

# Horizons

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## *Pastor's Message*

### **Trust**

On my way into work this morning I was thinking about this article and my mind was drawn to the hymn, Trust and Obey. It has long been a favorite of mine, even though I have often struggled with trusting God especially when the circumstances of life have become challenging. It has taken a number of seasons of struggle to begin to understand how to trust God.

One book that has become a traveling companion on the journey of trust is *Ruthless Trust* by Brennan Manning. My copy is rather worn, the pages are yellow, marked by pen and sticky tabs and the cover is creased as it has spent some time in my pocketbook. Rereading portions that I've marked, such as, "The basic premise of biblical trust is the conviction that God wants us to grow, to unfold, and to experience fullness of life. However, this kind of trust is only gradually and most often through a series of crises and trials." Statements such as this challenge the idea that if God loves me nothing bad will ever happen to me. What I believe it implies is that God is at work in the midst of the challenges and struggles. God is using the challenging circumstances to grow my faith in Him.

Manning uses the example of Abraham's experience on Mt. Moriah with Isaac and God's unfathomable request that Abraham offer his beloved son as a sacrifice. In that story we are called to face our horror that a loving God would ask such a thing. The essence of the story is one of trust, of hoping against hope that God was eminently reliable and what was being asked for was unconditional trust. "The great old man models the essence of trust in the Hebrew and Christian scriptures: to be convinced of the reliability of God."

Many in the congregation are currently facing circumstance that could conspire to overwhelm us. It is in season such as these we need to remember that God has not left us. That He loves each one of us. "Take your human feelings [of love and concern], multiply them into infinity, and you will have a hint of the love God revealed by and in Jesus Christ. With a strong affirmation of our goodness and gentle understanding of our weakness, God is loving us – you and me – this moment, just as we are and not as we should be. There is nothing we can do to increase His love for us and nothing we can do to diminish it."

Let us be reminded that God loves each of us, is present in the midst of our lives and is eminently reliable.

*Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Teresa*

All quotes are from *Ruthless Trust* by Brennan Manning

# Reflections On Our 225th Celebration

Written by Janet Kendall

It was a grand joyful day of celebration! Weeks of preparation, meetings and research led by a dedicated committee culminated into a splendid meaningful day-long program.

Former Pastors Rev. Joseph Thomasberger and Rev. Dr. Donald Brash assisted present pastor, Rev.

Teresa Ely, in the worship service along with Rev. Dr. A. Roy Medley, AB-CUSA, and Rev.

Dr. Elmo Familiaran, ABCNJ. After the service, a delicious luncheon was catered by members of the First Baptist Church of Hightstown. During the luncheon, letters of commendation from public officials were read by Frances Walter, Anniversary Chair.

Members of 5 to 70 years of service were honored and members who were called to full time ministry were honored. These were Rev. Pam

Reed, Rev. April Van Ness, and Re. Ruth Kulkarni.

After the luncheon, Dr. James Federici gave a talk on Hamilton Square History and our church people gathered in the Burke Lounge to view the grand display of church and past member history.

An Old Time Hymn Sing concluded the day to 4:00 pm. All agreed it had been a wonderfully inspiring occasion; enhanced by the beautiful fall decorations throughout the church, lounge and luncheon setting.



Hamilton Square Baptist Church Circa Sept. 1907



Rev. Thomasberger w/ Fred & Dot Cox



Rev. Don Brash & Susan Fanella



Rev. Ruth Kulkarni & Linda Jusiewicz



Rev. Don Brash & Rev. Dr. A. Roy Medley

## VETERANS DAY - November 11, 2010

*We thank our veterans and the service they have given*

Ed Adams	Fred Cox	Bill Dix	Leonard Dix
Armit Harrison	Joe Monople	Ed Niclas	Al Seaman
Todd Stuller	Harold Rockhill	Dick Walter	



### THANKSGIVING ECUMENICAL WORSHIP SERVICE

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21st  
7:00 PM**

#### Memorial Baptist

17 Highland Avenue  
Yardville, NJ 08620  
609-585-5296

[mbyardville@verizon.net](mailto:mbyardville@verizon.net)

*Refreshments will be served after the service*

**Please bring one or two cans of nonperishable  
food to help feed the hungry of Hamilton**



### DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS

**Monday, November 29  
at 6:00 PM**

**Sign up sheet in narthex**

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

### *Upcoming Events*

#### Advent Begins

Sunday, November 28, 2010

#### Live Nativity and Hanging of the Greens

Sat., December 4, 2010

#### Christmas Eve Worship Services

7:00 pm & 11:00 pm,  
Candlelight Service w/ Communion



With Sincere Sympathy

Sincere condolences to the family of Viola Humphrey,  
who passed away on Saturday, October 23, 2010.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you.



Our sincere condolences to the family of  
Horace W. 'Scotty' Scott who passed away  
on Wednesday, September 27, 2010.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you.



# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



## Sunday School

Children's Sunday School began on Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup> during worship service, following the Children's Message. We are continuing our One Room School House format which the children all seem to thoroughly enjoy! So far the lessons have included *Deborah: God gives us people to help, Hannah: God Hears and Answers our prayers, Samuel: God Calls us to serve others, King Saul: God knows what we need when we don't, David the Shepherd: God knows what is in our hearts, David Plays for King Saul: God gives us Peace, David and Jonathan: Christian Friends care for one another*

Two Adult Sunday School Programs are available for everyone: "Living the Questions", led by Susan Fanella, in the ABC-NJ Conference Room, and "The Parables of Jesus", led by Pastor Teresa, in the Youth Lounge.

We are in need of more teachers to share the rotation schedule for children's Sunday School. If interested in helping and being a part of a Teacher Team next year, please contact any of the Christian Education Committee members. A Teacher Team consists of two adults who lead the lesson for the week, approximately once per month, but less with more Teacher Teams. You don't need to be a teacher by trade, just have a love of our Lord and a heart for sharing with our children! *God doesn't call the equipped, He equips the called!*

## Live Nativity and Hanging of the Greens

We look forward to seeing everyone on Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at the Live Nativity and Hanging of the Greens! Look for more information on the Web Site and in Sunday Bulletins coming soon!

## Youth Group

Regular youth group meetings resumed on Sunday evening, September 26<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Attendance has been light so far with everyone getting situated in New Schools, Athletics, etc. In the coming weeks we will plan to solidify plans for MWA, some local missions we think Youth Groupers may be interested in. Some planned activities include missions for TASK, service projects for members of our church, visit(s) to River-view Estates, bowling, laser tag, plans for MWA2011, Activities with other local Youth Groups and a mission project for next summer.

Youth Group is open to those ages 10 through Post-Grad. We hope to see you this year.

### For more information contact:

Scott Johnson (609-888-3919, [sjohn261@optonline.net](mailto:sjohn261@optonline.net)) or  
Jackie Littleton (609-320-5096, [sixlittles@yahoo.com](mailto:sixlittles@yahoo.com)).

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for all the kindness, cards, visits and prayers during the illness and death of Scotty. The luncheon was greatly appreciated and we thank all who prepared it especially during a very busy weekend.

You are truly a family and we thank you very much.

*Elma Scott  
and family*

  
*A Special*  
**THANK YOU**  


Just wanted to let you know how much we enjoyed the celebration. We didn't have a chance to talk to everyone, it was a very busy day.

Hamilton Square Baptist church will always be close to our heart. We enjoyed seeing all of our friends.

*As Always,  
Bill & Shirley Guest*



### Women Circle Meetings

**Evening World** - Wed, November 3 from 2-4pm - Burke Lounge. We will be working on TASK table settings or White Cross work. JOIN US!

**Bet Tau Kappa** - Tues, November 16 at 12Noon - Burke Lounge - Presentation by Pastor Teresa Ely. Hostesses: Bev Fulman & Ann Dix. JOIN US! Just bring a bagged lunch and we will supply the drinks and dessert!

*No Sunshine Circle meetings in November or December.*

## Thanksgiving Prayer

Dear God, teach us to give freely  
not with the thought that we or our deed be seen,  
but with the motive that you and your love be seen.  
Thank you today for your many blessings;  
in the precious name of Jesus.

Amen

From the Secret Place, Charles P. Axe-Hermitage, Pa.

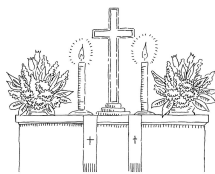




To activate the prayer chain,  
please call Emma Bates at 587-5185  
or email Anna Venettone  
at bcae-1@verizon.net

The family of Viola Humphrey,  
Pastor Pete Ely,  
Cindy & Antonio Soares de Silva,  
Barry Barlow,  
Dick Walter,  
Bobby Zeiter,  
Meredith Bittner,  
Bill Giampolo's father,  
Kathleen Elbertson & Audrey McGee  
(friends of Janet Kendall),  
Sandra Kozavo (Karen Schenck's  
neighbor),  
The Wright, Scott, Sunkiskis, Phillips,  
Soto, & Harrison Families,  
Edwin Sonjor,  
Marcus Sonjor,  
Cheryl Glitz,  
Margaret Trout,  
Bill & Pat Losey,  
Jim Gafgen,  
Devon Gamble.  
May we also pray for our home Baptists:  
Verna Cartlidge and her sister Dorothy,  
Betty Bretz,  
Dot Reichard,  
Arleine Meyer,  
Bea Stadler,  
Maggie Hoxie,  
and Bette Dobronte.  
Kyle McGonigal (Walter's grandson in  
Afghanistan)  
and all troops serving in Iraq  
and Afghanistan.  
Those seeking employment.

**Newsletter Dead-  
line**



Pulpit Flowers

**November 7**  
*2 Open Vases*

**November 14**  
*In memory of  
J Stuart Keefer  
& Gladys Keefer  
By Nancy & Gary*

**November 21**  
*2 Open Vases*

**November 28**  
*2 Open Vases*

To order flowers please call  
Gary Hogentogler at 838-0555.  
Leave your Name & phone #

## November Birthdays

5	Vangie Sastic
5	Audrey Reed
5	Terry Wassum
7	Emma Stype
8	Brian Stype
11	Peter Ryan Snyder
13	Evelyn Breece
19	Gary Burch
19	Larry Burch
20	Sonny (Clarence) Losey
21	Arleine Meyer
23	Don McCarty
27	Jennifer Snyder
29	Mildred Stuller
30	Kathy Burch

### Serving Us in November

7  
Leader: Anna Venettone  
Greeters: Ann & Bill Dix

14  
Leader: Jackie Littleton  
Greeters: Armit & Charlotte Harrison

21  
Leader: Scott Johnson  
Greeter: Bud Woodward

24  
Leader: Elma Scott  
Greeters: Dave & Carolyn Everett



# NOVEMBER BUSINESS MEETING



**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2010**

**A light lunch will be served following the church service**

**1:00 PM**



**Vote on  
Proposed Budget  
Slate of Officers  
and Committee Members**

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