



APRIL 2011

HOPE - LINE

Pastor: Dr. Thomas E. McGrath
Morning Worship - 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary
Church School - 9:30 a.m.

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WEDNESDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP DINNER

April 13

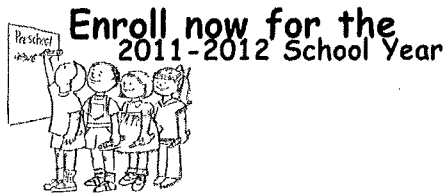
Friendship Hall—6 p.m.



See inside *Hope-Line* for details



Home of the Monarchs



Registration information inside *Hope-Line*



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

PASSION/PALM SUNDAY—APRIL 17

8:30 a.m. Worship

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering
Dr. McGrath

10:30 a.m. Worship—Palms Processional

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering
Chancel Choir
Dr. McGrath

MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP

APRIL 21—7 p.m.

Gardens of Hope
Sacrament of The Lord's Supper
Dr. McGrath

CELEBRATION OF THE RESURRECTION

Sunday—April 24

7:45 a.m. Easter Sunrise Worship
Gardens of Hope
Dr. McGrath

8:15 -11:30 a.m.—Easter Reception

8:30 a.m.—Worship
Chancel Choir
Sacrament of The Lord's Supper
Dr. McGrath

9:45 a.m.—Eggstravaganza
Gardens of Hope
Children grade 4 and younger

10:30 a.m.—Worship
Chancel Choir
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
Dr. McGrath



CHURCH REGISTER

DEATHS

Stanley C. Davis (father of Dennis Davis),
Sunday, January 30, 2011.

Gabe W. Stewart, Jr. (husband of Doris
Stewart, father of Lynne Maxwell),
Thursday, February 10, 2011.

Ralph Speer (brother-in-law of Veda Lameck), Saturday,
February 26, 2011.

Walter Robertson (father of Brenda Reddout), Monday,
February 28, 2011.

Edward Huber (husband of Jackie Huber), Monday,
March 14, 2011.

Emmett Meehan (brother of Al Meehan), Saturday,
March 26, 2011.

MARRIAGE



Olivia Lipp and Clifton Webster Sunday,
March 27, 2011 at Hope Church. Olivia's
grandparents are David and Barbara
Stewart.

GIFTS

MEMORIAL GIFTS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FOR:

BILL HOOVER HANDBELL FUND:

In Memory of Stanley C. Davis by Zelma and Curtis Bullock,
Don and Ann Wainscott.

In Memory of Phyllis Hostler by Don and Ann Wainscott.

GARDENS OF HOPE:

In Memory of Phyllis Hostler by Jim and Linda Ferguson,
Molly and Jerry Griner, Judi and Bob Randolph, Frank and
Nancy Reddout.

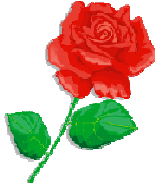
In Memory of Gabe W. Stewart, Jr. by Doris Stewart, Lynne
and John Maxwell and family.

On behalf of Violetjane Allen and the Allen family, a gift has
been received from John R. Allen, daughter Robin, and the
Allen family.

MEMORIAL GIFTS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED:

In Memory of Phyllis Hostler by Robert and Dot
Carter, Eleanor Henderson, Barry and Louise
McMaster.

In Memory of Ed Huber by Pauline Desrochers,
Fred and Monette Fox, Kathleen Marion, Mignon
and Ronald Remington, Jr., George and Barbara Wustefeld.



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.

Mother's Day—May 8
Sacrament of Holy Communion

Pentecost Sunday—June 12
Sacrament of Holy Communion

THE DAILY DEVOTIONAL THESE DAYS, April - June is now available in the library. My friend Dr. Don McKim is the new editor. He invited me to write a small piece for this issue, so we ordered a few extra copies. This is a good opportunity to get acquainted with this fine devotional. —Tom

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS Sunday, March 20, 2011

Ronnie Blackwell
1817 6th Street SE
Winter Haven FL 33880
Phone: 863-295-9015

Robert and Carolyn S. Hayes
240 Rosa Blanca
Winter Haven FL 33884
Phone: 863-318-9779

Gary and Sandy Lightfoot
1105 La Costa Lane
Winter Haven FL 33881
Phone: 863-294-1397



From the Deacons' Desk..... Marsha Long, Moderator



DEACONS' FUND UPDATE

If you missed the poster and information that was available at the orange juice fellowship on Sunday, March 20, you can pick up a paper from one of the Deacons that lists the agencies that your contributions to the Deacons' Fund have helped support. The list is long and because of your generosity so many in our local area have been helped. Thank you for giving to this worthwhile cause! You also give so freely to Family Emergency Services by donating groceries. At least once a month a delivery is made to FEW with an overflowing cart of food. Checks for this cause are often received and taken to this worthy agency which helps people in need, not just with food, but with vital financial assistance.

ANGELS' CARE CENTER

This faith-based free medical clinic run by volunteers cares for the people in the Eloise area. The center started as a God-inspired vision and in a little less than one year this vision has become a reality. Many churches are offering support, time and talent to the center. The clinic will see its first patients on Tuesday, March 22. Hope Church provided some financial support from funds raised at last year's golf tournament. Also, we have a few members who are volunteering their services. Our own Judi Randolph is the non-medical volunteer coordinator and you may contact her at 324-9207 if you would like to volunteer or have questions about volunteering.



We have a collection box in the Narthex for items to be given to patients to help meet some of their needs. During the week bring items clearly marked for "Angels Care Center" to the Church Office. Items needed are: first aid kit supplies, SUB kits (Socks, Underwear and Basic toiletries). Also requested are children's "Jesus Kits." Your prayers are always requested not only for the patients but for the volunteers. Contact a deacon if you have any questions.

BLOODMOBILE

We have over 700 units designated to Hope Church from your contributions. Please know that your generous donations have helped the lives of many, many people. Thank you for this life giving support!



GOLF TOURNAMENT

Because of last year's highly successful and fun golf tournament event, we again plan to offer a 2011 tournament for your playing (and community outreach) pleasure! Mark your calendars now-----Saturday, Oct. 15, 2011. Much more news about this later.

VOLUNTEERS ALWAYS NEEDED

Meals on Wheels-----drivers, kitchen prep or thrift store help-----Call 863-299-1616.



**Give A
Tax Free
Gift**

**to your
church**

Did you know that in 2011 you can still make a tax free contribution to Hope Presbyterian Church from an IRA??

The Tax Relief, Unemployment Insurance Reauthorization and Job Creation Act of 2010 (The Tax Relief Act of 2010) extended to 2011 the previous temporary provision that permitted tax free contributions of up to \$100,000 per year from IRAs to Charitable organizations such as Hope Church.

Here is how it works: If you are eligible to withdraw from your IRA (age 59½ or older), you can make a ***direct contribution*** from your IRA to Hope Church. You pay no tax on the money used to make the contribution.

If you have reached the age of 70½ years or older (like I have) not only can you make a tax free gift but the withdrawal counts towards your minimum required distribution (MRD) for 2011.

This provision to make a tax free gift applies only to contributions from an IRA and not from a 401(k) or 401(b). And remember, the contribution must come directly from the IRA to the Charitable organization.

Just something to think about if you would like to make an extra or special gift to your church. **IMPORTANT:** Before doing anything, please talk with the custodian of your IRA, your financial advisor, tax professional or attorney.

2011 Per Capita

THE PRESBYTERY PER CAPITA APPORTIONMENT to each church in the Tampa Bay Presbytery is \$19.75 per church member. For Hope Church this apportionment is \$10,152. At Hope we budget for contributions from church members at 50% (the historical percent) or \$5,076. To date Per Capita contributions from members are \$4,828 or 47.6% of the total annual apportionment. Hope Church has and will continue to send the Presbytery the full annual apportionment regardless of member contributions. We make up the difference by taking funds from the General Operating Budget. If you have contributed your Per Capita for 2011...thank you! If you have not contributed your Per Capita, please prayerfully consider doing so. Blue Per Capita envelopes are in the Narthex literature racks. Or you can contribute by check, clearly indicating on the check "Per Capita." Your support is very much appreciated.

—Don Combee, Finance Moderator

TO MAKE A DIRECT GIFT FOR JAPAN RELIEF through the Presbyterian Church: by phone, 800-872-3283. Or by mail, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), PO Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700, (designation DR000117).

CEDARKIRK UPDATE

Cedarkirk Camp and Conference Center has been awarded the 2011 Green Leaf Seal from the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)'s Environmental Ministries and the Presbyterian Church Camp and Conference Association. This honor speaks to the great commitment that Cedarkirk has to environmental stewardship. The Green Leaf Seal is designed to recognize camp and conference centers that care for God's earth by practicing sustainability and educating guests about environmental stewardship.



Fellowship Dinner Wednesday, April 13, 6 p.m.

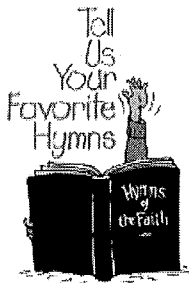
Get ready for a good old-fashioned HYMN SING!! Do you have a favorite hymn that you'd like us to sing that evening? You can submit your request in any of the following ways:

- Complete the online form, accessible from our Website: www.hopepreswh.org by Noon on Wednesday, April 13.
- Complete the tear-off section in Sunday's bulletin and place it in the offering plate by Sunday, April 10.
- Complete the tear-off section in this newsletter and return it to the Church Office by Tuesday, April 12.
- We'll also take requests that evening.
- Come prepared to sing some old favorites you haven't heard for a while!

Our dinner menu for this month is baked ham, dill scalloped potatoes, shoe peg corn or peas, rolls & butter, and a bunny cake for dessert!

As always, the dinner begins at 6:00 p.m. in Friendship Hall. Adults pay \$7.50 each and children under 18 eat free... but **EVERYONE needs a reservation by noon on Sunday, April 10.** You can make your reservation online anytime, just go to www.hopepreswh.org/dinner.html and click **sign up online**. Or you can check the Reservations box on Sunday's pew pad or call the Church Office (324-6382).

If you would like to volunteer to help set up, serve, or clean up at the Fellowship Dinners, please contact Jackie Billo (863-969-3386).



Favorites Night Hymn Sing, Wednesday, April 13, 6 p.m. Hymn Request Form

Name of Requestor

Requested Hymn

Please Note: This request does NOT make a reservation for your dinner; please be sure to make your reservation either online, check the Reservations box on Sunday's pew pad, or call the Church office by Sunday, April 10.

Christian Education

Holly Dills, Director

Sunday Mornings

Church School— 9:30—10:15 a.m.

Adults—Friendship Hall
Young Adults—Room 234
Children—Room 247
Nursery—Room 246

Confirmation Class

9:30 a.m.-Room 202

Children's Church

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Hope Creative School

We are happy to announce registration for the upcoming 2011/2012 school year! Register before May 1 and receive a \$25 discount off of the \$125 registration fee. Refer a new child who enrolls and you will also receive a \$25 discount off of your first month's tuition. We currently have 55 preschoolers enrolled not including the children in Mother's Morning Out, which varies from day to day. Please call 324-6377 for more information.

Jennifer Greubel
Director, Hope Creative School

Graduating?? Now taking names of 2011 Graduates. Please call Holly, 324-6382 or email: holly@hopepreswh.org and give name of graduate, parents, school and grade or degree. Graduation Sunday, June 5, 10:30 a.m. Worship Service.

Need Service Hours??

Youth of Hope will be serving various local community missions in July. Please contact Holly if you are interested in participating.

Got Eggs?? Hope's Easter Egg-stravaganza, Sunday, April 24 at 9:45 a.m. If you would like to donate plastic eggs filled with candy, you may drop them off at the church office. Thank you.

Youth of Hope

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| April 3 | 5-6:30 p.m., Youth
Youth Lounge |
| April 10 | 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Lunch
Youth Lounge |
| April 17 | 10:30 a.m. Palm Sunday
Processional
5-6:30 p.m., Youth
Youth Lounge |
| April 24 | Happy Easter!
Eggstravaganza 9:45 a.m. |
| May 1 | 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Lunch
Youth Lounge |
| May 8 | Happy Mother's Day! |
| May 15 | 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Lunch
Youth Lounge |
| May 22 | 10:30 a.m. Confirmation Sunday
5-6:30 p.m., Youth
Youth Lounge |
| May 29 | Memorial Day |
| June 5 | 10:30 a.m. Graduation Sunday |
| June 12 | VBS Work Day/Lunch |
| June 13-17 | Vacation Bible School |

Stay tuned for Summer Activities...

Vacation Bible School

June 13-17
9 a.m.— Noon
Ages 3— Grade 5



Registration Coming Soon!

VBS Volunteer Meetings:

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| April 3 | 11:30 a.m.- All Volunteers— Friendship Hall |
| May 22 | 11:30 a.m.- All Volunteers— Friendship Hall |
| June 12 | 11:30 a.m.— Volunteer Lunch/Set-up |



CHURCH ORGANIZED FOR SERVICE 2011

CHURCH STAFF

Dr. Thomas E. McGrath Pastor
 Holly Dills Director of Christian Education/Youth
 Ada Gribble Director of Music
 Phillip Lioi Organist
 Jennifer Greubel Director, HCS
 Pam Willis Bookkeeper, HCS
 Marti Brightwell Office Manager
 Donna Phillips Secretary
 Pam Willis Bookkeeper
 Normand Fiske Sexton

OFFICERS

Barry Porter President
 Don Combee Vice-President
 Bill Dawson Treasurer
 Zella Sheplee Clerk of Session

ELDERS

Zella Sheplee, Clerk of Session

<u>Class of 2011</u>	<u>Class of 2012</u>	<u>Class of 2013</u>
Don Combee Barber	Jackie Billo	Mary Ellen
Heather Lee-Blackwell(1 yr.)	Polly Burkhart	Doug Becker
Bill Dawson	Florence Davis	Ann Hecker
Greg Dills	Jim Slattery	John Maxwell
Louise McMaster	Donna Sullivan	Sandy McMaster
Stacy Woodward	Sherry Summers	Al Peach

DEACONS

Marsha Long, Moderator

<u>Class of 2011</u>	<u>Class of 2012</u>	<u>Class of 2013</u>
Devon Bloom	Ken Billo	Debbie Anderson
Cindy Chelius	Marge Fairbairn	Nancy Fosie
Marsha Long	Bill Follett	Nancy Huestis
Barry McMaster	Brenda Gregory	Elinor Karlson
Patrick Marone (1 yr.)	Sean Paul	Lois Mann
Ann Meadows (1 yr.)	Cindy Turner	
	Lila Ptak (2 yrs.)	

Junior Deacon

Cassandra Reising

2011 COMMITTEE MODERATORS

Administration and Planning

Louise McMaster

Budget/Finance/Memorial/Endowment/Mission

Don Combee

Christian Education/Hope Creative School

Polly Burkhart

Fellowship

Jackie Billo

Evangelism, Membership and Commitment

Sherry Summers

Worship

Donna Sullivan

Property

Doug Becker

Nominating

Greg Dills

Columbarium

Paul Thompson

Prayer Group of Hope

Molly Griner

Presbyterian Women

Donna Phillips

Church Bazaar

Nancy Porter

Adult and Children's Librarians

Carol Stasiak and Ann Waincott

Audit

Richard Mansfield, Hope Church
 Richard Mansfield, Hope Creative School

Office Volunteer Coordinators

Marti Brightwell/Helen Herge/Louise McMaster

Gardens of Hope

Molly Griner

Flower Committee

Mary Ellen Barber,
 Ellie Henderson, Donna Sullivan

Decorating Committee

Ellie Henderson

Funeral Coordinator

Louise McMaster

Wedding Coordinators

Louise McMaster

Sound Technician

Gary Reising

Webmaster

Ava Vanyo

March 24, 2011

Presbyterian Women Of Hope Church



CIRCLE OF FRIENDS meet for fellowship and dinner the first Monday evening of each month at 6 p.m. in various restaurants or homes. Contacts are Jeanie Madaus (326-6056) and Ann Wainscott (439-2737).

MORNING GLORIES meet the first Tuesday morning of each month at 10 a.m. in the Church Parlor. They are studying The Very Bad Girls of the Bible. Contacts are Nancy Reddout (318-9868) and Nancy Porter (324-4837).

GIRLFRIENDS meet the second Wednesday of the month at 9 a.m. in Room 234. This Circle is tailored for young moms and career women. Contacts are Cyndi Bloom (875-3129) and Patrice Hatley (318-1838).

ALL WOMEN OF THE CHURCH ARE INVITED TO ATTEND any of the above circles, as well as many other special events. Details for upcoming events will be found in the Sunday Bulletin. Join us for fellowship and fun!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Ladies, Please mark your calendars for the following events:

May 2, 3, and 4 — Annual Presbytery Women's Retreat, Day-Spring Conference Center in Parrish, Florida. Come for a workshop, a day, or the whole retreat! Enjoy the fellowship of Presbyterian Women as we worship, learn, sing and pray the PW Purpose.

October 8 — Annual Holiday Bazaar

December 3 — Annual Christmas Tea

"Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, and today is a gift; that's why they call it the present."

Eleanor Roosevelt (1884-1962)



Thank you to all who attended and helped with our Spring Event, **"He's Got the Whole World In His Hands."** A *special Thank You* to the Men of Hope who served lunch to the ladies and helped clean up afterwards! Our guest speaker, Carol Haeussner, shared pictures and stories of the Kirkuk Presbyterian Church Kindergarten and Child Care Center. From the proceeds and generous donations, we were able to send \$500 for their building fund.

— Donna Phillips, Moderator

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN OF HOPE OFFICERS FOR 2011

Moderator: Donna Phillips
Vice-Moderator: Veda Lameck
Secretary/Treasurer: Cyndi Bloom
Historian: Nancy Porter
Advisor: Patrice Hatley

MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN:

HIS GIRLS Bible Study Group meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 1:30 p.m. in the Church Parlor. They are currently studying the book of *James*. Contact is Judi Randolph (324-9207).



Women's Bible
Study



WILLOWS OF HOPE (a time of informal activities and fellowship for widows) meet on the second Sunday of the month at 11:30 a.m. in the Sunset Room. Contact is Lila Ptak (318-9171).



PRAYER GROUP OF HOPE meets every Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. in the Church Parlor. Contact is Molly Griner (324-6098).



GRACE

By Donna Miesbach

*How could there be anything but Grace
on a planet where sunlight glistens in dew
and birdsong heralds the dawn?*

*How could there be anything but Grace
in your life when God whispers your name
and love comes pouring through your heart?*

(Submitted by Hope's Prayer Group)

NOTES FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

Schedule Requests

All requests for facility use must be submitted to the Church Office for approval.

For your convenience, **Facility Use Forms** are provided in the Church Office and on Hope's website: www.hopepreswh.org. Once your event is approved, it will be entered on the Master Church Calendar. For questions please contact Marti in the Church Office (324-6382). Thank you for your help.

Bulletin Announcements for the Sunday bulletin should be submitted to the Church Office by NOON on Tuesdays. Thank you.

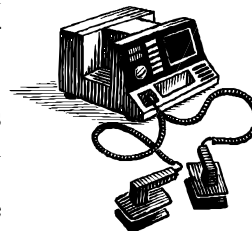
CHANGES AT WINTER HAVEN HOSPITAL

NEW HIPPA (PRIVACY) RULES make it more difficult for Pastors to track hospitalized members and friends. Without specific authorization by the patient at the time of admittance, the hospital may not disclose where or even whether you are in the hospital. When a family member is hospitalized, please call the Church Office (or call me at home). Include a hospital room number or cell phone number if you can.

Thank you, Tom

WHO, ME?----Save a Life???

Last summer 25 people of Hope participated in a CPR certification class which included training on the use of a device known as an AED or Automated External Defibrillator. This experience triggered interest in the purchasing of AEDs for Hope Church. The bazaar committee has agreed to help with funding this purchase.



Our church is of significant enough size, with many activities and programs, to consider the addition of AEDs an asset in helping with certain medical emergencies. Of course, we hope it would never have to be used, but in a cardiac event it would greatly improve the chances of survival. A team, sponsored by the Board of Deacons, has been researching how to proceed. Several healthcare professionals, Red Cross workers and a physician are involved in the "AED committee" to investigate different units available and develop a plan for their use.

A wide range of aspects are being examined, such as which devices are compatible with the Polk County EMS, which are considered the most reliable and safest, which are easiest and least costly to maintain, and, of course, how we will prepare as many as possible to use the device. We plan to meet with representatives of the top rated companies in the near future. There will be a lot of communications, thought and research as we prepare to implement this program!

Reviews of our plan will be conducted with medical and legal professionals to ensure we keep on the right path. We will review with the Elders, Board of Deacons, Property Committee, Hope Creative School and Office Administration. Charlene Glenn, the parish nurse at First Presbyterian Church in Winter Haven, was a guest at our last meeting and offered us helpful information based on her experience at First Church. They learned some lessons and we are eager to learn from them! We are going to cover all the bases!

The AED committee members are: Yvonne Bates, Devon Bloom, Lynn Feltner, Dr. Carlos Gabriel, Linda Haskins, Patrice Hatley, Elinor Karlson and Marsha Long.

If you have further questions or input please feel free to contact a committee member! Expect updates on this as progress is made.

— Marsha Long, Coordinator

Bazaar News!

Well, speaking of recycling...how about that huge bazaar that helps us all 'recycle' our treasures?!!! We successfully facilitated the 'recycling' of tons of stuff you all donated and then many purchased!



More opportunity for recycling...if you have gently used or new paper we can use to wrap breakables with, it sure would be appreciated. We like to have clean newsprint (not newspapers!), tissue paper, and even bubble wrap. It helps keep things clean and safe while being sorted and packed up for the next bazaar. Also, when you have a load of plastic grocery bags or paper shopping bags, we can use those, too!

The bazaar earned over \$10,000 this year and we're delighted! The annual carpet cleaning in Friendship Hall will be funded by bazaar money this summer. We've also just funded the purchase of a new digital sound board for the sanctuary sound system. Still getting used to it! The new sound board will enable several different pre-set settings to be created and saved. That's a really big deal when it comes to improving the sound quality in the sanctuary as well as the recordings we make. Some channels are also added to enable better sound. Thanks for your support! And keep recycling your stuff with us!

Love, The Bazaar Committee!

Christians Going Green! An Earth Day Message

As we celebrate Earth Day on Friday, April 22, 2011, may we give a moment of thought to our role as Christians in practicing stewardship over the earth's natural resources. Our God created an awesome world! After he created the water and the land and the creatures of the earth, He created humans and gave us the specific role of stewardship of our earth, directing us to rule ***“over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.” (Gen.1:26)***



*“The earth is the Lord’s, and everything in it,
the world, and all who live in it.”
-Psalm 24:1 NIV*

The Psalms abound with praise for God's creations; David's joyous observations of the greatness of the Lord and the beauty of the natural world describe the same awe that we ourselves feel, thousands of years later:

***“Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad;
let the sea resound, and all that is in it;
let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them.
Then all the trees of the forest will sing for joy;
they will sing before the Lord, for He comes, He comes to judge the earth.
He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples in His truth.”
(Psalm 96: 11-13)***

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We, as Christians, are all too aware that industry, technology, and ever-increasing world population have created great problems for our world of nature. Many Christian churches are addressing our role of stewardship and seeking ways to practice more earth-friendly habits.

In this light, something interesting has been happening right here at Hope. Over the past couple of years, efforts have been made by different members of Hope with a desire to celebrate stewardship of our earth's resources in a concrete way! This awareness has occurred spontaneously from several different sources – and even without a “committee!” For example:

**Our church property and the Gardens of Hope have decreased the use of chemicals and fertilizers, as well as irrigation. As a result, our church is certified as a Florida Friendly landscape, and is recognized as a Wildlife Habitat by the Wildlife Federation. We have also installed, as needed, energy-saving light fixtures.

**Recycling: We have some members very interested in recycling within our church offices and preschool (what a great way to influence children!), and the property committee is pursuing the feasibility of starting a recycling program at Hope.

** Have you noticed at Fellowship time the appearance of reusable coffee cups? Somebody has to wash those cups, but chose to do so to decrease the use of styrofoam!

**One of our members has discovered a locally owned vegetable farm co-op, in which you can purchase shares and buy delicious produce.

**Our church office and administration are continuing to look at ways to incorporate environmental stewardship in their always busy work days. They, too, are using coffee mugs instead of Styrofoam cups; use recycled paper when economically feasible; and save used printed paper to use the other side. They are exploring plans to expand communications via email (e.g., “Hopeline”) to save on paper. One staff member has planted a vegetable garden at her home. Our own pastor is committed to saving electricity; he has given up his hair dryer!

Please join us in celebrating Earth Day 2011, at Fellowship Hour (between church services) on Sunday, April 17. In addition to snacks (we promise “no tofu”), we will have displays celebrating Earth Day, and ways we are striving to increase our own Christian stewardship of the earth.

— Molly Griner, Coordinator

***“He has showed you, O man, what is good.
And what does the Lord require of you?
To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God”
(Micah 6:8)***



See details below



**MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP IN THE GARDENS
APRIL 21 — 7 P.M.**

**THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 22.**

The 2011 One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

Sharing Resources, Changing Lives



The 2011 One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be received **Sunday, April 10** and **Palm Sunday, April 17**. For your convenience One Great Hour Sharing Offering envelopes will be provided in the church bulletin.

Since 1949, Presbyterians have joined with millions of other Christians through **One Great Hour of Sharing** to share God's love with people experiencing need. Our gifts support ministries of disaster response, refugee assistance and resettlement, and community development that help people find safe refuge, start new lives and work together to strengthen their families and communities.

Recognizing that the hope we have in Christ is lived out in our hope for one another, we respond with gifts that help our sisters and brothers around the world find the hope for a brighter future.

Distribution of Gifts?

The Presbyterian Hunger Program receives 36 percent of undesignated One Great Hour of Sharing gifts, while the Self-Development of People and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance each receive 32 percent.

Thank you for your participation.