

**Mt. Hope Community Presbyterian Church**

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

\*\*\*\*\*

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the New Year — January 24, 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**      **“Praise to the Lord”**      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** *(Psalm 27.4-6)*      Miss Helene Mauser

**L:**    The Psalmist says, *“One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after; to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in His temple.*

**P:**    *For He will hide [us] in His shelter in the day of trouble; He will conceal [us] under the cover of His tent; He will set [us] high on a rock.*

**All:** *Now [our] head is lifted up above [our] enemies all around [us], and [we] will offer in His tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; [We] will sing and make melody to the Lord” and we will worship! Amen!*

**\*Hymn of Praise**      **“God Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens”**      Page 268

**\*Invocation and The Lord’s Prayer**      Miss Mauser

As we make the transition from getting here to being here, Lord, help us that we would be focused on You, and what You have to say to us as your church, and as Your servants. Holy Spirit, convict us and comfort us; teach us and encourage us; and then send us forth into Your world better able to share Your Word and do what Your Word says. We trust You to help us because You are our Creator and You are, **“Our Father...”**

*(You may be seated)*

TO CONFESS OUR SIN...

**Call to Confession** (1 John 1.8-10)

Trustee Kevin Scott

In John's first homily, God declares that, "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His Word is not in us." ***In silence***, let us confess our sin so that God will cleanse us from all our unrighteousness, and so that His Word may remain in us.

**Kyrie**

**"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"**

Page 298

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Psalm 66.16-20**

Pastor Carmen

TO TEACH OUR CHILDREN...

**Presentation of the Cross**

Elder Betty Ann Tis

**The Children's Chat**

Mrs. Myrna Hiller

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

TO PRESENT OUR FINANCIAL OFFERINGS WITH GRATITUDE...

**Offering Call** (1 Timothy 6.17-19)

Trustee Scott

God tells us through Paul that, "as for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life." As we look to God to continue to provide "us with everything for our enjoyment," let us share generously so that our life and the lives of others can be enriched!

**Offertory**

**"I Believe"**

The Chancel Choir

(Please stand)

**\*Doxology**

**"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"**

Page 593

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

Miss Mauser

(You may be seated)

TO HEAR THE WORD...

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

<i>Hymn of Preparation</i>	<i>“How Great Thou Art”</i>	Page 467
<u><i>Hebrew Testament</i></u>	<u><i>Genesis 1</i></u>	Pastor Carmen
<i>The Sermon</i>	<i>“It’s All Good!”</i>	Pastor Carmen
<i>A Moment for Reflection</i>	<i>“How Great Thou Art”</i>	Min. Geibel
<i>Prayers of the People</i>		Pastor Carmen

AND TAKE THE WORD OUT WITH JOY!

(Please stand)

<i>*Hymn of Departure</i>	<i>“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”</i>	Page 464
<i>*Taking the Light of Christ into the World</i>		The Acolytes
<i>*Charge &amp; Benediction</i>		Pastor Carmen
<i>(Please do not leave the sanctuary until the worship leaders and the elders have recessed!)</i>		
<i>*Postlude</i>	<i>“For the Beauty of the Earth”</i>	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 and your children!

**Your children are loved and welcomed at Mt. Hope!** An usher will direct you to our nursery for infants & toddlers up to age 4. A *Cry Room* is located at the rear of the Sanctuary for your convenience, and **Worship kits** are available in the *Kids’ Korner* of the Narthex. The kits must be returned following worship!

\*\*\*\*\*

**Our worship services are recorded:**

<http://www.mthopechurch.org/Welcome.html>. Click on recordings.

\*\*\*\*\*

\*\*\*\*\*

**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!

\*\*\*\*\*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**The Sanctuary Flowers** are given by **Ruthie Carrick** in dedication and in honor of her family!

**Our Weekly Financial Stewardship:** **needed each week**=\$4,010; **received last week** = \$4,083.; **difference**= +\$73.00

**Today’s Young Children in Worship** story is “**Choosing the 12**,” led by **Elder Betty Ann Tis** and assisted by **Corey Williams** and **Allie Dick**.

**Birthday Wishes** to **Elizabeth Cutruzzula** (1/25) and **Hamner Williams** (1/26).

**Fellowship time today** will be provided by the **Men’s Softball Team**. Fellowship for **next Sunday** will be provided by the **Board of Deacons**.

**Annual Meeting Date Change!** Due to the absence of our treasurer, Alyce Duffus, the Annual Meeting has been **rescheduled for Sun. February 14<sup>th</sup>** following worship! Please mark the change on your calendar and plan to be present. Thank you! -Session

**Margie Baur** would like to thank everyone for your prayers, calls, and cards during the illness and death of her husband, **Ernie**. Your thoughtfulness will never be forgotten!

**TODAY the Health Ministries Team** will play a short video and answer questions regarding **how to use our new AED device!** Please go to the MP Room to view the video demonstration...it could save your life!

**Save the Date!** Our annual **Snow Ball / Father-Daughter Dinner Dance** will be held on **Sat. March 6<sup>th</sup>** from **630-10p** in **JK Hall**.

**The Haiti Offering:** thanks to your generosity, we collected \$258 last Sunday for the victims of Haiti! Your help is still needed, so if you would like to donate please put your gift in a separate offering from your regular giving, and mark in the memo section of your check: for Haiti. Thank you and keep praying! -Alyce Duffus, Treas.

**It's not too late** to join us at **ZUMBA** to shake off the winter blues and those winter pounds! Bring your family, friends and neighbors to exercise, laugh and have fun on **Mondays & Wednesdays at 7p.** You do not need to commit long-term, you can pay on an "as you attend" basis. Feel free to come and see how much fun people are having at Zumba. **Zumba Gold** classes are no longer available.

**The Morning Word Study** will resume **this Wed. Jan 27<sup>th</sup> at 10a!** Come out and join us for a relaxed and fun study of God's Word!!

**Sunday School!** **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!

**Please pick up your Giving Envelopes** in the Narthex!

**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!

**Continue to bring your non-perishable food items** to the church **every 4<sup>th</sup> 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. Dates available - February 28<sup>th</sup> (2)! Contact **Elder Doris Kuhn\*\*.**

\*\*\*\*\*

**COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

**What is going on in Penn Hills?** To find out, log on to [www.pennhills.org](http://www.pennhills.org).

**What is going on in our Presbytery?** Log on to [www.pghpresbytery.org](http://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!

\*\*\*\*\*

**THIS WEEK AT MT. HOPE**

<b>TODAY</b>	after worship		AED Training	MP Room
Mon.	Jan 25	630p	Session Meeting	Conference Room
		7p	Zumba Dance Class	MP Room
Tue.	Jan 26	530p	Tuesdays Together	All Over!
Wed.	Jan 27	7p	Zumba Dance Class	MP Room
		8p	Narcotics Anonymous	JK Hall
Thur.	Jan. 28	730p	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Sat.	Jan 30	2p	Gamblers Anonymous	JK Hall

\*\*\*\*\*

**LOOKING AHEAD IN 2 WEEKS...**

Wed.	Feb. 3	10a	The Morning Word Study	MP Room
Sat.	Feb. 6	8a	Family Book Store-VBS Materials	JK Hall

\*\*\*\*\*

**LOOKING AHEAD IN THE NEW YEAR...**

Sun.	Feb. 14	after worship	Annual Meeting/4Q Luncheon	JK Hall
Fri.	Mar. 5	11a	World Day of Prayer	Sanctuary
Sat.	Mar. 6	630p	Snow Ball/Father-Daughter Dance!	JK Hall
Fri.	Mar 12-14		Annual Marriage Retreat	TBD
Wed.	Feb. 17	7p	<b><u>Ash Wednesday Service</u></b>	Sanctuary

\*\*\*\*\*

\*\*\*\*\*

**Please pray for, call, or send a card to our sick & homebound members:**  
**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

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

\*\*\*\*\*

**Mt. Hope Community Church, Presbyterian, USA**  
*12106 Frankstown Road, Penn Hills, PA 15235 - 412.793.0227*  
**email:** *[mthope@mthope-church.org](mailto:mthope@mthope-church.org)* **website:** *[mthopechurch.org](http://mthopechurch.org)*  
*Rev. Carmen Cox Harwell, Pastor*  
*Mrs. Jennifer Geibel, Minister of Music*  
*Mr. Dan Hadzima, Custodian*  
*Mrs. Rita Hardin, Administrative Assistant*

\*\*\*\*\*