

**Mt. Hope Community Presbyterian Church**

*It is our mission to fulfill the Great Commission of Christ! (Matt.28-19-20)*

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**World-Wide Communion Sunday -- October 5, 2008 - 11:00 a.m.**

*\*Those who are able, please stand*

**THE PEOPLE GATHER...**

*Please sign and pass the Ritual of Friendship pad!*

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

*Silent Preparation for Worship*      **“Sanctuary”**      Min. Aaron Wheeler

*Welcome/Recognition of Visitors/Special Events*      Pastor Carmen

**\*Call to Worship**      Voices throughout the sanctuary

**Voice 1:** Come, those who are hungry! Behold the bread! But...

**Voice 2:** Behind the bread is the baker, and...

**Voice 3:** Behind the baker is the flour, and...

**Voice 4:** Behind the flour is the mill, and...

**Voice 5:** Behind the mill is the harvest, and...

**Voice 6:** Behind the harvest is the grain, and...

**Voice 7:** Behind the rain is the sun and rain, and...

**Voice 8:** Behind the sun and rain is the seed and soil, and...

**Voice 9:** Behind the seed and soil is the farmer, and...

**Voice 1:** Behind the farmer is the One who created farmer and field, seed and soil, sun and rain, grain and harvest, mill and flour, baker and bread! With grateful hearts, let us worship God!

**\*Song of Praise**      **”To God Be the Glory”**      Page 485

**\*Invocation**      Elder Alyce Duffus

In this sacred hour, Lord, we honor You for the unconditional love You have for each one of us! We lift Your name in song and present our offerings cheerfully! As we join so many of Your people around Your world, keep us

mindful that our common purpose is to fulfill Your will by proclaiming the great news that Christ loves us, died for us, was resurrected for us, and is soon coming back for us. We believe this and we trust in this, even as we profess together the words of the *Apostles' Creed* (p14-traditional): ***"I believe in God the Father..."***

*(You may be seated.)*

### **TO CONFESS OUR SIN...**

**Call to Confession** (*Hosea 5.14b-15*)

Miss Helene Mauser

God warns through His prophet, Hosea: *"I Myself will tear and go away; I will carry off and no one shall rescue. I will return again to My place until they acknowledge their guilt and seek My face. In their distress they will beg My favor."*

Let us beg God's favor as we confess our sins, **in silence**.

*Kyrie*

***"Spirit of God Descend Upon My Heart"***

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*Assurance of Pardon*

*The Book of Confessions: 7.020*

Pastor Carmen

*The 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 them to the front!)*

### **TO PRESENT OUR OFFERINGS WITH GRATITUDE...**

**Offering Call** (*The Book of Order: W-2.5003b*)

Elder Duffus

*"In the [Hebrew] Testament the people of Israel were commanded to bring a tenth of their income to support the work of the house of God & those who served in it. In the New Testament the apostles recognized that the work of the Church required disciplined support. Both in Israel & in the early Church the people were encouraged to give generously to meet the needs of the poor. God calls believers today to be disciplined & generous in giving support to the ministries of [His] church."* Let us present to God our tithes & offering!



**Welcome to Mt. Hope!** We are blessed by your presence this morning! If you do not have a church home, we invite to come and worship with us as often as you can, and join us in ministry as the Spirit of God leads you! Please know the doors of God’s church and the hearts of His people are always open to you!

**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 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The “**Young Children in Worship**” story today is “**The Feast**”, led by Betty Ann Tis and assisted by Allie dick.

**Greeters** this morning are Felix and Elizabeth Cutruzzula.

**The Flowers** that beautify our Sanctuary this morning are given in loving memory of Dale K. Milligan by his family.

**The rosebud** is in celebration of the birth of Kaden Bryce Pugh, great grandson of John Pugh.

**Our sympathy** is extended to the family and friends of Betty Ruth Scott who passed away September 30<sup>th</sup>. Betty was a former member who currently resided in Houston Texas.

**Thanks to the Nominating Ministry** for providing for fellowship time today! Fellowship Time for next Sunday will be provided by the Worship and Music Ministry.

**Happy Birthday** to Hilda Kerr who will be 98 on October 6<sup>th</sup>!

**The cloths used on the Communion Tables** this morning have a very special significance on World Wide Communion Sunday. The brightly colored cloth is from Domasi, our partner church in Malawi, Africa and the beige embroidered cloth was brought back from a trip to India and is a gift to Mt. Hope from the Mauser Family.

**The Morning Word Bible Study Group** meets **every Wednesday from 10-11:30a.** **The Evening Word Bible Study** meets **every Wednesday evening from 6:30-8p.** Please make time to fellowship & study God's Word in a fun and relaxed atmosphere! Bring your Bible and a desire to learn! -Pastor Carmen

**Our Tuesdays Together Ministry is for children kindergarten thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade.** There is also a youth (grades 7-12) Word Study Group at 6:30p in the Youth Room with Pastor Carmen. If you are interested in helping in any way, we would appreciate it!! This Tuesday is **"Super Sloppy Night"** so wear your old clothes and come for some fun! See you on Tuesday!!!

There will be a **Harvest Day Meeting** on Tuesday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:30p in the Conference Room. -Elder Doris Kuhn.

**Blood Pressure Sunday is NEXT WEEK** after Worship. Stop and register at the desk across from the Office Door and start to have your monthly BP check from our own nurses.

**On October 19 the Health Ministry** invites you to a **soup, salad, and bread luncheon** following worship. Our own Brian Heywood has agreed to do a presentation on assistance available through the Allegheny County Area Agency on Aging. Please make reservations using the cards in the pew rack.

**Caring Cooks are needed!** – The Deacons provide meals to members/families during times of need that have been prepared by generous members of the congregation & are greatly appreciated by the recipients. When a need arises, a deacon will contact you and ask you to prepare a meal. If you are not able to deliver the meal, arrangements will be made to pick up and deliver the meal to the family. If you are interested in becoming a Caring Cook or have any questions, **please contact Deacons Emmett Nury or Debbie Dillman.**

**Attention All Women (aged 21+)! We are planning a Women's Retreat for one of the following weekends (Fri-Sun) in Feb. 2009: Feb. 6-8; Feb. 13-15; Feb. 20-22.** Please call Rita in the office & let her know if you're interested and which of the weekends would work best for you! The sooner we can pick a date, the cheaper our overall costs will be! Thanks! - Pastor Carmen

**Part-Time Childcare Workers Needed at the YMCA!** Caring for students 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades; 3:30-6:30p, 3, 4, or 5 days per week. Pay: \$7.15-\$9.75 per hour. **Please call the Penn Hills YMCA (412-795-2600).**

**The Flower Chart Notebook is in the Narthex.** 1 arrangement - \$15.00; 2 arrangements - \$30.00. Two arrangements are needed for November 9<sup>th</sup>.

**All of our services are recorded** and are available on our web site: **<http://www.mthopechurch.org/Welcome.html>**. Click on *recordings*. Thank you! Elder Eric Schramm.

There is a basket in the Narthex to collect toiletry items for the **Men's and Women's Shelter!** Thank you for your continued support!

**Penn Hills Service Association** continues to need our support! -The Mission Ministry

**Bulletin Announcements** must be in the office or emailed **no later than Wednesdays at 3p.**

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!

**Please pray for, call, or send a card to our sick/shut-in members**

Virginia Ayres, Margie Baur, Irene & Larry Bender, May Bourne, Pearl & Jack Frazier, Lois Getkin, Hilda Kerr, Dottie Knight, Robert McKnight, Lou Sanabor, Annabell Scott, \*James Philippi

**\*Recently added**

***For additional member information such as phone numbers, e-mail or addresses please contact the church office***

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**THIS WEEK AT MT. HOPE**

<b>TODAY!</b>	2-5p	Crestfield Harvest Day	Camp Crestfield
Mon. Oct. 6 <sup>th</sup>	6:30p	Worship & Music	Conference Rm
Tues. Oct. 7 <sup>th</sup>	5:30	Tuesday's Together	All Over!
	7:30p	Harvest Day Mtg.	Conference Rm
Wed. Oct. 8 <sup>th</sup>	10 a	Morning Word	MP Room
	6:30p	Evening Word	MP Room
	8p	Narcotics Anonymous	JK Hall
Thur. Oct. 9 <sup>th</sup>	7p	Choir	Sanctuary
Fri. Oct. 10 <sup>th</sup>	11a	Y Srs.	JK Hall
Sat. Oct. 11 <sup>th</sup>	2p	Gamblers Anonymous	JK Hall

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**LOOKING AHEAD IN 2 WEEKS...**

Sun. Oct. 12 <sup>th</sup>	After	Worship	Blood Pressure	MP Room
Mon. Oct. 13 <sup>th</sup>	7p		Trustees	MP Room
Tues. Oct. 14 <sup>th</sup>	5:30p		Tuesday's Together	All Over!
Wed. Oct. 15 <sup>th</sup>	10a		Morning Word	MP Room
	6:39p		Evening Word	MP Room
	8p		Narcotics Anonymous	JK Hall
Thur. Oct. 16 <sup>th</sup>	7p		Choir	Sanctuary
Sat. Oct. 18 <sup>th</sup>	2p		Gamblers Anonymous	JK Hall

**LOOKING AHEAD IN THE YEAR...**

Oct	Officer Training	MP Room
Nov	Officer Nominations	
	Thanksgiving Service	
Dec	Officer Elections	
Jan	Officer Ordination & Installation	

**Our vision for fulfilling Christ's Great Commission is that**, by **praying without ceasing**, God will enable us to: **develop** relevant studies of God's Word; **go out & reach out** to our neighbors in the spirit of service & Christ-like hospitality; **model** the blessings that come when we cheerfully give our tithes & offerings; **celebrate** often our life together in Christ, and; **worship & give thanks** to God as we witness our children & their children loving & serving God & His people!

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