

# **Mt. Hope Community Presbyterian Church**

*Celebrating our life together in Christ!*

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**4th Sunday of Resurrection -- April 20, 2008**

*\*Those who are able, please stand*

## **THE PEOPLE GATHER...**

*If you have a prayer request, fill out a blue card and pass it toward the center aisle.  
Also, please sign and pass the Ritual of Friendship pad.*

***Welcome/Recognition of Visitors/Special Events***

Elder Hamner Williams

***Prelude***

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Min. Aaron Wheeler

***Bringing in the Light of Christ***

Acolytes

***Silent Meditation***

*“Let the little children come to Me; do not stop them...And He took them up in His arms,  
laid His hands on them, and blessed them.”* (Mark 10:14,16)

***\*Call to Worship*** (Psalm 147.1,5-6,11 )

Miss Jordan Williams

L: *“Praise the Lord! How good it is to sing praises to our God; for He is gracious, and a  
song of praise is fitting.*

**P: *Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; His understanding is beyond  
measure.***

L: *The Lord lifts up the downtrodden; He casts the wicked to the ground.*

**All: *...the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear Him, in those who hope in His  
steadfast love.” So we will sing and we will praise the Lord our God!***

***\*Hymn of Praise***

**\*Invocation**

Miss Williams

What a privilege to come and worship You in Your sanctuary, O Lord! Because You have awakened us to this new day and all the possibilities that new life presents, we thank You for gathering us together again, and we pray that, as we worship, You will transform us in the power of Your Holy Spirit to look more like, and act more like the Christ. You have created us to be in relationship with You simply because You love us. Because of Your great love, we lift our voice in prayer to You, “**Our Father...**”

*(You may be seated.)*

**TO CONFESS OUR SIN...**

**Call to Confession** *(Nehemiah 1:5-6)*

Elder Williams

As we pray **in silence**, may our hearts echo Nehemiah’s words: “*O Lord God of heaven...let Your ear be attentive and Your eyes open to hear the prayer of Your people... confessing [their] sins.*” Let us pray...

**Kyrie**

“Give Me a Clean Heart”

See insert

**Assurance of Pardon**

Elder Williams

The Lord has said that, “*If My people who are called by My name humble themselves, pray, seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land. Now My eyes will be open and My ears attentive to the prayer that is made in this place.*” Thanks be to the Lord our God, for He has forgive us; we can start over again! Amen!

**The Children’s Chat**

Mrs. Barb Wakefield

*(Children ages 4-Grade 2 exit to Children’s Worship. If this is your child’s first time, please accompany them.)*

**TO HEAR THE WORD...**

**Hymn of Preparation**

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

**Hebrew Testament**

**Esther 4:9-14**

Min. Faulkner

**Sermon**

***“In the Right Place at the Right Time!”***

Min. Damiko F. Faulkner

**\*Hymn of Invitation**

*(You may be seated.)*

**Prayers of the People**

Min. Faulkner

**TO RESPOND IN GRATITUDE...**

**Offering Call** (Matthew 2:11)

Miss Jordan

*“Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.”* With hearts grateful for all that we have been given by God, let us do likewise!

**Offertory**

**\*Doxology**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

Elder Williams

**AND GO FORTH IN PEACE!**

**\*Hymn of Departure**

*“Lord, Make Me More Holy”*

See insert

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

Acolytes

**\*Charge & Benediction**

Min. Faulkner

**\*Benediction Response**

**\*Postlude**

Min. Wheeler

**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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 *Good Samaritan*, led by Alexandra Newby and assisted by Corey Williams and Allie Dick.

**Liturgists:** Elder Hamner Williams and Miss Jordan Williams

**Flowers:** are given by Joe and Heather Racchini and Bob and Vonda Racchini in celebration of Mario Primo's 1<sup>st</sup> birthday.

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**Rev. Carmen Cox Harwell, Pastor**

**Mr. Dan Hadzima, Custodian**

**Mr. Aaron Wheeler, Minister of Music**

## **Announcements – 4.20.08**

**Thanks to the Health Ministry** for providing for fellowship time today! Fellowship time for next Sunday will be provided by the Mission Team.

**Confirmation Class:** Parents, has your child(ren) gone through Confirmation Class at Mt. Hope? If not, please call the office and let us know. The Session will offer a Confirmation Class for those who are interested! Thank you.

The **2008 Mt. Hope Desert Classic**, (an annual fund raiser for our youth programs) is **Monday, June 16<sup>th</sup>** at the **River Forest Country Club**. Tournament fees are \$85 per person or \$340 per foursome. A sit-down steak dinner will follow the tournament for \$25. We are putting together approximately 10 *themed* gift baskets (*Race for the Cure, Night at the Movies, Picnic, Pamper Yourself, Car Care, Men's Golf, Wine & Cheese, Games, Chocolate, Tool Box, Gourmet Foods*) to use as prizes, and we want your help by donating a few items to a basket, putting together a complete basket or, if you have other ideas for baskets, we would love to hear your suggestions. Please contact Megan Ochendowski with your ideas and donations: 412-374-8724 or email: **Megan@mrboots.com**. Thank you for your support!

**Mt. Hope Women/Child(ren) Banquet sponsored by the Deacons – May 15, 2008:** Are you a mom, grandma, aunt, niece, sister, daughter? Every woman is one of these and has a child or children in their life that is special to her by birth, family relationship, neighbor, or friend. (Age does not matter.) Please plan on attending the Mt. Hope Women/Child(ren) Banquet on Thursday, May 15, 2008 – Arrive 6:00 p.m. – Dinner 6:30 p.m. – Entertainment 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. ***Save the date – more information to follow.***

**Mt. Hope Men's Softball League:** Practice Friday, April 25, at Bible Baptist Field at 6:30 p.m. Anyone interested in joining the team, call Andy Vitko, 412.795.4937; Joe Racchini, 724.733.4452; John Dick, 412.798.3257, or just meet us at the field. League play starts the week of April 28.

**The annual Mt. Hope Pirates Game is Thurs., August 14**, which is also sky blast night! We have purchased 60 tickets in Section 331, at a cost of \$9.00/each. A tailgate will be planned; details and cost will be given later. If you are interested, see Elder Eric Schramm to reserve your tickets with payment.

**Recorded Church Services**. Did you know that all the services are being recorded and are available from the Mt. Hope Web Site? Simply go to the Mt. Hope Web Site (<http://www.mthopechurch.org/Welcome.html>) and click on **RECORDINGS**. This displays a screen of all the available recordings. To play a service, simply click on the desired date. To download a service, place your cursor on the desired date, right click and select “**save target as.**” At this point, a screen is displayed that will allow you to download the service to your PC. If you have any questions, please contact Eric Schramm at [\*\*schrammes@comcast.net\*\*](mailto:schrammes@comcast.net).

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

**Penn Hills Service Association**. Gas prices are up so food prices are up and donations to the Penn Hills Service Association food bank are down. When you shop for cereal, dry goods, boxed meals, etc., please consider buying one for yourself and one for a needy family. Thank you – the Mission Team.

Please call the office with any announcements that you want placed in the following week’s bulletin or email [\*\*mthope@mthopechurch.org\*\*](mailto:mthope@mthopechurch.org). All bulletin information must be in the office **by Wednesday at 4:30 p.m.**

**Thank you** for my outstanding retirement party and for the generous gift of money. It was a privilege to serve the Mt. Hope Family. My heart is full. Cathy Mowery

**PRAY FOR OUR SICK, SHUT-IN, NURSING HOME MEMBERS**

**Dorothy Knight** recuperating at home: Please contact the church office for information

**Norma Reed** (Darlene McCauslin's mother - recuperating at home: Please contact the church office for information. Norma wants to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, and calls. She also wants to give thanksgiving that all went well with her hip surgery.

If you know of persons who are in the **sick, hospitalized, in a nursing home, or shut-in**, please call the church office and let us know!

### THIS WEEK AT MT. HOPE

Today 4/20/08	After Worship	<b>Blood Pressure Check - MP Room</b>
Mon. 4/21/08	6:30 p.m.	<b>Session Mtg. - MP Room</b>
Tues. 4/22/08	6:00 p.m.	<b>Annual Logos Banquet - JK Hall</b>
Wed. 4/23/08	10:00 a.m. 8:00 p.m.	<b>The Morning Word - MP Room NA - JK Hall</b>
Thurs. 4/24/08	7:00 p.m.	<b>Choir - Sanctuary</b>
Fri. 4/25/08	11:00 a.m.	<b>Y Srs. - JK Hall</b>
Sat. 4/26/08	2:00 p.m.	<b>GA - JK Hall</b>

### LOOKING AHEAD

Wed. 4.30.08	10:00 a.m.	<b>Morning Word</b>
Sat. 5.03.08	2:00 p.m.	<b>GA - JK Hall</b>
<b>Sun. 5.04.08</b>	<b>11:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Communion Deacons' Meeting</b>