

Mt. Hope Community Presbyterian Church

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

Sunday — June 27, 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 **“Surely the Presence of the Lord”**

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 9.1-2,9-10)*

Mr. Calvin Lutz

L: *“I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will tell of all Your wonderful deeds.*

P: *I will be glad and exult in You; I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High.*

L: *The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.*

All: *All those who know Your name put their trust in You, for You, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek You.” All of us seek You, Lord, in our worship and in our lives! Amen!*

***Song of Praise**

“The River is Here”

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***The Invocation and Lord’s Prayer**

Elder Debbie Dillman

Holy Ghost, thank You for preparing this time of worship and praise! Speak to us words of love and life, through our music, our prayers, our confession of sin, and Your Word preached. Convict us and then assure us that You still love us, and continue to call us to do Your great work. As parents adore their children, so we adore You, **“Our Father...”**

(You may be seated.)

TO CONFESS OUR SIN...

Call to Confession (Psalm 51.1-2)

Mr. Lutz

The Psalmist prays, “*Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.*” As the psalmist prayed, let us also **pray, in silence**, and confess our sin.

Kyrie

“Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”

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Assurance of Pardon

Job 33.27b-30

Pastor Carmen

TO TEACH OUR CHILDREN...

The Children’s Chat

Pastor Carmen

TO PRESENT OUR FINANCIAL OFFERINGS WITH GRATITUDE...

Offering Call (Malachi 3.10)

Elder Dillman

God said, “*Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in My house, and thus put Me to the test... see If I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing.*” Let us bring our full tithes and offerings to the Lord, and give thanks for His overflowing blessings!

Offertory

“How Great Is Our God”

The Praise Team

(Please stand)

***Doxology**

“Blessing Prayer”

*Praise to you, Lord, our God, / King of all the earth. /
You nourish us with goodness / kindness and mercy; /
Praise to You Lord, / Praised be Your name!*

***Prayer of Dedication**

Pastor Carmen

(You may be seated)

TO HEAR THE WORD...

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

Song of Preparation

“Thy Word”

Insert

<i><u>The Hebrew Testament</u></i>	<i><u>Joshua 24.14-18</u></i>	Pastor Carmen
<i>The Sermon</i>	<i>“Defend Your Decision!”</i>	Pastor Carmen
<i>A Moment for Reflection</i>	<i>“Sanctuary”</i>	The Praise Team
<i>Prayers of the People</i>		Pastor Carmen

AND TAKE THE WORD OUT WITH JOY!

(Please stand)

<i>*Song of Departure</i>	<i>“Days of Elijah”</i>	Insert
<i>* Taking the Light of Christ into the World</i>		The Acolytes
<i>*Charge / Dismissal of Visitors</i>		Pastor Carmen
<i>*Postlude</i>	<i>Somebody Touched Me</i>	The Praise Team

THE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Pastor Carmen
 Elder Millie Bichsel, Clerk of Session
 Mr. Quentin Szymansky, chair, Nominating Ministry

<i>*The Benediction</i>	Pastor Carmen
<i>(Please do not leave the sanctuary until the worship leaders and elders have recessed!)</i>	

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 worship services are recorded:
<http://www.mthopechurch.org/Welcome.html>. Click on *recordings*.

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

**** 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

Our Weekly Financial Stewardship: Needed each week: \$4,010. What we received last week: \$3,463. Difference: **-\$547.**

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

Anniversary Wishes to Bill and Nancy Hammond (6.29) .

Fellowship time for today is hosted by the **Board of Trustees**. Next Sunday's host will be the 7-12 grade youth.

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! Registration forms are available in the Narthex. Stay tuned for more info! -Elder Betty Ann Tis, chair, Christian Education Ministry

Videos for children ages 4-10, will be played in the Conference Room immediately following the Children's Chat!

Support Our Softball Team! Check "This Week at Mt. Hope" for upcoming games. Play begins at 6:30p at the Bible Baptist field, 200 Elicker Rd. Plum. For more information call Trustee Andy Vitko**! Hope to see you there! GO TEAM!

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

The Relay for Life/Pgh East Relay supporting the American Cancer Society will be held Sat.-Sun., July 10th-11th at Gateway Middle School in Monroeville. All cancer survivors are invited to attend the Survivors' Celebration on Sat., Jul. 10th at 6p. To register, to purchase luminaries in memory of those lost to cancer and in honor of survivors, or to participate in the Relay, please contact Diana Dawson**.

That Guy with The Birds! On Thu. July 22nd, 11a come to Beulah PC & join John Lege as he shares 30 yrs experience in parrot rescue in an education, entertaining program that includes his birds! Reservations are required for the lunch that follows (\$6 per person)! For more info. please call**!

24th Annual YMCA of Greater Pgh Golf Tournament: 11a, Mon. Aug. 2nd at the St. Clair Country Club-2300 Old Washington Rd., Upper St. Clair, PA 15241.

St. Bartholomew 60th Anniversary "Journey to Italy:" Oct. 11-20th. Travel arrangements by Wendt Touring. For more info and reservations, please call 412-242-3374.

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. IS IN DIRE NEED OF JELLO!!!!
