

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

Sunday -- May 18, 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

*"While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the Word."
(Acts 10.44)*

****Call to Worship*** (1 Chronicles 16.8-9, 25-27)

Elder Agnes Curtin

L: "O give thanks to the Lord, call on His name, make known His deeds among the peoples.

P: ***Sing to Him, sing praises to Him, tell of all His wonderful works.***

L: *For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; He is to be revered above all gods. For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the Lord made the heavens.*

All: ***Honor and majesty are before Him; strength and joy are in His place!"
And so we will worship the Lord our God in spirit and in truth!***

****Hymn of Praise***

"Come Sing, O Church, in Joy"

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****Invocation***

Elder Curtin

Eternal God, there is no building that can contain Your glory or display the wonders of Your unconditional love. We thank You for the men and women who helped to build this portion of Your sanctuary. May this space always be

used as a gathering place of refuge and strength for people of goodwill. Every time we gather in this holy space, let us worship You with joy and grateful hearts! May this sanctuary, this building stand as a sign of Your Holy Spirit at work in Your world, and as a witness to our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ! We pray in His name because You are, “**Our Father...**”

(You may be seated.)

TO CONFESS OUR SIN...

Call to Confession *(Lamentations 3.39-41)*

Elder Colin Newby

“Why should any who draw breath complain about the punishment of their sins? Let us test and examine our ways, and return to the Lord. Let us lift up our hearts as well as our hands to God in heaven,” and confess our sin **in silence**. Let us pray...

Kyrie

“Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing”

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Assurance of Pardon

Job 5.17-19

Pastor Carmen

The Children’s Chat

Elder Tim Rogers

(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

“Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak”

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

Hebrew Testament

2 Chronicle 7.12-22

Pastor Carmen

Sermon

“I Will But...”

Pastor Carmen

***Hymn of Invitation**

“Sanctuary”

See Insert

(You may be seated.)

Prayers of the People

Pastor Carmen

TO RESPOND IN GRATITUDE...

Offering Call (Psalm 116.17-19)

Elder Newby

The psalmist said, "I will offer to You a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all His people, in the courts of the house of the Lord..." Let us prepare to offer our financial sacrifice of thanksgiving to the Lord our God!

Offertory

"The Master's Love"

Geraldine Woods

***Doxology**

"Glory Be to the Father"

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***Prayer of Dedication**

Elder Curtin

AND GO FORTH IN PEACE!

***Hymn of Departure**

"The Church's One Foundation"

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

Acolytes

***Charge & Benediction**

Pastor Carmen

***Benediction Response**

"Go With Us, Lord"

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***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 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.

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

The Young Children in Worship story today is “*The Mustard Seed*,” led by Helene Mauser and assisted by Alaina Napolitana and Nicole Geibel.

The flowers that beautify our Sanctuary this morning are given by Chuck and Judy Schramm in honor of their daughter Charlotte’s 5th birthday.

Thanks to the Deacons for providing for fellowship time today! Fellowship time for *next Sunday* will be provided by The Session.

A heart-felt **Thank You** to the Mt. Hope family from Suzanne, Bruce, Tom and Natalie Columbus for the beautiful arrangement sent to the funeral home and for the support during this difficult time.

Thanks to everyone who helped make the **Trustee Sponsored Work Day** yesterday, a great success!! Thank you!

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!

TODAY 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.

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! Thank you!!

Position Open at General Assembly! The General Assembly Council (GAC): Racial Ethnic & Women's Ministries, in Louisville, Ky., is seeking to fill the position of Ministries Operations Manager. For more info, please contact the Rev. Vanessa Hawkins at Vanessa.Hawkins@pcusa.org. Thank you!

The **2008 Mt. Hope Desert Classic**, (an annual fund raiser for our youth programs) is **Monday, June 16th** 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](tel:412-374-8724) or email: Megan@mrboots.com. Thank you for your support!

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

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? Visit (<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.**” 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.

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. May 25th is still available.

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 Ministry.

Please call the office with any announcements that you would like placed in the following week(s) bulletins or email 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 sick, hospitalized, in a nursing home, or shut-in, please call the church office and let us know!

A **Reminder** that worship time will change to 10:00 a.m. next Sunday, **May 25th**.

THIS WEEK AT MT. HOPE

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

LOOKING AHEAD

Mon.	May 26 th	<u><i>Penn Hills Annual Parade!!</i></u>		
Wed.	May 28 th	10:00a	Morning Word Study	M-P Rm
		8:00p	Narcotics Anonymous	JK Hall
Thu.	May 29 th	7:00p	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Fri.	May 30 th	11:00a	Y-Sr's.	JK Hall
		6:30	Men's Softball	Bible Baptist Field
Sat.	May 31 st	2:00p	Gambler's Anonymous	JK Hall

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