

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

1st Sunday of Resurrection – April 19, 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 "The Old Rugged Cross" Mrs. Arnel Montgomery

Bringing in the Light of the Risen Christ The Acolytes

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

(Please stand)

****Call to Reflect and Worship*** (Psalm 105.1-5,7-8) Elder Bill Tis

L: *O give thanks to the Lord, call on His name, make known His deeds among the people. Sing to Him, sing praises to Him; tell of all His wonderful works.*

P: *Glory in His name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.*

L: *Remember the wonderful works He has done, His miracles, and the judgments He has uttered...*

All: *He is the Lord our God; His judgments are in all the earth. He is mindful of His covenant forever, of the Word that He commanded, for a thousand generations." Amen!*

****Song of Praise*** "God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand" Page 262

****Invocation*** Elder Tis

You have prepared this time for us to come, as the body of Christ, to worship You and sing Your praises. May Your Holy Spirit settle us now to hear what Your Spirit has to say to us, Your church. Grant us the courage to share what You give us this day with others so that the world You died and rose to save, may come to believe that You are "***Our Father...***"

(You may be seated)

TO CONFESS OUR SIN...

Call to Confession (Revelation 1,4-5) Mr. Stephen Rogers
“These are the words of Him who holds the seven stars in His right hand... ‘But 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 words you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lamp stand from its place, unless you repent.’” Let us repent, **in silence**, and be restored to “the Love [we] had at first”...

Kyrie **“Breath on Me, Breath of God” (v1)** Page 316

Assurance of Pardon Ephesians 1.7-8 Pastor Carmen

TO TEACH OUR CHILDREN...

The Children’s Chat Elder Bill Tis

TO GRATEFULLY PRESENT OUR FINANCIAL OFFERINGS...

Offering Call (1 Timothy 6.17-19) Mr. Rogers
God says through Paul to Timothy and to us: “As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on Go who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. [We] are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for [our]selves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that [we] may take hold of the life that really is life.” In obedience, let us show God our generosity by presenting to Him our tithes and offerings.

Offertory **Confidence” by Mendelssohn** Calvin Lutz, piano

(Please stand)

***Doxology** **“Gloria Patri”** Page 579

***Prayer of Dedication** Elder Tis
(You may be seated)

TO HEAR THE WORD...

Hymn of Preparation **“Seek Ye First”** Page 333

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

<u>New Testament</u>	<i>Mark 16.9-18</i>	Pastor Carmen
<i>The Sermon</i>	<i>“Those Told and Those Told Off!”</i>	Pastor Carmen
<i>A Moment for Reflection</i>	<i>“Nearer My God to Thee”</i>	Mrs. Montgomery
<i>Prayers of the People</i>		Pastor Carmen

AND TAKE THE WORD OUT IN PEACE!

(Please stand)

<i>*Hymn of Departure</i>	<i>“Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak”</i>	Page 426
<i>*Taking the Light of the Risen 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>*Postlude</i>	<i>"Waltz in B Flat"</i>	Mrs. Montgomery

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

Greeters this morning are Elder Tim, Maureen, Christopher, Stephen and Katie Rogers.

Today’s “Young Children in Worship” story is *“Jesus is Risen”* led by Alexandra Newby and assisted by Jan Chisnell and Allie Dick.

The Flowers that beautify our Sanctuary this morning are given in honor of those in our church family who are fighting and winning the battle against cancer and Andy and Dana Vitko in memory of loved ones.

Thanks to the Mission Ministry for providing for fellowship time today! Fellowship for next Sunday will be provided by the Children (1st – 6th grade).

TODAY is Blood Pressure Sunday! Come one, come all—start a new habit! Immediately 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!

Our Deepest Sympathy is extended to the family of *Ted Faye, Sr.* who went home to be with his Lord this past week.

Birthday Wishes to **Karen Schramm** (4.14) and **Jordan Williams** (4.17).

Thank You to everyone who helped in any way during this Lenten Season. Your participation brought blessings to all.

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

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. **Only 18 tickets remain!** 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**.

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 Elder 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 (schrammes@comcast.net).

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Children's Festival Chorus of Pgh presents *What a Wonderful World – North Hills Jr. High Auditorium-Sun. Apr. 26th – 4p.* Tickets: Adults \$20, Seniors (62+) & children (3-16) \$16. To order tickets, call ProArts Tickets at 412-394-3353.

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!

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

THIS WEEK AT MT. HOPE

Wed.	Apr. 22 nd	7p	Narcotics Anonymous Meeting	JK Hall
Thu.	Apr. 23 rd	7p	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary

LOOKING AHEAD IN 2 WEEKS...

Sun.	Apr. 26 th	10a	Sunday School Classes	Conference Rm & MP Rm
Mon.	Apr. 27 th	630p	Adult Youth Leaders Meeting	Pastor's Office
Tue.	Apr. 28 th	230p	Staff Meeting	Pastor's Office
		7p	Women's Retreat Meeting	Pastor's Office
Thu.	Apr. 30 th	630p	New Members Class	Conference Rm
Sun.	May 3 rd	10a	Sunday School Classes	Conference Rm & MP Rm
Tue.	May 5 th	230p	Staff Meeting	Pastor's Office
		530p	<u>Youth Word Study</u>	Pastor's Office
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

LOOKING AHEAD IN THE YEAR...

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 Country Club

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

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