

Mt. Hope Community Presbyterian Church

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

5th Sunday of the New Year — January 31, 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 **“There Is a Balm in Gilead”**

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 29.1-2, 11)

Deacon Diana Dawson

L: The Psalmist reminds us to “*Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.*”

P: *Ascribe to the Lord the glory of His name; worship the Lord in holy splendor.*

All: *May the Lord give strength to His people! May the Lord bless His people with peace!” Let us worship the Lord in spirit and in truth! Amen!*

***Hymn of Praise**

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

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***Invocation and The Lord’s Prayer**

Deacon Dawson

Because of Your unconditional love for us, Lord, you have blessed us with all that we have. You have given us this brand new day to enjoy, and You have gathered us together to proclaim Your goodness to Your world. In this time of worship, may Your Spirit fill us and move us to hear and respond to what You have to say to Your church and to us. And then give us the words to say so that others may come to know You and love You and serve You as “***Our Father...***”

(You may be seated)

TO CONFESS OUR SIN...

Call to Confession (Isaiah 43.22-24)

Miss Jessica Brandon

Isaiah records God saying, "...you did not call upon Me, O Jacob; but you have been weary of Me, O Israel! You have not brought Me your...offerings, or honored Me with your sacrifices. I have not burdened you with offerings, or wearied you with frankincense, You have not brought Me sweet cane with money, or satisfied Me with the fat of your sacrifices. But you have burdened Me with your iniquities." **In silence**, let us confess our sins so that God may be satisfied with us.

Kyrie

"I Love the Lord, He Heard My Cry"

*I love the Lord / He heard my cry! / And pitied every groan /
As long as I live / when trouble rise / I'll hasten to / His throne.*

Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 43.25

Pastor Carmen

TO TEACH OUR CHILDREN...

The Children's Chat

Mr. Hamner Williams

(Following the Chat, all children age 7 & under may leave to attend "Children in Worship:" a time when teachers and peers enjoy an intimate and fun-filled worship message!)

TO PRESENT OUR FINANCIAL OFFERINGS WITH GRATITUDE...

Offering Call (Malachi 3.10-12)

Miss Brandon

"Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in My house, and thus put Me to the test," says the Lord of Hosts; see if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for You an overflowing blessing...Then all nations will count you happy, for you will be a land of delight," says the Lord of Hosts." Let us happily present our full tithe to God!

Offertory

"Alleluia, Praise"

The Chancel Choir

(Please stand)

***Doxology**

"Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven"

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***Prayer of Dedication**

Deacon Dawson

(You may be seated)

TO HEAR THE WORD...

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

Hymn of Preparation *“Open My Eyes That I May See”* Page 324

New Testament *Matthew 8.5-10* Pastor Carmen

The Sermon *“Just Say the Word”* Pastor Carmen

A Moment for Reflection *“In the Garden”* Min. Geibel

Prayers of the People Pastor Carmen

AND TAKE THE WORD OUT WITH JOY!

(Please stand)

**Hymn of Departure* *“He’s Done So Much for Me”* Back of Bulletin

**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* *“Amazing Grace”* 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!

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Rev. Carmen Cox Harwell, Pastor

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Mr. Dan Hadzima, Custodian

Mrs. Rita Hardin, Administrative Assistant

He's Done So Much for Me

He's done so much for me, I cannot tell it all.

I cannot tell it all, I cannot tell it all.

He's done so much for me, I cannot tell it all.

He washed my sins away, I cannot tell it all.

I cannot tell it all, I cannot tell it all.

He washed my sin away, I cannot tell it all.

He walks and talks with me, I cannot tell it all.

I cannot tell it all, I cannot tell it all.

He walks and talks with me, I cannot tell it all.

He gave me victory, I cannot tell it all.

I cannot tell it all, I cannot tell it all.

He gave me victory, I cannot tell it all.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Sanctuary Flowers are given by Quent and Deacon Colleen Szymansky in celebration of their 32nd wedding anniversary!

Our Weekly Financial Stewardship: *needed each week*=\$4,083; *received last week* = \$3,634; *difference*= -\$449.00.

Today's Young Children in Worship story is "The Good Samaritan" led by Helene Mauser, Margaret Tassarò, and Terri Graham-Shealey.

Birthday Wishes to Deacon Emmett Nury (2/2); Erica Brandon (2/3); Barb Isett (2/6); Scotty Schramm (2/7).

Fellowship time today will be provided by the Board of Deacons. Fellowship for next Sunday will be provided by the Board of Trustees

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

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the **Nakels-Haley Family** following the death of Carol's father, Joseph (Glen) Fleming last week.

Mark, Debbie, & Shannon Dillman would like to thank everyone for their cards and prayers during Shannon's recent emergency appendectomy!

Karen Little thanks everyone for their cards and phone calls during her recent hospitalization!

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

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.

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 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.* Dates available - February 28th (2)! Contact *Elder Doris Kuhn***.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Day Camp at Plum Creek! Come experience “A Stronger You: Spiritually, Mentally, Physically, Emotionally” on the grounds of the Presbyterian Church of Plum Creek. The Camp is open to elementary-aged children who have completed grades 1-6, and runs for 4 weeks: June 28-July2; July 23. Registration fees: between Jan 1-Feb. 28=\$100child/wk; Mar. 1-Apr. 20=\$115child/wk; after May 1=\$125child/wk. Please visit our website (www.DayCampAtPlumCreek.org) for a registration form, or call 412-793-4525 for more information!

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!

THIS WEEK AT MT. HOPE

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| Mon. | Feb. 1 | 630p | Worship & Music Meeting | Conference Rm |
| | | 7p | Zumba Dance Class | MP Room |
| Tue. | Feb. 2 | 530p | Tuesdays Together | All Over! |
| Wed. | Feb. 3 | 6a | Youth Prayer Breakfast | Eat-n-Park |
| | | 10a | The Morning Word Study | MP Room |
| | | 7p | Zumba Dance Class | MP Room |
| | | 8p | Narcotics Anonymous | JK Hall |
| Thu. | Feb. 4 | 730p | Chancel Choir Rehearsal | Sanctuary |
| Sat. | Feb. 6 | 8a | Family Book Store-VBS Materials | JK Hall |
| | | 2p | Gamblers Anonymous | JK Hall |

LOOKING AHEAD IN 2 WEEKS...

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| Thu. | Feb. 11 | 1130a | Christian Education Meeting | Conference Rm |
| Sun. | Feb. 14 | after worship | <u>Annual Meeting/40 Luncheon</u> | JK Hall |
| Tue. | Feb. 16 | 730p | Tuesdays Together Meeting | JK Hall |

LOOKING AHEAD IN THE NEW YEAR...

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

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

Out of respect for privacy.

individuals are not added to or deleted from this list without their consent.

Dorothy Arnold, Virginia Ayres, Margie Baur, Irene Bender, May Bourne, Carolyn Griffith, **Cyndi Head***, 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.**

* recently added

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