

Tower Time

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Last week, while driving along Water Street in Toms River, I saw an unexpected sight – 3 “Occupy Toms River” protestors wielding signs in Huddy Park. There was something odd and incongruous to see a movement associated with Wall Street come alive in such an unlikely location. There are no obvious connections between financial inequities and that small public space.

But perhaps we should not dismiss such moments too quickly. Our nation was born out of protest against colonial injustice, and protest played a key role in the labor movement, the suffrage movement, the civil rights movement, as well as many national debates on issues of war and peace. Protest seems to be the overall theme of the year past, 2011, and it will continue into 2012. Even if the crowd in Toms River was small and their signs confusing it would be a mistake to ignore or dismiss the genuine frustration felt in our country and around the globe. Such attitudes are universal enough that Time Magazine did not pick an individual

person of the year, instead declaring 2011 the Year of the Protester, and offering an eponymous and collective winner of the annual title.

We must, however, distinguish unfocused anger from meaningful protest! In an article in the San Francisco Chronicle, Lech Walesa addressed the question of when protest becomes meaningful. Walesa, a trade unionist, led the Solidarity Protest movements that brought down Poland’s communist government and contributed to the fall of the Soviet regime. He wrote this,

“In the war of ideas it’s not enough just to be against something; you have to be for something that is sound as well. Before you set out to alter the status quo you ought to know how to replace it. Solidarity had a unifying idea – that men and women had a God-given right to be free and government no right to deny this freedom.”

They also had goals to make this freedom real:

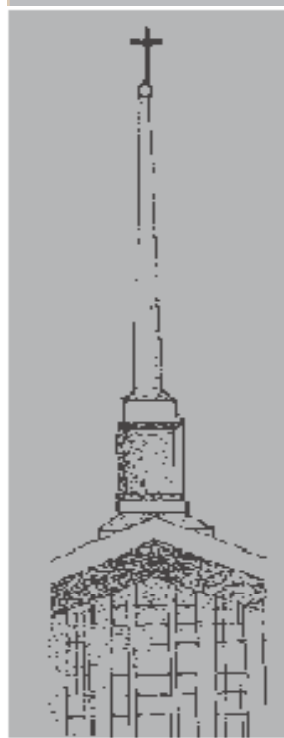
“freedom of speech, freedom to worship, freedom to organize, freedom to congregate in public plac-

es and express our views, freedom of the press, and freedom of contract, own property, have enterprises and work to uplift the lives of our families and communities.”

Walesa supports freedom movements but not when they only want to destroy those in power. “I support,” he says, “processes that lead to new orders guaranteeing individual liberty, democracy, civic virtue, equality, and the rule of law.”

Many of the “Occupy” movements don’t meet his criteria for meaningfulness – they don’t have a positive agenda, they blame without presenting a concrete critique of current problems, and they fail to offer a clear picture of how and where to move forward. It is not enough to point fingers at the rich (or the regulators). So how can we understand the general frustration in our nation? Because even if the analysis and proposed answers are inadequate the protests reflect real problems. Unemployment hovers near 20% in the 18-28 year age range. One out of five fulltime workers lives at or below the poverty line.

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WEIRD**Because Normal Isn't Working**

During our Lenten Series we will use the book "Weird" written by Craig Groeschl. In his book, Groeschl challenges us to jump off the normal path and onto one that may seem a little weird. At times you may argue, "that's just too weird!" But this book talks about dramatic changes. Let's face it, if small changes would've made the difference, you'd have made them a long time ago.

You certainly don't have to agree with all Groeschl's ideas. But you probably won't deny that the way normal people live today is miles away from what God intended. Separating ourselves from what the world considers normal is not just a matter of obedience. God invites us to dance to a different tune, because he knows what's truly going to satisfy and fulfill us.

Instead of living stressed, overwhelmed, and exhausted, you can live a life of meaningful relationships, intentional scheduling, and deep, fulfilling rest for your soul. Instead of choking with the constant financial fear and tension, you can let God's Word lead you along a path to financial peace, margin, and eternal investments.

Instead of allowing your marriage to drift into parallel lives or divorce by default, you can experience true intimacy with your spouse.

Our Lenten Series begins on Ash Wednesday, February 22nd, and continues each Wednesday through March 28th. Our schedule is as follows:

- 5:30-6:30 – Dinner in Fellowship Hall
- 6:30-7:00 – Worship in the Sanctuary
- 7:00-8:30 – Small group study and discussion time using Craig Groeschel's "Weird" series.

The price for dinner if paid in advance will be \$7.00 for Adults, \$4.00 for children under 12 and \$16 for a family. At the door the price will be \$10.00 for adults and \$20.00 for a family.

As always, children are welcome for the entire evening. During worship and the adult small group time which follows, the children will meet in the Creation Room for their own study.

The Junior and Senior Highs are also included in this great study. They will attend worship from 6:30 – 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. After the worship time, the Junior Highs will meet in the Haven and the Senior Highs will meet in the River for their time of study. Both Fellowship groups will end at their regular times.

Join Us For an Evening of Dinner and

Dancing Through The Decades

*As we wax nostalgic and relive the 40's through the present
All with an Italian Flair!*

Saturday, March 10th
from 6:15 – 9:00PM
(feel free to dress for your favorite era

Menu:
Chicken Parmesan. Pasta.
Ceasar Salad. Rolls &
Dessert

Tickets: \$15 per couple - \$8.00 per person

Many people who have been faithful and productive throughout their lives have seen savings and assets reduced by 30%. Educational debt is soaring and the aftermath of the housing crash has left many people in dire financial straits. Half of employed Americans have no pension plan as part of their compensation. Government debt is 16 trillion and counting, imperiling our credit rating, threatening our economic future and distorting our budgets, forcing us to pay 41 cents of every tax dollar to service national borrowing.

But I believe the reason these issues have led to street protests is not inherent in the problems themselves – it is rooted in our politics. It is because our national dialogue about them is so poisonous and defective that people have gone outside of the regular political process with placards and chants.

Because we have not had serious, fair, and realistic debates and proposals, we have had higher levels of anger. Blaming and scapegoating has dominated the scene in Washington and so it has become

the practice among many protestors as well.

This is where you and I can make a difference as Christian citizens. Our communities have always believed discernment and faithfulness come through confronting differences. We have a tradition of civility, of speaking the truth in love. We can demonstrate and encourage a more mature way to debate and disagree, without demonizing or disparaging, without practicing the politics of personal destruction. Richard Mouw has recently written an excellent book, *Uncommon Decency: Christian Civility in an Uncivil World*, on this theme. The diversity of the church and the ethic of Jesus, give us help in honoring opponents and loving enemies, and in finding common ground.

We need real debates on real questions that don't lead to overly simple prescriptions. What should be the role of government vis a vis the private sector? Which public programs need to go? Which need to grow? Which need to be reduced? How can we keep benefit

promises made to older generations without bankrupting coming ones? The rising generation benefits from the investment of adults in their nurture and education and the retiring generation from the labor and taxes of the younger working population. We need a conversation between the generations about our public debt and how to share the sacrifice, since no one group in our society is to blame for all our problems and no one group can fix them.

As we pray for America and participate as Christian citizens in this special republic, I hope we will seek to model a new and better dialogue around the tough issues. May we embody civility in an era of anger and frustration. Even if the earthly city will never know the complete peace of the heavenly one, we can still improve conditions and practices right now and right here on this side of eternity.

*Yours faithfully,
David*

*Did you become a
member of PCTR in 2011?
Then join us in The Vineyard
on Sunday, February 12th at 12:30
(immediately following the 11:30 service)
for a special luncheon for all our new
members who joined PCTR in 2011*

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issue of Tower Time on our
website - www.pctr.org.
If you would prefer to view
it on the web and be taken
off our mailing please call
the church office at 732-
349-1331 and let us know.**

CHILDREN'S & FAMILY MINISTRIES

Jesus asked, "Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord' and do not do what I tell you?" He then told them "Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall because it had been founded on rock. Everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell – and great was its fall!"

Today so many of us hear our Lord's word to us and decide we are going to follow Jesus. We want to build our house on the "rock", but we get busy with "life". The schedule becomes jammed with work, school, and all the "must do" activities. Suddenly, our decision to follow Jesus is crowded out by other commitments. Over time we discover that we have been building our life, our family, on the sand. The intentions of a pure heart to build our house on the "rock" have been washed away landing us in the sandy land of a world which believes faith to be non-essential. Jesus makes it abundantly clear that we must build our lives on the "rock", anything less will lead to disaster.

As your family begins a New Year take a moment to reflect on the decisions you have made . . . are they helping you follow your heart and build your house on the "rock"? If so, great – if not, trust that there is a way. We have four worship services with Church School and many ways to deepen your faith as a family during the week. Together, let's build our house on the Rock!

*Blessings,
Tory*

FAMILY WINTER FESTIVAL **Sunday February 26th at 2:00pm**

The festival will be an afternoon of great fun including games, races and lots of "family bonding". All activities will include both children and adults. The festival will close with families sharing their favorite desserts, while sipping hot chocolate and singing some great songs. Mark your calendar and sign up outside Fellowship Hall or online at www.pctr.org.

Church School is learning about Jesus and the many people he called to follow him as one of his disciples.

On **Family Weekend**, February 18th & 19th, we will hold our annual PCTR Winter Olympics. All the children are to come to Church in their play clothes ready to compete!

AIM Club in their Bible Study time is looking at the many parables Jesus taught to his followers. We will discover how Jesus still teaches us great lessons to live our lives by. On Valentine's Day, all the children are asked to wear red as we celebrate the love Jesus has for each one of us. Mark your calendars for February 19th when AIM Club will sing at the 11:30 worship service. What a joy to have the entire choir together at one worship service as they make a "joyful noise"!

Star Club will be hearing the stories of Jesus' amazing life and ministry followed by a craft to help them to remember the way Jesus lived his life in love. The children always love their time of singing with Michael as they prepare for the next time they sing in worship.

Our very young children (1-5) and their parent(s) will gather on February 3rd in Fellowship Hall for **Mustard Seeds**. Each time we come together it is wonderful. So many of the children learn for the first time what it is like to make a friend, share a toy, to create a work of art to hang up at home. We have a Bible story, music, craft and free time. Newcomers are welcome, don't be shy bring along a child in your life and share in the wonder of childhood.

Disciples' Communion

One of the steps as young Christians is coming to the Lord's Table. We call this stage in a young person's life "**Disciples' Communion.**" On Sunday, March 4th at 12:30 p.m. in the Vineyard, there will be a meeting for our 5th grade youth and their parents to begin preparing for "Disciples' Communion." As a part of the process, parents and youth meet with the ministers and are given materials to assist them in preparing. The children will meet with Session and Christian Ed members on Palm Sunday, April 1st at 12:30 pm in the Chapel preparing for the Disciples Communion service on Maundy Thursday on April 5th.

We hope you will plan to be a part of this very serious faith-step for your son or daughter. If you have any questions, please contact Tory Pruner at the Church.

GET OUT YOUR CRAYONS!

**THE PCTR YOUTH COUNCIL ART SHOW & AUCTION
MARCH 24TH & 25TH**

The New Year is upon us and we are preparing for our Fourth Annual Art Show & Auction. Please be sure to mark your calendar for March 24th & 25th as this is one event you won't want to miss. You are all invited to join us in Fellowship Hall Saturday, 3-5 & 6-8 pm and on Sunday before and after each service. All art work will be displayed at these times and then on Sunday at 12:30 pm we will host a "Meet & Greet" where you'll be able to meet the artists, enjoy some refreshments and participate in an auction of all the work displayed.

We are looking to you to share your artistic gifts and talents by donating one or more pieces of your artwork to be displayed and auctioned. Any visual art, original photography, textile wall hangings, pottery and hand-made jewelry is welcome. We're hoping to see all of last year's artists and some new faces too! Remember that this is for a very good cause as all proceeds will go towards our Youth Mission Trips!

YOUTH MINISTRY

Please support the Youth Mission Volleyball Tournament on Saturday, February 11th. The tournament will begin at 6:30pm. All eager and willing participants are invited to attend. Don't have a team? Don't worry! We will place you on one. The cost is \$20 to participate. The tournament will be double elimination and all participants will receive a free hot dog and beverage of choice. There will be food available for spectators to purchase. All proceeds will benefit the Junior and Senior High Youth Groups. Don't miss this fun opportunity of fellowship and support!

Aloha all Junior Highers!

Our annual CAST Luau will be on Wednesday, February 8 at 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall. All 6th, 7th, and 8th graders are encouraged to come in their tropical attire for a night of food, games, music, and dancing! We will have a rockin' DJ! Consider bringing a friend too! Cost is \$10 per person. We are also collecting items at the door to replenish the food pantry. All Junior High boys are encouraged to bring a jar of peanut butter and all Junior High girls are asked to bring a jar of jelly. Mahalo!

Senior Highers don't miss out on the FISH Open Mike Night at Cool Beans on Wednesday, February 8th. We will be meeting at church at 7pm and then departing to Cool Beans for a night of yummy dessert, beverages, and entertainment. Bring your best songs, musical instruments, skits, poetry, etc. Cost is \$10 per person and will cover your choice of beverage, dessert, and tip. If you would like to order any food, please bring additional cash. We encourage you to bring a friend!

This is a friendly reminder that 2012 Youth Week Applications are due no later than Wednesday, February 15th to Amy VanBezooijen. Forms can be obtained in the church office or RIVER.



FEBRUARY 4TH & 5TH

**2011 NATIONWIDE: 17,698 GROUPS GENERATED \$9,590,046
IN CASH AND FOOD ITEMS FOR LOCAL CHARITIES**

The apostle Peter tells us to “...grow in the grace and

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Sunday Morning Adult Education in the Haven

Encounters - 9:45-11:00

The Encounters along the Way group, which meets from 9:45 – 11:00 a.m. will continue the study of *The Reason for God* by Timothy Keller

- Why does God allow suffering in the world?
- How could a loving God send people to Hell?
- Why isn't Christianity more inclusive?
- How can there be one true religion?
- Why have so many wars been fought in the name of God?

In this New York Times bestselling book by Timothy Keller, the founding pastor of Redeemer Presbyterian Church in New York City, he addresses the frequent doubts that skeptics, and even ardent believers, have about religion. Using literature, philosophy, real-life conversations on DVD, and potent reasoning, Keller explains how the belief in a Christian God is, in fact, a sound and rational one.

To true believers he offers a solid platform on which to stand their ground against the backlash to religion created by the Age of Skepticism. And to skeptics, atheists, and agnostics, he provides a challenging argument for pursuing the reason for God.

Sessions will be led by Pat Grill, Bill Pabst, Pete Thomson and Vicki Ridgway.

Join us Sunday, February 26th at 12:30 for a Book Discussion of Laura Hillenbrand's New York Times Bestseller *Unbroken, A WWII Story of Survival, Resilience and Redemption*

The unforgettable story of a man's journey into extremity, a testament to the resilience of the human mind, body and spirit.

Led by Rev. Jim Pruner

Enrichment - 11:15-12:30

The **Enrichment** group will continue its study of the John Ortberg series "Old Testament Alive."

This class features life changing stories from the Old Testament that will be brought to life in an exciting and comprehensive survey. The Hebrew Scriptures are important because they lay the foundation of the Christian faith. Understanding the Old Testament sheds a great light and fuller understanding on our knowledge of God.

"Old Testament Alive" will help us gain a big picture perspective to help us face the challenges that we face in life today.

This class will be team taught by Linwood McWilliams, Bill Pabst and Jim Pruner.

MAPS
Marriage & the
Perfect-Partner Study
Friday, February 17th
7:00 pm in the Haven

The God-Centered Spouse

When we become radically strong spiritually, we are free from the petty demands and grievances that cause disappointment, self-absorption, and self-pity.

All couples are invited to join us for a great time of fellowship, laughter and study as together we discover more about being a Christian couple.

Led by Bob & Pat Grill and Rev. Tory Pruner

knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.” (2 Peter 3:18)

LIF - Monday Nights in the Haven

Catered Dinner at 6:30 (\$7) Worship & Songs 7:00; Study & Discussion Groups 7:15

Alpha

***A Life Worth Living* by Nicki Gumbel**

How do we in fact live life to the full? Based on Paul's letter to the Philippians, *A Life Worth Living* is a practical and positive guide to achieving exactly this, uncovering in us a new heart, new purpose, new attitude, and a new confidence to the way we live our lives. In this study, we will look at some of the new things Jesus Christ brought to Paul's life and to the lives of the Philippians which made their lives so supremely worth living. "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever" (Heb. 13:8). What He did for Paul and his readers He can do today for you and for me.

This DVD and group discussion program is a follow up to the original Alpha Course. Small group discussions will be led by Bill Gould, Bill Pabst and Nadia Herman, and presentations and follow-up led by Pat Grill.

Gamma

In-depth Study of Christianity

The Gamma class is studying selected readings from *Devotional Classics* edited by Richard J. Foster and James Bryan Smith.

The selections have been written by some of the great voices of the church including John Calvin, Blaise Pascal, Thomas a Kempis, Teresa of Avila, Ignatius of Loyola, William Temple, John Wesley, and Dietrich Bonhoeffer. This in-depth discussion based study is led by Dan Raisch.

Beta

Led by Linwood McWilliams, Iver Kennedy & Liz Thomson

The Beta class is studying Max Lucado's *Traveling Light*. Max Lucado is the Senior Minister for the Oak Hills Church in San Antonio, Texas and the author of multiple bestsellers and is America's Leading Inspirational Author. We all lug loads we were never intended to carry: Fear - Worry - Discontent - Hopelessness - Guilt - Loneliness - Doubt. Wouldn't it be nice to lose some of those bags? That's the invitation of Max Lucado. Using the verses of the twenty-third Psalm as our guide, Max Lucado walks us through a helpful inventory of our burdens and the ways to release some of the burdens we were never intended to bear. If you're ready to face your giants, let his story inspire you. The same God who helped him will help you.

Quest

Men's Ministry

More than just a rally or a Bible Study, Quest provides men with an encouraging process that teaches them how to live lives of authentic manhood as modeled by Jesus and directed by God's word. They are studying *Twelve Ordinary Men: How the Master Shaped His Disciples for Greatness and What He Wants to Do with You* by John MacArthur. It is led by Dr. David Joynt, Peter Thomson, and Phil Beachy.

Tuesday Morning Study - 10:00 - 11:30 am in the Vineyard

This class will follow the same study as Encounters Study on Sundays with *The Reason for God* by Timothy Keller - offering a great opportunity for Encounter class members to join us on Tuesday when you have weekend conflicts. Everyone is welcome!

Thursday Morning Bible Study 9:30 - 11:00 am in the Vineyard

We continue our study of the Gospel of Mark. All are welcome whether or not you are a consistent member or someone who has come on occasion or someone who is considering coming. Come to dig deeper into the New Testament as well as for prayer and fellowship. Led by Jim Pruner.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Ocean Classic Concerts hosts 13th Annual Handbell Festival Sunday, March 4th at 6:30

On Sunday, March 4th, area handbell choirs, playing individually and together, join to make a joyful noise to the Lord at our Ninth Annual Handbell Festival. Our guest director this year will be Cynthia Dobrinski. This concert will be a feast for eyes and ears! **This year's festival will performed once at 6:30 pm.**

While there is no charge for admission to the concert, a \$10 donation is requested. Free tickets will be available beginning **Friday, February 10th** at the church office.

Have you tried H₂O for the Soul?

Join us for this informal gathering at local restaurants on the first and third Thursday of each month where Michael Barozzie, local Christian recording artist, will stir your Spirit with songs of hope, faith and the love we find in our Lord.

This evening of great music and reflection will culminate with a relevant message for living life in these challenging times. Join us for H₂O for the Soul and you will find yourself refreshed!

February 2nd - 7:30 pm
Tony's Pasta House (Pathmark shopping center)

February 16th - 7:30 pm
Sophia's Bistro (K-Mart Shopping center)

Centenary College Choir Tuesday, February 21st at 7:00 pm

Hailed as "America's Singing Ambassadors" by the press, the Centenary College Choir has traveled the world for seven decades, constantly exploring new and productive avenues in the world of collegiate choral music. This innovative spirit has been evidenced in the Choir's unique and diverse manner of programming, a repertoire that ranges from Bach to Broadway, world folk music to contemporary church music, and oratorio to opera. Our own Josh Melson is an alumni of Centenary College and performed with the Choir.

In February 2012 the Choir will perform at Carnegie Hall as part of a New York Tour.

The Centenary College Choir has concertized throughout the world, giving concerts in 32 nations on six continents. The Choir has sung for frontline troops in Korea, the Presidents of the United States and Switzerland, the Queen of Denmark, the leaders of NATO and the Prime Minister of Thailand.

Receiving a very rare honor for any organization, the Choir has been invited to The White House seven times to give programs of Christmas music for special guests of President and Mrs. Bill Clinton and President and Mrs. George W. Bush.

To learn more about the Choir visit
www.centenarychoir.org.

Fellowship Club Friday, February 17th

If you are 50+ and would enjoy a few hours of fellowship, conversation, fun and great programs then join us in the Haven at 11:30 am on Friday, February 17th.

Our speaker will be David Joynt, who will discuss the state of the denomination.

We begin with fellowship at 11:30, followed by lunch (bring your own sandwich, beverages are provided). Our program will begin at approximately 12:30. Everyone is welcome!

PCTR BUILDING FUND

Thank you for your continued support of the PCTR Food Pantry. In an effort to better serve our food bag recipients – many of whom are on foot and do not have access to cooking facilities – we have prepared the food list below. Please refer to it when shopping for donations. Again, thank you for your donations!

- BEANS – Baked, Pork & Beans
- CEREAL – puffed wheat, oatmeal, cream of wheat (individual)
- CHILI – with or without beans
- CRACKERS – Saltines
- FRUIT – any canned fruit or applesauce
- HASH – roast beef or corned beef
- JUICE – small individual (please no glass)
- LUNCHEON MEAT – Spam, Treet, etc.
- MAC & CHEESE
- MILK – Dry quart packages (ex. Parmalat)
- PASTA – 1 lb. Box or bag
- PEANUT BUTTER – 18 oz. plastic jar
- POTATOES – any size can or dried
- RAVIOLI and SPAGHETTI Os – canned (any size)
- RICE – bag or box (no larger than 2 lbs.)
- RICE-A-RONI
- SOUP – any size, any kind, dry or canned
- SPAGHETTI SAUCE – (please no glass)
- STEW – any size
- TEA BAGS – any brand
- TOMATOES – Stewed or puree (1 lb. cans preferred)
- TOMATO SAUCE – 1 lb. can or smaller
- TUNA FISH – any size
- VEGETABLES – all vegetables needed (1 lb. or similar size cans)

IMPORTANT! - PLEASE:

- NO 5 lb. bags of sugar, flour or anything else as we cannot fit these into the packages we use.
- NO cake, brownie, cookie, muffin mixes.
- NO glass jars.
- Check ALL EXPIRATION DATES on packages. Expired foods cannot be used by the food pantry!

Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

What is the Building Fund? Where does my offering go when I give to the Building Fund? The Master Plan Building Fund was established in 2000. All of the gifts received have been used to build and pay for the existing mortgages of Phase I of the Master Plan (which included the total renovation of the Christian Education wing, 2 additional classrooms, a large meeting room, offices, a children's gathering area, two large rehearsal rooms and a music suite. As well as the mission component, The House of Hope that is home to Caregivers, Interfaith Hospitality Network, the Food Pantry, and the Hope Center.)

As 2011 closes our mortgage on the PCTR buildings is \$ 2,647,282 and the mortgage on the House of Hope is \$542,370. The construction cost for Phase I was \$4,792,066 and the House of Hope was \$884,082. Faithful giving has brought us to a place where we have buildings to use and to share with the community, and we do most days and nights every room is filled. People gathered in Bible studies, children and youth learning about God's great love, , voices gathered for rehearsal as sing praise to our Lord, young children having their eyes opened to the amazing world God has created as they come to Westminster Nursery School, Boy Scouts, and over 16 support groups that meet weekly helping people live day to day as they battle addiction, face illness, and work to be there for their loved one.

We thank all of you who have given over the years and invite those of you who have not, to join a legacy for generations to come.

HOPE CENTER GIFT AUCTION

Please mark your calendars for Friday, March 2nd!! That is the date for our third annual Gift Auction – one of our largest fund raising events of the year. This year it will be held at Intermediate North. Please contact the Hope Center if you can lend a hand, make a basket, or contribute in any way. Any donated gift baskets or single items need to be dropped off at the Hope Center by February 15th. Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased at The Hope Center, Mon-Fri, 9:00-3:30.

Presbyterian Women



February Circles

Abigail - February 8th
9:30 am - Helen Twigg

Joy - February 20th
7:00 pm - Gerry Jellets

Mary - February 28th
12:00 Noon-Mission Room

Adah - February 13th
9:30 am - Mission Room

Leah - February 24th
9:30 am - Renaissance

Rachel - February 10th
10:00 a.m. - Tracy Karpinsky

Esther - February 14th
10:00 - Deanne Sharp
Waretown Area

Lois - February 8th
1:00 pm - Lori DeHaan
Whiting Area

Rebecca - February 14th
9:30 am - Mission Room

Eve - February 15th
7:00 pm - Laura Morgan

Lydia - February 21st
7:00 pm - Church

Sarah - February 21st
9:30 am - Mission Room

Dates to Remember:

Feb. 6th - Coordinating Team Meeting, 12:30 pm Mission Room

Women's Retreat to Cape May

April 27th - 29th

"Seashore Spirituality"

Registration for the 2012 Women's Retreat is underway. A \$100 deposit will secure your reservation. Beginning in February, the sign-up will be opened to other churches throughout Monmouth Presbytery so if you have signed up don't delay! If you are unsure of your spring schedule, your check will secure your spot but will not be deposited until March 15th. Don't miss this opportunity for a rejuvenating time away! Built into our weekend is some free time for you to relax and enjoy the ocean or the unique shops and restaurants.

Join us on the Women's Retreat this year and embark on an experience that will revolutionize your relationship with God.

We look forward to another inspirational weekend!

Save the Date - Friday, March 2nd
Church Women United - World Day of Prayer
Whiting United Methodist Church
10:00 a.m. refreshments; 10:30 a.m. meeting
All are invited!

**Annual Meeting
Sunday, February 12, 2012
10:45 am in the Sanctuary**

On Sunday, February 12th at 10:45 (immediately following the 10:00 service) our Annual Meeting will be held in the Sanctuary.

We have allowed one hour for the meeting. We will begin our regular 11:30 worship service at 11:45. This Annual Meeting of the Congregation and the Corporation of The Presbyterian Church of Toms River is held not only to hear and see the way God has moved in and through each of us in 2011 but also to present the 2012 Terms of Call, the 2012 Budget, receipt of year end reports and other business as necessary. A meeting for any business that is not concluded during this time will be held following our final worship service.

Time Sensitive Material, Please Expedite

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