

Mt. Hope Community Presbyterian Church

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

Sunday – February 15, 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

Min. Jennifer Geibel

Bringing in the Light of Christ

Acolytes

Welcome/Recognition of Visitors/Special Events

Pastor Carmen

**Call to Worship (1 Chronicles 16.8-11,23-25,27)*

Miss Katie Rogers

L: “Seek the Lord and His strength, seek His presence continually. Remember the wonderful works He has done, His miracles, and the judgments He uttered...

P: Sing to the Lord, all the earth. Tell of His salvation from day to day. Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the peoples.

*All: For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; He is to be revered above all gods...Honor and majesty are before Him; strength and joy are in His place.”
Amen!*

**Hymn of Praise*

“Shout to the Lord”

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**Invocation*

Miss Rogers

Holy Spirit, we invoke Your presence that meets us in this place. We have come seeking the Lord, remembering His work. We have come to sing to the Lord, tell of His salvation, and all of the wonderful works our God has done. We revere the Lord and seek His transforming touch in our lives, for He alone is *“Our Father...”*

(You may be seated)

TO CONFESS OUR SIN...

Call to Confession (*Romans 3.23; Colossians 1.14*) Elder Eric Schramm
The Bible teaches us that “*since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,*” all must confess their sin, in the name of Christ... “*in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.*” ***In silence***, let us confess...

Kyrie “***I Need Thee Every Hour***” (v1) Insert

Assurance of Pardon ***Isaiah 44.21-22*** Pastor Carmen

TO PRESENT OUR OFFERINGS WITH GRATITUDE...

Offering Call (*Acts 4.32*) Elder Schramm
The Word of God tells us that the first Christian church gave their offering in this way: “*Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common.*” Let us imitate the first Christians and share our financial possessions!

Offertory The Choir

****Doxology*** “***Glory Be to the Father***” Page 577

****Prayer of Dedication*** Miss Rogers

TO TEACH OUR CHILDREN...

The Children’s Chat Elder Bill Tis

TO HEAR THE WORD...

Hymn of Preparation “***In the Garden***” Page 7 of Bulletin
(*please pass your Prayer Request cards toward the center aisle*)

Hebrew Testament ***Genesis 3.8-13*** Pastor Carmen

The Sermon “***Let’s Get Naked!***” Pastor Carmen

A Moment for Reflection “***Have Thine Own Way, Lord***” Min. Geibel

Prayers of the People

Pastor Carmen

AND GO FORTH IN PEACE!

**Hymn of Departure*

To Be Announced

**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!)

**Postlude*

Min. Geibel

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Flowers that beautify our Sanctuary this morning are given by the Brandon family in celebration of Erica’s 16th birthday. The center arrangement is given by Norma J. Morra in loving memory of her mother Hazel Hartman.

The “Young Children in Worship” story today is “*Good Shepherd*” led by Betty Ann Tis and assisted by Jordan Chisnell and Allie Dick.

Thanks to the Stewardship & Finance Ministry for providing for fellowship time today! Fellowship for next Sunday will be provided by the Deacons..

TODAY is Blood Pressure Sunday! Right after worship, simply stop and register at the desk across from the office. The Health Ministry Team will be waiting for you there! Remember – no appointment necessary!

Tuesday's Together will meet this Tuesday at 530p. This week's theme is "Celebrate President's Day". Wear red, white and blue!!

The Youth Prayer Breakfast is back!! Every Wednesday at 6:15a at Eat-n-Park! If there is a school delay or cancellation, breakfast will be also! -Hilary Moyes

Game Night This Fri. Feb. 20th from 7-10p! Bring games, bring snacks, bring friends! Everyone is welcome!! -Barry Irwin

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

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. *Dates available are March 1,8,15 and 22nd.* 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.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Penn Hills Chamber of Commerce is hosting a spaghetti dinner at Morgan's Restaurant (204 Rodi Rd) on Mon, Feb. 23rd from 6-8p. Cost: \$10 per person, including tax & gratuity). For reservations, please contact Jo Luncher at 412-372-3411. Checks payable and sent to: PH Chamber of Commerce-13049 Frankstown Rd., 15235. Thank you!

The Presbyterian Association of Musicians (PAM)-Pgh Chapter is holding a special afternoon concert by Afro Blue, a capella jazz ensemble from Howard University, on Sun. Mar. 1st at 3p at The Presbyterian Church, Sewickley (414 Grant St.). Please call 412-741-4550 for more information.

World Day of Prayer is being hosted this year by *St. Bartholomew Parish*-111 Erhardt Dr. (off Frankstown Rd.), on *Fri. Mar. 6th*. We will begin with a breakfast fellowship at 10a, followed by the *service at 11a*. Please plan to attend to pray for self, others, and God's world!

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 food! -The Mission Ministry

THIS WEEK AT MT. HOPE

Mon.	Feb. 16 th	630p	Session Meeting	MP Rm
Tue.	Feb. 17 th	530p	Tuesday's Together	All Over!
Wed.	Feb. 18 th	10a	The Morning Word Study	MP Rm
		630p	The Evening Word Study	Conference Rm
		8p	Narcotics Anonymous	JK Hall
Thu.	Feb. 19 th	7:30p	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Fri.	Feb. 20 th	7p	Family Game Night	JK Hall
Sat.	Feb. 21 st	2p	Gamblers Anonymous	JK Hall

LOOKING AHEAD IN 2 WEEKS...

Mon.	Feb. 23 rd	630p	Adult Youth Leaders Meeting	Conference Rm
Tue.	Feb. 24 th	530p	Tuesday's Together	All Over!
Wed.	Feb. 25 th	7p	Ash Wednesday Service	Sanctuary

LOOKING AHEAD IN THE NEW YEAR...

Wed.	Mar. 4 th	630p	Weekly Lenten Studies Begin	JK Hall
Sat.	Mar. 7 th		Snow Ball Dance	JK Hall

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

Virginia Ayres, Ernie Baur, Margie Baur, Irene & Larry Bender, May Bourne, Pearl Frazier, Lois Getkin, 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.

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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