

Mt. Hope Community Presbyterian Church

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

Sunday — August 16, 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 “Order My Steps” Min. Geibel

Bringing in the Light of Christ The Acolytes

Welcome/Recognition of Visitors/Special Events Pastor Carmen

(Please stand)

****Call to Worship (Exodus 20.1-3,5a,7-10a,1b)*** Miss Shannon Dillman

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 gathered: to worship the Lord our God!***

****Song of Praise “You Are Holy (Prince of Peace)”*** See Insert

****Invocation*** Miss Dillman

Holy Spirit, we invoke Your presence in our midst, and ask that You would fill us with Your Spirit so that we can worship You in spirit and in truth. Open our minds, our hearts, and our ears to what God has prepared for us this day. We need You, we

love You, and we desperately want to do Your will. Help us because You love us with an everlasting love, and because You are “***Our Father...***”

(You may be seated)

TO CONFESS OUR SIN...

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

Elder Debbie Dillman

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.*” **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 30.2-5

Pastor Carmen

TO TEACH OUR CHILDREN...

The Children’s Chat

Mr. Denny Chisnell

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)*

Elder Dillman

“*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

“In the Hands of God”

The Praise Team

(Please stand)

****Doxology***

“Blessing Prayer”

*Praise to You, Lord our God / King of all the earth. /
You nourish us with good-ness / Kind-ness and mercy. /
Praise to You, Lord / Praise be Your name.*

**Prayer of Dedication* Miss Dillman
(You may be seated)

TO HEAR THE WORD...

Song of Preparation “*Blessed Be Your Name*” Praise Team
(Please pass your Prayer Request cards toward the center aisle)

Old Testament Joshua 1.8 Elder Dillman

New Testament Matthew 4.1-11 Pastor Carmen

The Sermon “*It Is Written...*” Pastor Carmen

A Moment for Reflection “*How Great is Our God*” The Praise Team

Prayers of the People Pastor Carmen

AND TAKE THE WORD OUT IN PEACE!

(Please stand)

**Hymn of Departure* “*How Firm a Foundation*” Page 361

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* 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 Mildred and Bill Bichsel in praise of God and in thankfulness to all the good people of Mt. Hope and for their prayers.

Birthday Wishes to Pam Brandon (8.17) and Faylese Herd (8.21)

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.

Come to the registration desk across from the office **TODAY** immediately following worship, to have your **blood pressure checked**. Our Health Ministry Team nurses will check pressures, record them for your personal records, and keep your confidence!

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's menu is meatloaf, cheesy potatoes and green beans! A special thank you to all the wonderful helpers who worked through the sprinkles last week! Help is still needed and appreciated to ensure that this year is again a successful one! If you can help, please call Elder Doris Kuhn**.

We can possibly save your life! Thanks to Deacon Melissa Kaufmann and the Health Ministry Team, Mt. Hope has an Automatic Electronic Defibrillator (AED), located outside the church office near the mailboxes. Several ushers, office staff, and the Health Ministry nurses have been trained, and a second training class will be offered in Sept. If you have any questions, please contact any of the deacons or our nurses!

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.

Save the Date: Sun. Sept. 13th! That's the day of our Annual Church Cookout on our own front lawn following worship, sponsored by the Fellowship Ministry! Reservations are not needed as the Ministry will be providing the food. A free-will offering will be received to cover the costs. There will be games and there is NO Steeler's game!!

Be on the lookout for information regarding **Adult Sunday School!** Come back and study and fellowship Sunday mornings beginning Sept. 13th at 930a!

Calling all Sunday School Children... We want you back also, for the new church school semester! See you Sun. Sept. 13th for our annual kickoff and cookout!

Tuesdays Together Ministry registration will take place during the cookout on Sept. 13th. We look forward to seeing all of you there!

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!

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 wpcjobs@paconserve.org, 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: contact 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 **. **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 ** 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

Mon.	Aug. 17	10a	Christian Education Ministry	Conference Rm.
Tue.	Aug. 18	10a	Christian Education Ministry	Conference Rm.
Wed.	Aug. 19	230p	Fresh Produce Sale	Front Lawn
		430p	Wed-on-Lawn Dinner	Front Lawn
		8p	Narcotics Anonymous	JK Hall
		6:30p	Men's Softball Game	Bible Baptist Field
Sat	Aug. 22	2p	Gamblers Anonymous	JK Hall

LOOKING AHEAD IN 2 WEEKS...

Wed	Aug. 26	2:30p	Fresh Produce Sale	Front Lawn
		4:30p	Wed-on-Lawn Dinner	Front Lawn
		8p	Narcotics Anonymous	JK Hall
Sat	Aug.29	2p	Gamblers Anonymous	JK Hall

LOOKING AHEAD IN THE YEAR...

Sun.	Sept. 13	11a	Worship Service	Sanctuary
		12n	Sunday School Kickoff & Church Cookout	
Sat	Sept. 19	3:30p	Community Meeting	MP Room
Wed.	Sept. 30	1030a	<u>The Morning Word Study</u> returns!	MP Room

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, **Betty McKelvey***, Bob McKnight, Lou Sanabor, Annabell Scott, Melba Seaman, Barbara Wakefield

***Recently added**

**** 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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