

TO CONFESS OUR SIN...

Call to Confession (Jeremiah 18.7-8,11)

Elder Beth Nury

Thus says the Lord: “At one moment I may declare...that I will pluck up and break down and destroy...but if that nation...turns from its evil, I will change My mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. Now, therefore, say to the people: ‘Thus says the Lord: Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.’” **In silence**, let us confess and turn from our evil ways, so that the Lord will forgive us again...

Kyrie

“Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior”

*Trusting only in Thy merit / would I seek Thy face / Heal my wounded, broken spirit /
save me by Thy grace. / Savior, Savior / hear my humble cry /
While on others Thou art calling / do not pass me by.*

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 66.16-20

Rev. John C. Welch

TO TEACH OUR CHILDREN...

The Children’s Chat

Mr. Tim Rogers

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 (2 Corinthians 9.7-8,11-13)

Elder Nury

God says through Paul that, “Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful give. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. [For] you will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others.” Let us prepare to give out tithes and offerings generously and cheerfully!

Offertory

“The Gift of Love”

Arnel Montgomery and Jennifer Geibel

(Please stand)

***Doxology** **“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”** Page 593

***Prayer of Dedication** Miss Brandon

(You may be seated)

TO HEAR THE WORD...

Hymn of Preparation **“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”** Page 357

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

New Testament **Luke 19.1-10** Rev. Welch

The Sermon **“Don’t Cut Down the Sycamore Tree”** Rev. Welch

A Moment for Reflection **“Breathe on Me Breath of God”** Min. Geibel

Prayers of the People Rev. Welch

AND TAKE THE WORD OUT IN PEACE!

(Please stand)

***Hymn of Departure** **“Take My Life”** Page 391

Taking the Light of Christ into the World The Acolytes

***Charge & Benediction** Rev. Welch

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

***Postlude** **“Fugue by Franck”** 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

It's always good to have the **Rev. John C Welch** serve as our guest preacher! Let us greet him and welcome him with Mt. Hope hospitality!

The sanctuary flowers are given by **June and Jesse Snyder** in celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary and by **Elder Chuck and Judy Schramm** in celebration of their 10th wedding anniversary.

The sympathy of our congregation is extended to the family of Lawrence Bender who passed away on August 22nd.

Our Weekly Financial Stewardship: *needed each week*=\$4,058; *received last week*=\$2,385; difference= (**\$1,673**).

Birthday Wishes to **George Isett** (9.4). Anniversary Wishes to **Elder Chuck and Judy Schramm** (9.4) and **June and Jesse Snyder**.

Thanks to the Nominating Ministry for providing for fellowship time today! Fellowship for **next Sunday** will be provided by the **Personnel Ministry**.

The Wednesdays on the Lawn Produce Sale from **Bridges Farm**, is still available from **2:30-5:30p!**

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 10a!**

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 and** again on **Sept. 20th**. We look forward to seeing all of you there!

Pittsburgh G-20 Summit! *Allegheny Health Choices, Inc.* (AHCUI) has published consumer-oriented tips for the upcoming Summit (*Thu-Fri. Sept. 24-25*) on their website: www.ahcu.org/Documents/Factcard3.pdf. Information is provided about the Summit and how it may affect those receiving human services, especially behavioral health services.

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

Youth Thrive Awards 2009! Because of the wonderful work that one of our mission partners, *Young Lives*, continues to do for so many young mothers and their families, they would like to be considered for this award because it would give them much-needed media coverage. In order for them to be considered for this award, they need to have reviews written to Great Nonprofits, the organizer of the awards. Contest deadline is Sept. 30th. Here’s what we ask you to do: 1) visit the website: www.greatnonprofits.org/youth; 2) create a screen name so you can write your review; 3) write your review (under the yellow heading: *Share Your Experience*; 4) Bonus: everyone who submits a review will be eligible to win a prize (compliments of Great Nonprofits)! -Thank you!

The Presby. Church of Plum Creek is hosting a Retreat for Parents on Sat. Sept. 12 from 9a-3p, entitled Sunday Morning: Soccer or Church? How and Why to choose Church Every Time! Call or email Andrea Hall**. All are welcome!!

Fall Open Market at Trinity Tower Utd. Methodist Church – Sat. Sept. 12th, 10a-3p – 6729 Saltsburg Rd. (across from the Alcoma Golf Course)! Selling spaces are available for a \$10 donation. For more info, please contact Linda**.

Voices for Christ Gospel Concert to benefit the F.R.E.S.H. Youth Ministry at Grace Memorial PC: Sun. Sept. 13th – 4p – 1000 Bryn Mawr Rd. \$10 donation in advance; \$12 at the door! Please come out and hear great gospel music and support our youth!

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!

With our children going back to school, our friends who use the services of the **Penn Hills Service Assoc.** will be in need of hardy meals. Please consider donating cereal, PB&J, mac-n-cheese, and canned fruits and veggies. We have a car load of pudding and jello! Thank you for your continued generosity!

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Highmark, Inc. is seeking candidates for and Internal Auditor II. To submit your resume, go to www.highmark.com and click on the Careers link under the About Highmark section. To apply use reference #58289.

Carnegie Mellon Univ. is seeking a Distance Education & Collaboration Technology Project Lead- #6132. To apply, please go to www.cmu.edu/jobs and apply to Job #6132.

The **Pittsburgh Pirates** are seeking to hire an Inside Sales Representative. Please apply online at: www.careers.pirates.com, or by calling Chaz Kellem**.

North Hills Community Outreach is seeking a Housing Case Manager. Please email a cover letter and resume to Carolyn Pschirer**.

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

THIS WEEK AT MT. HOPE

Wed.	Sept. 2	2:30p	Fresh Produce Sale	Front Lawn
		8p	Narcotics Anonymous	JK Hall
Thu.	Sept. 3	10a	Presbytery Meeting	Camp Crestfield
Sat.	Sept. 5	2p	Gamblers Anonymous	JK Hall

LOOKING AHEAD IN 2 WEEKS...

<u>Sun.</u>	<u>Sept. 13</u>	<u>10a</u>	<u>Sunday School Kickoff</u>	
		<u>11a</u>	<u>Worship Service</u>	Sanctuary
		<u>12n</u>	<u>Church Cookout</u>	

Sat.	Sept. 19	3:30p	Community Meeting	MP Room
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LOOKING AHEAD IN THE YEAR...

Wed.	Sept. 30	1030a	<u>The Morning Word Study</u> returns!	MP Room
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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

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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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