

**Mt. Hope Community Presbyterian Church**  
*Celebrating our life together in Christ!*

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**Pentecost/Mother's Day Sunday -- May 11, 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**

Pastor Carmen

**Prelude**

Min. Aaron Wheeler

**Bringing in the Light of Christ**

Acolytes

**Silent Meditation**

*"If you love Me, you will keep My commandments. And I will ask the Father, and He will give You another Advocate, to be with You forever."* (John 14.15-16)

**\*Call to Worship** (Acts 2)

Elder Elizabeth Cutruzzula

L: *"When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. Suddenly, from heaven, there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.*

**P: Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability."**

L: Jesus said, *"You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be My witnesses."*

**All: Lord, as Your witnesses, we thank You for all the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Holy Spirit, we welcome You in this place, in our hearts, in our homes, in our lives and in our world. We've come to worship You!**

**Amen!!**

**\*Hymn of Praise**

**“ Praise Him! Praise Him”!**

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**\*Invocation**

Elder Cutruzzula

O Lord, our God, once again You have brought us full-circle: from the joy of Your birth, through the tragedy of Your death, to the glory of Your victorious resurrection, and now, to Your gracious giving of Your own Spirit! Because of Your faithfulness through all the seasons of our lives, we thank You and pray that You will continue to speak and reveal Your will for us, for Your church, for Your world. What a privilege to gather one more time to worship and praise You, “ **Our Father...**”

*(You may be seated.)*

**TO CONFESS OUR SIN...**

**Call to Confession** (2 Kings 14.6)

Miss Nicole Geibel

*“But [God] did not put to death the children of the murderers; according to what is written in the book of the law of Moses, where the Lord commanded, ‘The parents shall not be put to death for the children, or the children be put to death for the parents; but all shall be put to death for their own sins.’”* Let us confess our own sins, knowing that He waits to hear our confession and forgive our sin. **In silence**, let us pray...

**Kyrie**

**“ I Must Tell Jesus” (v 1-2)**

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**Assurance of Pardon**

**Exodus 14.19-20**

Pastor Carmen

**The 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 them.)*

**TO HEAR THE WORD...**

**Hymn of Preparation**

**“ Fairest Lord Jesus”**

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

**New Testament**

**Acts 10.44-48**

Pastor Carmen

**Sermon** "When The Spirit Falls " Pastor Carmen

**\*Hymn of Invitation** "Spirit of God Descend Upon My Heart" Page 326  
*(You may be seated.)*

**Prayers of the People** Pastor Carmen

**TO RESPOND IN GRATITUDE...**

**Offering Call** (Exodus 35.4b-5a) Miss Geibel  
"This is the thing that the Lord has commanded: Take from among you an offering to the Lord; let whoever is of a generous heart bring the Lord's offering." In obedience and with a generous heart, let us make our offering with a generous heart!

**Offertory** "Praise We Sing to Thee" F. J. Haydn

**\*Doxology** "Glory Be to The Father" Page 579

**\*Prayer of Dedication** Elder Cutruzzula

**AND GO FORTH IN PEACE!**

**\*Hymn of Departure** " Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" Page 464

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

**\*Charge & Benediction** Pastor Carmen

**\*Benediction Response** "Go With Us, Lord" Page 535

**\*Postlude** Min. Wheeler

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**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.

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**The Young Children in Worship** story today is "Pentecost," led by Colin Newby and assisted by Jan Chisnell and Katie Rogers.

**The center arrangement** of geraniums is given by Jim and Darlene Dempsey in celebration of their 45<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on May 10th.

**The other geraniums are given by the congregation** in celebration of Pentecost. We are still accepting donations to defray the cost of the geraniums. If interested please contact Doris Kuhn.

**Plants and Flowers** that were ordered from the plant sale can be picked up in the MP room following worship.

**Thanks to the Men's Softball Team** for providing for fellowship time today! Fellowship time for next Sunday will be provided by The Deacons.

**Betty McKelvey** would like to thank all of her Mt. Hope family for your cards, calls, and prayers during her surgeries and recuperation! She is feeling much better and getting stronger each day! God bless all of you!

**Marie Fowler** would also like to express her appreciation to her Mt. Hope family for your concern, prayers, cards, and calls following her recent shoulder surgery. Therapy is going well and she is making good progress! Thank you so much!!

The Trustees are having a **Work Day May 17<sup>th</sup>** from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Cleanup will be done inside and outside. Your help would be very much appreciated.

Next **Sunday, May 18**, immediately following our Worship Celebration the Mt. Hope Health Ministries Team will again offer regular blood pressure checks. Come to the Multi-Purpose Room and sign in. Please begin next week to monitor your own health and wellness with our help! It is such an easy way to have a monthly wellness check and our own nurses take the pressures.

Next **Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>**, we will celebrate the 46<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Mt. Hope's Sanctuary. If you know of any former members who might want to attend this service, please invite them.

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 would like 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!

A very special thank you is in order to **Lisa Caplinger** (daughter of Marie & Ron Fowler), for her donation of a \$400 golf club set! Thank you, Lisa, and God bless your loving generosity!

**Crestfield Camp & Conference Center** is hosting three **Retreats for Senior Adults**, facilitated by Rebecca Cole-Turner, Ph.D.: July 22-24 (\$125 per person); September 23-24 (\$65 per person)! Come and take a journey of the heart...a pilgrimage along the Celtic Christian spiritual way, exploring the roots and expressions of this vibrant spirituality. Retreat include worship, inspirational workshops, hymn singing, crafts, hayrides, s'mores, double occupancy lodging in Scott Lodge, and all programming costs and meals. Transportation will be provided from central locations. Please checkout the website for more info: [www.crestfield.net](http://www.crestfield.net)

**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.

**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).

**The Flower Chart Notebook for 2008 is in the Narthex**. The costs are: 1 arrangement - \$15.00; 2 arrangements - \$30.00. You may buy one or two arrangements, or two can share the flower arrangements. The following dates are available in May: May 18<sup>th</sup> –one arrangement and May 25<sup>th</sup>.

**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.

**Paper Recycling:** Don't throw away your paper, magazines, newspaper, junk mail, magazines and catalogs. **BRING** them to Mt. Hope. Very shortly (less than a week) we will have our own green and yellow bin to recycle paper. This is a fund raiser for the Church and proceeds will be placed into the General Fund to help pay bills. The more paper you bring and the more you tell others about our bin, the more money we will receive. We get paid by the ton. More tons, more per ton we will receive. Some places have several bins as this is very popular.

A woman in Jefferson Heights is looking for someone to sit with her elderly mother 1 day a week for 5 hours. If interested please contact: **Catherine Fisher (412) 795-2708.**

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

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**

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Mon.	May 12 <sup>th</sup>	7:00p	Trustees Meeting	M-P Rm
Wed.	May 14 <sup>th</sup>	10:00a	Morning Word	M-P Rm
		6:30p	Worship & Music Meeting	Conf. Rm
		8:00p	Narcotics Anonymous	JK Hall
Thu.	May 15 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 p	Women/Child Banquet	JK Hall
		7:00 p	Chancel Choir	Sanctuary
Fri.	May 16 <sup>th</sup>	6:30p	Men's Softball	Bible Baptist Field
Sat.	May 17 <sup>th</sup>	2:00p	Gamblers' Anonymous	JK Hall
		9:00 a -2:00 p	Trustees Work Day	

**LOOKING AHEAD**

Mon.	May 19 <sup>th</sup>	6:30	Session Meeting	Narthex
Wed.	May 21 <sup>st</sup>	10:00a	Morning Word	M-P Rm
		8:00p	Narcotics Anonymous	JK Hall
Thurs.	May 22 <sup>nd</sup>	7:00p	Chancel Choir	Sanctuary
Fri.	May 23 <sup>rd</sup>	11:00a	Y-Srs.	JK Hall
		6:30p	Men's Softball	Bible Baptist Field
Sat.	May 24 <sup>th</sup>	2:00p	Gamblers' Anonymous	JK Hall

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