

Mt. Hope Community Presbyterian Church

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

Sunday — September 20, 2009 – 11:00 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 “How Can I Keep From Singing” Min. Geibel

Bringing in the Light of Christ The Acolytes

Welcome/Recognition of Visitors/Special Events Pastor Carmen

Moment-for-Mission Treasurer Alyce Duffus

(Please stand)

***Call to Worship** (Psalm 86.8-13) Elder Colin Newby

L: *“There is none like You among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like Yours.*

P: All the nations You have made shall come and bow down before You, O Lord, and shall glorify Your name.

L: *For You are great and do wondrous things; You alone are God.*

P: Teach [us] Your way, O Lord, that [we] may walk in Your truth; give [us] an undivided heart to revere Your name.

L: *[We] give thanks to You, O Lord [our] God, with [our] whole heart, and [we] will glorify Your name forever.*

All: For great is Your steadfast love toward [us]; You have delivered [our] soul from the depths of Sheol,” and we love You for it! Amen!

***Hymn of Praise** “Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!” Page 430

***Invocation** Elder Newby

You have made this day, this hour, this time to worship You possible, O Lord. We have come weary, bruised, and filled with joy! In this sacred time, silence every voice but Yours, so that we may hear what Your Spirit has to say to Your church and Your people, with unmistakable clarity...

Then give us the courage to speak Your words to those who need to hear them. Nothing else is more important than this time. We are family, and we are Your chosen possession; and we thank You for being “***Our Father...***”
(*You may be seated*)

TO CONFESS OUR SIN...

Call to Confession (Isaiah 55.6-7)

Mr. Sam Columbus

The Lord’s prophet, Isaiah, tells us to “*Seek the Lord while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that He may have mercy on them, and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.*” Let us do as the Lord has commanded through His prophet, and seek the Lord and His mercy. ***In silence***, let us confess our sin.

Kyrie

I Must Tell Jesus”

O how the world to evil allures me! / O how my heart is tempted to sin! / I must tell Jesus, and He will help me / Over the world the vict’ry to win. / I must tell Jesus! / I must tell Jesus! / I cannot bear my burdens alone; / I must tell Jesus! / I must tell Jesus! / Jesus can help me / Jesus alone.

Assurance of Pardon

Micah 7.18-19

Pastor Carmen

TO TEACH OUR CHILDREN...

The Children’s Chat

Mrs. Suzanne Columbus

Following the Chat, all children age 7 and under may leave to attend Children in Worship downstairs!

TO PRESENT OUR FINANCIAL OFFERINGS WITH GRATITUDE...

Offering Call (2 Corinthians 9.7-8,11-12)

Mr. Columbus

God tells us through His apostle Paul that “*each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 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. 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.*” With thankful hearts, let us cheerfully present our financial offerings to the Lord!

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The sanctuary flowers are given by Helen Faye in thankfulness to the Lord and in memory of Ted and Helen's wedding anniversary and Ted's birthday; and Judy Griffin in dedication and honor of aunt, sister, mother and grandmother, Gwen Washington.

Our Weekly Financial Stewardship: needed each week=\$4,058; received last week=\$3,058; difference= (\$1,000).

Today's "Young Children in Worship" story is "Creation" led by Helene Mauser and assisted by Jordan Williams.

Birthday Wishes to Michele Irwin (9.23), Nylah Harwell (9.24) and Tamia Little (9.27).

The rosebud is in celebration of the birth of Thomas Michael Quirk, born September 8, to Jennifer Geibel and husband Mike Quirk.

Thanks to the Health Ministry for providing for fellowship time today! Fellowship for next Sunday will be provided by the Stewardship and Finance Ministry.

TODAY is Blood Pressure Sunday! Our Health Ministry Team nurses will be happy to check your blood pressure. It is just a very short wait in line. Stop & register across from the office right after worship!

Look on the table in the narthex for a Highmark article on stress. It is excellent and the Health Ministry Team wants to share the information with you. Let Elder Betty Noah know if more copies are needed.

The Trustees are in the process of purchasing a new garbage disposal and dishwasher for the JK Hall kitchen! Any donations would be greatly appreciated! Thank you!!

Pittsburgh G-20 Summit! On the mornings of the Summit: Thu. Sept. 24th & Fri. Sept. 25th at 7a come for one hour and offer prayers for its success and for the safety

of those attending: our leaders, our police, fire, and EMS workers, the protesters and all concerned citizens! *The world may be watching...but not more closely than God!*

Also the *Allegheny Health Choices, Inc.* (AHCU) has published consumer-oriented tips for the upcoming Summit on their website:
www.ahci.org/Documents/Factcard3.pdf.

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. 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*.

C O M M U N I T Y C A L E N D A R

Pittsburgh Day of Service is seeking volunteers for a variety of projects on *Fri. Sept. 25th* in areas outside of downtown Pgh. Most projects run from *9a-1p*. Check out Presbytery’s website for more info: www.pghpresbytery.org.

Choral Workshop with Composer Joseph M. Martin on *Sun. Oct. 25th* at the Glenshaw PC. For more info, check out www.pghpresbytery.org.

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! *The Women would greatly appreciate* monthly-feminine hygiene products, make up, and hosiery!
Thank you!

The Penn Hills Service Assoc. continues to be thankful for your generous support!

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

None received this week.

THIS WEEK AT MT. HOPE

Tue.	Sept. 22	530p	<u>Tuesdays Together Starts!</u>	All over!
Wed.	Sept. 23	230p	Fresh Produce Sale	Front Lawn
		630p	Session Meeting	Conference Room
		7p	Zumba Dance Class	MP Room
		8p	Narcotics Anonymous	JK Hall
Thu.	Sept. 24	7a	<u>Pray for the G20 Summit</u>	Sanctuary
		7p	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Fri.	Sept. 25	7a	<u>Pray for the G20 Summit</u>	Sanctuary
		11a	Y Seniors	JK Hall
Sat.	Sept. 26	2p	Gamblers Anonymous	MP Room

LOOKING AHEAD IN 2 WEEKS...

Sun.	Sept. 27	12n	3Q Family Luncheon	JK Hall
Wed.	Sept. 30	1030a	The Morning Word Study returns!	MP Room
		230p	Last Day for Fresh Produce	Front Lawn
		7p	Zumba Dance Class	MP Room
Sat.	Oct. 3	8a	Harvest Day	All Over!
Sun.	Oct. 4	11a	<u>Worldwide Communion</u>	Sanctuary
Sat.	Oct. 10	10a	Penn Hills Cty. Prayer Service	Sanctuary

LOOKING AHEAD IN THE YEAR...

Sun.	Nov. 22	1230p	Hanging-of-the-Greens	All over!
Thu.	Nov. 26	9a	Thanksgiving Day Worship	Sanctuary

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

Virginia Ayres, Ernie & Margie Baur, Irene Bender, May Bourne, Carolyn Griffith, Hilda Kerr, Betty McKelvey, Bob McKnight, Lou Sanabor, Annabell Scott, Melba Seaman

**** 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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I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy

I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy,
Down in my heart, down in my heart, down in my heart;
I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy,
Down in my heart, down in my heart to stay.

I've got the peace that passeth understanding,
Down in my heart, down in my heart, down in my heart;
I've got the peace that passeth understanding,
Down in my heart, down in my heart to stay.

I've got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus,
Down in my heart, down in my heart, down in my heart;
I've got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus,
Down in my heart, down in my heart to stay.

For there is therefore now no condemnation,
Down in my heart, down in my heart, down in my heart;
For there is therefore now no condemnation,
Down in my heart, down in my heart to stay.