



Church office hours: Monday – Thursday 9 AM-3:30 PM

HOPE DIAMOND OR DIAMOND OF HOPE?

“Now to you who believe, this Stone is precious...” 1 Peter 2:7 (NIV)

Sitting in the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, DC, in an unbelievably secure case and under the tightest security is one of the world’s largest diamonds. The Hope Diamond came from a giant uncut 112-carat stone in India in the 1600s, and after spending time in the royal French collection, it was sold and resold before finding its way into the US museum in 1958. Today it weighs 45 carats and its value is beyond estimation. To get a glimpse of this unique gem, you will need to wait your turn as it is one of the Institution’s most popular exhibits.



This stone was named after a former owner, Mr. Henry Philip Hope, and has nothing to do with the desire of someone to own it, although many have hoped to do so! The title is nonetheless intriguing and directs our thoughts to another priceless Gem.

I Peter 2 refers to the Lord Jesus Christ as a Stone rejected by many but chosen by the Father and precious to Him. It says that this Precious Stone is One that many stumble over, but for those who recognize His value and worth, they will never be put to shame. Many do not recognize the preciousness of Jesus and reject Him and His teachings, insisting on living life their own way only to stumble and, as Jesus said, be crushed in the process.

I don’t know the state in which the Hope Diamond was originally discovered or how it was cut, but I understand that most uncut diamonds are not very beautiful. To unskilled eyes, it might have been rejected and tossed aside, even stumbled over. But to the jeweler who discovered its great worth, it became a gem of timeless value and one that yielded a tremendous return. Isaiah 53 tells us that the Messiah had no beauty or majesty to attract us to Him and nothing in His appearance that we should desire Him. Indeed, many in Christ’s day and in our own fail to recognize the Jewel of Jesus.

Too many times we hope for the wrong diamonds and fail to recognize the One of eternal worth that is before our very eyes. In our search for earthly satisfaction, we clamor for Hope Diamonds, passing over the very Diamond we desperately hope for, the only One who can bring lasting joy and contentment and fulfill our greatest hopes. Today, let us examine with the jeweler’s lens of our souls this Most Precious Stone in the entire world—not the Hope Diamond, but the Diamond of Hope: the Lord Jesus Christ. Let us discover His beauty, His worth, and His brilliance. And let us do all that we can to display Him to the world around us.

Prayer: Designer of Diamonds, I praise You for the sure hope You give to all who trust in You.
George Bowers – CBC Executive Board

Pumpkin Chocolate Chip Cookies

Ingredients:

2 1/4 cups (270g) All-Purpose Flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon table salt
1 1/2 teaspoons cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon ginger
16 tablespoons unsalted butter, softened
1/2 cup brown sugar , packed
1/2 cup granulated sugar
2 cups or one 15-ounce can pumpkin purée
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
2 large eggs
2 cups semisweet chocolate chips



- **Preheat oven, and prepare baking sheets:** Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Line baking sheets with silicone liners or parchment.
- **Whisk dry ingredients:** Whisk flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt and spices.
- **Cream sugars and fat:** In the bowl of an electric mixer blend together granulated sugar, brown sugar and butter until combined.
- **Mix in binders:** Mix in egg and vanilla then blend in pumpkin.
- **Blend in dry ingredients, then chocolate chips:** With mixer on low speed, slowly add in flour mixture and mix just until nearly combined, scraping down the sides of the bowl as needed (batter will be pretty wet) **Fold in chocolate chips.**
- **Divide batter among baking sheets:** Drop dough 2 Tbsp at a time (using a cookie scoop or 2 spoons) onto baking sheets spacing 2-inches apart.
- **Bake:** Bake in preheated oven until nearly set, about 12 minutes.
- **Cool:** Let cool on wire rack. Store in an airtight container at room temperature.



Tuesday, October 28 7 PM

There will be a youth fundraiser at Valley Dairy on Sunday, Oct. 19, 10AM -7 PM. Bring your flyer to the restaurant so the youth can receive 20% of your total check. Flyers are in the vestibules.



Church Council Meeting
Mon., October 20, 7 PM
Everyone is welcome to attend.

*What does the Lord require of you,
but to do justice, love kindness and
walk humbly before your God.*

Micah 6:8



The October board meeting will be held Monday, October 6. Commissions will meet at 6:30 PM and the board meeting will begin at 7 PM.



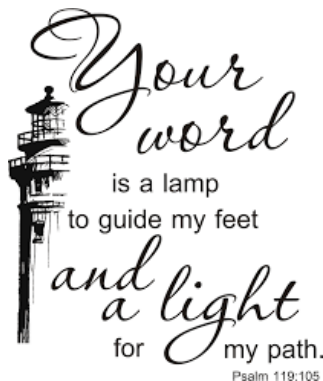


CHICKEN n' BISCUIT DINNER

There will have a Chicken N Biscuit Dinner open to the public on Sunday, October 12 from 12-2 PM. \$12 for Adults, \$6 for Kids under 10 years and 2 years and under Free. Come and enjoy a delicious meal.



If anyone would like to go to Baltimore, Maryland to pack Samaritans Purse shoe boxes, please let Pastor Leslie Crissman know. The dates are December 12 & 13. You must be 13 years or older to participate.



Home Decor Resale to Support Mission Trips:

Ready for another Church Rummage Sale and Bake Sale? This time we'll celebrate the home so we welcome any donations of household decor, wall art, antiques, collectibles, decorative planters, small furniture, depression glass, small appliances, Christmas decorations, Fall/Thanksgiving/Halloween decorations, Spring/Easter decor, books, tools, jewelry, platters, dolls, floral accessories, candles, dishware, lamps, or anything you think might be a sellable item. For this particular sale, please no clothing or bathroom items. We will gladly accept puzzles, games, baby items including baby toys/furniture/baby clothing. Let's support missions by cleaning out our closets and clutter!

Donations gladly accepted on Thursday, November 13th from 5-8 pm (Baked goods welcome on Friday or Saturday morning).

Then come browse and buy on Friday, November 14, 2025, from 9:00 am-2:00 pm or on Saturday, November 15, 2025 from 9:00 am- 2:00 pm. Starting at noon on Saturday, bring a bag and all items are \$1 per bag of stuff!

All remaining items will be donated after the sale. Want to help by hauling a few of the leftover items to the donation center of your choice? You are welcome to come at 3 pm to take a bag(s) away for us!

Have nothing to donate? Consider donating some price tags or yard/garage sale signs for us to use. Thanks so much!



The church picnic will be held on Saturday, October 18 at Ingram Park, 452 Troy Hill Road, Kittanning beginning at 3 PM. Please bring a covered dish to share and a lawn chair. Come and bring a family member or friend!



Let's help our local community!

Let's be a witness for God's helpfulness and love in our local community. The witness commission invites

you to volunteer your time to assist HAVIN of Kittanning on Saturday, October 25 at 9 AM. You may assist in any way you prefer. Some possibilities include raking leaves, painting, cutting over-hanging tree limbs, shifting things in a garage, and more. You are welcome to bring tools. If you can volunteer your time, please sign up in the vestibule. Thank you for helping others! [HAVIN (Helping All Victims in Need) assists victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. If you are in need of help, please call their 24-hour hotline at 1-800-841-8881].

Greeting Cards Available:

Support the ongoing fundraiser in the side vestibule of a variety of beautiful boxed greeting cards; they are \$8 per box. Envelopes are provided for your payment and then can be put in the offering plate. Please make checks payable to
Mardell Blose.



ALL proceeds will go to benefit the children at the Honduras Orphanage.

CBC 5th Anniversary: We will be celebrating the CBCs 5th year anniversary, Oct 19th. We encourage anyone that has a Center Hill or CBC shirt to wear it on Oct 19th.



Vision Quartet Concert:

The Vision Quartet will have a concert on Saturday, October 25 at 6 PM here at the church. This will be a fundraising event for Lizzy as she will be going to Pigeon Forge TN with the Armstrong High School River Hawk Band to perform in April of

2026. A love offering will be received.



Tues. October 14
7 PM
All ladies are welcome!



Guys and fries night with Jake Rupp is October 9th. All teens boys are welcome to meet at 6PM at Wendy's.

October 26th is the Harvest Party
2-4 PM.

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