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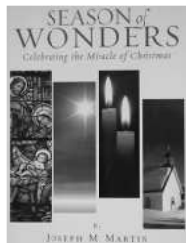


DECEMBER 2011

Hope Presbyterian Church

2110 Cypress Gardens Boulevard
Winter Haven FL 33884-1556
Phone: (863) 324-6382; Fax (863) 324-1096
Website: www.hopepreswh.org
E-mail: hope@hopepreswh.org

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



Advent

and

Christmas



Worship

at

Hope

**Look for the red flyer inside
Hope-Line**

**Saturday—December 3
12 Noon—Friendship Hall**

**2011 Annual Hope
Ladies Christmas Tea**

"Twelve Days of Christmas"



**Special Nativity Scenes
on display**



**Look for the
Presbyterian Women article**

**Sunday—December 11
9:30 a.m.—Friendship Hall
Happy Birthday Jesus! Party**



**Sunday—December 18
10:30 a.m.
Children and Youth Present
Scenes of the Nativity**

**Saturday—December 24
7 p.m. Christmas Eve Service
The Youth of Hope Present
The Nativity Tableau**

See Christian Education page

**Wednesday—December 14
6 p.m.—Friendship Hall
Fellowship Dinner**

**Christmas Carol
Sing-A-Long**



Complete details inside...

**ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS CALENDAR
HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**



(Worship Service times are 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. unless otherwise stated.)

NOVEMBER

Thursday, November 24—Have a Blessed Thanksgiving!

Sunday, November 27—First Sunday of Advent—Lighting of the First Advent Candle

DECEMBER

Saturday, December 3—12 Noon—Hope Ladies Christmas Tea

Sunday, December 4—Second Sunday of Advent—Lighting of the Second Advent Candle

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Christmas Joy Offering

Deadline for Rudolph Round-up Toy Drive sponsored by Youth of Hope

11:30 a.m.—Christmas Caroling to Hope's members and friends at home by Youth of Hope

2:30 p.m.—“*Songs of the Christmas Season*”—Vocal Recital presented by students of Mrs. Rebecca Price

11 a.m.—Friday, December 9—Hope Creative School Christmas Program

Sunday, December 11—Third Sunday of Advent—Lighting of the Third Advent Candle

9:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m.—“Happy Birthday Jesus” party for children and Youth of Hope

(8:30 and 10:30 a.m.) Christmas Cantata “*Season of Wonders*” presented by the Chancel Choir

Christmas Joy Offering

Poinsettias delivered to Hope's members and friends at home by the Deacons

Friday, December 16—7:30 p.m.—Wreaths of Carols—Concert of Carols and Holiday Songs

Presented by the new Treble Singers of Florida

Conducted by Virginia Davidson

Sunday, December 18—Fourth Sunday of Advent—Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle

Scenes from the Nativity by children and Youth of Hope

(Please see other side)

Recital

Cantata

Concert



“Songs of the Christmas Season”

Sunday, December 4—2:30 p.m.

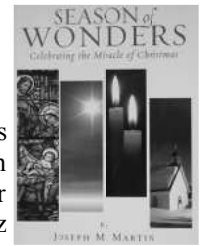
A voice recital by singers in the Hope Presbyterian Church voice studio of Rebecca Price, will be presented at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 4, in the sanctuary of Hope Presbyterian Church. Throughout the year voice students in the studio study the skills involved in the art of singing and apply those skills learned to songs performed in several short recitals. In the **“Songs of the Christmas Season”** voice recital students of all ages, several of whom are Hope Presbyterian Church members, will share familiar and beloved Christmas songs to open the joyous season celebrating the birth of Christ, the coming of the Messiah. There is no charge for the program. Please feel welcome to come and enjoy the singing as we begin this beautiful and holy season.

“Season of Wonders”

Sunday, December 11—8:30 and 10:30 a.m.

Around this time of year every form of media is shouting “Come buy some wonder of modern technology that is guaranteed to change your life forever.” But, it never does. All of the glitz the world offers cannot equal the wonders that occurred one night in Bethlehem. Sunday, December 11, at the 8:30 and 10:30 worship services, our Chancel Choir will present **“Season of Wonders”** by Joseph M. Martin. Through both familiar carols, and exciting new melodies we are reminded of the life changing wonder that we can find in the coming of God’s own Son. Come join us as the music leads us through the wonders of ancient prophesy fulfilled. A sky filled with angels announcing a birth that will change all of history. Like the shepherds and Magi let us come. ***Come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord! Come celebrate the miracle of Christmas!***

—John Anderson, Director of Music



Friday, December 16—7:30 p.m.—Hope Sanctuary

Wreaths of Carols—Concert of Carols and Holiday Songs **“To Give Joy and Holiday Spirit”**
by the new Treble Singers of Florida—Conducted by Virginia Davidson

***Your Church Staff wishes you a Blessed Advent Season
and a Joyous Christmas!***



Saturday, December 24—7 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship

Family Worship of Candlelight, Carols, and a Joyous Celebration of the Birth of Christ

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Nativity Tableau presented by the children and Youth of Hope

SUNDAY—DECEMBER 25—CHRISTMAS DAY

For Unto You

Is Born...

A Saviour. Luke 2:11



10:30 a.m.—Christmas Family Worship—One Worship Service

Dr. McGrath, preaching

Church School and Celebrations of Hope resume January 8, 2012

First Sunday After Christmas—January 1, 2012—New Year’s Day

Regular Worship Schedule Resumes

8:30 and 10:30 a.m.

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LEARN TO RING HANDBELLS NOW!

Mrs. Shafer is actively recruiting new ringers for the Beginning Handbell Choir which rehearses from 6:30-7:30 p.m. on Thursdays in the Handbell Room in the Administration Building. This is a fun, non-threatening, active group of folks who are interested in learning a new skill and the possibility of enhancing our worship services with the sounds of beautiful bells. Adults and high school students are welcome. If you played in the band in high school, play the piano, or have learned to read music in a choir, you have all the skills necessary to be successful in the Handbell Choir. Come give it a try! For more information contact Karen at shaferlady@aol.com, or Ron Hatley (318-1838).



WE WELCOME Karen Shafer as Director of the Voices of Hope and the Bells of Hope. Karen holds a Bachelors in Music Education from Stetson University and Masters Degrees in Vocal Performance and in Sacred Music from Southern Methodist University. She comes to us from First United Methodist Church of Coral Gables where she was Director of Music and where her husband, Thom, was senior pastor.

**NEW MUSIC EXPERIENCE ON SUNDAY MORNINGS
FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

Elementary-age children and middle schoolers to Grade 7 will soon be ringing chimes and bells, learning sacred movement, playing percussion instruments, joining in musical games, singing the hymns of the church, and finding their voices. We will meet in Room 247 in the Christian Education Building at 9:30 a.m. on the Sundays of **November 27, December 4 and 18**. Look for the New Year Schedule in the December bulletins. Mrs. Shafer is eager to meet the children of the church and find what they are enthusiastic about!

SERVING CHRIST AT HOPE - 2012

Thanks be to God for His inexpressible gift! 2 Corinthians 9:15

As I write this brief article we have completed the first two weeks of our 2012 Giving Campaign—*Serving Christ at Hope*.

The number of Pledges received are equal to 106% of the number received during the first two weeks of our 2011 Campaign. In terms of dollars pledged we are at 99% of the 2011 pledged dollars. So, we are once again off to a very positive start. To those who have already made their pledge—a sincere thank you. If you have not yet made a pledge please consider doing so. The green “Estimate of Giving” cards will remain in the pew racks through Sunday, November 27. After that date the cards will be found in the Narthex literature racks or on the Narthex tables—or maybe even in both places!

To those who prefer not to pledge—as you know that is a decision that we respect. All we ask is that you prayerfully consider maintaining your 2012 giving at the same 2011 level, or slightly increased if that is possible. To all members and friends of Hope Presbyterian Church—thank you for your past support of Hope’s ministry and we look forward to your continued support in 2012. May God continue to bless you and may He continue to bless our church as we continue *Serving Christ at Hope!*

—Don Combee, Moderator, Finance Committee



CARE MINISTRIES, A NEW PROGRAM OF HOPE CHURCH

“Nothing in all creation can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus, our Lord.” Romans 8:39b

CARE MINISTRIES is a cluster of new ministry opportunities offering small group studies, teaching, pastoral counseling and support for caregivers. **RESPITE CARE** offers caregivers and family members an opportunity to have free time for errands or activities. Respite Care will provide supervised care and activities at the church while family members shop, have medical appointments, read a book or maybe garden. The program is offered twice a month beginning in January 2012. The hours are 10 a.m.—2 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month. Registration in advance of attendance is required so that we may know your loved one’s concerns. There is no charge for this ministry; however, donations will be greatly appreciated. Our guests will be asked to bring their own lunch. This is an interactive program involving several activities geared to meet the needs and abilities of older adults. Our guests will be accompanied by volunteers at all times. Please let me know if you are aware of someone who might benefit from this special ministry. For further information contact me through the Church Office (324-6382).

May God continue to bless you, Lou Bell

(The Care Ministries Center is located in the Education Building, Room 234, across from the Hope Creative School Office.)

CHURCH REGISTER

Thank you!

BIRTHS

Irven Stacy, born Tuesday, September 13, 2011 in Atlanta, Georgia. Grandson of Denise Ragatz, son of Irven and Christine Ragatz Stacy.

Aviana Grace Ray, born Monday, August 29, 2011 to Tasha (Hope Creative School teacher) and Trevor Ray. The proud big brother is Avyen Ray!

DEATHS

Harmen Mitchel, (Evelyn Mitchel's husband), Monday, August 22, 2011 in Hixson, Tennessee.

Barbara Smith, Wednesday, October 12, 2011.

Jeffrey D. Whiteley, (Donald L. Whiteley's son), Friday, October 14, 2011 in Toano, Virginia.

Mickey Riefsnyder, Sunday, November 6, 2011 in Newberry, South Carolina.

IN MEMORY OF

MEMORIAL GIFTS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED

In Memory of ***Donna Hamill*** by Norma Bichem and Charles Galazia, Lowell and Cheryl Croskey, Edwin and Margaret Dague, Patricia and J. H. Dickey III, Lois E. Frazier, Doris Kuzas, Kim Peterson, Denise Ragatz, Tom Reifsnyder and Cheryl Yost.

In Memory of ***Buford Price*** by Mrs. Ava Vanyo.

In Memory of ***Barbara Smith*** by Donald and Barbara Bowen, Funk Farms Trust, Donald and Romaine Pannabecker, Ina M. Rehtmeyer, Fairie J. Rockey, Eugene Roth, Shirley Roth, Frank Roth, Linda Roth, Laurie Roth, Steven and Leigh Sharp, Stephen Smith, Donald and Beverly Swanstrom, Mr. and Mrs. Joel Hertz, Mr. and Mrs. John Revell, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Warfield.

In Memory of ***Ron Sullivan*** by Mrs. Ava Vanyo.

MEMORIAL GIFTS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FOR

THE GARDENS OF HOPE

In Memory of ***Bob Carter*** by Richard and Katherine Martin, Mrs. Ava Vanyo.

The **2012 Flower Calendar** is available on the green stand in the Narthex. **Now** is the time to sign up for Chancel flowers if you want to reserve a special Sunday in 2012.



Dear Friends at Hope,

Thank you all so much for the wonderful retirement reception on the 18th. Thanks especially for the mementos, memories, notes and thoughtfulness that you all shared. I enjoyed having the chance to visit with many of you after the service, and I am only sorry that time did not permit me to chat with everyone at the luncheon. I look forward to visiting often and hope to continue to see many of you over the coming months. I have so very much enjoyed getting to know so many of you over these past years.

My special thanks to Tom and to the Hope staff for all of their continued support. I will miss you all, but I know that this is the right choice for me at this time. My time at Hope has been such a blessing in so many ways. I cannot begin to convey how much I appreciate each of you and my time with you, but please know I will cherish every memory and friendship.

—Ada Gribble



I'd like to thank all my wonderful friends for their visits, calls, flowers, and food and especially prayers.

—Pat Platt

THANK YOU to our friends at Hope Church for the calls, cards, and the beautiful flowers from the Worship Services. Thank you to Tom for his concern, his calls and prayers.



—Andrew and Tee Beharry

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Dr. Marvin Burdette on the occasion of his retirement from the Chancel Choir after 53 years. Dr. Burdette is a Charter member of Hope Church.

HOPE CHURCH FAMILY MEDICAL NEWS

Carlos Gabriel MD and Bond Clinic are proud to announce the grand opening of The Better Bladder Center, formed to cure bladder problems without using surgery or medicine. If you have any questions, call Terra Arbour at 855-ALL-BETTER (855-255-2388) for information about priority appointments for the congregation. Or visit us at www.BetterBladders.com.



2011 Annual Hope Ladies Christmas Tea
Saturday, December 3, 2011
12 Noon - 2 p.m.

Our theme this year is ‘**The Twelve Days of Christmas**’! We are sure you will enjoy the entire program! The tea this year is hosted by Tara Messieh and her sister, Kathy Marshall in memory of their mother. You are sure to recall the dazzling display of decorations in Friendship Hall last Christmas... Those were provided by Tara. You will be delighted to know she is once again putting her amazing talent to work.

The ‘Twelve Days of Christmas’ is a popular secular Christmas song believed to have come to us from France. It’s a clever love song. There are also legends about its being a device for Christians to remember basic tenets of our faith. What we know is true about the actual 12 days of Christmas is they are the time of celebration on the Christian calendar between the birth of Jesus and Epiphany. Epiphany celebrates the arrival of the magi or wise men. Jesus was a toddler when the wise men arrived to worship Him. Traditional nativity manger scenes often depict the infant Christ along with His parents, the shepherds, an angel, and the wise men, capturing the entire 12 days of Christmas in a single tableau.

You are invited to display your own personal nativity scenes for this special event! If you have a nativity scene you would allow us to display, along with the many others, during the Tea, please contact Donna Phillips in the Church Office. We will be arranging several long tables to display these special nativity scenes.

This year we are using lovely china tea cups and saucers provided by Tara Messieh rather than borrowing Christmas china from our ladies. Tara is even handling the centerpieces for the tables! There will once again be a special activity reserved just for the children during our program.

Paid reservations for the Tea will be available until we reach our capacity of 200. Ladies’ reservations are \$10 each, girls 18 and under may attend free, but everyone needs a reservation. See the ladies in the covered walk-way between worship services and after the 10:30 a.m. service for your reservation or visit the Church Office. No offering will be taken during this event. The proceeds from paid reservations will be donated to local children’s and women’s charities.

—Presbyterian Women of Hope



HOPE LADIES’ CIRCLES

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS meets at 6 p.m. the first Monday of each month in various restaurants or homes. Contact Jeanie Madaus (326-6056) or Ann Wainscott (439-2737).

MORNING GLORIES meets at 10 a.m. the first Tuesday of each month in the Church Parlor. The Bible study is “*Lost Women of the Bible: The Women We Thought We Knew*” by Carolyn Custis James. Contact Nancy Reddout (318-9868) or Nancy Porter (324-4837).

WILLOWS OF HOPE

The Willows of Hope welcome widows of all ages, whether you lost your husband this year, 30+ years ago, or any number of years in between. We meet each month on the second Sunday, immediately following the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service. We usually gather in the Sunset Room for a brief meeting and then head out to share lunch together. What else do we do as a bunch of widows? We get together for fellowship, we eat out, we go to the theatre...we have FUN! But most importantly, we support each other. If you are a widow and are interested in joining *The Willows of Hope*, we’d love to have you attend! We’ll be deciding on a number of activities for the upcoming months. Don’t miss it! If you have any questions about The Willows, please contact Ava Vanyo (324-3172) or Lila Ptak (318-9171).

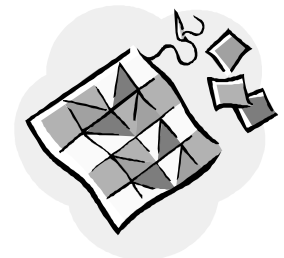


HIS GIRLS BIBLE STUDY meets at 1:30 p.m. in the Church Parlor. Join us the first and third Wednesdays of each month—the only book you need to bring is your Bible. Questions? Call Judi Randolph (324-9207).



QUILTING GROUP

Anyone interested in participating in a Quilting Group at Hope Church, please contact Judy Calhoun (324-6701).



WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP DINNER
December 14—6 p.m.—Friendship Hall

Please join us for our “Annual Christmas Carol Sing-A-Long!”

The menu will include roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetable medley, Caesar salad, rolls, butter, beverage and Christmas cake.



Cost is \$8.50 (adults); Kids under 18—Free, but **EVERYONE** needs a reservation by **Sunday, December 11!**

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.

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

HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CAMPUS



Everyone would agree that at Hope we not only have a beautiful sanctuary but that the facilities sit on beautiful well-kept grounds. Do you know why the church grounds and the Gardens of Hope always look so pristine? Because we have a Master Gardener volunteer by the name of Molly Griner who tends to all the needs of the grounds with the one exception of lawn mowing.

Molly is always looking for volunteers to help with routine maintenance and twice a year clean up day—one in the spring and one in the fall. Volunteers are needed a few hours every now and then to help out. You’re sure to enjoy not only the work but the Christian fellowship. And you do not even need a “green thumb.” If you can help, please call the Church Office (324-6382).

THE TREE LADY COMPANY IS A FRIEND OF HOPE



There are some companies who give generously to their communities, and recently Hope Church was the recipient of such generosity. Kim Paulson, aka The Tree Lady, a local certified Arborist, came to the Gardens of Hope and gave a *free* two-hour long instruction on proper pruning techniques to Molly Griner and Mary Ellen Barber. In addition to this generous sharing of her personal time, she also had her crew remove a very large pile of tree debris from a dead tree on our property at – you guessed it – *no charge* to Hope Church! As Christians, we give a lot to our community; it sure is a blessing to be on the receiving end. Thank you, Tree Lady!

Note: If you call the Tree Lady Company for any work, mention that you are a member of Hope!



FROM THE PROPERTY COMMITTEE—A RIDDLE: What is unglamorous, strenuous, and makes you exhausted and dirty? A rousing Property Work Day at Hope! Thank you, Thank you!

To the 9 brave and hard-working souls who showed up for Work Day on November 12! We accomplished an amazing amount of digging, clearing and pruning, on a crisp and sunny day; we worked a lot and laughed a lot.

Thanks to a great crew: Mary Ellen Barber, Doug Becker, Jan Carmichael, Normand Fiske, Molly and Jerry Griner, J. J. Long, Pam Willis, and our Pastor, Tom!

We also would like to recognize Jerry Griner and his brother, Phil, who recently volunteered their time, expertise and Phil’s tractor, to clear out a large overgrown area on the west side of the sanctuary. The next time you are in the sanctuary, gaze out the large windows at what used to be a “jungle,” and is now a beautiful vista! —Property Committee

ENGRAVED BRICKS FOR FLAGPOLE PATIO



The Men of Hope are now offering members and friends of Hope Church the opportunity to have bricks engraved. The engraving can be *In Memory Of, In Honor Of, In Gratitude For*, with just a name(s), or with an important date such as date of birth, marriage, death, birthday or anniversary. The cost to engrave a brick will be \$30 until December 31, 2011. Effective January 1, 2012 the price will be \$35. The price includes up to 3 lines of engraving with up to 13 letters per line.

There are order forms in the literature racks in the Narthex. Completed order forms along with a check payable to *Hope Presbyterian Church* (memo line to read “brick engraving”) may be placed in the offering plate on any Sunday, turned in or mailed to the Church Office, or given to Al Fairbairn or Bill Williams. If you have any questions, please call Al (678-1246) or Bill (679-8500).

FROM THE DEACONS

Marsha Long, Moderator



GOLF TOURNAMENT — A SUCCESS!

The day was beautiful—blue skies, a slight feel of fall in the air, and a significant number of golfers (62) to usher in our special golf tournament to benefit community mission projects. The golf was followed by a wonderful BBQ back at Hope with our own Rob Bagby’s Swamp Boys providing the lunch. Awards and many, many door prizes were presented. This event raised \$4360, far exceeding expectations! The recipients of these funds are: Angels Care Center (\$500), Bethel Mission (\$500), Hope Church general operating fund (\$250), MOPS (\$400), Polk Education Foundation/Hearth Project (\$1,000), Senior Orphans (\$600), and The Mission (\$500). More expenditures from this fund will be decided at the Deacons’ meeting in December. A huge and heartfelt **THANK YOU** to everyone who contributed in any way to help make this event a success! We needed a great amount of support and received a great amount of support!

—Marsha Long, Moderator, Board of Deacons

THANK YOU!
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MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF HOPE

THANK YOU for hosting the Blood Drive at Hope Presbyterian Church on Sunday, October 16. Nine (9) lifesaving units of blood were collected. We appreciate your support and look forward to your next Blood Drive scheduled for Sunday, January 15. Thanks again!

—Martha Seney and Jamie Baker
Winter Haven Hospital Community Blood Center

ANGELS CARE CENTER OF ELOISE



Angels Care Center, a free, faith-based medical clinic and care center hopes to open another night a week (currently they are open only one night) and this will require more volunteers. If you can help in any way please contact them at 875-5595 or visit the angelscarecenterofeloise@gmail.com. First aid kit items, small soaps, deodorant, toothpaste, brushes, band aids and shampoo are needed for the center. Stickers, small books and Biblical related items are needed for children’s kits. You may drop off your donations in the Narthex. If you do not see the Angels Care box, please give your items to a Deacon. Thank you for your continued support and prayers for this ministry.

—Board of Deacons

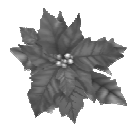
HEARTLAND FOR CHILDREN



The Child Welfare Lead Agency for Polk, Hardee and Highlands County, is seeking dedicated foster parents to provide temporary, safe, loving and stable homes to children unable to live with their natural parents due to abuse and/or neglect.

They are asking the faith-based community for help in this matter. You hold the key to unlocking a child’s potential. To find out more about foster parenting, pick up a brochure from the literature racks in the Narthex. You may find out more by visiting: www.heartlandforchildren.org or calling 863-519-8900 ext. 289.

ORDER FORM



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS will be available to beautify our Sanctuary during the Christmas season. Cost is \$10 each. If you would like to order a poinsettia either *In Memory Of*, *In Honor Of*, or *In Gratitude For*, please return the completed order form with your check (*made payable to Hope Presbyterian Church*) to the Church Office or place it in the offering plate before **Sunday, November 27**. A complete listing of donors and the persons being memorialized, honored, or in gratitude for will be printed in the Sunday bulletin **December 11**. Following the 10:30 a.m. worship service on **December 11**, poinsettias will be taken to the sick and shut-in of our congregation by the Deacons. **For questions or additional information, please call Mary Ellen Barber (604-4658) or Ellie Henderson (293-7908).**

Name _____ Phone Number _____

Number Ordered _____ Amount Enclosed \$ _____

IN MEMORY OF _____

IN HONOR OF _____

IN GRATITUDE FOR _____

Hope Creative School

October was packed full of fun events, starting with the **Scholastic Book Fair**. We sold approximately \$800 in books which earned the school \$500 in new books. The teachers were able to get several books on their wish list.

We celebrated on **Hispanic Heritage Day** as we learned more about Hispanic history, sang and danced and tasted Spanish cuisine. Thank you Mrs. Grace, teachers and parents for putting it all together .

In **Chapel**, we are learning more stories from the Bible, being thankful and counting our blessings, praying and singing songs to the Lord.

Our **Pasta Fundraiser** was a success! We earned enough

money to buy a die cut machine with several die cuts, new flannel pieces for our flannel boards, office supplies and a few new toys for the classrooms. Thank you members and friends of Hope Church for your many gifts!

Please check out our **Giving Tree** at the school entrance. These are just a few of the items needed. Feel free to take a leaf.

Our Halloween Parade and Trunk or Treat was great fun, in spite of the weather. Thank you to all who participated.

Our Thanksgiving Feast was a time for the children to gather for food, fun and fellowship.

Our **Christmas program** is Friday, December 9 at 11 a.m. in Friendship Hall. Families and friends of Hope are welcome to join us!

Come visit the Christian Education Building on Sundays and check out the bulletin boards throughout the hallways. This will give you a chance to view the artwork of the preschool children as well as the crafts and schedules of Hope's children and youth.

Please **LOOK** for our Box Tops and Campbell Soup Labels collection boxes on Sunday mornings located on the covered walkway.

Holly Dills
Director of Hope Creative School



Santa's Workshop!

Please save unwanted items to donate for the children to do some Christmas shopping.

*"Enter His gates with thanksgiving,
and His courts with praise, Give
thanks to Him, bless His name."*

Psalm 100:4

Contact Information

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Director of Christian Education
and Hope Creative School

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Sunrise Center-Children's Library

2011 GIFTS

NEW books given :

Hope Book Club: "Dewey ,There's a Cat in the Library!"

Christine Wilcutt: " Oak Inside the Acorn", "Legend of the Three Trees"

Don & Janet Combee: "Danny & Daisy", "Tammy Turtle"

Marge Fairbairn: "Tell Time with Thomas", "Thomas & the Big Bridge",
"Where do Kisses Come From?", "Puppies /Kittens"

Lou Williams : "Thumper Finds a Friend", "One Lost Sheep"

Sherry Summers: "Clifford We Love You", "Happy Valentines' Day, Little Critter"

Nancy Reddout: : A Berry Big Adventure", "Calling all Piglets",
"A Surprise for Stella Squeak"

Don & Ann Wainscott, in memory of Bob Carter: "Little Bunnies"

Ava Vanyo: 7 SETS of books:

Clifford the Big Red Dog , Dora the Explorer , Biscuit , all Phonics books for
Early Readers..

Encyclopedia Brown, Katie Kazoo, and Judy Blume, all Junior books.

GENTLY USED BOOKS given by:

The Huggins Family

The Summers Family

The Mc Masters Family

The Willis Family

The McDivitt Family

Thanks to all those who have remembered the Sunrise Center with gifts of books, of service, and of loving use of the facility! Please feel free to browse, to have books for your family, children, grandchildren, etc. Our collection has grown through your gifts, from 200 books fifteen years ago, to the recent over 2,000 count! Thanks to ALL!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS OF HOPE CHURCH
Sunday, November 20, 2011

Charles and Mona Anderson
563 Saint Andrews Road
Winter Haven FL 33884
Phone: 863-326-5057

Linda Higginbotham
3230 Antiqua Road
Lake Wales FL 33859
Phone: 863-676-6746

Sylvia Montgomery
237 Golf View Drive
Auburndale FL 33823
Phone: 863-937-3685

Mrs. Lou Bell
417 San Jose Drive
Winter Haven FL 33884-1742
Phone: 863-324-3967

John Kissel
75 Hewlett Drive
Auburndale FL 33823-5619
Phone: 863-868-8514

Russell and Joyce Snively
205 W Lake Ina Drive
Winter Haven FL 33884
Phone: 863-324-6074

Don and Jerrie Butler
510 Lake Mariam Terrace
Winter Haven FL 33884
Phone: 863-875-6866

Barbara McKenzie
412 Caymen Drive
Lake Wales FL 33859
Phone: 863-678-1741

Carolyn Sullivan
237 Cherrywood Drive
Lake Wales FL 33898
Phone: 863-439-5774

CONGREGATION ELECTS NEW CLASSES OF CHURCH OFFICERS

Special thanks are extended to the 2011 Nominating Committee: Greg Dills (Elder and Moderator), Marge Fairbairn (Deacon), Patrice Hatley (congregation), Barry Porter (congregation), Zella Sheplee (congregation) and PeggyAnn White (congregation), Dr. Tom McGrath, Pastor (Ex-Officio).

Elders (Class of 2013)

Zella Sheplee

Deacons (Class of 2013)

Stephanie Blanchard

Elders (Class of 2014)

David Akers
Devon Bloom
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ANNUAL REPORTS

All SESSION COMMITTEE MODERATORS AND BOARD OF DEACONS, church/group organization leaders, please turn in your annual reports to Marti in the Church Office by **December 31!**

Reports must be received by the deadline to be included in the 2011 Annual Report. Thank you for your help in meeting this deadline.

A SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE AND HOPE
Wednesday, December 21, 2011—11 a.m.—Sanctuary

Members and friends are invited to share in this informal memorial service celebrating the lives of friends and loved ones who have passed away during the past year (or in recent years). If you plan to participate, please contact the Church Office with the name of your loved one to be included in the worship bulletin. Watch upcoming Sunday bulletins for more details about new Worship Service. A light luncheon will be served following the service in Friendship Hall.

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CHRISTMAS EVE
Family Worship—7 p.m.

CHRISTMAS DAY
One Worship Service—10:30 a.m.



THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

Thursday, November 24—Thanksgiving Day and Friday, November 25
Friday, December 23 and Monday, December 26
Monday, January 2, 2012



Good News of Great Joy

What is the Christmas Joy Offering?

For more than 70 years, Presbyterians have given generously at Christmas to support the unmet needs of families who have devoted their lives to the mission of the PC(USA). Today this Offering is shared equally by the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions, which provides critical assistance to Presbyterian church workers and their families, and Presbyterian-affiliated racial ethnic schools and colleges, which enable students to develop their gifts and find their calling. The Offering dates back to the 1930s, when the former Presbyterian Church in the United States began an offering to supplement inadequate retirement income and provide supplemental medical insurance for former ministers, missionaries, church workers, and their families.

As we celebrate the good news of great joy—God's love in human form is now among us—may we open our hearts and may our gifts bear joyful witness to that uncontainable love. **The 2011 Christmas Joy Offering** will be received the **Sundays of December 4 and December 11**. For your convenience, Joy Offering envelopes will be included in the Sunday church bulletins. Thank you for your continued support.