

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

Memorial Day Sunday -- May 25, 2008 – 10:00 a.m.

**Those who are able, please stand*

THE PEOPLE GATHER...

*If you have a prayer request, fill out a blue card and pass it toward the center aisle.
Also, please sign and pass the Ritual of Friendship pad.*

Welcome/Recognition of Visitors/Special Events

Pastor Carmen

Prelude

Min. Aaron Wheeler

Bringing in the Light of Christ

Acolytes

Silent Meditation

“If My people...humble themselves, pray, seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven...forgive their sin and heal their land...But if you turn aside and... serve other gods...then I will pluck you up from the land... this house, which I have consecrated for My name, I will cast out of My sight...”

(2Chronicles 7.14,19-20)

***Call to Worship** (1 Chronicles 16.23-27)

Miss SydneyNury

L: “Sing to the Lord, all the earth. Tell of God’s salvation from day to day.

P: Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the peoples.

L: For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; He is to be revered above all gods.

P: For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the Lord made the heavens.

All: Honor and majesty are before Him; strength and joy are in His place.”

Amen!

***Hymn of Praise**

“There’s A Wideness in God’s Mercy”

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***Invocation**

Miss Nury

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us as we attempt to worship You in Spirit and in Truth. In this hallowed time, help us to remember all of Your blessings and all of Your servants through whom we have been blessed. We thank You for those lives sacrificed in war so that the rest of us can live. Show us how to honor their memory and how to fervently, unceasingly pray for those still in battle. And then, Holy Spirit, teach us how to number our days and humbly allow You to melt us, mold us, fill us, use us according to Your will, for You are, “**Our Father...**”

(You may be seated.)

TO CONFESS OUR SIN...

Call to Confession *(Isaiah 43.22-24)*

Elder Ashleigh Kuhn

God speaks thru the prophet Isaiah: “...you did not call upon Me...but you have been weary of Me...You have not brought Me your...burnt offerings, or honored Me with your sacrifices. I have not burdened you with offerings, or wearied you with frankincense...But you have burdened Me with your sins; you have wearied Me with your iniquities.” While there is still time, let us confess how we have wearied God with all of our sin. **In silence**, let us confess...

Kyrie

“Spirit of the Living God”

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Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 43.25

Pastor Carmen

The Children’s Chat

Mr. Denny Chisnell

(If this is your child’s first time, please accompany them to the front!)

TO HEAR THE WORD...

Hymn of Preparation

“Amazing Grace”

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(please pass your Prayer Request cards toward the center aisle)

Hebrew Testament

Genesis 9.8-17

Pastor Carmen

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-pre-school & kindergarten; blue-grades 1-3; white-grades 4-6. Please do not take the kits home, but return them to the Narthex following worship.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Young Children in Worship is in recess until Sunday, September 6th!!

Greeters this morning are Jim and Darlene Dempsey

Thanks to the Session for providing for fellowship time today! Fellowship time for next Sunday will be provided by the Fellowship Committee.

TOMORROW is the **Annual Penn Hills Memorial Day Parade!** Mt Hope youth with the help of some of our adults have built and decorated a float to enter in this year's Penn Hills Memorial Day Parade. The floats are judged at the end of the parade and last year Mt. Hope's float won FIRST PLACE!!!! Please take time from 9a-12n to come out and support our youth and our community!

The youth will have their annual **Memorial Day Hot Dog Sale** here at the church during the Penn Hills Memorial Day Parade. In lieu of requesting donations of food for the sale, the youth would appreciate donations of money to offset the cost of the food. To give you an idea of the costs for some of the food items, approximate costs are: Box of 80 all beef hot dogs, \$16.00; Case of Pop, \$9.00; Box of individual chips \$10.00; Package of 16 buns, \$2.50.

Mt Hope usually serves 400 to 500 hot dogs during the parade, so all donations are greatly appreciated. Doris Kuhn will be in the narthex after service if you would like to make a donation.

The **Penn Hills High School Baccalaureate Service** will be held on Monday, June 2nd, at 7:00 PM. This is a Christian worship service expressing gratitude to God, seeking His direction and help, and giving encouragement to follow Him at this significant milestone in the lives of graduates, their families, and our community. **It is a “community event for the Body of Christ”**. Please come and worship with us. The keynote speaker will be Rev. Robert James, Youth Pastor of Mt. Ararat Baptist Church, and a variety of music and student participation will be included. Come and see what God is doing in the lives of the next generation of the Church!

As you are all aware, many persons are in need of **disaster relief** in our country and in **China and Myamar**. The money you gave to “one Great Hour of Sharing” is distributed through Presbytery for disaster relief. But more is needed? If you wish to contribute, make your check payable to Mt. Hope and indicate disaster relief on the memo line. Please keep these people and their needs in your prayers. Thank you – The Mission Ministry

Paper Recycling: Don't throw away your paper, magazines, newspaper, junk mail, magazines and catalogs. **BRING** them to Mt. Hope. Very shortly we will have our own green and yellow bin to recycle paper. This is a fund raiser for the Church and proceeds will be placed into the General Fund to help pay bills. The more paper you bring and the more you tell others about our bin, the more money we will receive. We get paid by the ton! Thank you!!

Position Open at General Assembly! The General Assembly Council (GAC): Racial Ethnic & Women's Ministries, in Louisville, Ky., is seeking to fill the position of Ministries Operations Manager. For more info, please contact the Rev. Vanessa Hawkins at Vanessa.Hawkins@pcusa.org. Thank you!

The **2008 Mt. Hope Desert Classic**, (an annual fund raiser for our youth programs) is **Monday, June 16th** at the **River Forest Country Club**. Tournament fees are \$85 per person or \$340 per foursome. A sit down Steak Dinner will follow the tournament for \$25. Please contact Megan Ochendowski with your ideas and donations: 412-374-8724 or email: **Megan@mrboots.com**. Thank you for your support!

Crestfield Camp & Conference Center is hosting three **Retreats for Senior Adults**, facilitated by Rebecca Cole-Turner, Ph.D.: July 22-24 (\$125 per person); September 23-24 (\$65 per person)! Come and take a journey of the heart...a pilgrimage along the Celtic Christian spiritual way, exploring the roots and expressions of this vibrant spirituality. Retreat include worship, inspirational workshops, hymn singing, crafts, hayrides, s'mores, double occupancy lodging in Scott Lodge, and all programming costs and meals. Transportation will be provided from central locations. Please checkout the website for more info: www.crestfield.net

The annual Mt. Hope Pirates Game is Thurs., August 14, which is also sky blast night! We have purchased 60 tickets in Section 331, at a cost of \$9.00/each. A tailgate will be planned; details and cost will be given later. If you are interested, see Elder Eric Schramm to reserve your tickets with payment.

Did you know that all the services are being recorded and are available from the Mt Hope Web Site? Visit (http://www.mthopechurch.org/Welcome.html) and click on **RECORDINGS**. This displays a screen of all the available recordings. To play a service, simply click on the desired date. To download a service, place your cursor on the desired date, right click and select **“save target as.”** A screen is displayed that will allow you to download the service to your PC. If you have any questions, please contact Eric Schramm at schrammes@comcast.net.

The Flower Chart Notebook for 2008 is in the Narthex. The costs are: 1 arrangement - \$15.00; 2 arrangements - \$30.00. You may buy one or two arrangements, or two can share the flower arrangements. The following dates are available in June: June 8th and June 22nd – one arrangement. Two arrangements are needed for June 29th.

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

Penn Hills Service Association: Gas prices are up so food prices are up and donations to the Penn Hills Service Association Food Bank are down. When you shop for cereal, dry goods, boxed meals, etc., please consider buying one for yourself and one for a needy family. Thank you – the Mission Ministry.

Please call the office with any announcements that you would like placed in the following week(s) bulletins or email mthope@mthope-church.org . All bulletin information must be in the office **by Wednesday at 4:30 p.m.**

If you know of persons who are **sick, hospitalized, in a nursing home, or shut-in,** please call the church office and let us know!

THIS WEEK AT MT. HOPE

Mon.	May 26 th	<i><u>Penn Hills Annual Parade!!</u></i>	
Wed.	May 28 th	10:00a Morning Word Study	M-P Rm
		8:00 p Narcotics Anonymous	JK Hall
Thu.	May 29 th	7:00p Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Fri.	May 30 th	11:00a Y-Sr's.	JK Hall
		6:30 p. Men's Softball	Bible Baptist Field
Sat.	May 31 st	2:00p Gambler's Anonymous	JK Hall

LOOKING AHEAD

Sun.	June 1 st	Communion 8:45 a. Deacon Mtg.	Sanctuary JK Hall
Mon.	June 2 nd	6:30 p. Worship	
Tues.	June 3 rd	6:30 p. Men's Softball	Bible Baptist Field
Wed.	June 4 th	8:00 p. Narcotics Anonymous	JK Hall
Thur.	June 5 th	7:00 p. Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Fri.	June 6 th	6:30 p. Men's Softball	Bible Baptist Field
Sat.	June 7 th	2:00 p. Gambler's Anonymous	JK Hall

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