

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

Communion & Graduate Recognition Sunday -- July 6, 2008 – 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!

Invitation to Recollection

Elder Doris Kuhn

“In the First Book of Kings, Chapter 19, we are told that, upon coming into the presence of the Lord, Elijah hid his face. May we follow his example and enter into a state of prayerful recollection as we prepare for worship.”

Welcome/Recognition of Visitors/Special Events

Pastor Carmen

Recognition of Graduates

“Pomp and Circumstance”

Sir Edward Elgar

High School

*Chris Getkin, Devon Hickman, Dominique Hickman,
Elder Colin Newby, Mallory Ruhling, Brady Zbikowski*

College

Megan Eberle, Hannah Hiller, Lindsay Nakles, Chris Szymansky

Silent Meditation

****Call to Worship*** (1 Chronicles 16.8-12)

Miss Angel Frank

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: *Glory in His holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.*

All: Remember the wonderful works He has done, His miracles, and the judgments He uttered.” Let us worship the Lord our God!

****Hymn of Praise***

“We Gather Together”

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***Invocation**

Miss Frank

Holy Spirit of God, we thank You for preparing us to meet You in this time of worship! Silence every voice but Thine own, so that we might hear, again, how much we are loved, forgiven, and freed in Christ, to do God’s work wherever God sends us. Speak to us, speak through us, speak in spite of us, drawing us closer to You. This we ask of You, “ **Our Father...**”

(You may be seated.)

TO CONFESS OUR SIN...

Call to Confession *(2 Kings 14.6b)*

Elder Kuhn

In the midst of God’s great mercy, we are reminded in 2 Kings that, all of us must give an account of our own, personal sin: “...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.’” Therefore, **in silence**, let us confess our own sins in anticipation of God’s great mercy.

Kyrie

“Acceptable To You”

See Insert

Assurance of Pardon

2 Chronicles 6.29-31

Pastor Carmen

The Children’s Chat

Pastor Carmen

(If this is your child’s first time, please accompany them to the front!)

TO PRESENT OUR OFFERINGS WITH GRATITUDE...

Offering Call *(Psalm 116.17-19)*

Miss Frank

The Psalmist reminds us of our obligation to God: “*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 pay our vows by offering our tithes and financial gifts!

Offertory	“El Shaddai”	Michael Card
*Doxology	“Glory Be to The Father”	Page 579
*Prayer of Dedication		Elder Kuhn

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*Welcome to Christ’s Table
The Words of the Institution
The Prayer of Consecration
Distribution of the Elements
The Prayer of Thanksgiving*

TO HEAR THE WORD...

Hymn of Preparation	“Seek Ye First”	Page 333
<i>(please pass your Prayer Request cards toward the center aisle)</i>		

<u>New Testament</u>	John 16.12-15	Pastor Carmen
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Sermon	“The Declaration of Dependence!”	Pastor Carmen
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Moment for Reflection		Min. Wheeler
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Prayers of the People		Pastor Carmen
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AND GO FORTH IN PEACE!

*Hymn of Departure	“Battle Hymn of the Republic”	See Insert
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*Charge & Benediction		Pastor Carmen
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*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 6th grade. The kits are color-coded: pink-pre-school & kindergarten; blue-grades 1-3; white-grades 4-6. Please do not take the kits home, but return them to the Narthex following worship.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Greeters this morning are Roy and Bonnie Rodgers

The Flowers that beautify our Sanctuary this morning are given by Carolyn Griffith in honor of her mother Dorothy Griffith and The Hiller family in honor of the graduates.

We extend our **deepest sympathy** to the family of Maxine Allison who went home to be with the Lord on July 1st. She will be greatly missed.

Thanks to the Nominating Committee for providing for fellowship time today! Fellowship Time for next Sunday will be provided by the Personnel Committee.

The Pittsburgh Presbytery is pleased to welcome the Rev. Dr. Robert C. Anderson as interim Pastor to Presbytery, and his Executive Assistant, Janice Milliner! Check out this link [www.pghpresbytery.org/news/bob_ &_janice.htm](http://www.pghpresbytery.org/news/bob_&_janice.htm) to read their bios and a letter from Dr. Anderson!

The annual ***Relay for Life*** will take place on Sat. July 12-Sun. July 13th. For registration and more information, please contact Michele Irwin at 412-795-9146.

We need you! We need volunteers for ***Vacation Bible School*** which will be held August 10th through the 14th from 5:30 to 8:30p. We need craft people, Bible teachers, recreation leaders, snack fixers, musically inclined people, registration and “I will do whatever you need me to do” people. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex. We will be calling you! Thank you! – The Christian Nurture Ministry.

Wednesdays on the Lawn will begin on Wednesday, July 23rd. Can you help? Please sign up on the enclosed insert and place it in the offering plate. Thank you!

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.

Needed: *pint or smaller canning jars* – If you have any at home that you no longer need, please bring them to the church office.

Anyone with ***Musical Talent*** is encouraged to share their gift with the congregation during Worship this summer. For more information contact Aaron Wheeler at 585-519-3329 or email him at awheel@gmail.com

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. The following dates are available in July: One arrangement for July 20th.

A benefit Car Cruise & Sock Hop will be held at *Trinity Tower United Methodist Church* on *Saturday, July 19th* from 4-9 p.m. Good food, great music, cool cars and a silent auction will be featured. Proceeds benefit the TTUMC's Outreach Council that serves area homeless shelters. For more information visit their website at www.trinitytowerchurch.com or call 412-793-9000.

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.

Anyone wishing to ***use the church during off hours*** can do so by signing a key release form to obtain a key. Forms are available in the office during regular office hours.

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 3:00 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! *Please pray for, call, send a card to our sick/shut-in members:*

Shirley Kerchner
2095 Garrick Dr.
Pgh. PA 15235

Rita & Robert Roth
624 National Dr.
Pgh. PA 15235

Dr. Ulrich Mauser
6502 Ten Point Circle
Trafford, PA 15085

Please also remember in your thoughts and prayers ***Cindi Head*** who is in West Penn Hospital. Her home address is 7233 Penn Avenue . Pgh. PA 15208. Her hospital phone number is 412-578-1007.

THIS WEEK AT MT. HOPE

Mon. July 7 th	7:00 p	Christian Nurture	MP Room
Wed. July 9 th	9:30a	Seminary Shadow-the-Pastor Day!	
	8:00 p	Narcotics Anonymous	JK Hall
Fri. July 11 th	6:30 p	Men's Softball	BB Field
Sat. July 12 th	10:00a	Relay For Life	Penn Hills HS
	2:00 p	Gamblers Anonymous	JK Hall

LOOKING AHEAD

Wed. July 16 th	4:00p	Wednesday-on-the-Lawn Starts	Front lawn
	8:00p	Narcotics Anonymous	JK Hall
Sat. July 19 th	2:00p	Gamblers Anonymous	JK Hall

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