

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

THE LORD'S DAY — January 13, 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

"Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies. Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your justice like the great deep. O Lord, you preserve both man and beast."

Psalm 36:5-6

**Call to Worship* (1 Chronicles 16.28-31)

Elder Alyce Duffus

L: "Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

P: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name; bring an offering, and come before Him. Worship the Lord in holy splendor;

L: tremble before Him, all the earth. The World is firmly established; it shall never be moved.

All: Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice, and let them say among the nations, 'The Lord is King!'" Let us worship the Lord with the glory due His name. Amen!

**Hymn of Praise*

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"

No. 487

****Invocation***

Elder Duffus

In the name of the Christ, we offer our thanks for the privilege of worshipping You, Lord. You have made a way for us to gather as Your people, and we have come from many different places, with many different issues. Settle us in this hour to feel Your presence, confess our sins, hear Your word, and respond with our offerings. Speak to us, speak through us, so that we can proclaim again this week that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen!

(You may be seated.)

TO CONFESS OUR SIN

Call to Confession (*Leviticus 5:5*)

Miss Alaina Napolitana

God has said that, "When [we] realize our guilt. . . [we] shall confess the sin that [we] have committed." In obedience to God, let us confess our sin **in silence**. . .

Silent Prayer of Personal Confession

In the words of last year's 4th grade Logos Class, let us recite together the Lord's Prayer. . .

Miss Napolitana

Congregation: "Dear Lord in heaven, we praise Your name. Let the grace and love of Your kingdom be with us today and always. Help us to listen to You and, on earth here, try to be more like those in heaven. Supply our every need. Forgive us for all the wrong things we do, as we forgive the people who have done wrong to us. Don't let us get distracted by those things that would cause us to sin, like money, power, and belongings. For Your kingdom is the only kingdom, and Your power the true power, and You alone are worthy of glory, now and for all time." Amen!

Hymn of Mercy

"I Love the Lord, Who Heard My Cry"

No. 362

Assurance of Pardon

2 Chronicles 7:14

Pastor Carmen

Dedication of the New Year's Gifts

Pastor Carmen

Children's Chat

Elder Tim Rogers

(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 *"The Church's One Foundation"* No. 442

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

Hebrew Testament **Jeremiah 8:20-21** (Page 541) Miss Napolitana

New Testament **Matthew 9:35-38** (Page 687) Pastor Carmen

Sermon **"Get Out. . .and Take Compassion With You!"** Pastor Carmen

***Hymn of Invitation** *"Called as Partners in Christ's Service"* No. 343
(You may be Seated.)

Prayers of the People Pastor Carmen

TO RESPOND IN GRATITUDE

Offering Call (Exodus 30:14-15) Elder Duffus

"Each one. . .shall give the Lord's offering. The rich shall not give more, and the poor shall not give less. . .when you bring [your] offering to the Lord. . ." Let us, rich and poor alike, present our offering to the Lord with thanksgiving!

Offertory *"All Creatures of our God & King"* Steve Fee
Chancel Choir and Praise Team

***Doxology** *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"* No. 592

***Prayer of Dedication** Miss Napolitana

TO GO OUT TO SERVE

*Hymn of Departure	“Spirit” (vss. 1 & 4)	No. 319
*Charge and Benediction		Pastor Carmen
*Benediction Response	“To God Be the Glory”	No. 485
*Postlude		Arnel Montgomery, organist

Welcome to Mt. Hope! We are a people united in Christ, challenged and empowered by His Spirit to make a difference in the world.

Your children are loved and welcomed at Mt. Hope! We provide a nursery for infants and toddlers up to age 4. Please ask an usher for directions to the nursery. Also a cry room is located at the rear of the Sanctuary for your convenience.

Worship kits are available in the Kids’ Korner of the Narthex for children age pre-school through 6th grade. The kits are color-coded: pink is for pre-school and kindergarten; blue is for children in grades 1-3; and white is for children in grades 4-6. Please do not take the kits home, but feel welcome to take any papers with you, and return the kits to the Narthex following worship.

The “**Young Children in Worship**” story today is *The Boy Jesus. . . Temple*, led by Alexandra Newby and assisted by Nicole and Randy Geibel.

Liturgists: Elder Alyce Duffus and Miss Alaina Napolitana
Flowers: are given by Len and Pat Houser in memory of their parents.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS – 1.13.08

Thanks to the Health Ministries 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 Mission Committee on Sunday, January 20.

Blood Pressure Check is Sunday, January 20.

The Penn Hills Association of Christian Clergy invites you to Linton Middle School for the 8th Annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration on Monday, January 21, at 12:00 noon. The guest speaker will be Arnita Stagger (former associate principal of Penn Hills High School). Lunch will be served at 12:00 noon (\$7.00 – adults; \$4.00 – children 4-10; free – ages 3 and under). Come out and honor this great American visionary, pastor, and advocate!

The Session has called the Annual Congregational Meeting for Sunday, January 27, after the service of worship. A light lunch will precede the meeting. We hope that you will make plans to attend. Please fill out a reservation card and place it in the offering plate.

APOLOGETIX is a Christian rock parody band. They are from the Greensburg area and have been performing for many years. Hillcrest United Presbyterian Church in Monroeville is hosting a concert on Sunday, January 27, 2008, at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10.00 in advance; \$15.00 at the door. For more information, please call Keri Baughman at 412.795.3576.

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.

The "**Snow Ball**" **Father/Daughter Dinner Dance** will be held on Saturday, February 23, 2008, at 6:30 p.m. Anyone interested in helping with this event is invited to attend a planning meeting on Tuesday, January 15, at 7:30 p.m.

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** has resumed, Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m.

Immediately following service today, there is 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. In your box of envelopes is one marked Per Capita. The Per Capita this year is \$21.44. If possible, it would be appreciated if everyone paid his/her own and round it off to \$25.00 to help defray the past due amount owed to Presbytery. Thank you.

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.

THIS WEEK AT MT. HOPE

<u>Today</u>	-	after worship...Meeting on Sound System - Balcony 6:00 p.m.....Youth Group – Youth Room
<u>Mon., Jan. 14</u>	-	6:30 p.m...Worship & Music Meeting – Conf. Room 7:00 p.m.....Trustees' Meeting – M-P Room
<u>Tues., Jan. 15</u>	-	5:00 p.m.....Logos 7:00 p.m.....Adult Youth Leaders Meeting 7:30 p.m.....Planning Meeting – Father/Daughter Dinner Dance
<u>Wed., Jan. 16</u>	-	10:00 a.m.....Morning Word – Nursery 11:00 a.m.....Stroke Survivor Group – Conf. Room 8:00 p.m.....Narcotics Anonymous – JKHall
<u>Thurs., Jan. 17</u>	-	7:00 p.m.....Chancel Choir
<u>Sat., Jan. 19</u>	-	2:00 p.m.....Gamblers' Anonymous – JKH

LOOKING AHEAD

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| Sunday, January 20, 6:00 p.m. | - | Youth Group |
| after worship | - | Blood Pressure Check |
| Monday, January 21, 6:30 p.m. | - | Session Meeting |
| Tuesday, January 22, 5:00 p.m. | - | Logos |
| Wednesday, January 23: | | |
| 10:00 a.m. | - | Morning Word |
| 11:00 a.m. | - | Stroke Survivor Group |
| 8:00 p.m. | - | Narcotics Anonymous |
| Thursday, January 24, 7:00 p.m. | - | Chancel Choir |
| Saturday, January 26, 2:00 p.m. | - | Gamblers Anonymous |
| Sunday, January 27 | - | Annual Congregational Meeting |
| Saturday & Sunday, February 9 & 10 | - | 30-Hour Famine |
| Saturday, February 23 | - | Father/Daughter Dinner Dance |