

Welcome to Mt. Hope Community Church! Celebrating our life together in Christ

THE LORD'S DAY — January 20, 2008

*Those who are able are welcome to stand.

THE PEOPLE GATHER

(Please sign and pass the Ritual of Friendship pad.)

Welcome/Recognition of Visitors/Special Events

Pastor Carmen Cox Harwell

Introit

"In His Time"

Diane Ball

Chancel Choir

Silent Meditation

"May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer."

Psalm 19:14

**Call to Worship*

Elder Arlene Davis

L: *"O God, you are [our] God, [we] seek You, [our] soul thirsts for You; our flesh faints for You, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.*

P: *So [we] have looked upon You in the sanctuary, beholding Your power and glory. Because Your steadfast love is better than life, [our] lips will praise You.*

All: *So [we] will bless You as long as [we] live; [we] will lift up [our] hands and call on Your name" and worship You. Amen!*

**Hymn of Praise*

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"

No.142

**Invocation*

Elder Davis

Holy Spirit, we welcome Your presence in our lives and in this Your service. Silence every voice but Yours and focus us on worship, prayer, singing Your praises,

hearing, and responding to Your word. And then let us go forth into the world hopeful, joyful, and grateful. Because of God's love for us, and in the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen!

(You may be seated.)

TO CONFESS OUR SIN

Call to Confession (Acts 17:30-31)

Elder Hamner Williams

Paul reminds us that, "While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now He commands all people everywhere to repent, because He has fixed a day on which He will have the world judged in righteousness by a Man whom he has appointed, AND THUS He has given assurance to all by raising Him from the dead." Let us do what the Lord commands and repent of our sins **in silence**. . .

Silent Prayer of Personal Confession

In the words of last year's 4th grade Logos Class, let us recite together the Lord's Prayer. . .

Elder Williams

Congregation "Dear Lord in heaven, we praise Your name. Let the grace and love of Your kingdom be with us today and always. Help us to listen to You and, on earth here, try to be more like those in heaven. Supply our every need. Forgive us for all the wrong things we do, as we forgive the people who have done wrong to us. Don't let us get distracted by those things that would cause us to sin, like money, power, and belongings. For Your kingdom is the only kingdom, and Your power the true power, and You alone are worthy of glory, now and for all time." Amen!

Hymn of Mercy

"I Love the Lord, Who Heard My Cry"

No. 362

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 32:5

Pastor Carmen

Children's Chat

Elder Millie Bichsel

(Children ages 4-Grade 2 exit to Children's Worship.)

If this is your child's first time, please accompany him or her.

**Postlude*

Arnel Montgomery, organist

Welcome to Mt. Hope! We are a people united in Christ, challenged and empowered by His Spirit to make a difference in the world.

Your children are loved and welcomed at Mt. Hope! We provide a nursery for infants and toddlers up to age 4. Please ask an usher for directions to the nursery. Also a cry room is located at the rear of the Sanctuary for your convenience.

Worship kits are available in the Kids' Korner of the Narthex for children age pre-school through 6th grade. The kits are color-coded: pink is for pre-school and kindergarten; blue is for children in grades 1-3; and white is for children in grades 4-6. Please do not take the kits home, but feel welcome to take any papers with you, and return the kits to the Narthex following worship.

The "**Young Children in Worship**" story today is *Jesus is Baptized*, led by Helene Mauser and assisted by Laurie and Alaina Napolitana.

Liturgists: Elder Hamner Williams and Elder Arlene Davis

Flowers: are given by Bill and Betty Ann Tis in loving memory of Betty Ann's father, Thaddeus Duda.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS – 1.20.08

Thanks to the Mission Committee for providing the beverage and snacks for fellowship time today.

Due to the Annual Congregational Meeting, there will be no fellowship time on Sunday, January 27.

This is the day that the Lord hath made! Today is also the day of **blood pressure checks** by our Health Ministry Team. Come back to the Multi-Purpose Room after worship for your checkup. Make a very positive New Year's resolution this day – start to make “blood pressure checks” your own regular monthly habit!!

Can't get to the “Morning Word” on Wednesday mornings because of work or other commitments? **Come join us on Sunday mornings for the adult Bible Study**. We start at 10:00 a.m. and are presently studying “Gods' Call to the Christian Community.” The Bible text is from the gospel of Luke.

Tomorrow at 12:00 noon, the Penn Hills Association of Christian Clergy invites you to **Linton Middle School** for the **8th Annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration**. The guest speaker will be Arnita Stagger (former associate principal of Penn Hills High School). Lunch will be served at 12:00 noon (\$7.00 – adults; \$4.00 – children 4-10; free – ages 3 and under). Come out and honor this great American visionary, pastor, and advocate!

The Session has called the **Annual Congregational Meeting** for Sunday, January 27, after the service of worship. A light lunch will precede the meeting. We hope that you will make plans to attend. Please fill out a reservation card and place it in the offering plate. Please pick up your **2007 Annual Report** which is in the Narthex. Remember to bring it with you to the meeting.

APOLOGETIX is a Christian rock parody band. They are from the Greensburg area and have been performing for many years. Hillcrest United Presbyterian Church in Monroeville is hosting a concert on Sunday, January 27, 2008, at 6:30 p.m. Tickets

are \$10.00 in advance; \$15.00 at the door. For more information, please call Keri Baughman at 412.795.3576.

Nan Currington's sister, **Laura Harris**, is a resident of Presbyterian SeniorCare. She will celebrate her 100th birthday on January 30. Cards may be addressed to: 1215 Hulton Road, Oakmont, PA 15139.

The "**Snow Ball**" **Father/Daughter Dinner Dance** will be held on Saturday, February 23, 2008, at 6:30 p.m.

The Flower Chart Notebook for 2008 is in the Narthex. The costs are: 1 arrangement - \$15.00; 2 arrangements - \$30.00. You may have the following options: buy one or two arrangements or two can share the flower arrangements. Please note that February 17 is an open date.

All bulletin information must be in the office by Wednesday at 4:30 p.m.

The **tape ministry program** is on hold until further notice. Currently this program is being updated and, in the near future, sermons will be available on CD's.

If you know of any persons who are in the hospital, a nursing home, or shut-in, kindly call the church office and let us know.

There is a basket in the Narthex to collect toiletry items (soap, shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant, toothbrushes, razors, shaving cream, etc.) for the **Men and Women Shelters.**

We continue to collect food for the **Penn Hills Service Association.** They need hardy meals. Please bring pasta, cereals, pb&j, and canned meats or fish. Thank you very much, the Mission Team.

In order to keep disturbances at a minimum during the worship service, **if you must leave,** please use the rear door exit.

Liturgists: If you have not been contacted about being a liturgist and are interested in participating in the worship service, please contact the church office. This is not

just for children. Anyone interested (children, young adults, adults) is welcome to serve in this ministry.

Please pick up your **Giving Envelopes** which are in the Narthex. In your box of envelopes is one marked Per Capita. The Per Capita this year is \$21.44. If possible, it would be appreciated if everyone paid his/her own and round it off to \$25.00 to help defray the past due amount owed to Presbytery. Thank you.

CELL PHONE FUNDRAISER – Don't throw away that old cell phone. There's a box in the Narthex where you may place that old phone. When the box is full, we will send them in for cash that will be used to help the Youth Programs.

THIS WEEK AT MT. HOPE

<u>Today</u>	-	after worship.....Blood Pressure Check 6:00 p.m.....Youth Group – Youth Room
<u>Tues., Jan. 22</u>	-	5:00 p.m.....Logos
<u>Wed., Jan. 23</u>	-	10:00 a.m.....Morning Word – Nursery 11:00 a.m.....Stroke Survivor Group – Conf. Room 6:30 p.m.....Session Meeting – Conf. Room 8:00 p.m.....Narcotics Anonymous – JKHall
<u>Thurs., Jan. 24</u>	-	7:00 p.m.....Chancel Choir
<u>Sat., Jan. 26</u>	-	2:00 p.m.....Gamblers' Anonymous – JKH

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, January 27, after worship	-	Congregational Meeting
6:00 p.m.	-	Youth Group
Tuesday, January 29, 5:00 p.m.	-	Logos
Wednesday, January 30:		
10:00 a.m.	-	Morning Word
11:00 a.m.	-	Stroke Survivor Group
8:00 p.m.	-	Narcotics Anonymous
Thursday, January 31, 7:00 p.m.	-	Chancel Choir
Saturday, February 2, 2:00 p.m.	-	Gamblers Anonymous
Saturday & Sunday, February 9 & 10	-	30-Hour Famine
Saturday, February 23	-	Father/Daughter Dinner Dance