

Mt. Hope Community Presbyterian Church

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

2nd Sunday of the New Year — January 10, 2010 – 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 “I Love to Tell the Story” Min. Jennifer Geibel

Bringing in the Light of Christ The Acolytes

Welcome/Recognition of Visitors/Special Events Pastor Carmen Cox Harwell

(Please stand)

*** Call to Worship** Miss Charlotte Schramm

L: Good morning! Are you happy to be in God’s house again? Are you happy to see all of your friends who have come to worship God?

P: *We are happy to be in God’s house and to see our friends who have also come to worship God!*

L: God has something to tell each one of us! Do you want to hear it?

P: *Yes, we do! And we want to do what God tells us to do!*

L: Then let us get ready to listen to God, and pray and bring our offering to Christ the King!

All: *We’re ready! With great joy we expect God to do a great thing in our midst as we worship Him! Amen!*

***Hymn of Praise “I Danced in the Morning”** Page 302

***Invocation and The Lord’s Prayer** Ms. Alyce Duffus
Creator God, it is in our lives that we become aware of Your life. It is in the rhythms of the world that we hear Your pulse, Your breathing, Your footsteps. We have built this house of worship not as a vault to contain you, but as a reminder of the sanctuary that is the whole world that You have created...

...It is in our lives that we know You are alive. We thank You for the lives You have given us, and for the souls that reach out to You, even now, as we pray to You, the One who is “***Our Father...***”

(You may be seated)

TO CONFESS OUR SIN...

Call to Confession

Miss Schramm

All of us do bad things sometimes. But God has told us that, if we tell God the bad things we have done, God will forgive us, and help us to do only good things. ***In silence***, let us tell God the bad things we have done, so that God can forgive us again.

Kyrie

“Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”

*Spirit of God, descend upon my heart / Wean it from earth, through all its pulses
move / Stoop to my weakness, mighty as Thou art /
And make me love Thee as I ought to love.*

Assurance of Pardon

Ephesians 1.7-8

Pastor Carmen

TO TEACH OUR CHILDREN...

The Children’s Chat

Miss Millie Bichsel

(Following the Chat, all children 7 & under may leave to attend “Children in Worship”)

TO PRESENT OUR FINANCIAL OFFERINGS WITH GRATITUDE...

Offering Call

Ms. Duffus

God has shown us the meaning of generosity in the beautiful diversity of His creation, in the overflowing love of Jesus the Christ, and in the never ending gift of the Holy Spirit! God has abundantly blessed us and called us to be a community that blesses others through the sharing of our love, our talents, and our material possessions, Let us rejoice in what God has given us and, in response to God’s giving, let us give from the financial resources God has given to us so that others might be blessed as well.

Offertory

(Please stand)

****Doxology***

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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****Prayer of Dedication***

Miss Schramm

(You may be seated)

TO HEAR THE WORD...

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

Hymn of Preparation **“There Is a Balm in Gilead”** Page 394

Hebrew Testament **Exodus 3.1-15** Pastor Carmen

The Sermon **“Stop, In the Name of Love!”** Pastor Carmen

A Moment for Reflection **“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”** Min. Geibel

Prayers of the People Pastor Carmen

AND TAKE THE WORD OUT IN PEACE AND JOY!

(Please stand)

***Hymn of Departure** **“I Know the Lord has Laid His Hands on Me”** See Insert

***Taking the Light of Christ into the World** The Acolytes

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

***Postlude** Min. Geibel

Welcome to Mt. Hope! We are blessed by your presence this morning! 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 here 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.

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

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

***Dorothy Arnold**, Virginia Ayres, Margie Baur, Irene Bender, May Bourne, Carolyn Griffith, Pearl Hicks, Hilda Kerr, ***Karen Little**, Betty McKelvey, Bob McKnight, Lou Sanabor, Annabell Scott, Melba Seaman, ***Betty Sundin**, ***Ed Wentzell**

*** Recently added**

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Weekly Financial Stewardship: needed each week=\$4,010; received last week = \$3,417.; difference= -\$593.

Today's Young Children in Worship story is The Boy Jesus led by Alaina Napolitana and assisted by Laurie Napolitana and Jordan Williams.

Birthday Wishes to Arlene Davis (1.10).

Our Deepest Sympathy is extended to the family of Earnest Baur following his death on January 6th.

Fellowship time today will be provided by those participating in the dismantling of the greens. Fellowship for next Sunday will be provided by the Stewardship and Finance Ministry.

TODAY we will Dismantle-the-Greens following worship! Please plan to stay for pizza and fellowship as we put away the Advent/Christmas Greens until November!

Please pick up your Giving Envelopes in the Narthex!

ANNUAL REPORTS ARE PAST DUE! All reports for the Annual Reports were due Dec. 18th! Please submit your reports (activity and financial, on the standard forms designed by session), and any narrative that you'd like inserted in the Report. Reports not received by Thu. Jan. 14th will not be included. If you need copies of the forms, please contact Rita. Thank you!

Don't forget your Per Capita! Per Capita dollars help offset the cost to our Pittsburgh Presbytery, in doing its work and the work of our General Assembly. Each member of the Presbyterian Church (USA) is assessed an amount based on the number of churches within a specific geographic boundary. For 2010, your individual assessment is \$22.43, and can be placed in the envelope inside of your tithing envelopes marked *Per Capita*. Thank you!

Tuesday's Together will resume on Tue. Jan. 12th at 5:35p! Table parents and kids are to dress as airline stewards and bring luggage! Come join us for a fun new season of Tues. Together!

NEXT SUNDAY, Jan. 17th is "Blood Pressure Sunday"! New Year's Resolution – keep a good handle on your health each month in 2010 by joining with the group of folks that check their blood pressure regularly here at Mt. Hope! Our own Health Ministry nurses will meet you back by the church office door.

Sunday School Resumed TODAY! Commit to bringing your children, youth, and yourself throughout this new year! Two classes are currently being offered: "Obeying God's Calls" (Millie Bischel) and "Proverbs" (Bill Haley). Hope to see you all there. We have coffee, tea, and cookies!

The Morning Word Study will resume on Wed. Jan 13th at 10a! Come out and join us for a relaxed and fun study of God's Word!!

Grief Support Group – Grieving the loss of a loved one is one of the most difficult experiences we all face. Walking that lonely journey is different for everyone. Healing can happen as caring Christian women and men share in a support group. Resources and a time for understanding the grief process help to find hope for the future. The group, limited to eight people, will be lead by Esther Gass, RN, a trained facilitator and an elder at Beulah Presbyterian Church. The eight week group start date has been reset to Mon. evening Jan. 25th from 7-9p and will be held at Beulah. Call Esther** to register or for more information.

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!

The Flower Chart Notebook for 2010 is in the Narthex. 1 arrangement - \$15.00; 2 - \$30.00. All Sundays in January are available! Contact Elder Doris Kuhn**

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

What is going on in our Presbytery? Log on to www.pghpresbytery.org to find out!

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

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

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

P.A.C.E. (*Program to Aid Citizen Enterprise*) is seeking a Program Assistant to the Executive Director. Please send a cover letter, resume and salary history to: Lucille E. Dabney, Executive Director - Program to Aid Citizen Enterprise - One Gateway Center, Suite 500 - 420 Fort Duquesne Blvd. - Pittsburgh, PA 15222

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!

THIS WEEK AT MT. HOPE

<u>TODAY</u>	after worship		<u>Dismantling-of-the-Greens</u>	All over!
Mon.	Jan. 11	630p	Worship & Music Ministry Meeting	Conference Rm
		7p	Zumba Regular Dance Class	MP Room
Tue.	Jan. 12	530p	Tuesdays Together Resumes	All over!
Wed.	Jan. 13	10a	<u>The Morning Word Study returns!</u>	MP Room
		6p	Zumba Gold Dance Class	MP Room
		7p	Zumba Regular Dance Class	MP Room
		7p	Nominating Ministry Meeting	Conference Rm
		8p	Narcotics Anonymous	JK Hall
Thu.	Jan. 14	730p	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Sat.	Jan. 16	2p	Gamblers Anonymous	JK Hall

LOOKING AHEAD IN 2 WEEKS...

LOOKING AHEAD IN THE NEW YEAR...

Mon.	Jan. 25	630p	Session Meeting	MP Room
Sun.	Jan. 31	after worship	Annual Cong. Mtg. & 4Q Family Luncheon	JK Hall
Fri.	Mar. 5	11a	World Day of Prayer	Sanctuary
Wed.	Feb. 17	7p	<u>Ash Wednesday Service</u>	Sanctuary

Tuesday's Together Winter Schedule 2010

- Jan. 12th - Fly United
- Jan. 19th - Special event: visit trains at Chisnell home
- Jan. 26th - Crazy Hair Night
- Feb. 2nd - Super Bowl Night
- Feb. 9th - Snow tubing at Boyce Park
- Feb. 16th - Pass it Along
- Feb. 23rd - Go Fly a Kite
- Mar. 2nd - Mt. Hope's got Talent
- March 16th - Banquet

Registration: Sunday Jan. 10th after worship and Tuesday Jan. 12th after the program.

*Fee for program is \$20.00 per child. Two or more, \$15.00 per child.

*Hours are changed: start 5:35 p.m., end 7:15 p.m.

*Schedule may change due to weather related events. We will be in touch via phone or e-mail, please make sure we have your information.

Betty Ann Tis**

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