

Word of Hope

MOUNT HOPE
United Methodist Church



Pastor McGill Writes. . .

Never Forget...Hope

Sunday, September 11, 2011

As September 11th approaches, news agencies, television networks and numerous images will be flashed before us reminding us of the horrific attacks that occurred ten years ago. Our country was forever changed and impacted by the terrible events inflicted upon our nation by terrorists. Ten years ago millions flocked to churches seeking comfort and reassurance. Hearts were open and seeking hope and comfort from God.

Sunday, September 11th is an opportunity for the

Mount Hope church family to gather with our neighbors and those from the community, not just to remember, but also to share hope and offer thanks to the Lord for the blessings he has endowed to this great nation. We have held our resolve and still have proven to be a beacon of light to the world.

This is a once in a lifetime opportunity for us to gather in worship and NEVER FORGET...Hope. We will share the hope of Christ with one another. We will remember those whose

lives were taken by an evil force. We will celebrate with those who serve us in our local communities remembering our hope in Christ.

Mark your calendars now to be in attendance in worship on Sunday, September 11th! If you have been away for a while this is one event that you will want to gather with your church family as we remember and celebrate our hope in Christ.

Pastor McGill

Worship in September

September 4th: **Labor Day Sunday**

We invite you to bring to church something you use in your job or your favorite pastime.

September 11th: **10th Anniversary of 9/11**

Come and join in worship as a church family as we NEVER FORGET...Hope. We never forget the events of this day, but celebrate the hope we have in Christ and join in prayer for those who are in harms way to protect us nationally and locally!

September 18th:

Heaven is for Real is the true story of Colton Burpo, the 4 year old son of a small town Nebraska pastor. During emergency surgery, Colton slips from consciousness and enters heaven. Told by his father but often in Colton's own words, the disarmingly simple message is that heaven is a real place, Jesus really loves children, "God is the biggest One there is, and He really, really loves us,.. you can't believe how much He loves us!" Perhaps the most poignant yet simple truth communicated by

Colton's experience was his tenacious declaration at a funeral: "He had to have Jesus in his heart! He had to know Jesus or he can't get into heaven!"

I encourage you to purchase this book and read it prior to September 18th. To help, we have ordered copies at a special price of \$5.00 each. You can get the book along with a copy of "Never Forget...Hope", a booklet by Billy Graham, Max Lucado, Charles Stanley, Ann Lotz and Henri Nouwen, containing scriptures to help readers

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Special points of interest:

- ◆ **4th: Communion**
- ◆ **5th: Labor Day**
- ◆ **7th: MHCC CPR Training and Back-to-School Night**
- ◆ **9th-10th: Women of Faith**
- ◆ **11th: 10th Anniversary of 9/11 Attack; Promotion Sunday**
- ◆ **18th: Heaven is for Real**
- ◆ **24th: Angel Food**
- ◆ **25th: Missions and Christian Ed Sunday**



BIRTH

Katherine Barclift, June 6, daughter of Thomas and Cecelia Barclift

Jemma Kearney, July 3, daughter of Jon & Tabitha Kearney

BAPTISMS

Joseph Lai, July 17, son of James and Abby Lai

Olivia Sholders, June 19, daughter of Steven and Karen Sholders

DEDICATION

Luke Fulker, July 17, son of Charles and Ellen Fulker

DEATHS

Gertrude Grimes, June 4, 2011

Robert Schein, July 30, 2011

Norman Young, August 3, 2011

Patricia Rickel, August 11, 2011

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

Alice Lesser

Donna Pierce

Patricia Donaberger

Mount Hope Church Staff

- Rev. Dr. Thomas C. McGill, Senior Pastor
- Rev. George S. Rigby, Jr., Pastor of Visitation
- Pastor Philip G. Ealy, Family Life Ministry
- Kristine Leary, Director, Children's Center
- Sharon Kope, Director of Music
- Donna Kelly, 9:30 Worship Coordinator
- Eileen McIntyre, Handbell Director
- Larry Bakey, Cemetery Director
- Lin Heintz, Secretary
- Joan Bear, Asst. Secretary
- Leo Volmer, Building Superintendent
- Larry Miles, Asst. Bldg. Superintendent
- Bud Bostwick, Security Guard

Movie Night: September 11th

Sunday Night September 11th Mount Hope will be showing the movie "Soul Surfer." This film is based on the book *Soul Surfer: A True Story of Faith, Family and Fighting to Get Back on the Board* written by Bethany Hamilton, herself, a born-again Christian. It is the highly acclaimed inspira-

tional true story of one girl's struggle and comeback after enduring a life-threatening shark attack.

The evening will begin at 5:00 with pizza and refreshments in Habbersett Hall, followed by the movie. Please plan to attend this time of fellowship and enjoy an enriching movie. This is

a wonderful opportunity to invite your friends and neighbors to our church.

**Parents please note that this movie is rated PG for scenes of a shark attack. Should you have any other questions please refer-*

ence: www.movieguide.org/review/s/movie/soul-surfer.

Ministry Fair

Sunday, October 2nd Mount Hope will be hosting a Ministry Fair. It has been 5 years since we last displayed the various ministries of the church in this way. It

is an opportunity to browse through Habbersett Hall in-between the services and check out all that God is doing here at Mount Hope. If you are not presently in-

involved in a ministry, it is also an occasion to ask God what area (s) He would like you to serve Him.

Ladies Bible Study Is Back

Thursday, September 22nd the Ladies Bible Study returns. The study will run

from 1 to 2 pm. This season we will be studying the Liz Curtis Higgs book,

"Unveiling Mary Magdalene". Please see Pastor Phil to reserve your copy.

Sunday School Open House

In addition to the Ministry Fair on Sunday, October 2, the Sunday School will be

holding an Open House. Feel free to sit in on any of the classes and see what each

class is presently studying. And if you haven't already, consider joining in.

Sunday School Fall Start-Up

According to Deuteronomy 6:5-9, we are to love the Lord with all our heart, soul, and might. We are commanded to keep these words in our hearts and to pass them on to our children every chance we get.

One way we can do that is by sharing in the experience of Sunday School. In order to pass on what the Bible says, we need to learn what it says. We must educate ourselves in order to educate our children.

While your children are attending a class and learn-

ing all the stories and music associated with Sunday School, why not find a class for yourself? The beginning of a new year is the perfect time to start. We have the following classes available for both you and your children.

Children & Youth

- Infant Nursery – Room 100
- Toddler Nursery – Room 102
- Preschool – Room 103
- Kindergarten/1st grade – Room 208
- 2nd/3rd grade – Room 211

- 4th/5th grade – Room 214
- Jr. High (grades 6-8) – Room 2 (if a teacher is found)
- Sr. High (grades 9-12) – Room 4

Adult Classes

- Pairs & Spares – Fellowship Hall
- Christian Book Club – Room 104
- Co-Weds – The Lounge
- Willing Workers/Joy – Room 106 (ladies)
- Merri-Weds – Room 113 (corner of Habbersett Hall)
- Supporting Sisters – Room 213 (ladies)

Word of Hope

The Bible Talks About ...

... *The Future*

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path. *Psalm 119: 105*

DIRECTION FOR LIFE

Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it—he will be blessed in what he does. *James 1: 22-25*

MONEY MANAGEMENT

And my God will meet all your needs according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus. *Philippians 4: 19*

Whoever loves money never has money enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with his income. This too is meaningless. *Ecclesiastes 5:*

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But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs. *1 Tim. 6:6-10*

TRUST

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight. *Prov. 3: 5, 6*

I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do everything

through Him who gives me strength. *Phil. 4: 12, 13*

The Bible Talks About Faith

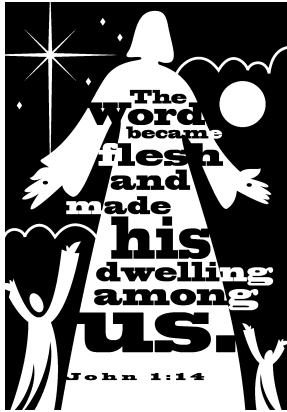
Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ.

Romans 10: 17

BEING BORN AGAIN

In reply Jesus declared, “I tell you the truth, unless a man is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.” ...Jesus answered, “I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘You must be born again.’” *John 3: 3, 5-7* Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. *1 Peter 1: 3*

No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God’s seed remains in him; he cannot go on sinning, because he has been



Children's Center News

Our September Bible Verse: *“A friend loves at all times.”* Proverbs 17:17

Our fantastic, caring staff is working hard to get ready for our 23rd year! My daughter Katie was enrolled the very first year, and it is very hard to imagine that the time has gone so quickly. We have certainly grown from that Pre-k class of 6!

Sue-Ann Machermer’s daughter, Lauren, was in that first class, also, and as I write this, I think about how much of the success of our Children’s Center can be attributed to Sue-Ann’s dedication to getting us started and through all of the hard early years. Even though she was involved in so many other good causes, this is a big part of her leg-

acy. I know she is looking down at us and smiling!

We are completely full this year, but if you would like information, please call me at 610-558-0442. As always we welcome visitors to see, hear, and feel the love that happens in our school. Please come and see for yourselves!

Kris Leary, Director



Handbell and Chime Choirs

You are invited to join the MOUNT HOPE HANDBELL & CHIME Choirs!!!

Bells of Hope –Youth and adults who would like the musical challenge of ringing handbells and chimes. This choir rings 4 octaves of handbells and 3 octaves of handchimes once a month in worship services. There will also be opportunities to minister in and around the community by participating in festivals and workshops. Rehearsals are every **Wednesday 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. in Handbell**

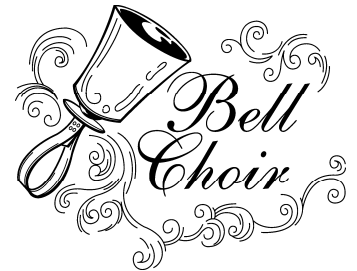
Room (101) beginning on Wednesday, September 7th.

NEW!!!! Youth Handbell/Chime Choir will meet every **Monday evening from 7:00-8:00 beginning on Monday, September 12th in the Handbell Room.**

Please contact Mrs. Eileen McIntyre, Director @ Ehandbell@comcast.net or (610)494-3697 if you are interested in ringing with either choir or attending the handbell workshop.

Handbell Workshop
A hands-on workshop for all ages and ringing abilities
Saturday, Oct 8th
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 a.m.

At Mount Hope U.M.C. in the bell room. Whether you are an experienced ringer or a new ringer you will learn new handbell techniques. You can sign up as a Beginner or Intermediate ringer. There will be a sign up sheet in the Narthex or contact Mrs. McIntyre the Handbell Choir Director. Ehandbell@comcast.net



Youth Group News

Sunday September 18th Mount Hope Youth will begin another thrilling year with our annual Kick Off. This year's theme is "The

Slamin' Jamin' Cookout." The event will begin at 4pm and end around 7. Activities will include games, music, cookout food and a rousing

skit. Please plan to attend this year's kickoff and invite your friends!

Aston Community Day

Aston Community Day is October 1 (rain date Oct. 2). The parade is at 10:00 a.m. Mount Hope will have both an inside and outside table. We will need people to set up/take down and to talk to

the people who stop by. Our band will also have a time to play. All groups in the church can set up a display or give our information. Come out to help. Come out to see what's happening.

For info contact Beverly Lewis, dvdc/ws@gmail.com, 610.608.3941 or Phil Ealy, ealymemphis@aol.com, 484.636.6349.

Bible Studies Resume

Keep your eye on the Church calendar as Bible studies resume in September and October: 20's Bible Study at the Halls on Tuesday, Sep-

tember 13th; Ark at the Owsleys on Monday, September 19; Ladies Bible study in the Lounge on Thursday, September 22nd;

Men's Fellowship in the Lounge on Monday, September 12. Kelli Girls, Selah, Muddy Boots, and Fuzzie Slippers will resume soon too!

Volunteer to Serve

The Worship Committee graciously coordinates many of the functions that support our gathering together on Sundays. They can use your help in so many

ways: in the nursery, or with ushering and greeting. Once a month communion needs to be prepared. Youth are always appreciated to acolyte. Scripture readers at 8:15 and

11:00 services, ... workers to keep the pew racks and tablets current ... surely there's something for you to do!
Call the church office or contact Karen Owsley.

***Holding a meeting or event at the Church?
Please remember to call the office to schedule the use of a room.***

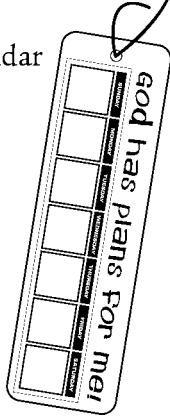


A daily reminder

Make this bookmark to remind you that God is with you every day.

What you need:

- An old calendar
- Scissors
- Cardstock
- Glue stick
- Pencil or marker
- Stickers
- Hole punch
- Ribbon or yarn



What you do:

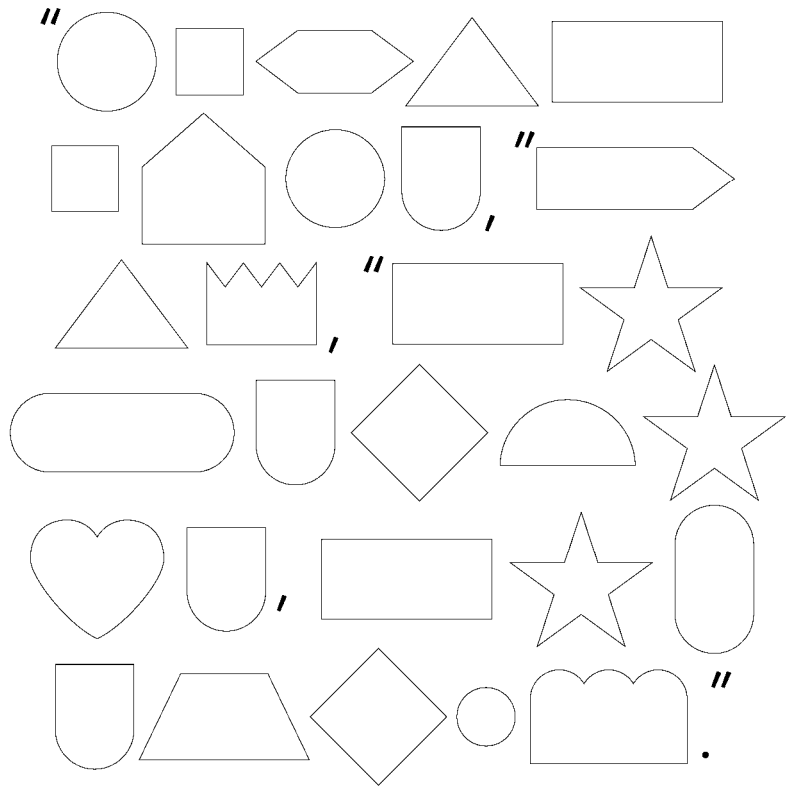
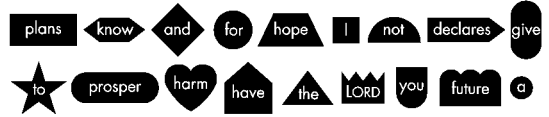
1. Cut out the first line of squares from an old calendar, including the days of the week along the top.
2. Cut the cardstock into a rectangle a little larger than the calendar section.
3. Glue the calendar section onto the cardstock.
4. Write "God has plans for me" (Jeremiah 29:11) on the bookmark.
5. Add stickers or other decorations on the back.
6. Punch a hole on one end of the bookmark.
7. Loop some ribbon or yarn through the hole.



GOD'S PLAN

When we ask God for guidance, he will show us his perfect plan for our lives.

Directions: Use the shape code to the right to write out Jeremiah 29:11, NIV.



Answers: "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." (Jeremiah 29:11, NIV)



September 2011 Calendar of Events

This Update Printed: Wednesday, August 17, 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Every Sunday: Worship at 8:15, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m. Sunday School at 9:30</p> <p>Community Events: Sundays - 6:00 pm Cub Den 4 (103) Mondays - 7:00 pm Boy Scout 292 (FH) Tuesdays - 8:00 pm AA (FH)</p>				<p>1 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir (216)</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>4 Communion Blood Pressure Screening (HH) 7:45 AM Library open</p>	<p>5 Labor Day Office Closed</p>	<p>6 7:00 PM Baptism Sem (L)</p>	<p>7 9:00 AM MHCC CPR Training (L) 9:30 AM Staff Mtg (106) 1:00 PM Angel Food (HH) 1:30 PM Education (L) 5:30 PM Angel Food (HH) 7:00 PM MHCC Back to School Night (S) 7:00 PM Trustees (L) 7:00 PM Bells of Hope (101)</p>	<p>8 11:00 AM Busy Beavrs (Kit) 4:00 PM WOH Dine (OR) 6:30 PM 930 Reh (S) 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir (216)</p>	<p>Women of Faith (Phila)</p>	
<p>11 10th Anniversary 9/11 Grandparents Day Promotion Sunday 7:45 AM Library open 9:30 AM Angel Food (HH) 10:30 AM Angel Food (HH) 5:00 PM Movie Night: "Soul Surfer"</p>	<p>12 7:00 PM Youth Handbell/Choir (101) 7:00 PM Men's Fellowship (L)</p>	<p>13 7:00 PM Ad Bd (HH) 7:30 PM 20's Bible Study (Halls')</p>	<p>14 9:30 AM Staff Mtg (L) 6:30 PM 930 Reh (S) 7:00 PM Bells of Hope (101)</p>	<p>15 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir (216)</p>	<p>17</p>	
<p>18 Heaven Is For Real Baptism 7:45 AM Library open 4:00 PM YF Fall Kickoff</p>	<p>19 7:00 PM Youth Handbell/Choir (101) 7:15 PM Ark BS (Owsley)</p>	<p>20 6:30 PM 20's Bible Study (Halls) 7:00 PM Friends Bible Study (104) 7:00 PM SPR (L)</p>	<p>21 9:30 AM Staff Mtg (L) 6:30 PM 930 Reh (S) 7:00 PM Bells of Hope (101)</p>	<p>22 8:30 AM WOH Mailing (HH) 1:00 PM Ladies Bible Study (L) 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir (216)</p>	<p>24 9:00 AM Angel Food pick-up (HH)</p>	
<p>25 Missions Sunday Christian Education Sunday 7:45 AM Library open</p>	<p>26 7:00 PM Youth Handbell/Choir (101) 7:00 PM Men's Fellowship (L)</p>	<p>27 6:30 PM 20's Bible Study (Halls) 7:00 PM Worship Com (L) 7:30 PM 20's Bible Study (Halls')</p>	<p>28 9:30 AM Staff Mtg (L) 12:00 PM Sexual Harassment Policy Review (HH) 6:30 PM 930 Reh (S) 7:00 PM Finance (L) 7:00 PM Bells of Hope (101)</p>	<p>29 1:00 PM Ladies Bible Study (L) 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir (216)</p>	<p>30</p>	



How Sweet the Sound Children's Choir

Can you hear the sweet sounds of children's voices singing? Then you must thinking about the "How Sweet the Sound" children's choir that will be starting up Sunday, October 2nd.

We will be meet-

ing at 8:45 AM in Classroom 103 on the first floor.

If you have a child who loves to sing and make a joyful noise, then this is the group for them: Ages 5 -12.

If you have any

questions, please contact Donna Kelly, 610-494-3359 or dkelly@nemours.org.

I look forward to sharing music with your child!

Donna Kelly

930 Worship Director