

Mt. Hope Community Presbyterian Church

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

Sunday -- October 19, 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 "Jesus, Name above All Names" Instrumental

Bringing in the Light of Christ Acolytes

Welcome/Recognition of Visitors/Special Events Pastor Carmen

****Call to Worship*** (Psalm 105.1-5) Miss Katie Rogers

L: "O give thanks to the Lord, call on His name, make known His deeds among the peoples.

P: ***Sing to Him, sing praises to Him; tell of all His wonderful works.***

L: *Glory in His holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. Seek the Lord and His strength; seek His presence continually.*

All: ***[We will] remember the wonderful works He has done, His miracles, and the judgments He has uttered." And we will worship the Lord our God! Amen!***

****Song of Praise*** "All Creatures of Our God and King" See Insert

****Invocation*** Miss Rogers

Great and Loving Lord, we have come to thank You for the joys and struggles of the past week, and to lift up Your name in song, in prayer, as we confess our sin, present our offering, and hear Your Word preached. Before we leave this sacred space, speak to our hearts and open our minds to receive what Your Spirit has to say to each of us. We thank You, and we trust You to

continue to be faithful to us, because that’s what a loving Parent does, and You are, “ **Our Father...**”

(You may be seated.)

TO CONFESS OUR SIN...

Call to Confession (Psalm 51.1-2,10)

Elder Tim Rogers

We all pray the psalmist prayer: “*Have mercy on [us], O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to Your abundant mercy blot out [our] transgressions. Wash [us] thoroughly from [our] iniquity, and cleanse us from [our] sin. Create in [us] a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within [us],*” as we, **silently**, confess our sin...

Kyrie

“You Are the Source”

See Insert

Assurance of Pardon

Job 33.27b-30

Pastor Carmen

The 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 them to the front!)

TO PRESENT OUR OFFERINGS WITH GRATITUDE...

Offering Call (Proverbs 3.9-10)

Elder Rogers

Wisdom encourages us to, “*Honor the Lord with [our] substance and with the first fruits of all [our] produce; then [our] barns will be filled with plenty, and [our] vats will be bursting with wine.*” Let us give the Lord the best of our first fruits, so that our families can be blessed!

Offertory

“I Can Only Imagine”

The Praise Team

***Doxology**

“Give Thanks”

See Insert

***Prayer of Dedication**

Miss Rogers

TO HEAR THE WORD...

Hymn of Preparation **“Open the Eyes of My Heart”** See Insert
(please pass your Prayer Request cards toward the center aisle)

Hebrew Testament **Job 1.13-22** Pastor Carmen

Sermon **“In All This...”** Pastor Carmen

A Moment for Reflection **“I Need Thee Every Hour”** Instrumental

Prayers of the People Pastor Carmen

AND GO FORTH IN PEACE!

Closing Song* **“I Need Thee Every Hour” See Insert

**Taking the Light of Christ into the World* Acolytes

**Charge & Benediction* Pastor Carmen
(Please do not leave the sanctuary until the worship leaders have recessed!)

Benediction Response* **“Alleluia” The Praise Team

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! Please know that 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 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.

A N N O U N C E M E N T S

The “**Young Children in Worship**” story today is “*Moses’ Birth*”, led by Suzanne Columbus and assisted by Sam and Natalie Columbus.

Greeters this morning are Ron and Mary Jane Kauffman.

The Flowers that beautify our Sanctuary this morning are given by Carol Nakles and Bill Haley in honor of their 2nd wedding anniversary and in celebration of Carol’s mother, Lillian Fleming’s 92nd birthday.

Thanks to the Personnel Ministry for providing for fellowship time today! Fellowship Time for next Sunday will be provided by the Christian Nurture Ministry.

Happy Birthday to Ralph Boyd (10.19), Suzanne Columbus (10.23.) and Lauryn Harwell (10.23) who are celebrating a birthday this week. **Happy Anniversary** to Stan and Doris Kuhn who are celebrating on 10.24)!

TODAY 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.

A very, very special “thank you” to our Mt Hope family for your cards, call, prayers, well-wishes following the birth of **Nylah Car-Bey Harwell!** Your loving kindness continues to be a source of great joy for us, and will never be forgotten! We love each one of you! May God continue to bless you! -Pastor Carmen and Lauryn Harwell

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

The Morning and Evening Word Bible Study Groups will **RESUME** this coming Wednesday. **Please plan to join us Wed. Oct. 22nd at 10a or 6:30p** as we begin a **series study comparing different faith traditions!** -Pastor Carmen

The **Tuesday's Together Youth Study** will **RESUME** this **Tuesday at 6:30P!**
-Pastor Carmen

Our Tuesdays Together Ministry is for children kindergarten thru 6th grade. There is also a youth (grades 7-12) **Word Study Group at 6:30p** in the Youth Room with Pastor Carmen. This Tuesday is **"Backwards Night"** If you are interested in helping in any way, we would appreciate it!! **See you on Tuesday!!!**

BRING YOUR OWN PUMPKIN NIGHT (BYOP)!!!! Tuesday, 10/28, we will be carving pumpkins. Everyone is invited to join us for pizza at 5:30 and/or carving pumpkins at approximately 6:00. If you are joining us for dinner and/or carving, please sign up on the sheets in the Narthex. **Remember, you must bring your own pumpkin to carve. We will only supply pumpkins for the Tuesday Together kids.**

HARVEST DAYS 2008 is scheduled for Thursday, **11/6, Friday, 11/7 and Saturday, 11/8.** Plans are as follows: Thursday, 11/6 - Pasta Dinner (Held by the Youth), Friday, 11/7 - We are awaiting confirmation on plans for Friday evening. Saturday, 11/8 - Pancake Breakfast and Flea market. We will have baked goods, soups, etc., craft Items, "This & That" Items, Ten Thousand Villages gift items, Beads for Life, candles, etc. displayed for sale in the Multi-

Purpose room. There are sign-up sheets in the Narthex for volunteers. **Please Note:** The Tea has been moved to Sat. Dec. 13th, from 1 to 3 PM, the theme will be "**A Holiday Tea.**" Please put the dates on your calendar, invite your friends and neighbors to come and sign up to help wherever you can.

There will be a **Trustee Work Day** following Officers Training on Sat. **Nov. 15th.** For more information contact Trustee Heather Racchini.

The Flower Chart Notebook is in the Narthex. 1 arrangement - \$15.00; 2 arrangements - \$30.00. Two arrangements are needed for November 9th, 23rd and 30th.

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, Annabelle Scott, *Melba Seaman, *James Philippi
*Recently added

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

THIS WEEK AT MT. HOPE

<u>TODAY!</u>	<i>After Worship</i>	Health Ministries Luncheon	JK Hall
Mon. Oct. 20 th	6:30p	Session Meeting	MP Room
Tue. Oct. 21 st	5:30p	Tues. Together	All Over!
Wed. Oct. 22	10a	Morning Word	MP Room
	6:30p	Evening Word	MP Room
	8p	Narcotics Anonymous	JK Hall
Thur. Oct. 23	7p	Choir	Sanctuary
Fri. Oct. 24 th	11a	Y Srs	JK Hall
Sat. Oct. 25 th	2p	Gamblers Anonymous	JK Hall

LOOKING AHEAD IN 2 WEEKS...

Mon. Oct. 27 th	6:30p	Adult Youth Leaders Meeting	Youth Room
Tue. Oct. 28 th	5:30p	Tues. Together	All Over!
Wed. Oct. 29 th	10a.	Morning Word	MP Room
	6:30p	Evening Word	MP Room
	8p	Narcotics Anonymous	JK Hall
Thur. Oct. 30 th	7p	Choir	Sanctuary
Sat. Nov. 1 st	<u>Fall Back! Turn Clocks back one hour!!</u>		
Sat. Nov. 1 st	1:00p	Wheeler-Morgan Wedding	Sanctuary

LOOKING AHEAD IN THE YEAR...

Sat. Nov. 15 th	9a-12n	Officers Training	MP Room
	12n -?	Trustee Work Day	
Nov		Officer Nominations	
Nov. 27 th	9a	Thanksgiving Service	Sanctuary
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 families loving & serving God & His people!

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