

**Mt. Hope Community Presbyterian Church**

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

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Sunday – March 22, 2009 – 11:00 a.m.

*\*Those who are able, please stand*

**THE PEOPLE GATHER...**

Please be respectful of those worshiping around you!

If you must talk, please exit to the narthex!

*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**      **"Tiento de 6 Tono"**      Min. Jennifer Geibel

**Bringing in the Light of Christ**      The Acolytes

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

(Please stand)

**\*Call to Worship** (1 Chronicles 16.23-27)      Mr. Hamner Williams

L: "Sing to the Lord, all the earth. Tell of His salvation from day to day.

**P: Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the peoples.**

L: *For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; He is to be revered above all gods. For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the Lord made the heavens.*

**All: Honor and majesty are before Him; strength and joy are in His place."**

**Amen!**

**\*Song of Praise**      **"God of Grace and God of Glory"**      Page 420

**\*Invocation**      Mr. Williams

In the name of Jesus the Christ, we gather once again in Your sanctuary to worship You.. We thank You for the blessings of the past week and pray that, as we worship You in Spirit and in Truth, Your Holy Spirit might fall on us and change us to look more and more like the Christ. Show us how to sing Your praises and bring to You our offerings. Teach us how to confess our sin and cry out for Your forgiveness. Open our ears and minds to receive Your Word preached, and send us out encouraged and assured that we are loved, forgiven, and needed.

(You may be seated)

TO CONFESS OUR SIN...

***Call to Confession*** (1 John 1.9-10)

Miss Helene Mauser

1 John reminds us of what God has said, “If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His Word is not in us.” We all have sinned. Now let us all confess our sins to God in silence...

***Kyrie***

***“Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior”***

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***Assurance of Pardon***

***Romans 10.8-13***

Pastor Carmen

TO TEACH OUR CHILDREN...

***The Children’s Chat***

Mrs. Myrna Hiller

TO PRESENT OUR OFFERINGS WITH GRATITUDE...

***Offering Call*** (1 Chronicles 29.10-13)

Miss Mauser

The Bible says that “David blessed the Lord in the presence of all the assembly; David said: “Blessed are You, O Lord, the God of our ancestor Israel, forever and ever. 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. Riches and honor come from You, and Your 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. And now, our God, we give thanks to You and praise Your glorious name,” as we present to You our tithes, gifts, and offerings!

***Offertory***

***“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”***

The Choir

***\*Doxology***

***“Amen”***

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***\*Prayer of Dedication***

Mr. Williams

TO HEAR THE WORD...

***Hymn of Preparation***

***“Through the Blood”***

See Insert

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

***New Testament***

***Luke 14.15-24***

Pastor Carmen

<i>The Sermon</i>	<i>“The Revised Guest List”</i>	Pastor Carmen
<i>A Moment for Reflection</i>	<i>“Breathe On Me, Breath of God”</i>	Min. Geibel
<i>Prayers of the People</i>		Pastor Carmen
<i>The Lord’s Prayer</i>		

AND TO TAKE THE WORD OUT IN PEACE!

<i>*Hymn of Departure</i>	<i>“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”</i>	Page 369
<i>*Taking the Light of Christ into the World</i>		The Acolytes
<i>*Charge &amp; Benediction</i>		Pastor Carmen
	<i>(Please do not leave the sanctuary until the worship leaders have recessed!)</i>	
<i>*Postlude</i>	<i>"Versos del 4 Tonos"</i>	Min. Geibel

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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**

**Greeters** this morning are John and Debbie Dick.

**Today’s “Young Children in Worship” story** is “*Feast-Jesus & Zacchaeus*” led by Betty Ann Tis and assisted by Gretchen Hiller and Allie Dick.

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

**Birthday Wishes** to Helen Dick (3.23) and Juanita Griffin (3.29)

**TODAY!** “The Readers” will rehearse in the Conference Room immediately after worship. Thank you! –Doris Milligan

**Tuesday’s Together Final Day & Annual Banquet** will be held this Tuesday at 5:30p.

**A Very Special Thank You** to all of you nice folks for your prayers and cards!  
Sincerely, Annabell Scott

**Our annual personal Per Capita Tax of \$24** is now due. It is each individual member’s responsibility to pay their per capita, and it would be very much appreciated if you would! Envelopes can be found in your giving envelope box. Thank you! – Elder Clyde Davis, Clerk of Session

**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 and the Lenten Study at 7:15p

Information & a reservation form for **Resurrection Sunday Morning Breakfast** can be found in today’s bulletin. Please fill it out and return it to the office! Thank you!  
–Elder Doris Kuhn

**Flowers for Resurrection Sunday order forms** will be handed out in the Narthex following worship. Deadline for orders is March 22<sup>nd</sup>. –Elder Doris Kuhn

**Vacation Bible School planning is about to begin!!** The first planning session will be held on Thu., Mar. 26<sup>th</sup> at 7p in the Conference Rm. If you are interested in leading a team or on being a member of a team, please come & join us for this first session. We would really like to involve the youth in VBS ’09! We need your leadership, so please try to attend. If you are not able to attend the meeting but would like to participate, please call Suzanne Columbus\*\*. Thank you!

**30 Hour Famine:** noon on Apr. 10<sup>th</sup> thru 6p on Apr. 11<sup>th</sup>. Dinner will be served at 6p. For more info, please contact Barry Irwin\*\*.

The date of the 2009 Mt. Hope Desert Classic is Mon. June 15<sup>th</sup> at the River Forest Country Club. Tournament fees: \$85 per person; \$340 per foursome. There will be a sit-down steak dinner following the tournament. Dinner is available for \$25 for those wishing to join us following the golf tournament. For more info, please contact Hamner Williams\*\*.

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

Lost-n-Found! A pair of ladies leather gloves! Please contact the office if you think they belong to you!

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

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 April 5<sup>th</sup> 2 arrangements and April 19<sup>th</sup> 1 arrangement. 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

Crestfield Camp is seeking Christian young people who are searching for employment and would like to grow in their faith and leadership abilities. Download an application or call Becky Little\*\* They are looking for counselors, program facilitators, day-camp coordinator, worship director, and health care provider.

Young Lives Scrapbook for A Cause: Sat. Mar. 28<sup>th</sup> – 10a-4p, Barclay Bldg. at Hebron Church-10460 Frankstown Rd. Cost: \$20; \$25 at the door. Please call Natalie (412-793-0485) for reservations and more details!

Young Life Golf Classic – Mon. May 5<sup>th</sup>-1130a-Edgewood Country Club. Cost: \$250 per golfer; \$900 per foursome. Contact Cindy (412-247-9648) for registration.

**Older Adult Retreat – Psalms for Life: May 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>!** Ok seniors, Crestfield Camp isn't just for kids! We have 2 days of fun, relaxation, study, and worship planned for you. We will even provide transportation! Retreat cost: \$65 double occupancy in Scott Lodge, our hotel-like facility with single beds and private bathrooms. The Rev. Cynthia McClung and Linda Pokrajac will be the retreat leaders. For more info, call 724-794-4022 or visit our website: <http://www.crestfield.net/index.htm>.

**Young Lives Mission Opportunity!** We are looking for volunteer childcare workers at Lake Champion from Aug.4-10. If interested, please go on line at: [younglivespittsburgh.younglife.org](http://younglivespittsburgh.younglife.org)! Thanks!

**Job Opportunities for those 17+, college students, teachers, etc! The Day Camp at Plum Creek** is offering paid positions with a 2-week training session beginning June 15<sup>th</sup>. In addition to information available in the narthex, more information is available by calling the Plum Creek Church at 412-793-4525.

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

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**THIS WEEK AT MT. HOPE**

Mon.	Mar. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	630p	Adult Youth Leaders	Pastor's Office
Tue.	Mar. 24 <sup>th</sup>	230p	Staff Meeting	Pastor's Office
		530p	Tuesdays Together Banquet	JK Hall
Wed.	Mar. 25 <sup>th</sup>	615a	Youth Prayer Breakfast	Eat-n-Park
		630p	Lenten Dinner	JK Hall
		715p	Weekly Lenten Study	JK Hall
		8p	Narcotics Anonymous	Sanctuary
Thu.	Mar. 26 <sup>th</sup>	5p	Kiwanis Ham Dinner	JK Hall
		730p	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
		7p	VBS Planning Meeting	Conference Rm
Sat.	Mar. 28 <sup>th</sup>	2p	Gamblers Anonymous	JK Hall

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

Sun.	Mar. 29 <sup>th</sup>	11a	Food Donation Sunday	
		after worship	First Quarter Family Luncheon	JK Hall
Tue.	Mar. 31 <sup>st</sup>	230p	Staff Meeting	Pastor's Office
Wed.	Apr. 1 <sup>st</sup>	630p	Lenten Dinner	JK Hall
		715p	Weekly Lenten Study	JK Hall
		8p	Narcotics Anonymous	Sanctuary
Thu.	Apr. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	730p	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Sat.	Apr. 4 <sup>th</sup>	2p	Gamblers Anonymous	JK Hall
Sun.	Apr. 5 <sup>th</sup>	11a	Palm Sunday Celebration	Sanctuary

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

Tue.	Apr. 7 <sup>th</sup>	230p	Staff Meeting	Pastor's Office
Thu.	Apr. 9 <sup>th</sup>	7p	Maundy Thursday Service	Sanctuary
Fri.	Apr. 10 <sup>th</sup>	7p	Good Friday Service	Sanctuary
Sat.	Apr. 11 <sup>th</sup>	2p	Gamblers Anonymous	JK Hall
Sun.	Apr. 12 <sup>th</sup>	630a	Resurrection Sunrise Service	Sanctuary
		11a	Resurrection Sunday Service	Sanctuary
Mon.	Apr. 13 <sup>th</sup>	630p	Session Meeting	MP Rm
Tue.	Apr. 14 <sup>th</sup>	230p	Staff Meeting	Pastor's Office
		530p	Youth Word Study	Pastor's Office
Thu.	Apr. 16 <sup>th</sup>	1p	Presbytery at Pgh Seminary	PTSeminary
Sat.	Apr. 18 <sup>th</sup>	2p	Gamblers Anonymous	JK Hall
Sun.	Apr. 19 <sup>th</sup>	950a	Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts	MP Rm

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***Rev. Carmen Cox Harwell, Pastor***

***Mrs. Jennifer Geibel, Interim Min. of Music***

***Mrs. Rita Hardin, Administrative Assistant***

***Mr. Dan Hadzima, Custodian***

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**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,  
Darlene Dempsey, Pearl Frazier, Lois Getkin, Hilda Kerr, Bob McKnight, \*Gene  
Martinelli, Doris Philippi, Lou Sanabor, Annabelle Scott, Melba Seaman

**\*Recently added**

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

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**Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior**

Let me at a throne of mercy, find a sweet relief;  
Kneeling there in deep contrition, help my unbelief. (Chorus)

Trusting only in Thy merit, would I seek Thy face;  
Heal my wounded, broken spirit, save me by Thy grace.(Chorus)

Chorus: (I'm calling) Savior, Savior, hear my humble cry;  
While on others Thou art calling, Do not pass me by.