

*Mt. Hope Community Presbyterian Church*

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

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*4<sup>th</sup> of July Sunday, 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

*(Please stand)*

**\*Call to Reflect and Worship** *(Psalm 86.8-13)*

Elder Beth Nury

**L:**    *“There is none like You among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like Yours. All the nations You have made shall come and bow down before You, O Lord, and shall glorify Your name.*

**P:**    ***For You are great and do wondrous things; You alone are God.***

**L:**    *Teach [us] Your way, O Lord, that [we] may walk in Your truth; give [us] an undivided heart to revere Your name.*

**P:**    ***[We] give thanks to You, O Lord [our] God, with [our] whole heart, and [we] will glorify Your name forever.***

**All:** ***For great is Your steadfast love toward me; You have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.” Thank You! Amen!***

**\*Song of Praise**

**“Battle Hymn of the Republic”**

Bulletin

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

Miss Terri Shealey

Holy Spirit, You have gathered the family together to worship You in spirit and in truth. Therefore, we humbly invoke Your presence as we offer our worship and praise in ways that honor You and encourage us, Your people. Open ears, eyes, hearts, and wills to do what You demand. With mercy convict us, and in grace assure us that You still love us. This we ask in the name of the Christ because You are, **“Our Father...”**

*(You may be seated.)*

TO CONFESS OUR SIN...

**Call to Confession** (Psalm 51.6-9)

Elder Nury

The Psalmist pleads with God, “*You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that You have crushed rejoice. Hide Your face from [our] sins, and blot out all [our] iniquities.*” Let us share in the psalmist’s prayer by confessing our sin **in silence.**

**Kyrie**

**“Pass me Not, O Gentle Savior”**

*Pass me not, O gentle Savior / Hear my humble cry. /  
While on others Thou art calling / do not pass me by. /  
Savior, Savior, / hear my humble cry. /  
While on others Thou art calling, / do not pass me by.*

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Isaiah 44.21b-22**

Pastor Carmen

TO TEACH OUR CHILDREN...

**The Children’s Chat**

Mrs. Diane Springer

TO PRESENT OUR FINANCIAL OFFERINGS WITH GRATITUDE...

**Offering Call** (Psalm 104.24-25, 27-28)

Miss Shealey

The psalmist says, “*O Lord, how manifold are Your works! In wisdom You have made them all; the earth is full of Your creatures. Yonder is the sea, great and wide, creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great. These all look to You to give them their food in due season; when You give to them, they gather it up; when You open Your hands that are filled with good things.*” In response to God opening His hand to us, let us, with gratitude, open our hands to God and to His people by presenting our tithes and offerings!

**Offertory**

**“God Bless America”**

*Mr. Jack McGuirk and Mr. Bill Hammond, trombone*

*(Please stand)*

**\*Doxology**

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

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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***

**The New Testament**

**John 8.31-32**

Pastor Carmen

***The Sermon***

***“We Hold These Truths...”***

Pastor Carmen

***A Moment for Reflection***

Min. Geibel

***Prayers of the People***

Pastor Carmen

**AND TAKE THE WORD OUT WITH JOY!**

*(Please stand)*

***\*Hymn of Departure***

***“O Beautiful, for Spacious Skies”***

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

The Acolytes

***\*The Charge & Benediction***

Pastor Carmen

***\*Postlude***

Min. Geibel

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

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**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,

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**Our worship services are recorded:**

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

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Our Weekly Financial Stewardship:** *Needed each week:* \$4,010. *What we received last week:* \$4,475. *Difference:* +\$465.00.

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

**Fellowship time** for today is hosted by the **7-12gr. Youth**. Next Sunday's host will be the **Fellowship Ministry**.

**Wednesdays on the Lawn will be here soon!** Much help is needed for its success! If you can help, please sign up in the narthex after Worship or call **Elder Doris Kuhn\*\*!**

**Elder Betty Ann Tis** would like to sincerely thank the Mt. Hope Family for all of the prayers, thoughts, and support shown to **the Tis Family** upon the loss of Bill's mother, Rita Tis!

**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 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. - **Elder Doris Kuhn\*\*.**

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**COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

**The Relay for Life/Pgh East Relay** supporting the *American Cancer Society* will be held Sat.-Sun., July 10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> at Gateway Middle School in Monroeville. All cancer survivors are invited to attend the Survivors' Celebration on Sat., Jul. 10<sup>th</sup> at 6p. Please contact Diana Dawson\*\* or at 412-795-8221.

**That Guy with The Birds!** On Thu. July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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 lunch (\$6)! Call 412-242-4570!

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

**St. Bartholomew 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** "Journey to Italy:" Oct. 11-20<sup>th</sup>. Travel arrangements by Wendt Touring. For reservations, please call 412-242-3374.

**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. IS IN DIRE NEED OF JELLO!!!!**

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**THIS WEEK AT MT. HOPE**

|      |         |      |                           |                     |
|------|---------|------|---------------------------|---------------------|
| Wed. | July 7  | 8p   | Narcotics Anonymous       | JK Hall             |
| Thu. | July 8  | 10a  | Hearts-and-Hands Ministry | MP Room             |
| Fri. | July 9  | 11a  | Y Seniors                 | JK Hall             |
|      |         | 630p | Men's Softball Game       | Bible Baptist Field |
| Sat. | July 10 | 2p   | Gamblers Anonymous        | JK Hall             |

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

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| <b><u>Sun.</u></b> | <b><u>July 11</u></b> |    | <b><u>Communion Sunday</u></b>     | Sanctuary |
| Mon.               | July 19-23            | 6p | <b><u>VBS / Prince Puppets</u></b> | All over! |

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

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| Thu. | Sept. 2 | 1p | Presbytery Meeting | Crestfield Camp |
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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, Jack & Marjorie Bitzer, May Bourne, Carolyn Griffith, Hilda Kerr, Betty McKelvey, Bob McKnight, Bob & Rita Roth, Lou Sanabor, Melba Seaman

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

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**Rev. Carmen Cox Harwell, Pastor**

**Mrs. Jennifer Geibel, Minister of Music**

**Mr. Dan Hadzima, Custodian**

**Mrs. Rita Hardin, Administrative Assistant**

**Elder Millie Bichsel, Clerk of Session**

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