

Mt. Hope Community Presbyterian Church

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

Pentecost Sunday — May 23, 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 **“Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”**
Min. Jennifer Geibel

Bringing in the Light of Christ The Acolytes

Welcome/Recognition of Visitors/Special Events Pastor Carmen Cox Harwell
Moment-for-Mission **Board of Trustees** Trustee Andy Vitko

(Please stand)

***Call to Reflect and Worship** (Acts 2) Miss Charlotte Schramm

L: *“When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. Suddenly, from heaven, there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.*

P: *Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.”*

L: *Jesus said, “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be My witnesses.”*

All: **Come, Holy Spirit, and make us Your witnesses! We welcome You and we need You to kindle a spiritual fire in our hearts, in our homes, and in Your world. We’ve come to worship You and to be transformed by You! Amen!!**

***Hymn of Praise** **“Revive Us Again”** Insert

***The Invocation and Lord’s Prayer** Miss Schramm

Holy Ghost, from the moment of creation You have made Your presence known and felt. We ask now that You would do the same in us as we wait to hear what Your Spirit has to say to your church and to each of us. Revive us, once again, and set a blaze of spiritual fire underneath us so that we will be bored with our routines and

long for and seek after the new thing You wait to do in us and thru us. Holy Ghost, only You can do this, because only You are “***Our Father...***”

(You may be seated.)

TO CONFESS OUR SIN...

Call to Confession (Isaiah 65.1-3a, 6-7)

Elder Bill Tis

God said, “*I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask, to be found by those who did not seek Me. I said, ‘Here I am, here I am,’ to a nation that did not call on My name. I held out My hands all day long to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices; a people who provoke Me to My face continually. See, it is written before me: ‘I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their laps their iniquities and their ancestors’ iniquities together,’ says the Lord.*” Let us confess our sin and the ways we continue to provoke our God.

Kyrie

“I Love the Lord, He Heard My Cry”

I love the Lord / He heard my cry; / and pitied ev’ry groan. /
Long as I live / while troubles rise / I’ll hasten to / His throne.

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 121.5-8

Pastor Carmen

TO TEACH OUR CHILDREN...

The Children’s Chat

Mr. Hamner Williams

TO PRESENT OUR FINANCIAL OFFERINGS WITH GRATITUDE...

Offering Call (Deuteronomy 15.4,7-8,10)

Elder Tis

Thus says the Lord: “*There will...be no one in need among you, because the Lord is sure to bless you. If there is among you anyone in need, a member of your community...do not be hard-hearted or tight-fisted toward your needy neighbor. 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. Since there will never cease to be some in need on the earth, I therefore command you, ‘Open your hand to the poor and needy neighbor in your land.’*” In obedience, let us open our fists and our wallets and present our tithes and offerings with gratitude!

Offertory

“Like a Dove”

The Chancel Choir

(Please stand)

***Doxology** **“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”** Page 593

***Prayer of Dedication for the Offerings and Food** Pastor Carmen
(You may be seated)

TO HEAR THE WORD...

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

Hymn of Preparation **“Let It Breathe On Me”** Insert

The New Testament **Acts 10.44-48** Pastor Carmen

The Sermon **“Receive It or Duck!”** Pastor Carmen

A Moment for Reflection **“Order My Steps”** Min. Geibel

Prayers of the People Pastor Carmen

AND TAKE THE WORD OUT WITH JOY!

(Please stand)

***Hymn of Departure** **“How Firm A Foundation”** Page 361

Taking the Light of Christ into the World The Acolytes

***Charge & Benediction** Pastor Carmen
(Please do not leave the sanctuary until the worship leaders and elders have recessed!)

***Postlude** **“Holy, Holy, Holy”** Min. Geibel

Welcome to Mt. Hope! We invite you to come and worship with us as often as you can, & join us in ministry! Please know that the doors of God’s church & the hearts of His people here are always open to you & your children! An usher will direct you to our nursery for children up to age 4. **Worship kits** (not to be taken home) are available in the **Kids’ Korner** of the narthex, & a **Cry Room** is located at the rear of the Sanctuary for your convenience,

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SERVICE BEGINS AT 10A NEXT SUNDAY THRU SEPT. 5TH!!

The Sanctuary Flowers are given by Chuck & Judy Schramm in honor & celebration of Charlotte's 7th birthday! and; Mary Jane Pottmeyer in memory of Betty Waugh; the remaining geraniums have been donated by the congregation in celebration of Pentecost & will be planted in the church garden!

We will be planting red geraniums in the church garden, and donations toward the cost of the flowers would be greatly appreciated! If you would like to make a donation, please come to the narthex following worship! Thanks!

Our Weekly Financial Stewardship: Needed each week: \$4,010. What we received last week: \$2,787. Difference: \$.-\$1,223.

Leave Home Without It! As you prepare for vacation time, please remember to leave home without your tithes and offerings! -The Session

Today's Young Children in Worship is "Pentecost" – led by Trustee Myrna Hiller, Corey Williams, and Terri Shealey.

Vacation Bible School coming the week of July 19-23! This year we will learn and be entertained by the Prince Puppets, a multi-faceted performance team founded on the conviction that the heart of a child within us all needs to be enlightened & embraced! Stay tuned for more info! -Elder Betty Ann Tis, chair, Christian Education Ministry

Birthday Wishes to Charlotte Schramm (5.23); Elder Debbie Dillman (5.25).

Fellowship time today is provided by the Christian Nurture Ministry! Fellowship for next Sunday will be provided by the Health Team Ministry.

Teacher and Graduate Recognition Sunday will be celebrated on Sunday, June 6th during Worship. If you are a 2010 Graduate or 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.

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

Volunteers of all ages are needed to help plan and decorate a float for the Memorial Day Parade on Mon., May 31st. Plans to decorate Pastor Carmen's car in memory of Officer Crawshaw are also being considered. A sign-up sheet will be available in the narthex after worship. For more info. contact Elder Doris Kuhn**.

Spring is coming so hold the date! It won't be long before the Mt. Hope Pirate Game/Skyblast is here: Sat. June 5th at 7p! We have 100 tickets at \$8/game, 1st come (with money)-1st served! A tailgate party at PNC Park is planned approx. 5-7p, \$5 per person. I hope you can attend. -Elder Chuck Schramm.

Cell Phones-for-Cash! Don't throw away your old cell phone...place it in the box in the narthex! When the box is full we will send them in for cash that will be used to support the various ministries of the church! -Thank you! Alyce Duffus, Treasurer

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

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 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!

THIS WEEK AT MT. HOPE

Mon.	May 24	7p	Zumba Dance Class	MP Room
Tue.	May 25	7p	Worship & Music Ministry	Conference Room
Wed.	May 26	6a	Youth Prayer Breakfast	Eat-n-Park
		12n	Presbytery luncheon for Rev. Dr. Sorge	MP Room
		7p	Zumba Dance Class	MP Room
		8p	Narcotics Anonymous	Sanctuary
Thu.	May 27	10a	Hearts-and-Hands Ministry	MP Room
Sat.	May 29	2p	Gamblers Anonymous	JK Hall

LOOKING AHEAD IN 2 WEEKS...

<u>Sun.</u>	<u>May 30</u>	<u>***</u>	<u>WORSHIP BEGINS AT 10A thru Sept. 5th ***</u>	
Mon.	May 31	10a	<u>Penn Hills Memorial Day Parade!!</u>	
Thu.	June 3	1p	Presbytery Meeting	John McMillan PC
Sat.	June 5	7p	Mt. Hope's Pirates Game/Skyblast	PNC Park

LOOKING AHEAD IN THE YEAR...

Sun.	June 6	10a	<u>Graduate Recognition Sunday</u>	Sanctuary
Sun.	June 13	after worship	<u>1st & 2nd Quarter Family Luncheon</u>	JK Hall
Mon.	June 21	630p	Session Meeting	Conference Room
Mon.	July 19-23	6p	<u>Vacation Bible School</u>	All over!
Thu.	Sept. 2	1p	Presbytery Meeting	Crestfield Camp
Thu.	Oct. 14	1p	Presbytery Meeting	Longwood @ Oakmont
Thu.	Dec. 9	1p	Presbytery Meeting	Hampton Utd. PC

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Mrs. Jennifer Geibel, Minister of Music

Mr. Dan Hadzima, Custodian

Mrs. Rita Hardin, Administrative Assistant

Elder Millie Bichsel, Clerk of Session

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, Jack & Marjorie Bitzer, May Bourne, Carolyn Griffith, **Cyndi Head***, Hilda Kerr, Betty McKelvey, Bob McKnight, Bob & Rita Roth, Lou Sanabor, Annabell Scott, Melba Seaman

*** Recently Added.**

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

Seneca Place is accepting applications for volunteer positions in the Activity Department. As an individual or as a group, during the day or in the evening, we are open 7 days a week and can be flexible with scheduling your time. There are a variety of activities such as games, socials, parties, pet therapy, current events, and one-on-one visits. If you have an activity, we'd love to hear about it! Come and experience the joy and fulfillment that volunteering can bring to your life! For more info., please contact Linda Gossar-Loesch**.
