

Mt. Hope Community Presbyterian Church

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

2nd Sunday of Resurrection – April 26, 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 “I Love to Tell the Story” Min. Jennifer Geibel

Bringing in the Light of the Risen Christ The Acolytes

Welcome/Recognition of Visitors/Special Events Elder Clyde Davis

(Please stand)

****Call to Worship (Psalm 147.1,5-6,11)*** Miss Alaina Napolitana

L: *“Praise the Lord! How good it is to sing praises to our God; for He is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.*

P: ***Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; His understanding is beyond measure.***

L: *The Lord lifts up the downtrodden; He casts the wicked to the ground.*

All: ***...the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear Him, in those who hope in His steadfast love.” So we will sing and we will praise the Lord our God!***

****Song of Praise “I Sing the Mighty Power of God”*** Page 288

(You may be seated)

****Invocation*** Elder Davis

For meeting us in this sacred place, we welcome this time of praise and worship! Clear our mind and focus our heart to worship You in spirit and in truth. Speak to us, speak through us words of new life, encouragement, healing, forgiveness, and love. And then enable us to leave here willing to proclaim that Jesus is our Christ, the Son of the Living God, who died for us all and rose for us all, and will return for us all, for it is in His name that we offer this prayer, O Lord, for You are ***“Our Father...”***

TO CONFESS OUR SIN...

Call to Confession (*Nehemiah 1:5-6*)

Miss Napolitana

As we pray **in silence**, may our hearts echo Nehemiah's words: "*O Lord God of heaven...let Your ear be attentive and Your eyes open to hear the prayer of Your people... confessing [their] sins.*" Let us pray...

Kyrie

"Give Me a Clean Heart"

See Insert

Assurance of Pardon

Rev. John C. Welch

The Lord has said that, "*If My people who are called by My name humble themselves, pray, seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land. Now My eyes will be open and My ears attentive to the prayer that is made in this place.*" Thanks be to the Lord our God, for He has forgiven us; we can start over again! Amen!

TO TEACH OUR CHILDREN...

The Children's Chat

Elder Tim Rogers

TO GRATEFULLY PRESENT OUR FINANCIAL OFFERINGS...

Offering Call (*Matthew 2:11*)

Elder Davis

"*Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.*" With hearts grateful for all that we have been given by God, let us do likewise!

Offertory

"O Morn of Beauty"

Chancel Choir

(Please stand)

***Doxology**

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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***Prayer of Dedication**

Elder Davis

(You may be seated)

TO HEAR THE WORD...

Hymn of Preparation

"How Great Thou Art"

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

Introduction of Guest Preacher

Min. Judith Wilson

New Testament

Luke 18.18-25

Rev. Welch

The Sermon

“Cut to the Core”

Rev. Welch

A Moment for Reflection

“He Looked Beyond My Fault”

Min. Geibel

Prayers of the People

Rev. Welch

AND TAKE THE WORD OUT IN PEACE!

(Please stand)

**Hymn of Departure “Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing”*

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**Taking the Light of the Risen Christ into the World*

The Acolytes

**Charge & Benediction*

Rev. Welch

(Please do not leave the sanctuary until the worship leaders have recessed!)

**Postlude*

“Ode to Joy”

Min Geibel

Welcome to Mt. Hope! We are blessed by your presence this morning! If you do not have a church home, we invite you 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

A warm welcome back to our guest preacher the *Rev. John C. Welch*, Assoc. Dean of Students at the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.

Greeters this morning are Rick, Megan, Danielle and Declan Ochendowski.

Today's "Young Children in Worship" story is "Jesus is Risen" led by Gretchen Hiller and assisted by Maureen Rogers and Jordan Williams.

The Flowers that beautify our Sanctuary this morning are given by Bob and Deacon Vonda Racchini and Joe and Trustee Heather Racchini in celebration of Mario's 2nd birthday and in thankfulness for the blessings of family and friends.

Thanks to the Children's Ministry for providing for fellowship time today! Fellowship for next Sunday will be provided by the Worship and Music Ministry.

Birthday Wishes to Calvin Lutz (4.20), Mario Racchini (4.23) and Danielle Ochendowski (4.24). **Happy Anniversary** to Hamner & Amy Williams (4.21)

Hoagies that were ordered from the Youth can be picked up in the Conference Room following Worship today. The Youth will also be selling baked goods with the proceeds supporting their Summer Youth Missions and Fall Youth Retreat. Extra hoagies may also be available.

Penn Hills High School will present OKLAHOMA on May 1st and 2nd at 7:30p. Adults -\$8.00; Students/Seniors \$6.00. Call 412-793-700 x 207 or x302 for tickets. Mt. Hope is sponsoring the Friday, May 1st performance and there will be a group going from the church that night. Anyone needing a ride can call the church office or Hilary Moyes at 412-793-4161.

Reservations for the Annual Mother/Child Banquet scheduled for May 19th at 6:30p can be made beginning May 2nd. For more information see Deacon Melissa Kauffman.

A Trustee Work Day is scheduled for Saturday, May 16th. Rain date for outside work will be May 23rd. Work to be done includes painting wall in JK hall, replacing fuses in light in kitchen, water in doorway of kitchen, painting and installing handicapped parking signs, repair front pew, repair flood lights in front of church, bush out front, visitor parking signs, paint choir door, water damage at back hallway, repair wall in Choir loft. If you can volunteer for one or more of these specific jobs or would like to add to them please see Trustee Heather Racchini who will be in the Narthex with a sign up sheet.

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 10 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-TODAY, Sun. Apr. 26th – 4p.* **Tickets:** Adults \$20, Seniors (62+) & children (3-16) \$16. To order tickets, call ProArts Tickets at 412-394-3353.

Friday evening, May 8, Dr. Bonnie Thurston will join Dr. John Makransky, from Boston College, as they share their reflections on the practice of meditation in the Christian and Buddhist traditions. Bonnie is a pastor, teacher, author, and frequent speaker in our region. John is a teacher, author, and a lama in the Tibetan Buddhist tradition. The event will take place from **7:00 – 9:00 pm** on the campus of **Pittsburgh Theological Seminary**. Follow this link to see the flyer <http://www.pts.edu/UserFiles/File/continuing/Reflections%20Brochure.pdf>. You may register by calling the Continuing Education Department at 412-441-3304 x2196

Cici's will donate 15% of the profits of all sales on the first Monday of every month to benefit local food banks. Please mention the food bank promotion in order for the donation to take place.

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

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
Wed.	Apr. 29 th	8p	Narcotics Anonymous	JK Hall
Thu.	Apr. 30 th	630p	New Members Class	Conference Rm
Fri.	May 1 st	7:30p	Oklahoma	Penn Hills HS
Sat.	May 2 nd	2p	Gamblers Anonymous	JK Hall

LOOKING AHEAD IN 2 WEEKS...

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
		8p	Narcotics Anonymous	JK Hall
Thu.	May 7 th	630p	New Members Class	Conference Rm
		7:30p	Choir	Sanctuary
Fri.	May 8 th	11a	Y Srs.	JK Hall
Sat.	May 9 th	2p	Gamblers Anonymous	JK Hall

LOOKING AHEAD IN THE YEAR...

Sun.	May 10 th	11a	New Members Received	Sanctuary
Sat.	May 16 th	??	Trustee Work Day	All Over!
Tue	May 19 th	6:30p	Mother/Child Banquet	JK Hall
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,

5350 Saltsburg Rd., Verona 15147

Margie Baur, Irene & Larry Bender, May Bourne, *Nan Currington, *Arlene Davis, Darlene Dempsey, Pearl Frazier, Lois Getkin, Hilda Kerr, Bob McKnight, Gene Martinelli, Doris Philippi, Lou Sanabor, Annabelle Scott, Melba Seaman,

***Recently added**

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