hope Treasurer.***

***Checks should be made out to Hope with notation in memo line Memorial
Scholarship Fund. Please be sure Women of Hope Treasurer is aware of your
donation so proper acknowledgement may be directed.***

This is tax deductible and 100% of the money donated is used for Scholarship grants.
Thank you! Your generous donations have made it possible to award scholarships each year
since this fund was established in 2003 in memory of Karen (1961-1986), the daughter of
Janice and Bill Seifert.



Get Crafty!

Join us for a Night of Fellowship and Fun!

Wednesday, March 15

7 to 9 PM

Hope Lutheran Fellowship Hall

Stained Glass and Stone Pendant Making

\$25. pp

Refreshments will be served.

Proceeds to help fund the Hope Lutheran Bosnia Servant Trip Travel Team!

RSVP: 2-13 Susan Sterrett 732.642.5117

Tz.sterrett@gmail.com or

Nicole Seitz 732.614.3328 nseitz3595@gmail.com

Thrivent is supporting this event through a \$250.00 Action Team Card.



The HOPE Bosnia team is doing a clothing drive FUNDRAISER!

Please consider taking the time over the next few months to clean out your closets and bag up items that you would like to give away. We are accepting any clothes, handbags, purses, backpacks, hats, gloves, scarves & belts, pillows, blankets, quilts & sheets, curtains & table linens, stuffed animals & other soft toys, hard toys & even bicycles. Please do not bring items to the church as we don't have the space to store them. We will have a truck to pick up all the donations in late March from a location to be determined. If you have something you would like to give please contact me, **Tanya Hedderman** at 732-569-7450, or **Angelica Kuehn** at 732-534-2930, or tant@writeme.com. PLEASE feel free to share our FUNDRAISER with friends, family, co-workers, etc. **Clean up to help the travel team!**



In Loving Memory

Donation to Lutheran World Relief by **Wayne & Diane Kless**
in memory of **David Decker**

Donations to Women of Hope Memorial Fund
in memory of **Bruce Lennox**
by **Bill & Janice Seifert and Wanda Nebiolo.**



More News**St. Robert Bellarmine – Co-Cathedral** – Bishop David M. O'Connell announced that **St. Robert's Parish** was elevated to the status of a Co-Cathedral on February 19, 2017. Hope submitted an acknowledgment of congratulations from the Hope Family which was placed in their keepsake magazine for this historic event.

.....**The Youth Group** made home-made soup and thanks the congregation for purchasing a total of \$160.00 for Soup-er Bowl Sunday which was donated to Open Door Food Pantry. Plus all of the cans of soup that members brought that Sunday. Hope Christian School Room 1 (four-year old class) also helped fill the Open Door Food Pantry container with wonderful food items.



Christina Green graduated from the
Police Academy, Washington DC in February.
Congratulations Christina!!
Proud parents, Doris and Rob!

.....Congratulations to **Tim Lynch**
and Emily Hessney
who were engaged on February 12.

Emergency Housing Program at Hope: **Volunteers Needed!**

The Emergency Housing Program, a project of the Freehold Clergy Association is now in its final month, concluding on Friday, March 31st. We have opened our doors to local homeless gentlemen on Friday nights at Hope Lutheran. Volunteers are needed to help, either by bringing a meal, hosting the men, or volunteering to be a driver for transportation between St. Peter's and Hope. Please look for sign-up sheets in the narthex.

For more information, please contact **Andrew or Zinke McGeady** at 732-363-8520. Thank you for your anticipated support!



The Manor Worship Service

Sunday, March 19, April 9 and May 21 @ 2:00 PM

This service is held once a month at The Manor Nursing and Rehabilitation Center for their residents. It is located @ 689 W Main St., Freehold (just in front of the CentraState Hospital). Pastor Detweiler and Dean invite other members of Hope to accompany them and assist in the worship. Plan to be at The Manor @ 1:45 to help bring the patients from their rooms to the meeting place. **You are welcome!**

First Holy Communion Instruction

**Will begin in March for third graders and up.
During the Wednesday evenings Church School hour @
7 PM - March 8, 15 and April 5 or the Sunday School
hour – 9:30 AM -- March 12, 19 and April 2.**

If you have any questions, please call the church office.



Altar Flower Chart

The Altar Flower Chart for the dedication of gifts of flowers is hanging on the Sacristy door. Honoring or remembering a special person or event in your life, and donating \$20.00 for each bouquet, may be done by placing your name along with the name of those being remembered or honored on the month/date you'd like (please print--one line per entry). When you sign up for the bouquet, please place a check in the flower envelope located near the chart with date of your dedication and put in offering plate or on desk in the office.

There are many openings for dedications. Please check the chart and place your name on a date to recognize a special event.

You may also donate to the Altar Fund (or any other fund) in memory or to honor someone by notifying the Church Office 732-462-7545.

Synod Assembly

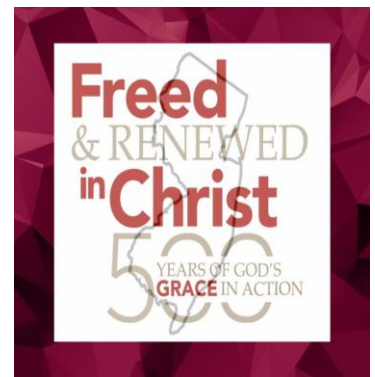
May 12-13, 2017

The Westin Princeton at Forrestal Village

The Thirtieth Annual Synod Assembly of the New Jersey Synod will be held May 12-13 at the Westin Princeton at Forrestal Village. We gather under the theme "Freed and Renewed in Christ," remembering the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.

We are looking forward to gathering as the Church together!

To learn more, register and reserve a room, go to the [Assembly Webpage](#).



2017 Cross Roads Middle School Retreat

Arrive March 10th at 7pm -- Depart March 12th at 1pm

Cost: \$95 To chaperone or participate contact Tara Zigler 732-446-6117.

Join us for our Middle School Retreat at Cross Roads. A fun-filled program, where we will learn about God and strengthen our Faith together.

This is a great opportunity to meet new friends and start a lasting relationship with them.

There will be Games, Music, Great Food and much more!!!!

Wedgwood Gardens

3419 US Hwy 9 N, Freehold

Worship Service with Holy Communion

Thursday, March 2, April 6 and May 4 @ 3:30 PM

Pastor Detweiler invites other members of Hope to accompany him and assist with this Nursing Home service. Please arrive @ 3:15 PM.



Atlantic Wind Ensemble

Sunday, March 26 @ begins with Wine & Cheese

TBA

Proceeds to benefit Bosnia Servant Trip

Tickets: \$10. each



Bring your Parents to Sunday School

March 5 @ 9:30 AM

Bring your Parents to Wednesday Church School

March 22 @ 7 PM



Hope Lutheran's 50th Anniversary Celebration

Please join us on **April 2, at Our House Restaurant in Farmingdale** as we celebrate the Anniversary of Hope's establishment in 1967. A luncheon is planned starting at 1PM with a program of remembrances of all that has transpired since that date. We also plan some entertainment for your enjoyment.

The cost for adults is \$30/person, and for children 12 and under \$10/person. The committee has invited many former members as well as folks from the community to participate. A few of the Pastors who have been associated with our congregation have indicated they will come, and those of us who wish to, will have an opportunity to reflect on our experience here. We are asking you to reply with your check made to Hope Lutheran church by March 15, so that we may plan for the event. Any questions? See committee members **Veronica Krause, Chelsea Zigler, Victoria Hu, Debbie Crawford, Diane Kless, Kim Jones, Wanda Nebiolo, John or Joan Drager.**

This is your invitation

RSVP: Hope, 211 Elton-Adelphia Road, Freehold 07728 or
732-462-7545 by March 15



Bikes and Books

- ❖ Hope continues to support the ministry of the **Asbury Park Bicycle Ministry** led by **Keri Martin**. Children and young adults learn to rehabilitate and repair bicycles and in doing so earn the right to own one. If you have an old (or not so old) bike that you no longer need, drop it off at the church and **John Drager** will take it from there.
- ❖ The **Freehold Area American Association of University Women** continues its used book program. Throughout the year they gather used books (hardback, paperback, books on CD but no text books). Their Annual Used Book Sale takes place in June at 1st Methodist in Freehold. If you have books to donate, drop them off at the church and we will get them to the AAUW.



Gentle Yoga Classes!!!

Every Tuesday evening here at Hope @ 7 PM

Classes are held in the narthex.

This is a wonderful way to better yourself, so come to check it out.

Classes are conducted by Debbie Crawford, Yoga Instructor.



**Some of the St. Peter's
Outreach Meals Helpers
in January.
Thanks to Karen
Donmoyer for arranging
this event and to everyone
who helped with these meals.**

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## **Holy Week**

**Palm Sunday, April 9**

**8:30 & 10:45 AM**

**2 PM @ The Manor**

**Maundy Thursday, April 13**  
**Worship @ 12:30 and 7:30 PM**

**Good Friday, April 14**  
**Worship @ 12:30**

**First Baptist**

*Rev. Doug Hughes preaching*

81 West Main St., Freehold

**@ 7:30 here at Hope**

**Easter Sunday, April 16**

**8:30 & 10:45 AM**

**No Sunday School**



## God Bless Your Birthday!

If we have missed you, we apologize – it's probably because our records are incomplete. Please give us a reminder so we can place your name in this column next month & proper month next year.

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| <i>Shannon Neilan</i>     | <i>1st</i>  |
| <i>David Lynch</i>        | <i>2nd</i>  |
| <i>Dawn Mulcahy</i>       | <i>2nd</i>  |
| <i>Jenna Platt</i>        | <i>2nd</i>  |
| <i>John Platt</i>         | <i>2nd</i>  |
| <i>Allison Fink</i>       | <i>3rd</i>  |
| <i>Erin Behn</i>          | <i>3rd</i>  |
| <i>Danielle Knoell</i>    | <i>3rd</i>  |
| <i>Doris Green</i>        | <i>4th</i>  |
| <i>Michelle Koester</i>   | <i>4th</i>  |
| <i>Ray Vender</i>         | <i>4th</i>  |
| <i>Katie Hudak</i>        | <i>4th</i>  |
| <i>Betty Theiss</i>       | <i>4th</i>  |
| <i>Nicole Seitz</i>       | <i>5th</i>  |
| <i>John Fink</i>          | <i>5th</i>  |
| <i>Nicholas D'Angelo</i>  | <i>6th</i>  |
| <i>Chuck Mineer</i>       | <i>6th</i>  |
| <i>Joanne Quinn</i>       | <i>6th</i>  |
| <i>Carolyn Gibson</i>     | <i>8th</i>  |
| <i>Nila Peterson</i>      | <i>9th</i>  |
| <i>Anthony Russo</i>      | <i>10th</i> |
| <i>Hannah Robinson</i>    | <i>10th</i> |
| <i>Jeffrey Strandberg</i> | <i>10th</i> |
| <i>Ann Marie Hagemann</i> | <i>11th</i> |
| <i>Kayla Brand</i>        | <i>13th</i> |
| <i>Sonja Dennis</i>       | <i>13th</i> |
| <i>Lorraine Cain</i>      | <i>15th</i> |
| <i>Sue Hu</i>             | <i>15th</i> |
| <i>Brandon Paasch</i>     | <i>16th</i> |
| <i>Daniel Spicuzza</i>    | <i>16th</i> |
| <i>Gary Devine</i>        | <i>17th</i> |
| <i>Molly McMillin</i>     | <i>17th</i> |
| <i>Sally Russo</i>        | <i>17th</i> |
| <i>Ann Finkbeiner</i>     | <i>19th</i> |
| <i>Maia Cardelfe</i>      | <i>20th</i> |
| <i>Dolores O'Brien</i>    | <i>20th</i> |

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| <i>Landon Rosenberg</i>   | <i>21st</i> |
| <i>Henry Sprunger</i>     | <i>21st</i> |
| <i>Nicolette Birnbaum</i> | <i>22nd</i> |
| <i>Michael Souter</i>     | <i>22nd</i> |
| <i>Lucas Becce</i>        | <i>24th</i> |
| <i>Cindy Lynch</i>        | <i>24th</i> |
| <i>Santino Giacobbe</i>   | <i>26th</i> |
| <i>Andrew Bayles</i>      | <i>27th</i> |
| <i>Susan Slade</i>        | <i>27th</i> |
| <i>Amanda Lashenick</i>   | <i>27th</i> |
| <i>Brenda Johnson</i>     | <i>27th</i> |
| <i>Kim Shimko</i>         | <i>29th</i> |
| <i>Matthew DeFelice</i>   | <i>29th</i> |
| <i>Janice Seifert</i>     | <i>30th</i> |
| <i>Heather McGinn</i>     | <i>31st</i> |
| <i>Mackenzie Miller</i>   | <i>31st</i> |



**Where do the Senior High Youth meet every Sunday?**

**Senior High Youth meet in room between room 1 and 3 on Sunday mornings from 9:30 to 10:30 with**

**Mrs. Zigler**



### *Thoughts for the Month*

*1 cross + 3 nails = 4ever*

*Too much complaining leaves little time for doing.*



**Remember to Spring Forward on March 11 @ 2 AM – Daylight Saving Time Begins March 12.**



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The **Weekly 'E' Bulletin** is sent via e mail to over 240 families and friends. This weekly is a great opportunity for you to learn all the scheduled happenings here at your church. **Please** read and enjoy each week.

Freehold AREA OPEN DOOR Report

Submitted by Sandy Taylor, Trustee & VP

Last month we served 751 people with a three-day supply of food. That is 275 households. The holiday gift program went smoothly again this year, thanks to the efforts of Judy Schimmel and her committee. Margie Golden, and the parishioners of St. Robert's Church who donated the bulk of the gifts. The Freehold Raceway Park jockeys, owners, trainers and employees donated funds to purchase bicycles. Gifts were provided for 176 children in 86 families. ShopRite gift cards were given to the neediest of our families. The estimated value of donated food for 2016 was \$251,997.00, using Feeding America's valuation of \$1.67 per pound.

Our new **Advocacy Program**

Director, Erika Woods, is hard at work and doing a great job. She has seen 20 people in two weeks and has given financial help to eight families. Three cases are still pending, with the remaining being referred/denied, or provide other types of assistance.

Rev. Loraine Priestly-Smith said the Emergency Housing Program for homeless men began on December 1. They have set up office space with donations of three computers and furniture. They also have donations of back-packs for the men. There will be a professional security guard on site each night. Walgreen's has given the men free flu shots.

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HOPE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Offers Mommy & Me Program

Toddlers, mommy, daddy or grandparents are invited to enroll in this wonderful program on Wednesdays (call office for more information)

732.462.7545

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Counseling Center for Human Development

The 'Hope' Center

Dedicated to the healing of people. Hope is a satellite office with three counselors on site by appointment only – 908-276-0590. Offering the community its skills and expertise in: adult problems, marriage & family problems, child & adolescent problems, stress management, separation & divorce, addiction & abuse.



CALLING ALL GROCERY SHOPPERS!!



Do you shop for groceries? Do you want to help **Open Door & Lutheran Social Ministries of**

NJ? Here's an easy way – purchase food cards on Sunday mornings or any day during the week. Every Sunday morning following worship we offer food "gift" cards from ShopRite for you to purchase at the face value and use them like cash at ShopRite. *It costs you absolutely nothing extra!!!* Hope receives 5% back from the ShopRite for selling their cards.



***St. Patrick's
Day
March 17***





*Anchored in Christ, Growing in Faith,
Love and Service*

*The Hope Anchor Cross is based on
Hebrews 6:19*



*We have this
hope, a sure
and steadfast
anchor of
the soul.....*



Hi Wanda,

Sue and I are enjoying your running contest with the pictures in the weekly bulletin. This one is the Hope Christian School "poster" at or near the classroom(s) of the school.

Of course, since we have not been in the building in a long time, we do not have the layout of the school area, but it makes sense that this is cleverly announcing that 'This is the place' where it all happens". We admire the clever play of words about the season and the quality of the school.

GOOD SHOW!!!

Hosea and Sue Logan



The Fellowship Hall has a classroom for HCS students. The classroom furniture of both sections is able to be moved to the section closest to the window facing the parking lot if the Fellowship Hall is needed for larger events..... see next column

**Our building is used often for the
following**

12 Step & Trauma Programs

Alcoholics Anonymous

Wednesdays @ 7:30 PM

Women's Trauma

Overeaters Anonymous

Narcotics (Women) Anonymous

Thursdays @ 7:30 PM

Gamblers Anonymous

Gamanon Anonymous

Fridays @ 7:30 PM

Alcoholics Anonymous

Saturday @ 7:30 PM

Other groups using the Fellowship Hall

Jersey Comics (clowns)

2nd Monday @ 7:30

Molly Pitcher Stamp Group

1st Wednesday @ 7:30 PM

Scout Troop 150

Thursdays @ 7:00 PM

Adult Scout Coordinator

2nd Tuesday @ 7:00 PM

Seventh Day Adventist

Fridays from 8 – 9 PM

and

Saturdays from 9 AM to 4 PM

in Sanctuary/narthex/FH

**Board of Elections Tuesdays for
Primary, General & School elections**

Newsletter

Hope's newsletter, the "Anchor" has been produced with activities and calendars. You have received it via email or snail mail and it is located on the website www.hopefreehold.org. The Anchor is a great opportunity for you to stay in "the know" of everything that happens here at Hope!

If you would like to help the crew, please stop in the day they are scheduled, they would be happy to have you join them.

HOPE'S CLASSIFIED:

Several parishioners own their own businesses or offer services in which you might be interested. If you would like a family business listed, please let the church office know.

COMPUTER TECHNICIAN – Tyler Sterrett – Tz.sterrett@gmail.com

PERSONAL TRAINER – Laura Weiss – (732) 614-9984

STAINED GLASS IMAGES – Gifts & Customer Work Welcomed Bill Unger (732) 577-1218

HOME IMPROVEMENT & REPAIRS -- Brett Miller (732) 845-9413

ENERGY SAVINGS – Dawn Sera (732) 610-4061 – Electric & Gas Energy Provider

WEDDING CONSULTANT – Tracee Wright – (732) 980-6224

NOTARY – Wanda Nebiolo – (734)-462-7545 John Bonanno – (609) 259-7932

Healing starts with a Horse–The Cleary Family 732-610-4511– lessons/events, etc.