

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

Resurrection Sunday – April 12, 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!

Joyful Preparation for Worship ***"Day of Joy"*** Chancel Choir and Brass
Jessie Oliver/ Trumpet; Greg Newby/Baritone; Bill Hammond/Trombone

Bringing in the Light of Christ The Acolytes

Welcome/Recognition of Visitors/Special Events Pastor Carmen Cox Harwell

(Please stand)

****Call to Reflect and Worship*** *(Matthew 22.30-33)* Elder Colin Newby

L: Jesus said, "At the resurrection...people will be like the angels in heaven...I Am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. [God] is not the God of the dead but of the living."

P: *Everywhere we look we see evidence of new life! In seed and buds, in smiles and touch, we discover God's energizing presence!*

L: Death will never be the last word. God has raised our Savior from the grave. Our Christ is present among us today and every day, for He is risen!

All: *Christ is risen indeed!* (release your balloon!)

****Song of Praise*** ***"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"*** Page 123

****Invocation*** Elder Newby

Lord of Glory, this past week has been one of mixed emotions, of faith struggling to understand. We have greeted You with palm branches; we have sat at Table with You to share a farewell meal. We have witnessed Your death on a simple wooden cross. Yet on this third day, You come to us again, but this time in victory! By this, we know that death is not the final word, nor the grave our final resting place! As the

sun rose boldly to meet this new day, we ask You to rise in our lives this Resurrection morning for You alone are our Hope, our Peace, our Joy, and “***Our Father...***”

(You may be seated)

TO CONFESS OUR SIN...

Call to Confession (Revelation 2.4-6,16)

Elder Beth Nury

God says through John the revelator, “...*I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. 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...Repent then. If not, I will come to you soon and make war against [you] with the sword of My mouth.*” Take time right now, and ***in silence***, to repent while there is time for God’s mercy to reach us.

Kyrie

“He is Lord”(v3)

See Insert

Assurance of Pardon

Luke 15.18-24

Pastor Carmen

TO TEACH OUR CHILDREN...

The Children’s Chat

Mr. Denny Chisnell

TO GRATEFULLY PRESENT OUR FINANCIAL OFFERINGS...

Offering Call (2 Corinthians 9.6-8,11-13)

Elder Newby

“The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully, Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may shine abundantly in every good work.”
Let us cheerfully present our tithes and offerings!

Offertory

“My Lord What a Morning”

The Chancel Choir

(Please stand)

****Doxology***

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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****Prayer of Dedication***

Elder Betty Tis

(You may be seated)

TO HEAR THE WORD...

<i>Hymn of Preparation</i>	<i>“The Strife Is O’er”</i>	Page 119
<i>(please pass your Prayer Request cards toward the center aisle)</i>		
<u><i>New Testament</i></u>	<u><i>Matthew 28.1-10</i></u>	Pastor Carmen
<i>The Sermon</i>	<i>“Go Quickly and Tell!”</i>	Pastor Carmen
<i>A Moment for Reflection</i>	<i>“Because He Lives”</i>	Min. Geibel
<i>Prayers of the People</i>		Pastor Carmen

AND TAKE THE WORD OUT IN PEACE!

(Please stand)

<i>*Hymn of Departure</i>	<i>“Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”</i>	Page 104
<i>*Taking the Light of Christ into the World</i>		The Acolytes
<i>*Charge & Benediction</i>		Pastor Carmen
<i>(Please do not leave the sanctuary until the worship leaders have recessed!)</i>		
<i>*Benediction Response</i>	<i>“Hallelujah Chorus”</i>	Handel
<i>(All are invited to join the Chancel Choir in joyous praise)</i>		
<i>*Postlude</i>	<i>“Triumphant March”</i>	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.

The wooden cross is a gift to Mt. Hope Church from Nick Trudick, Amy Williams' father. This cross was a gift to Mt. Hope in honor of Amy and her family. The wood for this cross was harvested by the Amish and handcrafted into this beautiful cross by Mr. Trudick.

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

Greeters this morning are Chuck, Judy and Charlotte Schramm.

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

Birthday Wishes to Jordan Chisnell (4.12), Karen Schramm (4.14), and Jordan Williams (4.17)

Sue & Jim Duff / Bridgett & Melvyn & William Nair. If you would like to send cards to this family in their terrible time of heartache, their addresses are: Nair's ** – Duff's **. Keep praying!

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

Hoagies made by the Mt. Hope youth can be ordered today. Late orders will be accepted by calling the office. Each fresh Italian Hoagie is \$6.00. Hoagies can be picked up after Worship on 4.26. There will also be a bake sale. See youth for order forms. Proceeds will be used for the summer mission trip and for camp. For additional information contact Hilary Moyes.

Blood Pressure Sunday is next week. The Health Ministry Team will be happy to check your blood pressure or help you get started next Sunday to monitor your monthly BP.

Tickets are now on sale for the annual **Mt. Hope Pirates Sky Blast Game** on Sat. May 30th 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 date of the **2009 Mt. Hope Desert Classic** is Mon. June 15th 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.

Men's Softball Practice: Fri. Apr. 17th & 24th at 630p at the Bile Baptist Field -200 Elicker Rd. Plum. Anyone who wants to join the team, please call Andy Vitko or just come to practice! League play starts the week of Apr. 27th.

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 for next year's Marriage Retreat has been set for March 12-14, 2010. Please make a note of it on your calendar. For more information contact Bill Tis.

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 in the Narthex. Please consider signing up for a Sunday. 1 arrangement - \$15.00; 2 - \$30.00. *Dates available* are May 17th –one 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.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

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! Thanks!

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. Thank you!

THIS WEEK AT MT. HOPE

Mon	Apr. 13 th	6:30p	Trustees	MP Rm
		7p	Session	Conf. Rm
Tue	Apr. 14 th	230p	Staff Meeting	Pastor's Office
		530p	Youth Word Study	Pastor's Office
Wed.	Apr. 15 th	615a	Youth Prayer Breakfast	Eat-n-Park
		12n	Clergy Welcome Lunch	MP Rm
Thu.	Apr. 16 th	1p	Presbytery Meeting	Pgh Theological Seminary
Sat.	Apr. 18 th	2p	Gamblers Anonymous	JK Hall
Sun.	Apr. 19 th	950a	Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts Class	MP Rm

LOOKING AHEAD IN 2 WEEKS...

Mon.	Apr. 27 th	630p	Adult Youth Leaders Meeting	Pastor's Office
Tue.	Apr. 28 th	530p	Youth Word Study	Pastor's Office
		7p	Women's Retreat Meeting	Pastor's Office
Thu.	Apr. 30 th	630p	New Members Class	Conference Rm

LOOKING AHEAD IN THE YEAR...

Wed.	May 6 th	10a	<u>The Morning Word Study</u>	MP Rm
		630p	<u>The Evening Word Study</u>	MP Rm
Thu.	May 7 th	630p	New Members Class	Conference Rm
Sun.	May 10 th	11a	New Members Received	Sanctuary
Sat.	May 30 th	??	Pirates Sky Blast Game	PNC Parking Lot
Mon.	Jun. 15 th	??	Mt. Hope Desert Classic	River Forest Cntry Cb

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!

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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