

Welcome to Mt. Hope Community Church! Celebrating our life together in Christ

THE LORD'S DAY – Officers' Sunday – January 6, 2008

***Those who are able are welcome to stand.**

THE PEOPLE GATHER

(Please sign and pass the Ritual of Friendship pad.)

Welcome/Recognition of Visitors/Special Events

Pastor Carmen Cox Harwell

Introit

"In His Time"

Diane Ball

Chancel Choir

Silent Meditation

"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. . ."

Colossians 3:12 & 13

***Call to Worship** (John 1:14, 16)

Elder Linda McGinnis

L: *"And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen His glory, the glory as of a Father's only son, full of grace and truth.*

P: *From His fullness we have all received grace upon grace."*

All: **Therefore, we will worship the One, who is the Word, who has become flesh, in Spirit and in Truth!**

***Hymn of Praise**

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

No. 420

***Invocation**

Elder McGinnis

Holy Spirit of the living God, You have prepared us to recognize our need for You. Because You have called us to be Your people while we were yet in our mother's womb, call forth Your Spirit now to focus our attention on You, in this time that You

have ordained for us to worship and praise You. Make us worship You in spirit and in truth so that the world may see Christ in us and ask, "What must I do to be saved?" And then give us the courage to share the gospel of Christ in word and by our actions. Amen!

(You may be seated.)

TO CONFESS OUR SIN

Call to Confession (Ezekiel 18:30-32)

Miss Kelsie Nury

"...I will judge you...all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. 'Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise, iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against Me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die...? For I have no pleasure in death of anyone,' says the Lord God. 'Turn, then, and live.'" In silence, let us repent, confess, and turn from our transgressions so that God will give us *"a new heart and a new spirit!"*

Silent Prayer of Personal Confession

"For Your name's sake, O Lord, pardon [our] guilt, for it is great," but You are "Our Father..."

Elder McGinnis

Hymn of Mercy

"Spirit of the Living God" (v. 1)

No. 322

Assurance of Pardon

Romans 6:22-23

Pastor Carmen

Children's Chat

Pastor Carmen

(Children ages 4-Grade 2 exit to Children's Worship.)

If this is your child's first time, please accompany him or her.

TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Hymn of Preparation

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

No. 260

If you have a prayer request, fill out a blue card and pass it toward the center aisle.

New Testament

John 15:1-8 (Page 764)

Pastor Carmen

Sermon

“Abide and Bear!”

Pastor Carmen

**Hymn of Invitation*

*“Here I Am, Lord”
(You may be Seated.)*

No. 525

Prayers of the People

Pastor Carmen

The Service of Ordination and Installation of God's Servants

Thanksgiving for those Servants Rotating off the Boards:

Elders: Priscilla Boyd, Clyde Davis, Nancy Hammond, Barbara Isett

Deacons: John Dick, Jr., Beth Nury, Holly Wimer

Trustees: Felix Cutruzzula, Doris Kuhn, Heather Zeller

The Act of Ordination: Elders (G-14.0101)

Ashleigh Kuhn, Colin Newby, Tim Rogers

The Act of Installation: Elders, Deacons, and Trustees

*Elizabeth Cutruzzula, Donna Immekus, Ashleigh Kuhn, Doris Kuhn, Colin Newby,
Emmett Nury, Nicholas Nury, Vonda Racchini, Tim Rogers, Joe Snare, Andy Vitko*

The Anointing, Laying On of Hands, and Prayer

Congregational Welcome!

TO RESPOND IN GRATITUDE

Sacrament of Holy Communion

*The Presbyterian Church enthusiastically practices Open Communion.
We invite all Christians – who are baptized and confess faith in Jesus Christ as Lord
and Savior – to celebrate the Lord's Supper.*

Welcome to The Table

The Words of the Institution

Consecration and Reception of the Elements

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

Offering Call

Miss Nury

Liturgists:

Elder Linda McGinnis and Miss Kelsie Nury

Flowers:

The white arrangement is given by Greg, Alexandra, and Colin Newby in celebration of their parents' 26th wedding anniversary; the other arrangement is given by Hilary Moyes and Rich Newby in honor of their children.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS – 1.06.08

Thanks to the Fellowship Committee for providing the beverage and snacks for fellowship time today.

Beverage and snacks for fellowship time in the Narthex will be provided by the Health Ministries Committee on Sunday, January 13.

Please welcome your new officers in the M-P Room following the worship service!

Yes, there is Adult Sunday School. Class begins promptly at 10:00 a.m. The theme is *“God’s call to the Christian Community.”*

Make this your resolution for 2008: *“I resolve to participate in the weekly study of God’s Word at Mt. Hope!”* The Morning Word Study will resume on Wednesday, January 9, at 10:00 a.m.

Violence in the Bible – One of the themes at Christmas is peace, but the world into which the Christ child was born knew more violence than peace. What does the Bible say about peace? (And what do we say about the violence in the Bible?) This is the subject of a series of classes that will be taught at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary on four Wednesday evenings, January 9, 16, 23, and 30 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. Taught by Dr. Jerome Creach, Professor of Old Testament, this series will address important issues from biblical times that, unfortunately, continue to be extremely relevant 2000 years after the Prince of Peace came into our world. Cost for the series is \$60.00. Contact the Department of Continuing Education for more details (412.441.3304, ext. 2196; ConEd@pts.edu).

Forbes Elementary School is having its annual Christmas Recycling Drive on January 12. Please bring your discarded trees to the back corner of the church parking lot (closest to Orchard Drive), Crescent Hills Community parking lot, Forbes Elementary School itself, or call Hilary Moyes at (412.793.4161) by Friday, January 11, to arrange for curbside pickup Saturday morning, January 12.

Immediately following service on Sunday, **January 13, 2008**, there will be a brief **meeting** (on the balcony) for anyone interested in learning how to operate the **sound system**. More volunteers are needed for this ministry. Thank you.

The Flower Chart Notebook for 2008 is in the Narthex. The costs are: 1 arrangement - \$15.00; 2 arrangements - \$30.00. You may have the following options: buy one or two arrangements or two can share the flower arrangements. **Please note that the dates in January which are open are the 20 and 27.**

All bulletin information must be in the office by Wednesday at 4:30 p.m.

The **tape ministry program** is on hold until further notice. Currently this program is being updated and, in the near future, **sermons will be available on CD's.**

If you know of any persons who are in the hospital, a nursing home, or shut-in, kindly call the church office and let us know.

There is a basket in the Narthex to collect toiletry items (soap, shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant, toothbrushes, razors, shaving cream, etc.) for the **Men and Women Shelters.**

We continue to collect food for the **Penn Hills Service Association.** They need **hardy meals.** Please bring pasta, cereals, pb&j, and canned meats or fish. Thank you very much, the Mission Team.

In order to keep disturbances at a minimum during the worship service, **if you must leave,** please use the rear door exit.

Liturgists: If you have not been contacted about being a liturgist and are interested in **participating in the worship service,** please contact the church office. This is not just for children. Anyone interested (children, young adults, adults) is welcome to serve in this ministry.

Please pick up your **Giving Envelopes** which are in the **Narthex.**

CELL PHONE FUNDRAISER – Don't throw away that old cell phone. There's a box in the Narthex where you may place that old phone. When the box is full, we will send them in for cash that will be used to help the Youth Programs.

Nan Currington's sister, Laura Harris, is a resident of Presbyterian SeniorCare. She will celebrate her 100th birthday on January 30. Cards may be addressed to: 1215 Hulton Road, Oakmont, PA 15139.

THIS WEEK AT MT. HOPE

<u>Today</u>	-	after worship.....Reception – M-P Room Worship & Music Meeting.....Conference Room 6:00 p.m.....Youth Group – Youth Room
<u>Tues., Jan. 8</u>	-	5:00 p.m.....Logos
<u>Wed., Jan. 9</u>	-	10:00 a.m.....Morning Word – Nursery 11:00 a.m.....Stroke Survivor Group – Conf. Room 7:00 p.m.....Deacons' Meeting – C onf. Room 8:00 p.m.....Narcotics Anonymous – JKHall
<u>Thurs., Jan. 10</u>	-	7:00 p.m.....Chancel Choir
<u>Sat., Jan. 12</u>	-	2:00 p.m.....Gamblers' Anonymous – JKH

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, January 13, 6:00 p.m.	-	Youth Group
Monday, January 14, 7:00 p.m.	-	Trustees' Meeting
Tuesday, January 15, 5:00 p.m.	-	Logos
Wednesday, January 16:		
10:00 a.m.	-	Morning Word
11:00 a.m.	-	Stroke Survivor Group
8:00 p.m.	-	Narcotics Anonymous
Thursday, January 17, 7:00 p.m.	-	Chancel Choir
Saturday, January 19 2:00 p.m.	-	Gamblers Anonymous
Sunday, January 20	-	Blood Pressure Check
Sunday, January 27	-	Annual Congregational Meeting