

Mt. Hope Community Presbyterian Church

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

4th Sunday of Resurrection— April 25, 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 “Children of the Heavenly Father”

Min. Jennifer Geibel

Bringing in the Light of Christ

The Acolytes

Welcome/Recognition of Visitors/Special Events

Pastor Carmen

(Please stand)

***Call to Reflect and Worship** (Psalm 8.1, 3-6, 9)

Mrs. Linda McGinnis

L: “O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is Your name in all the earth! You have set Your glory above the heavens.

P: **When I look at Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars that You have established; what are human beings that You are mindful of [us], mortals that You care for [us]?**

L: *Yet You have made [us] a little lower than God, and crowned [us] with glory and honor. You have given [us] dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under [our] feet...*

All: **O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!” Amen!**

***Hymn of Praise**

“City of God”

See Insert

***The Invocation and Lord’s Prayer**

Mrs. McGinnis

Holy Spirit, we invoke Your presence in this Your time of worship. Speak healing to the sick, peace to those confused, and mercy to those who acknowledge their sinfulness. Create in all of us the will and the strength to do what You command, and share Your love with all those who, like us, need it daily. All of us look to You for daily provisions and for eternal life...both of which You alone can provide, for You alone are, **“Our Father...”**

(You may be seated)

TO CONFESS OUR SIN...

Call to Confession (Joshua 7.10-12)

Mr. Corey Williams

“The Lord said to Joshua [and to us]...Israel has sinned; they have transgressed My covenant...they have taken some of the devoted things; they have stolen, they have acted deceitfully, they have put them among their own belongings. Therefore [My people] are unable to stand before their enemies; they turn their backs to their enemies, because they have become a thing devoted for destruction themselves. I will be with you no more, unless you destroy the devoted things from among you.” This is the Word of the Lord. Therefore, **in silence**, let us confess our transgressions and vow to devote ourselves only to God.

Kyrie

“Sanctuary”

*Lord, prepare me / to be a sanctuary; / pure and holy, / tried and true. /
And with thanksgiving / I'll be a living / sanctuary / for You! (2x)*

Assurance of Pardon

Romans 10.9-13

Pastor Carmen

TO PRESENT OUR FINANCIAL OFFERINGS WITH GRATITUDE...

Offering Call (Luke 6.20, 38)

Mrs. McGinnis

“Then [Jesus] looked up at His disciples and said: Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.” In obedience, let us do what the Lord says and give!

Offertory

“River in Judea”

The Chancel Choir

(Please stand)

***Doxology**

“Thank You Lord”

See Insert

***Prayer of Dedication of Offerings and Food**

Mr. Williams

(You may be seated)

TO BAPTIZE OUR CHILDREN...

Thomas Michael Quirk

Musical Selection

“I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry”

Ms. Shannon Link

TO TEACH OUR CHILDREN...

The Children's Chat

Miss Millie Bichsel

TO HEAR THE WORD...

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

Hymn of Preparation **"Jesus, Name Above All Names"**
*Jesus / Name above all names / Beautiful Savior / Glorious Lord /
Emmanuel / God is with us / Blessed Redeemer / Living Word. (2x)*

The New Testament **Matthew 21.14-17** Pastor Carmen

The Sermon **"Children Live What They Learn!"** Pastor Carmen

A Moment for Reflection **"Jesus Loves Me"** Min. Geibel

Prayers of the People Pastor Carmen

AND TAKE THE WORD OUT WITH JOY!

(Please stand)

***Hymn of Departure** **"Praise Him, All Ye Little Children"** See Insert

***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** **"I've Got Peace Like a River"** The Chancel Choir

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 (not to be taken home) are available in the Kids' Korner of the Narthex.

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.**

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 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!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Sanctuary Flowers are given by Lois Getkin in honor of her grandchildren Benjamine, Daniel, Sarah, Joshua, Katherynn, and Rebecca.

Our Weekly Financial Stewardship: Needed each week: \$4,010. What we received last week: \$3,244. Difference: -\$766.

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

Today's Young Children in Worship is "Lost Son" led by Alexandra Newby and assisted by Jan Chisnell and Allie Dick.

Birthday Wishes to Jason McCauslin (4.23), Angel Hadzima (4.26), Darlene McCauslin (4.28), Debbie Dick (5.1) and Donald Wise (5.1)

Fellowship time today is provided by our 1st-6th grade children! Fellowship for next Sunday will be provided by the Worship and Music Ministry.

Annalie Dillman would like to thank Pastor Carmen and her Mt. Hope Family for the cards, prayers and calls of support during her recent hospitalization.

We Welcome David Quel, a senior at Pgh. Theological Seminary who will be teaching our adult Sunday School Class through May 31st. David's topic will be "Christian Living in the Light of Love" based on 1 John. David is married to Rebecca and the father of three boys. He plans to minister to special needs individuals after graduation.

Calling all 2010 Graduates! If your son or daughter is graduating from high school or college, or you are an adult who has gone back to school and are graduating with a degree or certificate, please contact Elder Betty Ann Tis**, or the church office with your name so that we can honor your accomplishment.

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, so please bring all your paper thru Friday, to fill our recycle bin!

Next Sunday, May 2, is our **Blood Pressure Sunday** for the month of May. You do not need an appointment or be a member of Mt. Hope. Simply come back and register at the table across from the Church Office. Our own Health Ministry nurses will take your blood pressure.

Mother's Day! The children will be singing a special song on Mother's Day! Please bring your child(ren) to **practice NEXT Sun. May 2nd and May 9th at 930a.** –Thanks, Jennifer

Softball practice has begun at **6:30p** at the **Bible Baptist field**, 200 Elicker Rd. Plum. Anyone interested can call **Trustee Andy Vitko**!**

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

The Annual Flower Sale will be held on **Saturday, May 8th** from **10a till 2p.** If you wish to **preorder**, please see Elder Doris Kuhn **today** in the Narthex after Worship to place your order.

Spring has Sprung, so join the fun! Come join us on **May 15th** for the **Spring Work Day** sponsored by the Trustees. It will be a day filled with cleaning, planting, painting, organizing, weeding, etc. **The fun begins at 9a** and it's free!! We'll even serve you lunch! Mark your calendars now and join us on May 15th!

Reservations for the Annual Mother Child Banquet scheduled for **Thursday, May 20th at 6:30p** can be made beginning May 2nd. Tickets are **\$7.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children (3-12).** **Under 3 are free.** For more information contact **Deacon Vonda Racchini**.**

The Health Ministry Team will present an opportunity to meet **Ashleigh Sager** of **"Home Instead Senior Care"** on **Sunday May 16th** at a brunch after church. The program title is **Get Moving "Mind, Body and Soul"**. Ms. Sager will discuss how and why seniors become frail and will suggest activities for the mind and body to combat these problems. Fear of frailty is a big concern for aging adults as well as their caregivers. Medical professionals describe frailty as a syndrome of weakness, fatigue and decline in physical activity. It can rob seniors of their independence. Sign up beginning next Sunday in the Narthex following Worship.

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, \$5 per 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. - Elder Doris Kuhn**.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

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!

Our worship services are recorded:

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

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Mrs. Jennifer Geibel, Minister of Music

Mr. Dan Hadzima, Custodian

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Elder Millie Bichsel, Clerk of Session

THIS WEEK AT MT. HOPE

Mon.	Apr.26	7p	Zumba Dance Class	MP Room
Wed.	Apr.28	6a	Youth Prayer Breakfast	Eat-n-Park
		7p	Zumba Dance Class	MP Room
		8p	Narcotics Anonymous	Sanctuary
Thu.	Apr. 29	10a	Hearts-and-Hands Ministry	MP Room
		7p	DeLuca/PH Police Community Meeting	JK Hall
		7p	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Fri.	Apr. 30	630p	Softball Practice	Bible Baptist Church Field
Sat.	May 1	2p	Gamblers Anonymous	JK Hall

LOOKING AHEAD IN 2 WEEKS...

Sun.	May 2	11a	<u>Communion Sunday</u>	Sanctuary
Wed.	May 5	10a	The Morning Word Study	Pastor's Home
Sun.	May 9	11a	<u>Mother's Day Sunday</u>	Sanctuary

LOOKING AHEAD IN THE YEAR...

Mon.	May 17	630p	Session Meeting	MP Room
Thu.	May 20	630p	Mother-Child Banquet	JK Hall
Sat.	May 22	4-7p	Sipper Family Benefit Dinner	JK Hall
Sun.	May 23	11a	<u>Pentecost Sunday</u>	Sanctuary
Sat.	June 5	7p	Mt. Hope's Pirates Game/Skyblast	PNC Park
