

Mt. Hope Community Presbyterian Church

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

Sunday, July 18, 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 Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go”

Min. Jennifer Geibel and Mrs. Arnel Montgomery

Bringing in the Light of Christ

The Acolytes

Welcome/Recognition of Visitors/Special Events

Elder Millie Bichsel

(Please stand)

***Call to Reflect and Worship** (Psalm 98.4; Ephesians 5.18b-20)

Elder Bichsel

L: The Psalmist and Paul tells us to, *“Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.*

P: *“Be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves,*

L: *Singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts,*

All: *Giving thanks to God [our] Father at all times, and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen!*

***Hymn of Praise**

“This is My Father’s World”

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***The Invocation and Lord’s Prayer**

Min. Matthew Grubbs

From the rising of the sun, to the going down of the same, we thank You, Lord God, for the privilege of gathering to worship You, again, in spirit and in truth! Holy Ghost, open our hearts and minds and wills to receive what You have for Your church, and for us as Your servant people. Give us the courage to speak truth and life and forgiveness and love, to all those You place in our path so that, together, we can honor You as **“Our Father...”**

(You may be seated.)

TO CONFESS OUR SIN...

Call to Confession (Psalm 51.6-9)

Elder Bichsel

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

“Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”

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Assurance of Pardon

Rev. Dr. Pat Mason

TO TEACH OUR CHILDREN...

The Children’s Chat

Mrs. Barbara Wakefield

TO PRESENT OUR FINANCIAL OFFERINGS WITH GRATITUDE...

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

Min. Grubbs

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 grateful hearts, open our hands to God by presenting our tithes and offerings!

Offertory

“There Is a Balm in Gilead”

Mrs. Montgomery

(Please stand)

***Doxology**

“Thank You, Lord”

Thank You, Lord (3x) / I just want to thank You, Lord.

You’ve been so good (3x) / I just want to thank You, Lord.

***Prayer of Dedication & VBS Offering**

Elder Bichsel

(You may be seated)

TO HEAR THE WORD...

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

<i>Hymn of Preparation</i>	<i>“Here I Am Lord”</i>	Page 525
<u><i>The Hebrew Testament</i></u>	<u><i>Genesis 2.8-17</i></u>	Rev. Dr. Mason
<u><i>The New Testament</i></u>	<u><i>John 3.3-17</i></u>	Rev. Dr. Mason
<i>The Sermon</i>	<i>“God Keeps Trying to Tell Us Something”</i>	Rev. Dr. Mason
<i>Moment of Reflection</i>	<i>“I Come To the Garden”</i>	
<i>Prayers of the People</i>		Rev. Dr. Mason

AND TAKE THE WORD OUT WITH JOY!

(Please stand)

<i>*Hymn of Departure</i>	<i>“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”</i>	Page 281
<i>*Taking the Light of Christ into the World</i>		The Acolytes
<i>*The Charge & Benediction</i>		Rev. Dr. Mason
<i>*Postlude</i>	<i>“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”</i>	Min. Geibel

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

Mt. Hope welcomes the Rev. Dr. Patricia Mason back to the pulpit this morning!

Thank you for feeding us and leading us in worship of God! May God continue to bless you and your ministry at Hebron Presbyterian Church!

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, Melba Seaman

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

A N N O U N C E M E N T S

The Sanctuary Flowers are given by Linda and Bruce McGinnis in loving memory of mother, May Baker.

Our Weekly Financial Stewardship: Needed each week: \$4,010. What we received last week: \$3,994. Difference: **\$-16.00.**

A “Loose Change” Offering will be collected **TODAY** to defray VBS costs. Thank you Mt. Hope Family for your support and generosity for children’s ministries! Elder Betty Ann Tis, chair, Christian Education Ministry.

Vacation Bible School and Prince Puppets starts TOMORROW thru July 23rd!

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

Birthday Wishes to Pat Lutz (7.19); Trustee Mark Dillman (7.19); Elder Nan Currington (7.23) and Doris Milligan (7.25).

Fellowship time for today is hosted by the Session. Next Sunday’s host will be the Board of Trustees.

The Family of Annabell Scott wishes to express our heartfelt thanks to the Mt. Hope family for your love and support during the time of her illness and death. – Kevin, Randy, and Michelle Scott

TODAY is “Blood Pressure Sunday”. Our Health Ministry Team nurses will meet you immediately following Worship in the hall by the Church Office door to register you and then check your blood pressure.

Wednesday- on- the-Lawn will begin on **July 28 from 4:30-6:30p** and will run through August. **Fresh produce** will be available on **July 21 from 3-6p**. If you have not signed up to help yet, please see **Elder Doris Kuhn**** after Worship or contact her!

Attention All Youth Leaders: There will be a **Leaders Meeting** for both Jr. & Sr. High youth on **Fri. July 30th and Mon. Aug 30th at 630p in the MP Room.** **Anyone** interested in becoming a youth leader is invited to come! If you have any questions, **please contact Min. Matthew Grubbs** at the church. Thank you!

Hearts and Hands for Mission will **not** meet on Thursday July 22nd due to VBS. They will **resume on Wednesday, July 29th!**

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

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 lunch (\$6)! Call 412-242-4570!

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.

CAREER FAIR FOR LOVING, CARING AND COMPASSIONATE PEOPLE— Looking for people who enjoy taking care of others in a one-on-one setting. No experience necessary; just a caring heart. Rewarding and flexible around your schedule. **NIGHTS AND WEEKENDS AVAILABLE.** This position can involve light housekeeping, laundry, preparing meals, transportation, errands, personal care, companionship and much more. Positions are available in Monroeville, Fox Chapel, Oakmont, Plum, Penn Hills and surrounding areas. You must own a vehicle and have a clean criminal background. We pay for training and starting wages are very competitive. If this sounds like something you would enjoy, stop by Home Instead Senior Care between 9AM and 3PM Monday through Friday to apply. 661 Allegheny Avenue, Oakmont, PA 15139. (412) 517-8337.

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 appreciate all of your contributions!!

THIS WEEK AT MT. HOPE

Mon.	July 19-23	6p	<u>VBS / Prince Puppets</u>	MP Room
Wed.	July 21	3-6p	Produce Sale	On the Lawn
		8p	Narcotics Anonymous	JK Hall
Fri.	July 23	630p	Men's Softball Game	Bible Baptist Field
Sat.	July 24	9a-9p	Scrapbooking	MP Room
		10a	<u>The Clothes Line Give-Away</u>	JK Hall
		2p	Gamblers Anonymous	Conference Rm

LOOKING AHEAD IN 2 WEEKS...

Wed.	Jul. 28	4p	<u>Wednesdays-on-the-Lawn begins!</u>	Front lawn
Fri.	Jul. 30	630p	Youth Leaders Meeting	MP Room
Tue.	Aug. 3	6p	Youth Event	Youth Room

LOOKING AHEAD IN THE YEAR...

Wed.	Aug. 25	3-6p	Central Blood Bank Blood Drive	MP Room
Thu.	Sept. 2	1p	Presbytery Meeting	Crestfield Camp
Sat.	Sept. 11	9a	Officer's Training	MP Room
Sun.	Sept. 19	11a	Officer Nomination/Election	Sanctuary
Sun.	Sept. 26	11a	Ordination/Installation of Officers	Sanctuary

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