

Mt. Hope Community Presbyterian Church

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

Memorial Day Sunday — May 30, 2010 – 10:00 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 “O Beautiful for Spacious Skies”

Min. Jennifer Geibel

Bringing in the Light of Christ

The Acolytes

Welcome/Recognition of Visitors/Special Events

Pastor Carmen Cox Harwell

(Please stand)

****Call to Reflect and Worship (Psalm 24.7-10)***

Officer

L: *“Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors! That the King of glory may come in.*

P: *Who is the King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle.*

L: *Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors! That the King of glory may come in.*

All: *Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, He is the King of glory!” He is the One we have come to praise and worship!*

****Hymn of Praise***

“Battle Hymn of the Republic”

Insert

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

Officer

As we gather to worship You, Lord, we gather remembering Your great love for us, and for those we love whom You have called to enjoy eternal life in Your presence.

Allow Your Holy Spirit to settle us now as we worship in spirit and in truth,; grateful for those who have touched our lives by their self-sacrificing service to this country and to Your people. We remember them and all that we now enjoy because of them.

As a father pities his children, so You pity us, You have mercy on us because You are ***“Our Father...”***

(You may be seated.)

TO CONFESS OUR SIN...

Call to Confession (Isaiah 43.22-24)

Youth

God speaks thru His prophet Isaiah: “*You did not call upon Me...but you have been weary of Me! 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. But you have burdened Me with your sins; you have wearied Me with your iniquities.*” Let us confess how we have indeed burdened and wearied the Lord our God, in the hope that He will forgive us once again.

Kyrie

“Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”

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Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 43.25

Pastor Carmen

TO TEACH OUR CHILDREN...

The Children’s Chat

Mr. Denny Chisnell

TO PRESENT OUR FINANCIAL OFFERINGS WITH GRATITUDE...

Offering Call (Exodus 35.4b-5,21)

Youth

“*This is the thing that the Lord has commanded: Take from among you an offering to the Lord; let whoever is of a generous heart bring the Lord’s offering. And they came, everyone whose heart was stirred, and everyone whose spirit was willing, and brought the Lord’s offering to be used.*”

As the choir sings, the ushers will direct you to come forward to deposit your offering, and take a stone from the water!

Offertory

“They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love”

The Chancel Choir

(Please stand)

***Doxology**

“Give Thanks, O Christian People”

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***Prayer of Dedication**

Pastor Carmen

(You may be seated)

TO HEAR THE WORD...

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

Hymn of Preparation

“Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”

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<u><i>The Hebrew Testament</i></u>	<u><i>Joshua 4.1-7</i></u>	Pastor Carmen
<u><i>The New Testament</i></u>	<u><i>Matthew 11.28-30</i></u>	Pastor Carmen
<i>The Sermon</i>	<i>“Carry Them & Lay Them Down!”</i>	Pastor Carmen
<i>A Moment for Reflection</i>	<i>“Softly & Tenderly Jesus is Calling ”</i>	Min. Geibel
<i>Prayers of the People</i>		Pastor Carmen

AND TAKE THE WORD OUT WITH JOY!

(Please stand)

<i>*Hymn of Departure</i>	<i>“Take My Life”</i>	Page 391, v1,4,5,6
<i>Taking the Light of Christ into the World</i>		The Acolytes
<i>*Charge & Benediction</i>		Pastor Carmen
<i>(Please do not leave the sanctuary until the worship leaders and elders have recessed!)</i>		
<i>*Postlude</i>	<i>“A Patriotic Quotation”</i>	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,

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 Bruce and Linda McGinnis in celebration of their 47th wedding anniversary and Len and Pat Houser in celebration of their 47th wedding anniversary!

Our Weekly Financial Stewardship: Needed each week: \$4,010. What we received last week: \$4,348. Difference: +\$338.00.

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

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 Domonique Hickman (6.5) and Devon Hickman (6.5).

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

Teacher and Graduate Recognition Sunday will be celebrated NEXT 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.

Shirley Kerchner would like to thank everyone for the cards, calls and prayers she received during her recent illness! !

A VERY special thank you to all of you who donated food, etc. to make sure our annual Mt. Hope Memorial Day Parade Hot Dog Sale will be another huge success!! See you all tomorrow!!!

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

Spring is coming so hold the date! The Mt. Hope Pirate Game/Skyblast is almost here: Sat. June 5th at 7p! \$8/game! 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!

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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

Our worship services are recorded:

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

THIS WEEK AT MT. HOPE

Mon.	May 31	10a	<i>Memorial Day Parade!!</i>	
Tue.	June 1	7p	Worship & Music Ministry	Conference Room
Wed.	June 2	6a	Youth Prayer Breakfast	Eat-n-Park
		8p	Narcotics Anonymous	Sanctuary
Thu.	June 3	10a	Hearts-and-Hands Ministry	MP Room
			Presbytery Meeting	John McMillan PC
Sat.	June 5	2p	Gamblers Anonymous	JK Hall
		7p	<i>Mt. Hope's Pirates Game/Skyblast</i>	PNC Park

LOOKING AHEAD IN 2 WEEKS...

Sun.	June 6	10a	<i>Communion & Graduate Recognition Sunday</i>	Sanctuary
Sun.	June 13	after worship	<i>1st & 2nd Quarter Family Luncheon</i>	JK Hall

LOOKING AHEAD IN THE YEAR...

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

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, 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.***