

TO CONFESS OUR SIN...

Call to Confession (Isaiah 43.22-24)

Elder Doris Kuhn

The Lord says thru His prophet, “*you did not call upon Me, O Jacob; but you have been weary of Me, O Israel! You have not brought Me your sheep for burnt 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 sins; you have wearied Me with your iniquities.*” Let us not burden the Lord with our sin, but seek His forgiveness. **In silence**, let us confess our sin.

Kyrie

“Sanctuary” (2x)

*Lord prepare me / to be a sanctuary / pure and holy / tried and true.
With thanksgiving / I'll be a living / sanctuary for You!*

Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 43.25

Pastor Carmen

TO TEACH OUR CHILDREN...

The Children’s Chat

Mrs. Myrna Hiller

(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 (Genesis 33.11)

Elder Kuhn

In a conversation Jacob had with his brother, Esau, Jacob declares: “Please accept my gift that is brought to you, because God has dealt graciously with me, and because I have everything I want.” Like Jacob, let us present our offering and beg the Lord to accept our financial gifts, for God continues to deal graciously with us!

Offertory

“Mighty to Save”

The Praise Team & Chancel Choir

Ben Fielding, Reuben Morgan

(Please stand)

***Doxology**

“Give Thanks”

Henry Smith

*Give Thanks with a grateful heart / Give Thanks to the Holy One /
Give Thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ, His Son. / And now /
Let the weak say I am strong / Let the poor say I am rich /
Because of what the Lord has done / for us / Give Thanks!*

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Sanctuary Flowers are given by Shirley Kerchner in loving memory of her mother, Jeannette Kerchner.

Today's Young Children in Worship story is "Jesus the King" led by Elder Betty Ann Tis and assisted by Margaret Tassarò and Jordan Chisnell.

Birthday Wishes to Helen Dick (3.23) and Denise Graham-Shealey (3.25).

Fellowship time today will be provided by the Youth. Fellowship for next Sunday will be provided by the Fellowship Ministry.

Tuesday's Together would like to shout out a big **THANK YOU** to Linda McGinnis, who has faithfully served in the kitchen each week!

Annabell Scott wishes to **thank her Mt. Hope family** for the phone calls, cards and notes during her recent hospitalization. She would like everyone to know that Halleluiah, Annabell is back!!

TODAY 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!

TODAY is the LAST DAY to order flowers for Resurrection Sunday! Please see Elder Doris Kuhn in the narthex following worship to place your order!

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:** Ham Bar-B-Q's, coleslaw, and dessert! All are welcome and encouraged to come out!

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 2 excellent Adult Sunday School classes, **TODAY** and next Sun., **Mar. 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

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****

Tickets to the 4th Annual "Farm to Table: Eat Local Food" are now available. The event will be held **Fri.-Sat., Mar. 26-27th from 10a-5p at the David Lawrence Convention Center.** A **local food tasting** will take place **Fri. Mar. 26th from 5-8p.** Information will be available from local farms and retailers. Cost: \$25.00 per person. **For more information call 412-563-8800.**

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: **April 11th & 25th!** Elder Doris Kuhn**.

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THIS WEEK AT MT. HOPE

Mon.	Mar. 22	630p	Session Meeting	JK Hall
		7p	Zumba Dance Class	MP Room
Wed.	Mar. 24	6a	Youth Prayer Breakfast	Eat-n-Park
		630p	<u>Lenten Mean & Study-Final</u>	JK Hall
		7p	Zumba Dance Class	MP Room
		8p	Women’s Retreat Planning Meeting	JK Hall
		8p	Narcotics Anonymous	Sanctuary
Thu.	Mar. 25	10a	Heart & Hands for Mission	MP Room
		730p	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Sat.	Mar. 27	2p	Gamblers Anonymous	JK Hall

LOOKING AHEAD IN 2 WEEKS...

Sun.	Mar. 28	11a	<u>Palm Sunday Service</u>	Sanctuary
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

LOOKING AHEAD IN THE YEAR...

Fri-Sun.	Apr. 9-11		Women’s Retreat	Crestfield Camp
Thu.	Apr. 15	630p	Community Group Meeting	MP Room
Thu.	Apr. 22	7p	DeLuca/PH Police Community Meeting	JK Hall
Sun.	May 23		<u>Pentecost Sunday</u>	Sanctuary

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!

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Song of Praise – “Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”

*Lord I lift Your name on high.
Lord I love to sing Your praises.
I'm so glad You're in my life.
I'm so glad You came to save us.*

*You came from heaven to earth to show the way.
From the earth to the cross my debt to pay.
From the cross to the grave; From the grave to the sky,
Lord I lift Your name on high.*

Song of Preparation – “Forever”

*Give thanks to the Lord / Our God and King /
His love endures forever /
For He is good / He is above all things /
His love endures forever / Sing praise sing praise / Sing praise sing praise*

*With a mighty hand / And an outstretched arm /
His love endures forever
For the life that's been reborn
His love endures forever / Sing praise sing praise / Sing praise sing praise*

Chorus

*Forever God is faithful / Forever God is strong /
Forever God is with us / Forever and ever forever*

*From the rising to the setting sun /
His love endures forever /
By the grace of God / We will carry on /
His love endures forever / Sing praise sing praise / Sing praise sing praise*

Chorus (2x)

Song of Departure – Shout To the Lord

*My Jesus / my Savior / Lord, there is none like You. /
All of my days / I want to praise / the wonders of Your mighty love. /
My Comfort / my Shelter / Tower of Refuge and Strength. /
Let every breath / all that I am / never cease to worship You!*

*Shout to the Lord all the earth let us sing / Power and majesty praise to the King. /
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar / at the sound of Your name. /
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands; / forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand. /
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.*