

Mt. Hope Community Presbyterian Church

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

Palm Sunday — March 28, 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!

The Processional

“Hosanna”

The Worship Leaders, Children and Choir

Bringing in the Light of Christ

The Acolytes

Welcome/Recognition of Visitors/Special Events

Pastor Carmen Cox Harwell

(Please stand)

*** Call to Worship** (Psalm 115.1-3, 16-18)

Elder Chuck Schramm

L: “Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to Your name give glory, for the sake of Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness.

P: **Why should the nations say, ‘Where is your God?’ Our God is in the heavens, He does whatever He pleases.**

L: *The heavens are the Lord’s heavens, but the earth He has given to human beings.*

P: *The dead do not praise the Lord, nor do any that go down into silence.*

All: *But we will bless the lord from this time on and forevermore. Praise the Lord!”*

***Hymn of Praise**

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

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***The Invocation and Lord’s Prayer**

Elder Schramm

You have prepared us for this time of worship because You demand it, and because we desperately need it. So we invoke the power of Your Holy Spirit to fill us with a sense of awe and reverence that only You deserve. Prepare us, Sovereign God, to enter into this new week with the assurance that Your presence goes before us, providing many opportunities for us to continue to worship You. As children look to their parents for guidance and love, so we look to You, **“Our Father...”**

(You may be seated)

TO CONFESS OUR SIN...

Call to Confession (Ezekiel 18.30-32)

Miss Charlotte Schramm

God speaks through the prophet Ezekiel, “...*I will judge you...all of you according to your ways...Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against Me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die?...For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone,*’ says the Lord God. ‘*Turn, then, and live.*”
In silence, let us confess our sin and turn, so that we may live.

Kyrie

“I Surrender All”

*All to Jesus I surrender / Lord, I give myself to Thee. /
Fill me with Thy love and power. / Let Thy blessings fall on me. /
I surrender all. / I surrender all. / All to Thee, my Blessed Savior / I surrender all.*

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 118.15-19

Pastor Carmen

TO TEACH OUR CHILDREN...

The Children’s Chat

Mrs. Elizabeth Cutruzzula

(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 Schramm

Recall God’s words through the prophet Malachi to “‘*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” In anticipation of God’s continued overflowing blessings, let us prepare to give our tithes and offerings!

Offertory

“Jerusalem, My Destiny”

The Chancel Choir

Jack McGuirk –Trumpet, Nicholas Nury –Tenor Solo, Chris Dick – Piano

(Please stand)

***Doxology**

“Praise God, from Whom All blessings Flow”

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***Prayer of Dedication**

Elder Schramm

(You may be seated)

TO HEAR THE WORD...

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

Hymn of Preparation **“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”** Page 142

New Testament Reading *Luke 19.29-40* Pastor Carmen

The Sermon **“The Lord Needs It!”** Pastor Carmen

A Moment for Reflection **“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”**
The Chancel Choir

Prayers of the People Pastor Carmen

AND TAKE THE WORD OUT WITH JOY!

(Please stand)

Song of Departure* **“Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!” Page 91

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

**Charge & Benediction* Pastor Carmen

(Please do not leave the sanctuary until the worship leaders have recessed!)

Postlude* **“Triumphal March” 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!

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Sanctuary Flowers are given by Ruthie Carrick in loving memory of loved ones and Felix and Elizabeth Cutruzzula in celebration of their 59th wedding anniversary.

The rosebud is in celebration of the birth of Gwyneth Marie Snyder, born on March 19th. Gwyneth is the daughter of Matt and Gretchen Snyder and the great-granddaughter of Felix and Elizabeth Cutruzzula.

Our Weekly Financial Stewardship: Needed each week: \$4,010. What we received the week of 3.14: \$4,401. Difference: +\$391. What we received last week: \$3,477. Difference: -\$533.

Leave Home Without It! As you prepare for vacation time, please remember to leave home without your tithes and offerings! While *you* are away, God's *church* still needs to continue paying its bills! We would greatly appreciate it!! -The Session

Today's Young Children in Worship story is "Jesus' Last Passover" led by Helene Mauser and assisted by Judy Schramm and Jordan Williams.

Birthday Wishes to Judy Griffin (3.29), Stan Kuhn (3.30), Helen Faye (4.1), Irene Bender (4.2), Cyndi Head (4.2), Chuck Schramm (4.2.), May Bourne (4.3) and John Dick (4.3).

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

The Church Office will close at 12noon on Maundy Thu., and all day on Good Friday. All bulletin announcements must be in the office no later than Tue., Mar. 30 at 2p!

A Very Special Thank You is extended to my Mt. Hope Family, for your cards and calls, and many, many prayers on my behalf! You will never know how much I appreciate you and love you all! -Betty Sundin

Good Friday at Laketon Heights Utd. Methodist Church: Join Pastor Carmen, our neighbors, and the Penn Hills Clergy for an hour of worship beginning at 10a.

Softball practice will begin Apr. 16 & 23 beginning at 6:30p at the Bible Baptist field, 200 Elicker Rd. Plum. Anyone interested can call Trustee Andy Vitko**

Calling All Gardeners! If you love to garden (fruits, veggies, flowers) and would be interested in starting or helping with a gardening project here at the church, please contact Pastor Carmen at 412-793-0227!

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

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**.

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.

The Morning Word Study returns on Wed. May 5th at 10a at Pastor Carmen's home!

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**.

THIS WEEK AT MT. HOPE

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| Mon. | Mar. 29 | 7p | Zumba Dance Class | MP Room |
| Wed. | Mar. 31 | 6a | Youth Prayer Breakfast | Eat-n-Park |
| | | 7p | Zumba Dance Class | MP Room |
| | | 8p | Narcotics Anonymous | Sanctuary |
| Thu. | Apr. 1 | <u>12n</u> | <u>Church Office Closed!</u> | |
| | | 7p | <u>Maundy Thursday Service</u> | Sanctuary |
| <u>Fri.</u> | <u>Apr. 2</u> | | <u>Church Office Closed!</u> | |
| | | 7p | <u>Good Friday Service</u> | Sanctuary |
| Sat. | Apr. 3 | 2p | Gamblers Anonymous | JK Hall |

LOOKING AHEAD IN 2 WEEKS...

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| Sun. | Apr. 4 | 11a | <u>Resurrection Sunday</u> | Sanctuary |
| Wed. | Apr. 7 | 7p | Trustee's Meeting | MP Room |
| Fri-Sun. | Apr. 9-11 | | Women's Retreat | Crestfield Camp |
| Wed. | May 5 | 10a | <u>The Morning Word Study</u> | Pastor's Home |

LOOKING AHEAD IN THE YEAR...

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| Thu. | Apr. 15 | 630p | Community Group Meeting | MP Room |
| Fri. | Apr. 16 | 630p | Softball Practice | Bible Baptist Church Field |
| Mon. | Apr. 19 | 630p | Session Meeting | |
| Thu. | Apr. 22 | 6p | Neighbors Community Meeting | JK Hall |
| | | 7p | DeLuca/PH Police Community Meeting | JK Hall |
| Fri. | Apr. 23 | 630p | Softball Practice | Bible Baptist Church Field |
| Sun. | May 23 | | <u>Pentecost Sunday</u> | Sanctuary |
| Sat. | June 5 | 7p | Mt. Hope's Pirates Game/Skyblast | PNC Park |

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Mrs. Jennifer Geibel, Minister of Music

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Mrs. Rita Hardin, Administrative Assistant

Elder Millie Bichsel, Clerk of Session

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Good Fri. Apr. 2 – 10a: Come and join Pastor Carmen and other churches from Penn Hills at the Laketon Heights Methodist Church for one hour of worship! For more info, please contact Pastor Carmen!

Hebron Presbyterian Church is holding a **New to You Sale** on Wed. Apr. 21st – 7-9p, and Thu. Apr. 22nd – 10a-2p in the church’s Barclay Bldg. Please come...there will be something for everyone!

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!
