

The Herald Of Hope

Offering H.O.P.E. to the community

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The 150th Anniversary

Please see the enclosed invitation to our 150th Anniversary dinner on Saturday, April 16th at 6:00 PM. Please make your reservation as soon as possible. On Sunday, April 17, Bishop John L. Hopkins, Resident Bishop of East Ohio Conference will bring the morning message. There will be a reception following the service so that you can greet our Bishop and guests. Dr. James Skinner will also be with us. Hope Church was Dr. Skinner's home church when he was growing up.

Painters Wanted



We are trying to finish the painting of our classrooms, etc. prior to our 150th Banquet on April 16th, so if there is still painting to do on the 9th, we must get it done. Please see Scott Campbell for more details.

Men's Breakfast

Men's prayer breakfast will meet Saturday, April 9th at 8:00 AM for breakfast, prayer and the study of "Measure Of A Man" series. We had 21 at our March breakfast. All men are welcome. You might consider bringing a guest as well.

Yard/Grounds Workers Needed



We will need willing workers throughout April & especially on April 9th to spruce up the church grounds, inside and out. Everyone is needed. Bring pails, rags, rakes, etc. Let's have our church spic & span for our 150th Anniversary Celebration.

Mission Of The Month

Our mission of the month for April is Sam & Karen Sue Kohler. They are a part of O.M.S. in Japan.

Pictorial Directory

We hope to have our 2005 directory distributed to those who had their pictures taken on or about the time of our Anniversary Celebration. More details in the bulletins.

Administrative Board News

- ◇ The special Easter offering will go towards finishing our ballfield. We hope to be able to use the field this summer.
- ◇ Cycles of Discipleship—Please continue to pray for our budget of ministries and God's leading for you in reaching our ministries goals, as we continue to offer H.O.P.E. to the community & world. We will have a recommitment Sunday, August 28th as we begin the last quarter of 2005. Praise God for his wonderful blessings to His disciples.
- ◇ Thank you to those who served on the Ministries Advancement Team. (MAT) for Cycles of Discipleship: Tom Gant, Chair

Roger Bryant, Communication
Jamie Lebold, Administration
Roger Campbell, Ministries Fair
Merleen Campbell, Worship
Angie Veppert, Sunday School
Todd Veppert, Finance/Stewardship
Sandy Onusic, Prayer
Pastor Ken

Trustees Update

Ballfield: We Need: Backstop= \$1600.00
Ball Mix= \$1200.00
Final Field/Prep= \$1000.00
Total= \$3800.00
As of February we have- \$ 859.05
Still Needed- \$2940.95

Roof Fund:

Total to complete project- \$ 16,000.00
We have- \$ 9,867.86
Still Need- \$ 6,132.14

April's Teacher Feature

Deborah Rhodes, 2nd/3rd Grade

I am Deborah Rhodes, I have been going to Hope Church since I was 5 years old. I am the 2nd/3rd grade teacher. We are learning about Easter, when Jesus had died on the cross for us and rose from the dead to go to heaven to be with his father. We play games and sometimes do crafts. I only have two children in my class, Ross Reeves and Chloe Myers. We would like to have more children. If you know anyone that is in the 2nd or 3rd grade, please bring them to Sunday School.

Youth News

Please continue to pray for the youth retreat at Camp Aldersgate from April 8th through the 10th. Please pray that this retreat from everyday life will provide an opportunity for the students to individually deepen their relationship with Christ. Also, please keep in your prayers, April 3rd, as we have our Project Shine kickoff event. This is an opportunity for the students to get acquainted with the band, the speaker, and each other before the project begins this summer. This kick off event is also designed for the people of our churches to come and see what Project Shine is all about. If you would like to see the spiritual, praise and worship and fellowship side of Project Shine, then please plan to attend our kick off event, April 3rd at Park UMC at 6:00 PM.

By the time you read this, we will already have had our Dessert Auction. I want to thank everyone for their desserts and contributions. Proceeds will go towards the Youth's retreat and Project Shine.

Help Us Make Hope A

Praying Church



- ◇ Join with us each Tuesday at 7:00 PM in the chapel for prayer. When the weather breaks we will schedule a church & community prayer walk. The entire family is welcome.
- ◇ Use the Prayer Chain– call Patti Reeves, Pastor Ken, or Jamie Lebold at the church office with requests. You may also wish to have your name and phone number added to the chain.
- ◇ Join us for a brief prayer time each Sunday at 9:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall to pray– especially for His anointing on the day’s, services, and studies.
- ◇ Pray daily for your pastor and those who fellowship with us at Hope.
- ◇ Pray daily for the ministries of Hope Church and those who volunteer in them.
- ◇ Pray daily for our missionaries and mission projects.
- ◇ Join us each Sunday for morning & evening worship as we pray together.

Are You Growing In God’s Word?

Each Sunday we offer bible study for all ages at 9:15 AM. There is a place for you. Come and enjoy the fellowship, as well as the fine teaching available.

Interested In Joining Hope Church? **Interested In Baptism?**

We will be having baptisms on April 10th. If you are interested, please see Pastor Ken for more information. If you would like to become a member of Hope Church see Pastor Ken.

Help Needed

- ◆ We need a person to provide nursery care during our Sunday evening services. Call Jamie Lebold if you would like to help.
- ◆ We need a person to be a substitute for our Family Night on Wednesdays from 6-8.
- ◆ We need persons who would like to participate in a praise band/orchestra for our worship. See Marcia Oeffner or Pastor Ken. We need persons of all ages.
- ◆ We need persons of all ages who would like to participate in chancel drama during morning worship. Please see Pastor Ken.
- ◆ We need persons willing to greet before AM worship. Please see Phil Shook or Micki Burns

Thank You

Thank you to Bud Dunn, Millie Miller, Lois Weber, and Linda Phillips for helping with all of the Cycles of Discipleship mailings this past month.

Fellowship Feast Results

Everyone enjoyed the variety of soups and salads. Sam’s cornbread was a huge hit~~ Next time we’ll have to sign him up for 2 large trays! A huge thank you to the “Soup Nazi” aka Jim Tucker for his set up, soup watcher, table setter, and kitchen clean up service. What a fine example of unselfishly serving others. Also, thank you to Roger Bryant, Ken Oeffner, Martha Baillis, Patti Linger, and the Bethany Class, various youth members, who helped set up and clean up. If I forgot someone, my apologies, but we couldn’t have done it without you. Also, thank you for all the soup and salad makers. It was delicious!! A wonderful time was shared by all in the name of the Lord.

Angie

Happy Birthday!

- 1- Logan Campbell
- 2- Judy McDonald
Chloe Myers
- 3- Samantha Neal
- 4- Tiffany Pettry
Jennifer Burdeshaw
- 5- Jerry Schultz
Amanda Young
- 7- Barbara Boyles
- 8- Heather Wood
- 12- Margaret Frevold
- 13- Millie Miller
- 14- Jason Akers
- 18- Rachelle Kyle
- 19- Cheyenne Newell
- 20- Donald Boyd
- 21- Brian Wood
Jerry Kinder
- 23- Dick Boike
Elinor Knotts
- 27- Linda Bryant
- 29- Susan Lewis
- 30- Lowell Hargreaves

Congratulations

To Greg & Libby Cinko on the birth of their son, Lukas-Greg P. Cinko. He was 9 pounds 2 ounces and was 21 inches long.

Our Sympathies

Our sympathies go out to Dave Roberts and family at the passing of Myrna on March 13th.

Our sympathies go out to the family of Virginia Anderson who passed away on March 12th.



Memorial Gifts help to further the Lord's work, and can be made anytime you desire. If you have questions, see Jamie Lebold or Pastor Ken. Memorial gift forms are available in the literature rack in the Narthex and in the office. Memorial gifts given since the last Herald were given by:

- ◇ Joann Snyder in memory of Dick Snyder
- ◇ Bertha Beardsley in memory of Virginia Anderson

If you wish to designate a memorial gift for a particular project, please do so on the memorial forms at the time of your gift. A list of suggested memorials is available in the church office.



- 4- Scott & Margaret Campbell
- 5- Chris & Jill Hodges
Lee & Amanda Carr
- 7- Marvin & Trudy Dawkins
- 8- Tom & Phyllis Wood
- 9- Gene & Carrie Bunner
- 18- Don & Carol Heffner



Pastor's Pen



Last month was a glorious month at Hope Church. We celebrated past ministries, current vision, and ministries. Everyone was invited to find their place of ministry and to support our church's ministries through our time, talents, spiritual gifts, and financial resources. The response was a real blessing. We have heard the Apostle Paul's directions in II Corinthians 8-9, to excel in God's grace of giving. God has truly blessed the people of Hope Church these 150 years. He is clearly blessing us now! Thank you to all who have heard God's call to go and make disciples and are teaching them all Jesus has commanded. He will be with you to the end of the age. God has indeed been with us and we are excited about fulfilling our vision to offer H.O.P.E.– the Resurrection Hope that is ours through the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, to all who will listen.

As we enjoy the early Spring days of April and watch nature spring to life once again, let us share our joy as we worship Jesus during these Sundays of Easter.

Sincerely,
Pastor Ken

P.S. Why don't you plant some spiritual seed, bring your F.R.A.N. (Friends, Relatives, Acquaintances, and neighbors) with you.

Akron Pregnancy News

The APS May Walkathon will be here before we know it. The date this year is Saturday, May 14th. Last year's Walk was a real testimony to God's faithfulness. Although a light rain fell all morning, they had 294 walkers (with their umbrellas) who came out to turn in their sponsor forms and walk the two miles. The pledges topped \$100,000.00! What a witness to our mighty Creator that His children are willing to co-labor with Him to bless every life He calls into being!

Nanci asks us to pray for every aspect of that day. Please lift these specific needs to our Father's throne, along with any prayers He puts on your heart:

- ◇ They do not have a puppet show for the youngest walkers yet.
- ◇ Pray that the Captains will find favor with those they contact and many churches will have a liaison, willing to walk and encourage others to join him/her.
- ◇ Pray that new churches will participate this year.
- ◇ Pray that help will be available to set up the tent, carry the materials from the APS office to the Walk site, register the walkers as they arrive, and input information into the computers in the afternoon.
- ◇ Pray for the LION Players and equipment to function smoothly
- ◇ Pray for a pleasant morning- "weather department"
- ◇ Blessings for each walker as they seek sponsors.

