

Mt. Hope Community Presbyterian Church

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

Sunday — March 14, 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

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 86.8-12)*

Mrs. Betty Noah

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

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

All: [We] give thanks to You, O Lord [our] God, with [our] whole heart, and [we] will glorify Your name forever!” Amen!

**Hymn of Praise*

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

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**The Invocation and Lord’s Prayer*

Mrs. Noah

*Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us as we worship You in spirit and in truth. Give us the voice of angels to sing Your praises, and repentant hearts as we confess our sin. Assure us of Your unconditional love, open our ears to hear Your Word, and give us the courage to share Your words of life and love and forgiveness to all we meet this week. Help us that we would claim You not only with our words but, more importantly, with our hearts, for You alone are, “**Our Father...**”*

(You may be seated)

TO CONFESS OUR SIN...

Call to Confession (Psalm 32.1-5)

Miss Jordan Williams

The Psalmist reminds us that, “*Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes in iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as the heat of summer. Then I acknowledged my sin to You, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, ‘I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,’ and You forgave the guilt of my sin.*” ***In silence***, let us do the same and confess our transgressions so that the Lord will forgive the guilt of our sin.

Kyrie

“He Looked Beyond My Fault”

Amazing grace shall always be my song of praise / For it was grace that bought my liberty / I do not know just why Christ came to love me so / He looked beyond my fault and saw my need / I shall forever lift mine eyes to Calvary / To view the cross where Jesus died for me / How marvelous the grace that caught my falling soul / He looked beyond my fault and saw my need.

Assurance of Pardon

Rev. Dr. Sheldon Sorge

TO TEACH OUR CHILDREN...

The Children’s Chat

Miss Millie Bichsel

(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 (Deuteronomy 15.7-8,10)

Miss Williams

God spoke through Moses telling us that, “*If there is among you anyone in need, a member of your community...do not be heard-hearted or tight-fisted toward your needy neighbor. You should rather open your hand, willingly lending enough to meet the need, whatever it may be. Give liberally and be ungrudging when you do so, for on this account the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in all that you undertake.*” Let us give willingly, liberally, and ungrudging so that the Lord will continue to bless us in all that we undertake!

Offertory

“I Will Call Upon the Lord”. ”

The Chancel Choir

Our warmest welcome and thanks to the Rev. Dr. Sheldon W. Sorge for leading us in worship this morning! Dr. Sorge is our new Pastor to Presbytery for Pittsburgh Presbytery. He has served several congregations in North Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia. He also worked for the national offices of the PCUSA, leading the Office of Theology and Worship’s Pastor-Theologian ministry and inaugurating a new ministry of mentored covenant groups for first-call pastors. He is married to the Rev. Tammy Wiens, who is the Associate for Spiritual Formation for the PCUSA.

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 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!

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

Out of respect for personal 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, Hilda Kerr, 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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Sanctuary Flowers are given by the Brandon Family in honor and celebration of mother and grandmother, Irene Brandon.

Our Weekly Financial Stewardship: Needed each week: \$4,010. What we received last week: 6,211\$. Difference: +\$2,201.

Today's Young Children in Worship story is "Jesus and Zacchaeus" led by Alaina Napolitana and assisted by Laurie Napolitana and Allie Dick.

Birthday Wishes to Maggie Schramm (3.15).

Fellowship time today will be provided by the Board of Deacons. Fellowship for next Sunday will be provided by the 7-12th grade Youth.

I would like to thank the anonymous donor of the beautiful cross given to the children of Mt. Hope, to be used in the room they go to during worship! If you did not see it at the congregational meeting, you can visit us and see the cross any Sunday!

-Myrna Hiller

Reservations for the Lenten Dinners can be made by filling out the reservation card found in the pew or by calling the church office (412-793-0227). Dinner is served at 630p, followed by the study at 715p! **This week's menu:** meatloaf, potatoes, vegetable and desert! All are welcome and encouraged to come out!

Next Sunday, March 21 is “Blood Pressure Sunday! Our own Health Ministry Team nurses will meet you immediately following Worship in the hall by the church office door to check you blood pressure. March is a good time to begin your own regular monthly blood pressure check-up!

The Praise Team will be singing next. Sun., Mar. 21st! If anyone interested in joining the Praise Team, please call Barry Irwin**. We will practice Sat., Mar. 20th from 9:30-11:30a.

Anyone interested in being informed of **Youth Events** should contact Elder Beth Nury** or Barry Irwin**. This includes Jr. and Sr. High youth , plus any adults interested in assisting with events. –Barry Irwin

Sunday School! The Rev. Dick Shorthouse will be offering 3 excellent Adult Sunday School classes, Mar. 14, 21, & 28! Please plan to attend, beginning at 10a!

Hello Friends! For those who have asked about the **Trust Account for Eric Sipper** (the young man whose parents died tragically), here is the info: First Niagara Bank-6145 Saltsburg Rd.-Verona, PA 15147. Contributions can be made by going to the bank and have the teller fill out a deposit slip for Eric Sipper Trust Account. –Thank you! Pat & Calvin Lutz

Last year we celebrated Palm Sunday by tracing our handprints on felt material, signing our names and creating a banner from our Mt. Hope family of hands! We are asking our new members and those who were unable to participate last year, to see Elder Doris Kuhn after worship in the narthex to trace your handprint so that it can be added to the banner! Thank you!

You Can Still Come! Our Women’s Retreat is quickly approaching: Fri-Sun. Apr. 9-11 at Camp Crestfield Conference Center. We have space available for **10 more women** and, if filled, we will receive a \$2 overall discount in room and meal charges! Costs include 2 nights and 5 meals: \$89/triple occupancy; \$99-double; \$139-single. If you’d like to come, we’d love to have you! Please contact Carol Nakles**

Flowers for Resurrection Sunday! Order forms will be handed out in the narthex following worship. The deadline for ordering is March 19th. Thank you! –Elder Doris Kuhn

More than 60 years ago, American Christians joined together to respond to worldwide devastation caused by WW2. Once again, *the Mission Ministry* asks that you join with Presbyterians around the world to support **One Great Hour of Sharing**, of which your gifts support the ministry of Self-Development of People, Disaster Assistance, and Hunger Programs. Take a “sharing calendar” (1 per family) located in the narthex; choose “a unit” of giving with those less fortunate. The offering will be received on Resurrection Sunday! Thank you! –Elder Debbie Dillman, chair, Mission Ministry.

Spring is coming so hold the date! It won’t be long before the *Mt. Hope Pirate Game*, scheduled for Sat. June 5th at 7p! This date also happens to be *Skyblast*, which includes fireworks and a concert featuring *Collective Soul* after the game. We have 100 tickets at \$8/game, 1st come (with money)-1st served! I am also planning a tailgate party at PNC Park from approx. 5-7p. For those interested in the tailgate party, the cost will be \$5per person. I hope you all can attend. –Elder Chuck Schramm.

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: **March 21st, April 11th & 25th!** 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!

THIS WEEK AT MT. HOPE

Mon.	Mar. 15	630p	Session Meeting	MP Room
		7p	Zumba Dance Class	MP Room
Tue.	Mar. 16	530p	Tuesday's Together Banquet & Awards	JK Hall
Wed.	Mar. 17	6a	Youth Prayer Breakfast	Eat-n-Park
		630p	<u>Lenten Meal & Study</u>	JK Hall
		7p	Zumba Dance Class	MP Room
		8p	Narcotics Anonymous	JK Hall
Thu.	Mar. 18	10a	Heart & Hands for Mission	MP Room
		730p	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Sat.	Mar. 20	2p	Gamblers Anonymous	JK Hall
Sun.	Mar. 21	Worship	Tues. Together Bell Choir	Sanctuary
		1p	Pizza with the Pastor	Pastor Carmen's home

LOOKING AHEAD IN 2 WEEKS...

Wed.	Mar. 24	630p	<u>Lenten Mean & Study-Final</u>	JK Hall
		8p	Women's Retreat Planning Meeting	JK Hall
Sun.	Mar. 28	11a	<u>Palm Sunday Service</u>	Sanctuary

LOOKING AHEAD IN THE YEAR...

Thu.	Apr. 1	7p	<u>Maundy Thursday Service</u>	Sanctuary
Fri.	Apr. 2	7p	<u>Good Friday Service</u>	Sanctuary
Sun.	Apr. 4	11a	<u>Resurrection Sunday</u>	Sanctuary
Fri-Sun.	Apr. 9-11		Women's Retreat	Crestfield Camp
Sun.	May 23		<u>Pentecost Sunday</u>	Sanctuary

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