

**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 29, 2009 – 11:00 a.m.

*\*Those who are able, please stand*

**THE PEOPLE GATHER...**

Please be respectful of those worshipping 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 "Hark! A Voice Saith, All Are Mortal"**

Min. Jennifer Geibel

**Bringing in the Light of Christ**

The Acolytes

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

Pastor Carmen

(Please stand)

**\*Call to Worship** (Psalm 122.1-2,7-9)

Pastor Carmen

**L:** "I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord!' Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

**P:** *Peace be within Your walls, and security within Your towers. For the sake of [our] relatives and friends I will say, 'Peace be within you.'*

**All:** *For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, [we] will seek Your good," and worship You! Amen!*

**\*Song of Praise**

**"How Great Is Our God"**

See Insert

**\*Invocation**

Elder Betty Ann Tis

In the name of Your Son, our Savior the Christ, we come thanking You for Your presence deeply embedded in our lives. You know our uneasiness with the claims that faith makes upon our lives, yet You linger with us in our struggle and we know that we are not alone, Encourage us to live the truth we seek in Christ, and keep us bonded in love and faith as we tell of Your goodness to those who don't yet know You. This is our prayer offered in the name of Him who taught us to pray, "**Our Father...**"

(You may be seated)

TO CONFESS OUR SIN...

**Call to Confession** (*Hosea 5.14b-15*) Elder Tis  
Through the prophet Hosea, God says, *“I Myself will tear and go away; I will carry off, and no one shall rescue. I will return again to My place until they acknowledge their guilt and seek My face. In their distress they will beg My favor.”* **In silence** let us acknowledge our guilt, seek God’s face, and beg His favor as we confess our sins.

**Kyrie** **“Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior”** (v2-3) Bulletin Page 7

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

TO TEACH OUR CHILDREN...

**The Children’s Chat** Mr. Hamner Williams

TO PRESENT OUR OFFERINGS WITH GRATITUDE...

**Offering Call** (*1 Chronicles 29.10-13*) Pastor Carmen  
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** **“Ave Verum”** by Mozart The Choir

*(Please stand)*

**\*Doxology** **“All Things Come of Thee”** See Insert

**\*Prayer of Dedication** Elder Tis

*(You may be seated)*

TO HEAR THE WORD...

**Introduction of Guest Preacher** Pastor Carmen

**Hymn of Preparation** **“Step By Step”** See Insert  
*(please pass your Prayer Request cards toward the center aisle)*

<u>New Testament</u>	<u>Acts 4.23-31</u>	Min. Judith Wilson
<i>The Sermon</i>	“”	Min. Wilson
<i>A Moment for Reflection</i>	<i>“I Need You to Survive”</i>	Hezekiah Walker
<i>Prayers of the People</i>		Pastor Carmen

AND TO TAKE THE WORD OUT IN PEACE!

*(Please stand)*

<i>*Hymn of Departure “And They’ll Know We Are Christians By Our Love”</i>	Insert
<i>*Taking the Light of Christ into the World</i>	The Acolytes
<i>*Charge</i>	Min. Wilson
<i>*Benediction</i>	Pastor Carmen
<i>(Please do not leave the sanctuary until the worship leaders have recessed!)</i>	
<i>*Postlude</i>	<i>“I’ll Fly Away”</i> Praise Team

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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**

**TODAY!** Your officer’s host our *1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Family Luncheon of 2009* immediately after worship in JK Hall! Please plan to attend! *-Pastor Carmen*

**The Greeters** this morning are *Felix and Elizabeth Cutruzzula.*

**The Flowers** that beautify our Sanctuary this morning are given in celebration of **Felix and Elizabeth Cutruzzula's 58<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary** and by **Ruthie Carrick** in honor and celebration of family birthdays.

**Today's "Young Children in Worship" story** is "**Jesus the King**" led by Alaina Napolitana assisted by Laurie Napolitana and Corey Williams.

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

**Happy Birthday** to **Juanita Griffin** (3/29); **Helen Faye** (4/1); **Irene Bender** (4/2); **Cyndi Head** (4/2); **Chuck Schramm** (4/20); **May Bourne** (4/3); **John Dick, Sr.** (4/3)!

**Congratulations to the Dillman Family** on the birth of **Danica Ryann Dillman**, baby girl to the son, Ryan & daughter-in-law, Jolene of Mark & Debbie Dillman; sister to Jace Dillman; niece of Shannon Dillman, and great-granddaughter of Annelie Dillman!

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

**A Very Special Thank You** to all who helped to make our **Tuesdays Together Ministry** a great success! –**Elder Doris Kuhn**

**Our annual personal Per Capita Tax of \$24** is now due. It is each 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

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**

**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**.

**Tickets are now on sale for the annual Mt. Hope Pirates Sky Blast Game** on **Sat. May 30<sup>th</sup> for \$8**. A tailgate will take place prior to the game at the PNC parking lot (\$5-

adults; \$3-children 10 & under. Please see Elder Eric Schramm to reserve your tickets!

**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 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.

**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 19<sup>th</sup> 1 arrangement. If you have any questions contact Elder Doris Kuhn.

**Did You** Know that all the worship services are recorded & available from the Mt. Hope web site? Visit <http://www.mthopechurch.org/Welcome.html> and click on **recordings**. If you prefer to have a free CD of the service, please contact the church office with the requested service date. Thank you! Elder Eric Schramm

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## **COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

**TODAY! Ham Dinner at Emmanuel Lutheran Church-1229 Jefferson Hts. Rd – 412-824-4525 – 3-7p.** Cost: \$6.50-adults; \$3-ages 3-10. Take out is available!

**The Eastern Area Youth Chorale (EAYC)** will host its annual, free “Church Year Concert” at the Verona Utd. Methodist Church-798 Herron Ave., Verona 15147-on Sun. Apr. 5<sup>th</sup> at 730p. EAYC singers include our own Alexandra Newby and Jordan Williams, as well as LOGOS alumni, Katie Welch. If you would like to attend and need transportation, please call Amy Williams. Thank you!

**Good Friday: 7 Last Words.** Please join the Penn Hills Christian Clergy Assoc. from 12n-3p at Emmanuel Lutheran Church-1229 Jefferson Hts. Rd. – 412-824-4525. Pastor Carmen will lead a prayer and read scripture during the last hour! Please come and support her and the other pastors of our community!

**Women's Retreat at Crestfield Camp!** The retreat that Pastor Carmen was scheduled to lead (Apr; 17-19<sup>th</sup>) is still taking place but with a different leader: Elder Jean C. Kennedy! You may register on line ([www.crestfield.net](http://www.crestfield.net)), by mail, or by calling 724-794-4022. If you have any questions, please contact Becky Little at the same number.

**Crestfield Camp is sponsoring an Elementary Retreat-May 2-3.** Theme: Christian Relationships: God's Plan for You & Me. Come Sat. morning (10a) and stay until Sun. (1p). Cost: \$50 (includes lodging in the cabins, 4 great meals, a hayride, campfire, s'mores and tons of fun! Becky Little will be the retreat leader. For more info, go to [www.crestfield.net/4th\\_6th\\_grade\\_retreatN.htm](http://www.crestfield.net/4th_6th_grade_retreatN.htm)

**Older Adult Retreat – Psalms for Life: May 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>!** We have 2 days of fun, relaxation, study, and worship planned for you! We will even provide transportation! 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>.

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!

**The Penn Hills Assoc.** needs canned vegetables, fruit, soups, cereal, peanut butter, pasta and sauce. –Millie Bichsel

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**THIS WEEK AT MT. HOPE**

Tue.	Mar. 31 <sup>st</sup>	230p	Staff Meeting	Pastor's Office
Wed.	Apr. 1 <sup>st</sup>	615a	Youth Prayer Breakfast	Eat-n-Park
		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
Fri.	Apr. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	530p	30 Hour Famine	JK Hall
Sat.	Apr. 4 <sup>th</sup>	2p	Gamblers Anonymous	JK Hall
Sun.	Apr. 5 <sup>th</sup>	11a	<b><u>Palm Sunday Celebration</u></b>	Sanctuary

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

Wed.	Apr. 8 <sup>th</sup>	615a	Youth Prayer Breakfast	Eat-n-Park
Thu.	Apr. 9 <sup>th</sup>	7p	<u><b>Maundy Thursday Service</b></u>	Sanctuary

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**LOOKING AHEAD IN 2 WEEKS...con't.**

Fri.	Apr. 10 <sup>th</sup>	12n	<u><b>7 Last Words of Jesus</b></u>	Emmanuel Luth. Ch
		12n	30 Hour Famine	JK Hall
		7p	<u><b>Good Friday Service</b></u>	Sanctuary
Sat.	Apr. 11 <sup>th</sup>	2p	Gamblers Anonymous	JK Hall
Sun.	Apr. 12 <sup>th</sup>	630a	<u><b>Resurrection Sunrise Service</b></u>	Sanctuary
		11a	<u><b>Resurrection Sunday Service</b></u>	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

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

Sun.	Apr. 19 <sup>th</sup>	950a	Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts Class	MP Rm
Mon.	Apr. 27 <sup>th</sup>	630p	Adult Youth Leaders Meeting	Pastor's Office
Thu.	Apr. 30 <sup>th</sup>	630p	New Members Class	Conference Rm
Thu.	May 7 <sup>th</sup>	630p	New Members Class	Conference Rm
Sun.	May 10 <sup>th</sup>	11a	New Members Received	Sanctuary
Sat.	May 20 <sup>th</sup>	??	Pirates Sky Blast Game	PNC Parking Lot
Mon.	Jun. 15 <sup>th</sup>	??	Mt. Hope Desert Classic	River Forest Cntry Cb

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**Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior**

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

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

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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

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

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