

Mt. Hope Community Presbyterian Church

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

Sunday — August 9, 2009 – 10:00 a.m.

**Those who are able, please stand*

Please be respectful of those worshipping around you! If you must talk, exit to the narthex!

THE PEOPLE GATHER...

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 “Be Thou My Vision” Min. Geibel

Welcome/Recognition of Visitors/Special Events Pastor Carmen

(Please stand)

***Call to Worship** (Exodus 20.1-3,5a,7-10a,1b) Trustee Myrna Hiller

L: “...God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before Me.

P: You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God...

L: You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses His name.

P: Remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work.

All: But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God; therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and consecrated it.” This is why we have come to worship the Lord our God!

***Hymn of Praise “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”** Page 281

***Invocation** Trustee Hiller

You, O Lord, have prepared this time and us, to come and worship in this place. We invoke the presence of Your Holy Spirit, even though we know that You have been here all along waiting for us! As we worship You in this hour, may all that we do and pray, confess and give, be pleasing in Your sight...

And then send us forth encouraged and equipped to share the good news of Your love and grace and forgiveness. As Your Son taught us, we honor You as “***Our Father...***”
(*You may be seated*)

TO CONFESS OUR SIN...

Call to Confession (*Lamentations 39-42a*)

Mr. Corey Williams

Thus says the Lord, “Why should any who draw breath complain about the punishment of their sins? Let us test and examine our ways, and return to the Lord. Let us lift up our hearts as well as our hands to God in heaven. We have transgressed and rebelled.” Now, **in silence**, let us confess our personal sins to God...

Kyrie

“I Love the Lord, Who Heard My Cry”

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Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 130

Pastor Carmen

TO TEACH OUR CHILDREN...

The Children’s Chat

Mr. Hamner Williams

Following the Chat, all children age 7 and under can enjoy a video series in the Conference Room during the remainder of the worship service!

TO PRESENT OUR FINANCIAL OFFERINGS WITH GRATITUDE...

Offering Call (*1 Chronicles 29.6-9a*)

Mr. Williams

“Then the leaders of ancestral houses made their freewill offerings, as did also the leaders of the tribes, the commanders of the thousands and of the hundreds, and the officers over the king’s work. They gave for the service of the house of God... whoever had precious stones gave them to the treasury of the house of the Lord... Then the people rejoiced because these had given willingly, for with single mind they had offered freely to the Lord.” Let us do as God’s people should and give willingly, freely to the house of our God!

Offertory

“Majestic Praise”

Piano/Organ Duet
Arnel Montgomery and Min. Geibel

(*Please stand*)

****Doxology***

“Glory Be to the Father”

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****Prayer of Dedication***

Trustee Hiller

(*You may be seated*)

TO HEAR THE WORD...

Hymn of Preparation **“When Israel Was in Egypt’s Land”** Page 334
(Please pass your Prayer Request cards toward the center aisle)

Hebrew Testament *Exodus 3.1-12* Pastor Carmen

The Sermon **“Who Are You?”** Pastor Carmen

A Moment for Reflection **“Here I Am, Lord”** Min Geibel

Prayers of the People Pastor Carmen

AND TAKE THE WORD OUT IN PEACE!

(Please stand)

***Hymn of Departure** **“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”** Page 369

Taking the Light of Christ into the World The Acolytes

***Charge & Benediction** Pastor Carmen
(Please do not leave the sanctuary until the worship leaders have recessed!)

***Postlude** **“Psalm XI”** 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.

Worship kits are available in the Kids’ Korner of the Narthex and must be returned following worship.

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

The sanctuary flowers are given by Millie Bichsel with thankfulness to our Lord for the blessing of her father Bill who is 90 years young today!

Our Weekly Financial Stewardship: *needed each week*=\$4,058; *received last week*=\$4,001; difference= (\$57)

Birthday Wishes to Bill Bichsel who is celebrating his 90th birthday TODAY!

Thanks to the Health Ministry Team for providing for fellowship time today! Fellowship for next Sunday will be provided by the 1st through 6th grade youth.

NEXT Sunday – FREE Blood Pressure Check! Our Health Ministry Team nurses will take pressures and record them for your personal records. All records are confidential. We encourage you to keep your good health by taking part in this monthly blood pressure check!

The Wednesdays on the Lawn Produce Sale from Bridges Farm, will be available from 2:30-6:30p!, and our **Weekly Dinner** will be served from 4:30-6:30p! This week is Grill Night! A choice of ribs, sweet sausage or hot sausage with corn on the cob and coleslaw will be available. Help is still needed and appreciated to ensure that this year is again a successful one! If you can help, please sign up in the narthex after Worship or call Elder Doris Kuhn**.

Session took action that any pictures or plaques given to the church *in memoriam* will be displayed in one of the following areas for one year upon receipt, at the discretion of the session, based on the size and weight of said gift: John Knox Hall, the Library, one of the Sunday School rooms, the hallway in the Christian Education wing in John Knox Hall, or the coat rack area outside the sanctuary.

Youth Retreat Dates: Laurelville (7-8th gr): Oct. 30-Nov. 1; Nov 6-8; Nov 13-15; Jumonville (9-12th gr): Nov. 20-22; Dec 4-6. If interested in going and/or chaperoning, please contact Elder Beth Nury** or Barry Irwin**. Thanks!

New Church Directories are available in the Narthex.

First Aid Boxes are located throughout the church: across from the office; kitchen in MP Room; JK Hall kitchen; Classrooms 1 & 6; Narthex cupboard, which also has a resuscitation mask and a glucose monitor. These are maintained by our Health Ministry Team.

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. 1 arrangement - \$15.00; 2 - \$30.00. Dates available: Sept. 13th – 1, Sept. 20th and 27th -2. If you have any questions contact Elder Doris Kuhn.**

Our worship services are recorded: <http://www.mthopechurch.org/Welcome.html>.
Click on *recordings*. Thank you! Elder Eric Schramm.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

What is going on in Penn Hills? To find out, log on to www.pennhills.org!

Men's and Women's Shelter basket in the narthex for contributions! Thank you!

The Penn Hills Assoc. needs food, especially Jell-O and pudding! Thank you for your continuous support!

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Field Landscaper-Downtown Greening: W. Pa Conservancy's Community Gardens & Greenspace Dept. has an opening for a seasonal Field Landscaper. To apply or for more info, please send a resume, cover letter & salary expectations to [E-Mail:**](mailto:), and list Field Landscaper in the subject line.

Research Associate I: the Human-Computer Interaction Institute of the Carnegie Mellon Univ. Seeks 1 Research Assoc to contribute to a research project on developing an on-line learning environment to study how students learn by teaching others. For more info, contact www.cs.cmu.edu/~mazda/SimStudent. Any questions: Noboru Matsuda**.

Client Services Rep needed at the First Commonwealth Bank in Squirrel Hill. Please send resume, cover letter indicating FCB Job Code 5501-EMG, & salary requirements to: First Commonwealth Bank-P.O. Box 400-Indiana, PA 15701 or VFox@fcbanking.com. **Other First Commonwealth positions available: Teller Services Rep. II** needed at the McCandless Branch: FCB Job Code 5474-EMG; **Financial Services Rep.** needed at the Wexford and Altoona Branches: FCB Job Code 5521-FCIA.

Co-Dir. For Policy & Communications needed at Just Harvest, an anti-hunger/anti-poverty advocacy organization in Pgh. Send substantive cover letter, resume, and professional references as attachments (preferably in MS Word format) to search@justharvest.org with “Co-Director Application” in subject line. Applications may be mailed to: Just Harvest-16 Terminal Way-Pgh 15219, attn: Search committee. Applications must be received by Sept. 15th. Projected start date: Jan. 4, 2010. No phone calls, please.

THIS WEEK AT MT. HOPE

Wed.	Aug. 12	230p	Fresh Produce Sale	Front Lawn
		430p	Wed-on-Lawn Dinner	Front Lawn
		8p	Narcotics Anonymous	JK Hall
Fri.	Aug. 14	11a	YSrs. Corn Roast	JK Hall
		6:30p	Men’s Softball Game	Bible Baptist Field
Sat	Aug. 15	2p	Gamblers Anonymous	JK Hall

LOOKING AHEAD IN 2 WEEKS...

Sun.	Aug. 16	after worship	Blood pressure check	Office Area
Mon	Aug. 17	10a	Christian Education Ministry	Conference Rm.
Tue.	Aug. 18	10a	Christian Education Ministry	Conference Rm.
Wed	Aug. 19	2:30p	Fresh Produce Sale	Front Lawn
		4:30p	Wed-on-Lawn Dinner	Front Lawn
		8p	Narcotics Anonymous	JK Hall
Sat	Aug.22	2p	Gamblers Anonymous	JK Hall

LOOKING AHEAD IN THE YEAR...

<u>Sun.</u>	<u>Sept. 13</u>	<u>11a</u>	<u>Worship Service</u>	Sanctuary
		12n	Sunday School Kickoff & Church Cookout	

Please pray for, call, and send a card to our sick & shut-in members:**

Virginia Ayres, Ernie & Margie Baur, Irene & Larry Bender, May Bourne, Arlene Davis, Hilda Kerr, Bob McKnight, Lou Sanabor, Annabell Scott, Melba Seaman, Barbara Wakefield

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

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!

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