

**Mt. Hope Community Presbyterian Church**

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

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**Communion Sunday – February 1, 2009 – 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      “Theme from A little Night Music”      Mozart*

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

*\*Call to Worship (I Chronicles 16.8-11)      Mr. Calvin Lutz*

*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.*

*All:    Seek the Lord and His strength, seek His presence continually!” Amen!*

*\*Hymn of Praise      “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”      Page 403*

*\*Invocation      Mr. Lutz*

Almighty God, You continually touch our lives with mystery and hope, joy and love. We come to Your sanctuary to experience, once again, the power of Your Holy Spirit working in our midst. Help us to be open to Your word through song, confession, offerings, fellowship, and the preached Word. And then help us to answer the call You place upon all of our lives: individually and as Your broken body. We ask these things in our Saviors name who taught us that You are, “***Our Father...***”

*(You may be seated)*

**TO CONFESS OUR SIN...**

*Call to Confession      Elder Bill Tis*

When we are in bondage, God offers to set us free. When we are poor, God in Christ identifies with us and offers us riches money cannot buy. When we are lonely and discouraged, the Holy Spirit is our Comforter, pointing us beyond ourselves...



**AND GO FORTH IN PEACE!**

***\*Hymn of Departure***

***“Because He Lives”***

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***\*Charge & Benediction***

Pastor Carmen

*(Please do not leave the sanctuary until the worship leaders have recessed!)*

***\*Postlude***

***“Summer Toccata” by Vandall***

Mrs. Montgomery

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**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, and **Worship kits** are available in the Kids’ Korner of the Narthex, and must be returned following worship.

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

**The Flowers** that beautify our Sanctuary this morning are given by Quentin and Colleen Szymansky in celebration of their 35<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**The “Young Children in Worship”** story today is “A Feast” led by Gretchen Hiller and assisted by Maureen Rogers and Jordan Williams.

**Thanks to the Christian Education Ministry** for providing for fellowship time today! Fellowship for next Sunday will be provided by the **Health Ministry**.

**Birthday Wishes** to Deacon Emmett Nury (2.2), Erica Brandon (2.3), Barb Isett (2.6.), Scotty Schramm(2.7.)

**The sympathy of our congregation** is extended to the family of former member Jim McGuire who passed away last week in Carlsbad, New Mexico.

**The Pugh Family** is asking that prayers and cards of support be sent to the parents of Kaden: Brandon and Ashley Pugh.

**Tuesday's Together** will meet this Tuesday at 530p. This week's theme is "**Crazy Hair Night**"! Hope to see you there!

**There were no highlights** received from the boards for the month of January.

**Missing-Woman's Black Jacket!** If you own a black jacket, would you please check to see if on the inside label, below the collar it has the name **BOYD**. If it does, I have your "**Liz Claiborne**" jacket. I will be happy to switch! Please contact Priscilla Boyd Thank you!!.

**Cleaning and Laundry Services!** If you could use a little help around your home with cleaning and laundry, for a small fee, we have just the person for you! **Please contact Pastor Carmen** for more information!

A new **Fellowship Schedule 2009** has been created to start in Feb. A copy of the schedule can be found on the bulletin board and in the office. The follow ministries are responsible for a Fellowship Sunday: Fellowship, Trustees, Youth (7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> gr), Children (1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> gr), Worship & Music, Nominating, Personnel, Christian Education, Health, Mission, Stewardship & Finance, Men's Softball Team, Deacons, Session, Technology, and Evangelism. –Thank you! Elder Eric Schramm, chair

**The Penn Hills High School Choral Members & Choral Parent Assoc.** invites you to their **Cabaret, Chocolate and Roses** performance on **Fri. Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> – 7p – Penn Hills High Auditorium.** Chocolate buffet to follow. For tickets, contact Kala Lorey. Thank you!

**Thank you** to the men and women of Mt. Hope who faithfully participate in the ministry of supplying and serving food to the Men's & Women's Shelters. Also, thank you to all the members of Mt. Hope who continue to bring in toiletry items to donate to the Shelters. Each month we take at least one box full of these items to the shelters. – Priscilla Boyd & Pam Brandon

**The Church History Ministry** needs your help! Anyone interested in helping to record God's activities here at Mt. Hope, please contact Rita in the office. We are pulling together a group of people to help compile history, photos, interviews, videotaping, etc. We really need your help, so please call today! -Pastor Carmen

**Continue to bring your non-perishable food items to the church** every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday, so that we can help “*feed the hungry*” as Jesus commanded every day of the year!  
-Pastor Carmen

**Time to Think Spring!** Our annual **Pirate Skyblast Game** will be held on **Sat. May 30<sup>th</sup>**. We have reserved 80 tickets (\$8; tailgate \$5-adults, \$3-children 10 & under), and we have a tailgate at the PNC parking lot. To reserve your tickets, please **contact Elder Eric Schramm.**

**The Flower Chart Notebook for 2009 is now in the Narthex.** Please consider signing up for a Sunday. 1 arrangement - \$15.00; 2 - \$30.00. If you have any questions contact Elder Doris Kuhn.

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

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**COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

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** is in dire need of canned vegetables! -The Mission Ministry

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**THIS WEEK AT MT. HOPE**

<b><u>TODAY</u></b>	<b><u>after worship</u></b>	<b><u>Annual Meeting</u></b>	
Mon. Feb. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	6:30p	Adult Youth Leaders Meeting	JK Hall Conference Rm
Tue. Feb. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	530p	Tuesdays Together	All over!
Wed. Feb. 4 <sup>th</sup>	10a	The Morning Word Study	MP Rm
	630p	The Evening Word Study	Conference Rm
	8p	Narcotics Anonymous	JK Hall
Thu. Feb. 5 <sup>th</sup>	7:30p	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Sat. Feb. 7 <sup>th</sup>	9a	Family Bookstore Workshop	JK Hall
	2p	Gamblers Anonymous	JK Hall

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

Tue. Feb. 10 <sup>th</sup>	630p	Trustees Meeting	MP Rm
Mon. Feb. 16 <sup>th</sup>	630p	Session Meeting	MP Rm

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

Wed. Feb. 25 <sup>th</sup>	7p	Ash Wednesday Worship Service	Sanctuary
Wed. Mar. 4 <sup>th</sup>	630p	Weekly Lenten Studies Begin	JK Hall
Sat. Mar. 7 <sup>th</sup>		Snow Ball Dance	JK Hall

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

Virginia Ayres, Ernie Baur, Margie Baur, Irene & Larry Bender, May Bourne, Pearl Frazier, Lois Getkin, Shirley Kerchner, Hilda Kerr, Jack McGinn, Bob McKnight, Doris Philippi, Lou Sanabor, Annabelle Scott, Melba Seaman

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

**Because He Lives**

1. God sent His Son,  
they called him Jesus  
He came to love,  
heal, and forgive;  
He lived and died  
to buy my pardon,  
An empty grave is there to  
prove my Savior lives.
2. How sweet to hold  
a newborn baby,  
and feel the pride,  
and joy He gives;  
But greater still  
the calm assurance  
this child can face uncertain  
days because He lives.
3. And then one day  
I'll cross the river,  
I'll fight life's final war with pain;  
And then as death  
gives way to vict'ry,  
I'll see the lights of glory  
and I'll know He lives.

Chorus: Because He lives I can face tomorrow,  
Because He lives all fear is gone;  
Because I know He holds the future.  
And life is worth the living just because He lives.

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**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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