

*Mt. Hope Community Presbyterian Church*

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

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*1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Resurrection— April 11, 2010 – 11:00 a.m.*

*\*Those who are able, please stand*

**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      “Holy Art Thou”      Mr. Michael Reiland*

*Bringing in the Light of Christ      The Acolytes*

*Welcome/Recognition of Visitors/Special Events      Elder Clyde G. Davis*

*(Please stand)*

*\*Call to Reflect and Worship (Psalm 100)      Elder Davis*

*L: “Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come into His presence with singing.*

***P: Know that the Lord is God. It is He that made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.***

*L: Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him, bless His name.*

***All: For the Lord is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations!” Amen!***

*\*Hymn of Praise      “Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain”      Page 115*

*\*The Invocation and Lord’s Prayer      Elder Davis*

*In the sacredness of this hour, O Lord, we come grateful that You have prepared us to worship You. We invoke the presence and the power of Your Holy Spirit, to enable us to worship You in spirit and in truth. As children look to their parents for sustenance, so Your children look to You, “**Our Father...**”*

*(You may be seated)*

TO CONFESS OUR SIN...

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

Elder Davis

God reminds us through John 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.” Far be it from us to call God a liar. Therefore, let us humbly approach the throne of God’s grace and confess, in silence, our sin.

**Kyrie**

**“More Love to Thee, O Christ”**

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**Assurance of Pardon**

Isaiah 1.18-19

Rev. Dick Shorthouse

TO TEACH OUR CHILDREN...

**The Children’s Chat**

Mr. Denny Chisnell

TO PRESENT OUR FINANCIAL OFFERINGS WITH GRATITUDE...

**Offering Call** (2 Corinthians 9.6-8, 11-13)

Elder Davis

“The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may shine abundantly in every good work.”  
Let us cheerfully present our tithes and offerings!

**Offertory**

**“Sheep May Safely Graze”**

Mr. Reiland

*(Please stand)*

**\*Doxology**

**“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”**

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**\*Prayer of Dedication**

Elder Davis

*(You may be seated)*

TO HEAR THE WORD...

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

**Hymn of Preparation**

**“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”**

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New Testament Readings

John 20.10-18 & Luke 24.13-35

Rev. Shorthouse

*The Sermon*

*“Identity Theft”*

Rev. Shorthouse

*A Moment for Reflection*

Mr. Reiland

*Prayers of the People*

Rev. Shorthouse

AND TAKE THE WORD OUT WITH JOY!

*(Please stand)*

*\*Hymn of Departure “God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand”*

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*\*Taking the Light of Christ into the World*

The Acolytes

*\*Charge & Benediction*

Rev. Shorthouse

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

*\*Postlude*

*“Trumpet Voluntary”*

Mr. Reiland

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**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!

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**Our worship services are recorded:**

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

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**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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**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.**

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**Elder Millie Bichsel, Clerk of Session**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

***With grateful hearts, we welcome as our guest preacher this morning, the Rev. Dick Shorthouse.*** Rev. Shorthouse and his family are members of the Hebron United Presbyterian Church, and he is a graduate of Pittsburgh University and Fuller Theological Seminary, with a Master of Arts degree in Theology with an emphasis on youth. He is ordained as an evangelist and has worked with the Young Life organization, a ministry with young people and families, since 1961. Dick currently serves as the Director of Development with Young Life East Hills. He has been married to Sarah Duff for 47 years, and they are the proud parents of 3 and grandparents of 11! Dick and Sarah reside in Penn Hills.

**Our Weekly Financial Stewardship:** *Needed each week:* \$4,010. *What we received last week:* \$5,507. *Difference:* +\$1,497.

**Today's Young Children in Worship** story is "Jesus is Risen" led by Helene Mauser and assisted by Jordan Chisnell and Terri Shealey.

**Birthday Wishes** to Jordan Chisnell (4.12); Karen Schramm (4.14) and Jordan Williams (4.17).

**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 to meet its obligations! We would greatly appreciate it!! -The Session

**Fellowship time** is provided by the Technology Ministry! Fellowship for next Sunday will be provided by the Mission Ministry.

**NEXT SUN. , Apr. 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday School will resume** for children and adults.

**Thanks to your generosity,** a check in the amount of \$395.25 was donated to the Pgh. Bureau of Police-Zone 5, in honor of the fallen Ofcrs. Paul Sciullo II, Eric Kelly, and Stephen Mayhle. God bless each one of you for your support and donations!

**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!

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

**Paper Recycling News!** April is Earth Month and the paper retrieval company will double the dollars we receive if we can at least double the amount of paper we recycle. This program is for the month of April only! Please bring all your paper to fill our recycle bin!

**Spring is coming so hold the date!** It won't be long before the Mt. Hope Pirate Game, scheduled for Sat. June 5<sup>th</sup> 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, 1<sup>st</sup> come (with money)-1<sup>st</sup> 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 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: **April 25th!** Elder Doris Kuhn\*\*.

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### **COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

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

**Penn Hills High School** presents Thoroughly Modern Millie at the Thomas A. Bond Auditorium , Apr. 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> at 730p. Tickets available at the door: adults-\$9; students/seniors-\$7. To order reserved seating, call 412-793-7000 x302 or 209.

**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!

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**THIS WEEK AT MT. HOPE**

Mon.	Apr.12	7p	Zumba Dance Class	MP Room
Wed.	Apr.14	6a	Youth Prayer Breakfast	Eat-n-Park
		7p	Zumba Dance Class	MP Room
		8p	Narcotics Anonymous	Sanctuary
Thu.	Apr. 15	10a	Hearts-and-Hands Ministry	MP Room
		12-9p	Kiwanis Ham Dinner	JK Hall
		1p	Presbytery Meeting	Pittsburgh Seminary
		630p	We-Are-One Community Group	MP Room
		7p	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Fri.	Apr. 16	630p	Softball Practice	Bible Baptist Church Field
Sat.	Apr. 17	2p	Gamblers Anonymous	JK Hall

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

Mon.	Apr. 19	630p	Session Meeting	JK Hall
Thu.	Apr. 22	6p	Neighbors Community Meeting	JK Hall
Fri.	Apr. 23	630p	Softball Practice	Bible Baptist Church Field
Sat.	Apr. 24	10a	Scrap bookers	MP Room
Thu.	Apr. 29	7p	DeLuca/PH Police Community Meeting	JK Hall

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

Wed.	May 5	10a	The Morning Word Study	Pastor's Home
Sun.	May 23	11a	Pentecost Sunday	Sanctuary
Sat.	June 5	7p	Mt. Hope's Pirates Game/Skyblast	PNC Park

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