

Mt. Hope Community Presbyterian Church

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

Sunday – February 22, 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 "Arabesque" by Vierne Min. Jennifer Geibel

Bringing in the Light of Christ Acolytes

Welcome/Recognition of Visitors/Special Events Pastor Carmen

**Call to Worship (1 Chronicles 29.10-13) Elder Debbie Dillman*

L: "Blessed are You, O Lord, the God of our ancestor Israel, forever and ever.

P: Yours, O Lord, are the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty; for all that is in the heavens and on the earth is Yours; Yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and You are exalted as Head above all.

L: Riches and honor come from You, and You rule over all. In Your hand are power and might; and it is in Your hand to make great and to give strength to all.

*All: And now, our God, we give thanks to You and praise Your glorious name."
Amen!*

**Hymn of Praise "I Danced in the Morning" Page 302*

**Invocation Elder Dillman*

You have prepared this time for us to come and worship You; to recall Your faithfulness throughout the past week, and to anticipate Your faithfulness as we start a new one. Let Your Spirit help settle us to focus on You alone because, as Your Son taught us, You are "Our Father..."

(You may be seated)

TO CONFESS OUR SIN...

Call to Confession (*Revelations 2.5*)

Mr. Benjamin Brandon

In John's revelation to the churches, God instructs him to write this: "*Remember then from what you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent.*" **In silence**, let us remember and repent of our sins...

Kyrie

"Just As I Am, Without One Plea" (v1 & 2)

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Assurance of Pardon

Hosea 14.4

Pastor Carmen

TO PRESENT OUR OFFERINGS WITH GRATITUDE...

Offering Call (*Acts 4.32*)

Elder Dillman

Paul encourages us to do what the first Christian church did: "*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 Christians of that first church and offer all that we have to be used "*in common*" for all of God's people!

Offertory

"I Will Praise Thee" by Natalie Sleeth
Sung by Alexandra Newby and Jordan Williams

Mr. Chris Dick

***Doxology**

"Glory Be to the Father"

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***Prayer of Dedication**

Mr. Brandon

TO TEACH OUR CHILDREN...

The Children's Chat

Elder Tim Rogers

TO HEAR THE WORD...

Hymn of Preparation

"Nothing But the Blood of Jesus"

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

New Testament

Matthew 16.21-28

Pastor Carmen

The Sermon

"The Divine Things!"

Pastor Carmen

Birthdays Wishes to Margie Baur (2.23), Larry Bender (2.26) and Sam Columbus (3.1) who will celebrate birthdays this week.

Doris Philippi would like to thank everyone who prayed, sent cards and expressed support for her during the past few months. She is very grateful for the love shown to her by her church family, and hopes to see everyone in church very soon!

Tuesday's Together will meet this Tuesday at 530p. This week's theme is *Mardi Gras!* Dress in bright colors!

Reservations for the Lenten Dinners can be made by filling out a reservation card found in the pew or by calling the church office. Dinner is at 6:30p with the Service of Ashes at 7:15.

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

The Annual Snow Ball Father-Daughter Dinner Dance will be held Sat., March 7th beginning at 6:30 p. This semi-formal event is open to the community and all ages are welcome. Advance reservations are required, and tickets are \$10 per person or \$75 for a table of 8. Contact the church office for tickets at 412-793-0227.

The Snow Ball crew is looking for interested volunteers to help with clean up/dishwashing the night of the dance (March 7th). Not a glamorous job but an important and much appreciated role. Rubber gloves provided!

The Snow Ball crew will also be decorating for the dance on Friday, March 6th beginning at 6:30p. Extra hands needed, creativity not required. Come help transform John Knox Hall into a Winter Wonderland. Call Amy Williams for details on both of these requests.

Women's Retreat! Please mark your calendars and plan to attend a Women's Retreat led by Pastor Carmen & the Rev. DeNeice Welch at Camp Crestfield on Fri. Apr. 17th-Sun. Apr. 20th. The theme will be: Take A Deep Breath (and breath in the presence of God). More info will be forthcoming.

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

TOMORROW!! The Penn Hills Chamber of Commerce is hosting a spaghetti dinner at Morgan's Restaurant (204 Rodi Rd) on 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. **If you would to carpool, please call the office!** 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!

Many of you have asked me, "What does The Penn Hills Assoc. need, and should we only bring food on the 4th Sunday?" They can always use canned vegetables, fruit and soups, cereal, peanut butter, spaghetti and pasta. Please bring the food any day and any time. We will dedicate it on the 4th Sunday. The Assoc. is very thankful for our consistent giving throughout the year. -Millie Bichsel

THIS WEEK AT MT. HOPE

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	615a	Youth Prayer Breakfast	Eat-n-Park
		7p	Ash Wednesday Service	Sanctuary
		8p	Narcotics Anonymous	JK Hall
Thu.	Feb. 26 th	7:30p	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Fri.	Feb. 27 th	11a	YSrs.	JK Hall
Sat.	Feb. 21 st	2p	Gamblers Anonymous	JK Hall

LOOKING AHEAD IN 2 WEEKS...

Sun.	Mar. 1 st	11a	Communion Sunday	Sanctuary
Mon.	Mar. 2 nd	6:30p	Worship & Music	MP Rm
Tue.	Mar. 3 rd	630p	Trustee Ministry Meeting	MP Rm
Wed.	Mar. 4 th	630p	Weekly Lenten Studies Begin	JK Hall
Fri.	Mar. 6 th	11a	World Day of Prayer-St. Bart's Catholic Church	
Sat.	Mar. 7 th		Snow Ball Dance	JK Hall

LOOKING AHEAD IN THE YEAR...

Fri.	Mar. 13 th	5p	Eastern Area Youth Chorale	Sanctuary
Mon.	Mar. 16 th	630p	Session Meeting	MP Rm
Thu.	Mar. 19 th	5p	Presby. Night	Heinz History Center
Sun.	Mar. 22 nd	11a	Feed the Hungry Sun.	bring food items!
Thu.	Mar. 26 th	5p	Kiwanis Ham Dinner	JK Hall
Sun.	Apr. 5 th	11a	Palm Sunday Celebration	Sanctuary
Thu.	Apr. 9 th	7p	Maundy Thursday Service	Sanctuary
Fri.	Apr. 10 th	7p	Good Friday Service	Sanctuary
Sun.	Apr. 12 th	630a	Resurrection Sunrise Service	Sanctuary - ?
		11a	Resurrection Sunday Service	Sanctuary
Fri.	Apr. 17 th	5p	Women's Retreat – Pastor Carmen	Crestfield

Please pray for, call, and 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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