

# Horizons

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## *Pastor's Message*

### **Now for something a little different...**

This month's article is an interactive opportunity. The following article was written by Walter Brueggeman and is based on the following readings: Jeremiah 18:1-11; Psalm 1; Philemon 1-21; Luke 14:25-33. Do Brueggeman's statements resonate with how you see God at work in the world? Has he challenged you to think about a familiar scripture in a new light? I look forward to hearing what you think.

“Faith teaches us that we are not fated by the stars, not hidden by powers, not by economic forces. Rather, the life God gives us is a zone of freedom that we may exercise to choose our futures. The urgency of faith is to think seriously and long-term about choosing futures that God makes available.”

“Psalm 1 is a meditation upon ‘the two ways’ of righteousness or wickedness, of prospering or perishing, of Torah obedience or rejection of God’s will for the world. The narrative of Jeremiah 18 echoes that same urgency. God does decided matters (Jeremiah 18:7,9). But the choices made by the nation (biblical Israel) will cause God to reverse field. The imperative of verse 11 bids Israel to choose afresh, in sync with God the potter.”

“In the gospel, Jesus summons the crowds to make a decision: whether to follow him or not. As case studies, Jesus refers to two instances when decisions were made without adequate planning: a) a builder who cannot pay for the project, and b) a king who cannot recruit an army. The choice Jesus offers is the way of the cross – discipleship. The practicality of “following” concerns “your possessions” (see Luke 14:33).”

In what ways have you been challenged to choose between righteousness and wickedness?

When have you been challenged to choose between following God or following the world?

*Pastor Teresa*

*Sojourners Magazine Sept/Oct 2010 page 48*

The logo features a square icon on the left with a golden, stylized pattern of leaves or branches. To the right of the icon, the word "Fall" is written in a large, bold, black, stylized font. The words "Worship" and "Schedule" are stacked to the right of "Fall" in a smaller, black, sans-serif font.

**Begins Sunday, September 19, 2010**

**9:00 - 9:25 am - Praise Music in Sanctuary**

**9:30 - 10:30 am - Adult Bible Study class**

“Parables of Jesus” led by Pastor Teresa  
location:TBA

**9:45 - 10:45 am - Adult Sunday School class**

Susan Fanella - ABCNJ conf. room

**10:50am- Organ Prelude to prepare for Worship**

**11:00 am - WORSHIP SERVICE**

**NOON - Fellowship hour in Burke Lounge**



**Come Celebrate!  
Homecoming &  
225th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION  
HAMILTON SQUARE BAPTIST CHURCH**

**OCTOBER 3, 2010**

**Church Service**  
11 AM to 12 PM

**Luncheon**  
12:30 PM to 2 PM

**OPEN HOUSE**  
2 PM to 3 PM

Church History on Display, Games for Children,  
Punch & Cookies

**HYMN SING**  
3 PM to 4 Pm

**“Community Welcome”**  
Please Join Us



## Calling all worship leaders!

Sunday, September 26 at 1:00 PM

There will be a short meeting with Pastor Teresa.

If you currently serve as a worship Leader or would like to serve – please join us.

The meeting will be held in the Youth Room.

Thank you – Pastor Teresa

## The Parables of the Bible

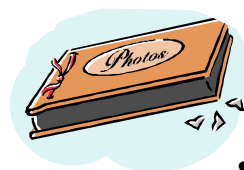
This will be a study about the use of Story telling in both the Old Testament and the New. How does God use the Art of Story Telling to draw us into his love. How can we use this medium to tell the story In the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

September 19 is Rally day – join the combined Adult & children schools for a celebration brunch. Class will begin on September 26 – location to be announced



## Committee News

### 225th Anniversary Celebration We need your pictures!



The closer we get to our 225th Anniversary Celebration the more excited our committee is getting. Emma Stype, Shirley Adams and myself have been meeting to arrange a Historic Trail of photos, news articles, and other memorabilia from our 225 years. The more we looked at pictures the more we realized that our celebrations fall into categories.

If you have any photos or articles pertaining to the categories listed below please contact: Susan Fanella, Emma Stype, or Shirley Adams. We will scan these and return them to you.

Categories are:

- Beta Tau Kappa functions
- Christmas (any and all in the church)
- Ordination photos of any of our pastors
- Hanging of the Green
- The Outside Manger scene
- Stained Glass Windows
- Fund Raisers, Bazaars, Cookie sales, etc.
- Weddings at the Church
- Lemonade Stand
- Ham Dinner or any dinner
- Vacation Bible School
- Sunday School
- Church Picnics (in the grove or elsewhere)
- Homecomings
- Rally Days
- Veteran's Day
- Trips (e.g. to Longwood Gardens organized by Ed Adams)
- Trip to Israel or India
- Any Memorials (eg Front doors to the life of Bill Stuller)
- Anything showing McCabe Hall such as a dedication

We are still open to other ideas. This is a joyful experience looking backward with love to all who are so dear to us. And looking ahead at how we can still all work together to a glorious future.

Thanks in advance,  
Susan Fanella

### Women Circle Meetings This Month

All women in our church family are invited to join us for one or all of our meetings!

**World Circle** - Sept. 8 - 2-4 pm in Burke Lounge - Making table setups for TASK

**Beta Tau Kappa** - Sept. 28 in Burke Lounge -*Covered Dish* Hostesses: Pat Seaman & Charlotte Harrison

**Sunshine Circle** - Sept. 29 - 7 - 9pm - White Cross Work / working on bandages

### Fellowship Coffee Hour

Beginning September 19, Rally Day, we will have Fellowship Coffee Hour every Sunday after church. Please plan on staying after church to enjoy each other's company and get to know each other better.

Also, we are in need of volunteers for the month of October to supply & serve store-bought cookies, a cold drink, and setup coffee. A sign-up sheet is located in the narthex. Please help us by signing up.

*Hospitality Committee*

### PASTORAL CARE COMMITTEE

Remember throughout the year, the Pastoral Care Committee offers rides to those in need to doctor's appointments, your local bank and supermarket.

If you or someone you know is in need, please call Emma Stype.



# COMMUNITY MINISTRIES UPDATE

## Old Cell Phones for Soldiers being collected by Project Freedom

In response to a growing need to support military members returning from active duty, Cell Phones for Soldiers is offering free cell phones to all armed forces returning from service in Iraq and Afghanistan. The Helping Heroes Home campaign relies on the donations of used phones. Qualifying phones are refurbished and given to requesting soldiers along with a month of calling time. Other donated phones will either be recycled or used to fund the charity's free calling-card program for troops overseas.

**To assist Project Freedom with their collection, we have a donation box located in the church narthex**

"There are more than 130 million phones retired every year in the United States," said Robbie Bergquist, co-founder of Cell phones for Soldiers. "If just 2% of all American's were to donate phones, we could supply every troop with a phone as a small measure of the gratitude of a nation."



## September's Offering - One Great Hour of Sharing Sunday, September 12 & 19

*Jesus said "Do You Love Me? Feed My Sheep" (John 21:15-17)*

When you make a gift to OGHS, you actively participate in tending God's flock throughout the world. Your gift brings shelter, food, water, and medical supplies to disaster survivors. You help refugees find safe shelter and begin to build new lives. You aid impoverished communities in securing dependable sources of food and clean water. And you help provide medical care and education that strengthen bodies and minds and create brighter futures. Remember the feeding of the 5,000? The disciples thought their resources could never meet the people's great need. Yet the followers of Jesus gave sacrificially from what they had - and through God's blessing, their gifts created a miracle for all. Live your love for the Good Shepherd. Feed Jesus' sheep with a generous, even sacrificial, gift to OGHS and become part of a new miracle of sharing.

## TASK

A group of members visit the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen (TASK) the first Tuesday of every month at 3:00pm. If you would like to join us for a day or on a regular basis, please call Charlotte Harrison or Harry Bittner for meeting time and place.

## Calling All Counters

If you are interested or have volunteered to be a counter, please try to attend **one** of the following brief meetings after church:

- September 12
- September 19
- September 26





# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



## Sunday School and Rally Day

**On September 19<sup>th</sup>, Rally day will kick-off the new Sunday School year, beginning with breakfast at 9:45 a.m.** This event would be not only for the children's Sunday School, but for the Adult Sunday School class as well. We would also like to extend an invitation for everyone in the church to join us for this fun filled time to celebrate the opening of our Sunday School programs. Breakfast will consist of bagels, munchkins, juice, and coffee, followed by an activity that everyone can share in. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Entryway...please sign-up if you plan to attend...we look forward to seeing everyone there!

While Rally Day's Sunday School Program will be at 9:45 a.m., **Children's Sunday School programs will begin the following Sunday during church, following the Children's Message**, as we did this past year. Children will meet in the Sanctuary for the beginning part of service, and then be dismissed with their teacher(s) after Children's Message. **The Adult Sunday School class(es) will continue to meet at 9:30 a.m. in the ABC-NJ Conference Room.**

At this point, for our children's program, we plan on continuing our One Room Schoolhouse program. We are in need of more teachers to share the rotation schedule. 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!*

## Youth Group

Youth Group has been on hiatus over the summer, however we will be starting again in September, looking for opportunities to serve others in our church and in our community. We are hoping to attend a **special event at Six Flags Great Adventure on Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup>**, leaving around 1:00 p.m. and returning home later that evening. This will be a day of fellowship and enjoying rides, as well as attending a Jeremy Camp Concert in the evening. Anyone eligible for youth group and interested in attending, please contact Scott or Jackie (information listed below) by September 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Regular youth group meetings will resume the following Sunday evening, September 26<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.**, at which time we will discuss our schedule for the next few months and plan activities and mission opportunities. Some planned events may include missions for TASK, service projects for members of our church, visit(s) to Riverview Estates, bowling, laser tag, plans for MWA2011, 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)).

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## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

This year's VBS theme was High Seas Expedition, and took place from July 26-30 each evening. Those who attended learned:

- God's Word is True (Acts 12: 1-19)
- God's Word is Comforting (Acts 27)
- God's Word is Surprising (Acts 28: 1-10)
- God's Word is life-changing (Acts 3: 1-4:12)
- God's Word is for Everyone (Acts 2: 42-47)

Everyone had a good time, with a pool party at Fran and Dick Walter's after the conclusion of Friday evening's program. Thank you for opening up your home and pool for a time of fun and fellowship. A special thank you to all those who helped during VBS, whether leading rotations, guiding groups of children through the special activities, or helping in other ways. It was another year of fun and learning about God...next year will be here before we know it.

## **CONTACT** of Mercer County

Join CONTACT of Mercer County's HOTLINE TRAINING COURSE  
SKILLS FOR BETTER LISTENING  
LEARN HOW TO SAVE LIVES

Tuesdays Starting September, 14, 2010-December 7, 2010  
Morning and Evening Classes Available in Ewing  
Mornings : 9:30am-12:30pm or Evenings: 7:30pm-10:30pm  
Trinity United Methodist Church - Across from TCNJ  
Call 609-883-2880 or Web-site: [www.contactofmercer.org](http://www.contactofmercer.org)

CONTACT of Mercer county is offering training for persons interested in improving their listening skills and learning about community resources. This course will prepare attendees to volunteer for CONTACT'S HOTLINE as well as help friends and family who are depressed, lonely, addicted, in personal difficulty and suicidal. The course is FREE of charge for those who volunteer 100 hours at CONTACT by December, 2011. For those not able to volunteer, the course fee is \$150.00 The course is open to anyone 18 years or older. All Are Welcome! CONTACT of Mercer County is a non-profit agency serving our community since 1976.

## **We've Been Blessed...**

To receive the following anonymous donations:

- \$25,000 to the Tyndale Memorial Scholarship
- \$25,000 to Community Ministries
- The purchase of a new digital recorder to record our services
- Money to upgrade our sound system

God continues to provide for the work of His church.

# NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## News From Riverview Estates Walk-A-Thon / Family Picnic

**September 11, 2010**  
**303 Bank Ave**  
**Riverton NJ 08077**

Our walk-a-thon has become the largest annual event at Riverview Estates. The day **begins at 9:30 a.m. for registration; the walk starts at 10:00 a.m.** A beautiful 4 mile walk around historic Riverton is sure to be

a nice close for the summer. A 2 mile walk and shorter routes are also available. After the walk, walkers, family, and residents are invited to stay for the **Family Picnic from 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

The event takes place rain or shine.

Walkers with

Pledges of \$50.00 or more get a free T-shirt.

For more information or a copy of a pledge sheet, please go to [ww.riverviewestates.org](http://ww.riverviewestates.org) or call (856) 829-2274 x157

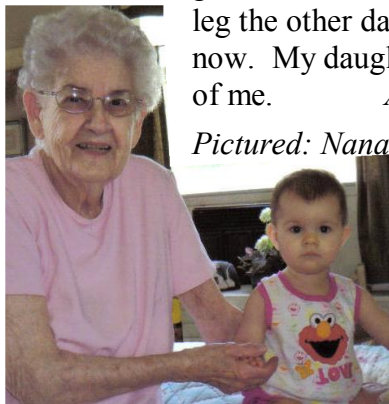
**ALL PROCEEDS WILL BE PUT TOWARD OUR "RAISE THE ROOF" CAMPAIGN.**

## New Remote-Controlled Screen

We now have a brand new *remote controlled* video screen in the sanctuary.

Hi from HOT Tulsa! I am doing pretty good. Had to have an injection in my left leg the other day. I am walking much better now. My daughter is taking care good care of me. *Arleine*

*Pictured: Nana and Shelbie, May 2010*



**It's a Boy!** **Joshua Adam Rodriguez, Jr.** was born on June 23, 2010, 8 lbs., 12 oz. .  
Congratulations to parents  
Cristine Burch and Joshua Rodriguez

**Wedding  
Announcement**

We are pleased to announce,

*Cristine Burch,*  
daughter of Larry Burch,  
granddaughter of Lois Newhart  
and  
*Joshua Rodriguez*

were united in Holy Matrimony  
on Sunday, August 8, 2010  
at 2:00 pm at  
Hamilton Square Baptist Church.

*Congratulations!*

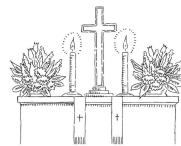


To activate the prayer chain,  
 please call Emma Bates at 587-5185 or  
 email Anna Venettone at  
 bcae-1@verizon.net

Harry Bittner,  
 Karen Schenck,  
 Janet Kendall,  
 Bill Giampolo's father,  
 Kathleen Elbertson &  
 Audrey McGee (friends of Janet Kendall),  
 Sandra Kozavo (Karen Schenck's neighbor),  
 The Swan, Phillips,  
 Soto, & Harrison Families,  
 Edwin Sonjor,  
 Dick Walter,  
 Geraldine Zeiter (Nancy Glitz's Mom),  
 Marcus Sonjor,  
 Florence Wisn,  
 Cheryl Glitz,  
 Horace Scott,  
 Margaret Trout,  
 Bill & Pat Losey,  
 Jim Gafgen,  
 Devon Gamble.  
 May we also pray for our home Baptists:  
 Verna Cartlidge and her sister Dorothy,  
 Viola Humphrey,  
 Betty Bretz,  
 Dot Reichard,  
 Arleine Meyer,  
 Bea Stadler,  
 Maggie Hoxie,  
 and Bette Dobronte.  
 Kyle McGonigal (Walter's grandson in Af-  
 ghanistan)  
 and all troops serving in Iraq and Afghani-  
 stan.  
 Those seeking employment.

**Newsletter Deadline**  
 September 20.

**Directory Updates** New Phone #'s  
 Hamilton & Jeanette Robinson-740-351-3892  
 Nancy Cox  
 & Gary Hogentogler-609-273-9979



Pulpit Flowers

To order  
 Call Gary Hogentogler  
 at 838-0555. Leave your  
 Name & phone number.

## Birthdays

- 1 Joyce Carson
- 2 David Seaman
- 4 Susan Fanella
- 5 Linda Black
- 6 Debbi Freyman
- 7 Belinda Walter
- 8 Terri Dunlap
- 10 Gloria McCarty
- 13 Danielle Wassum
- 16 Harry Hampton Jr.
- 18 Linda Jusiewicz
- 19 Samuel Bowker
- 24 Alan Seaman
- 26 Joseph P. Hoover
- 30 Arlene Smalley

## Anniversaries

- 7 Jeanette & Hamilton
- 8 Keith & Margaret Graser
- 17 Fred and Dot Cox
- 30 Harry & Lauren Hampton

## Serving Us In September

**5**

**Leader:** Grace Gazsi  
**Greeter:** Emma Stype

**Communion Setup:** Ruth Hampton  
**Servers:** Ruth Hampton & Nancy Losey  
 Betty & Elijah Hutchinson

**12**

**Leader:** Hope Burd  
**Greeter:** Meena Desai

**19**

**Leader:** Keith Graser  
**Greeter:** Florence Wisn

**26**

**Leader:** Nancy Cox  
**Greeter:** Nancy Losey

# September 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Sunday Worship Schedule - Begins September 19</b> 9:00 - 9:25 am - Praise Music in Sanctuary 9:30 - 10:30 am - Adult <b>Bible</b> Study class -loc TBA 9:45 - 10:45 am - Adult <b>Sunday</b> School class-ABCNJ 10:50 am - Organ Prelude to prepare for Worship 11:00 am - WORSHIP SERVICE NOON - Fellowship hour in Burke Lounge			1	2	3	4
5 <b>Communion Sunday</b> 9:30 am Praise Music  10 am Worship	6 <b>Labor Day</b>	7 3:30 Soup Kitchen  7pm Prayer	8 2-4 pm World Circle - Burke  7:30 - Admin. Comm. Mtg.	9	10	11
12 <b>OGHS Offering</b> 9:30 am Praise Music  10 am Worship	13 7pm Worship Comm. Mtg.	14 1pm Pastoral Care Mtg.  7pm Prayer  7pm Property Comm.	15 7pm - Executive Board Mtg.	16	17	18 1pm Youth Group Trip to Great Adventure Concert
19 <b>OGHS Offering</b>  <b>RALLY DAY</b> <b>9:45 Breakfast</b>  <b>11 am Worship Schedule resumes</b>	20	21 7pm Prayer	22	23 <i>Fall Begins</i>	24 ABNJ Annual Session	25 ABNJ Annual Session
26 <b>1pm - Worship Leader Mtg - Youth Room</b>  <b>6:30-8pm - Youth Group Meetings Begin</b>	27	28 9am Pastor Teresa @ Chapel in Riverview Estates  12 noon BTK-Covered Dish Burke Lounge  7pm - Prayer	29 7-9 pm Sunshine Circle Meeting	30		



11:00 AM  
Worship  
Sept. 19 2010

# Worship

# September 19, 2010

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