

FOLLOWING WHERE THE SPIRIT LEADS

Dear Hope Presbyterian Family and Friends:

All too rapidly, this year is coming to a screeching halt, which means, on a more serious level, our church year is even nearer its ending. Very soon, Christ the King Sunday will end our Church year, and we will be wishing each other "Happy Church New Year," with the first Sunday of Advent, followed by the celebration of His birth December 25 and the beginning of the season of Christmas.

The final Sundays of our Church Calendar bring us ever closer to the world's year-ending holidays: the first being Thanksgiving, a day of thanks to the Creator. It is at this time each year, on a pragmatic level, we must budget for the needs of our local church for the coming year. But, on a much more important spiritual level, we ask ourselves how we are able, both singly and corporately, to enhance what this much-beloved local portion of His Body can do, not just for itself, but for our community, and for His ministry, throughout the world.

Our stewardship theme this year is, "Following where the Holy Spirit leads." Throughout Biblical history, the importance of giving is emphasized. From the time of the Patriarchs, and continuing throughout the New Testament we are taught, in response to His innumerable gifts to

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HOPE PRESBYTERIAN FAMILY NEWS



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CHURCH NEWS

ENJOY OCTOBERFEST FOOD for lunch after Church here in Hambley Hall today, featuring German style Bratwurst, Knackwurst, Sauerkraut, Potato Salad, Pumpernickel, Root Beer, music, selfie opportunities, etc. This is a FREE meal. A donation jar will be available for those who enjoy filling them. Sign up in the narthex and indicate how many friends and neighbors you will be bringing.

TRUNK OR TREAT - Come and join in the fun on Wednesday, Oct. 24th at 6 p.m. Decorate your car trunk and bring wrapped candy. Volunteer to help with games and food. There will be a bounce house, cotton candy, snow cones, etc. Invite or bring your neighbors!

ALL SAINTS DAY – will be first Sunday of November. We will read out the names of those who have passed into eternity in the past year. If there is someone you would like to have remembered in worship on November 4th, please write their names on a prayer card, or on the Friendship Pad for us, or call the office with the name.

KIMBERLY HOME TOUR – Barb Kuhlman and Mary Ellen Nichols visited Kimberly Home Pregnancy Center on Oct. 15th. We walked the property and saw all the yellow buildings that had apartments to house Mothers and babies, as well as the offices and the Day Care Center.

"The best thing about the future is that it comes only one day at a time." –**Abraham Lincoln**

us, to give joyfully in our turn to support the ministry of Christ on earth.

Before leaving the earth, Jesus promised his disciples a new entity would lead them, the Holy Spirit. In the Acts of the Apostles, the Holy Spirit anointed each of the Disciples, beginning the modern Church. Thus, we return to our new year's stewardship theme, "Following where the Holy Spirit leads." It is through contributing to the budget, for example, that our dream of a full-time pastor can and will come true. Our church has had wonderful interim and stated supply pastors, but it is time for us to move forward, into full-time ministry, for our local church family, for our community, and most of all, for Jesus.

As budget time is almost upon us now, I invite each of us to share: in the joy of following the leading of the Holy Spirit, in making the coming year the best yet for Hope, as we provide hope to our local church, our local community, and hope throughout the world with each of us doing our part to fulfill His Great Commission to us, as His believers.

Jesse Hankla, church member

The Day Care is divided into 4 rooms - babies in nip-naps, movers, 2-yr old's and 3-yr old's. They have classes, so Mothers can earn points to purchase items for their babies from the boutique. It was a very interesting visit.

STORM RELIEF -- Donations for storm relief can be made through our church, by indicating "for hurricane relief." Gifts will be sent to Presbyterian Disaster Relief for that purpose.

CHURCH MEETINGS COMING UP

Sunday	10/21	11:30 a.m.	Octoberfest Lunch
Monday	10/22	06:00 p.m.	PNC meeting R5
		07:00 p.m.	"Starry Night" play rehearsal
Wednesday	10/24	05:45 p.m.	WNA, Prepared dish meal
		06:00 p.m.	Trunk or Treat
		07:00 p.m.	Bell practice
		07:30 p.m.	Choir practice
Thursday	10/25	12:00 p.m.	Young at Heart Lunch at Bob Evans
		07:00 p.m.	"Starry Night" play rehearsal
Sunday	10/28	11:30 a.m.	Session Meeting R5

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