

CHURCH REGISTER

DEATHS

Marion Campbell (Jackie Billo's mother), Tuesday, December 23, 2008 in Endwell, New York.

Neil Ramsey Porter (Barry Porter's brother), Tuesday, January 6, 2009.

Charles Joseph Maxwell (PeggyAnn White's brother), Friday, January 30, 2009 in Myerstown, Pennsylvania.

Marian Novodvorsky, (Dan Novodvorsky's wife), Thursday, February 26, 2009.

Jocelyn Rollins, (Jim Rollins' mother), Wednesday, March 11, 2009 in Pittsburgh.

BIRTHS

Brian Kyle Ptak, born Tuesday, February 17, 2009. Parents are Bradley and Maria Ptak; Great-grandparents are Jerry and Lila Ptak.

GIFTS

SPECIAL GIFT TO MUSIC DEPARTMENT in memory of Willard "Bill" Hoover by Ed Birky, Bob and Mickey Crouse, Jim and Millie Horkavy, Carol Stasiak to be used to purchase a new octave of handbells.

THANK YOU . . .

DEAR HOPE CHURCH, thank you to Pastor Tom for his phone calls. Thanks also to the women of Circle IV for their concerns and cards and the prayers and flowers during my surgery and recovery. God bless all of you. – **Carolyn Sullivan**

DEAR HOPE CHURCH FAMILY, Thanks to members and friends for prayers and visits. Thanks also to the Board of Deacons for the beautiful flowers, and to Tom for his visits and phone calls at the rehab center. – **Andrew Beharry**

DEAR HOPE CHURCH FAMILY, A big thanks for the beautiful sanctuary flowers brought to me by Deacon Jeanie Madaus. They truly lifted my spirits. – **Trude Harris**

DEAR HOPE CHURCH FAMILY, Thank you to the many who remembered me in prayer and sent best wishes and cards – to the Deacons for the flowers, to Tom for his prayers, caring concern, hospital visits and phone calls. My recovery is going well and the doctor reports that I am cancer free. I am blessed to be a member of such a caring church family. – **Janet Combee**

CHURCH PROPERTY SECURITY

It has been brought to our attention that church members and patrons have been leaving exterior doors unlocked after the use of church facilities. It is most important that people using the buildings take the responsibility to see that doors are locked by *physically testing the lockset when you are leaving the area.*

– **Scott Boland, Moderator**
Property Committee of the Session

WHAT IS HOLY WEEK?

THE HEART OF HOLY WEEK is the passion of Jesus Christ – the mystery of his suffering and death for the redemption of the world. At first glance, it's hard to see what's so holy about it. The arrest is unwarranted; the condemnation, unjust; the torment, unspeakable. The crowds merciless; the disciples, disloyal; the redeemed, undeserving. It doesn't seem to add up to any good. And yet, for those who have faith in God's unfathomable arithmetic, these things amount to eternal and abundant life. With the dawning of a new day, we discover that love is stronger than death, and that Christ is risen indeed.

THANK YOU, GARY REISING

EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE, we are reminded of what - or who - makes our services at Hope Church run so smoothly. Of course, we have our inspiring pastor, beautiful music provided by our talented and dedicated choir(s), Phillip's beautiful performances on the organ and piano, musical solos, not to mention timely reports by our active deacons and elders before the service begins. But, wait? The fact that we can hear all participants in our services rests on the performance of the one behind the scenes; you guessed it, **Gary Reising**, whose talents and commitment to operating the sound system makes it all possible. Week after week, year after year, Hope has been blessed by his faithful contribution to making the audio portions of our services at Hope so enjoyable. Next time you pass his "window," won't you nod a hello and thanks to Gary!!

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE FELLOWSHIP provides a great opportunity for you to visit with members of the Hope congregation after the 8:30 a.m. worship service and before the 10:30 a.m. worship service. In order to keep this fellowship time going we do need volunteers to be hosts and hostesses. And it is very easy!! You need to be present 9 to 10:15 a.m. The coffee is made for you and the table is readied. Cups, dishes, napkins, etc. are also provided. All you need to do is bring some juice, pastries, donuts, fruit, cheese & crackers, etc. And you can partner with friends or family members. If you can help, we are sure that you'll enjoy it. The sign-up calendar is by the Coffee Fellowship table on Sunday mornings and in the library during the week. Or feel free to call a member of the Fellowship Committee – Patrice Hatley, Moderator (318-1838), John Maxwell, Co-Moderator (291-3819), Don Combee, Co-Moderator (318-1789). We need your help!!! Sign up now – don't forget!!!! Thanks.

BUDGET AND FINANCE UPDATE

“TOGETHER WE CAN”

I **INTRODUCED MYSELF TO THE CONGREGATION** as the new Moderator of the Budget and Finance Committee on Sunday morning, March 1 replacing Barry Porter who has served in this role for many years. While not currently on the Committee, Barry will continue to be available for consultation when needed.

This update is not the start of a formal Supplemental Giving Campaign. It is intended to give you a heads up as to the 2009 Financial Budget for Hope Presbyterian Church. The 2009 Budget was approved by the Session on February 24, 2009. It is, however, not a balanced budget. Estimated expenses exceed the pledged giving and other realistic estimates of church income.

Before starting a new Supplemental Giving Campaign – ***“TOGETHER WE CAN”*** – it must be approved by the Session. Anticipating such approval, we would begin the **new campaign on Sunday, March 29** followed by more information in a letter the following week.

We are continuing a thorough review of the Budget and have already identified some areas where we can achieve small savings. Before asking for additional giving, we feel it is very important that we have a tight control on how we use church funds.

Until **March 29**, when we plan to formally begin our Supplemental Giving Campaign, you are asked to give prayerful consideration as to what you may be able to do in addition to your current level of giving. If you can increase your level of giving even before the formal Campaign begins, that would be most helpful.

Being a relatively new member of Hope, let me conclude by saying that I don't ever take for granted what we have here at Hope Presbyterian Church – a beautiful sanctuary where we can worship God, and an outstanding group of Christian people who make up our “church family.” And we are blessed to have a wonderful Pastor.

If you have any questions regarding the church budget and/or finances, please feel free to contact one of the 2009 Committee members listed below.

“TOGETHER WE CAN”

May God Bless you!!

Budget and Finance Committee of the Session

Don Combee, Moderator

Jim Bockover

Greg Dills

Bill Pratt

WHAT IS “PER CAPITA”

EACH YEAR A PAYMENT MUST BE MADE TO THE PRESBYTERY of Tampa Bay for the number of members of our church. This “Per Capita” payment of \$15.05 is required for each member whether or not that member can contribute financially to the mission of the church. In 2009 our “Per Capita” expense totals \$7,976.50. “Per Capita” envelopes are available in the Narthex literature racks or the Church Office. Please remember that “Per Capita” means per member. So if there are two members in your household, or three or four, the amount of your family's “Per Capita” is doubled or tripled, etc.