

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

Sunday -- July 13, 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!

SILENT PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Bringing in the Light of Christ

Acolytes

Welcome/Recognition of Visitors/Special Events

Pastor Carmen

****Call to Worship*** (Psalm 95.1-2, 6-7)

Elder Linda McGinnis

L: *“O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation!*

P: *Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!*

L: *O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!*

All: *For He is God, and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand!” Amen!*

****Hymn of Praise “Come, Now Is the Time for Worship”***

See Insert

****Invocation***

Elder McGinnis

This we ask of You, ***“Our Father...”***

(You may be seated.)

TO CONFESS OUR SIN...

Call to Confession (Lamentations 3.39-42)

Miss Erica Brandon

The lamenter of the book of Lamentations says, “*Why should any who draw breath complain about the punishment of their sins? Let us examine our ways, and return to the Lord. Let us lift up our hearts as well as our hands to God in heaven. We have transgressed and rebelled; and You have not forgiven.*” **In silence**, let us lament our sin in the hope that God will forgive us.

Kyrie

“Acceptable To You”

See Insert

Assurance of Pardon

Lamentations 3.31-33

Pastor Carmen

The Children’s Chat

Elder Bill Tis

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

TO PRESENT OUR OFFERINGS WITH GRATITUDE...

Offering Call (Deuteronomy 15.7-8,10)

Elder McGinnis

The Lord said, “*If there is among you anyone in need, a member of your community in any of your towns within the land that the Lord your God is giving you, do not be hard-hearted or tight-fisted toward your needy neighbor. You should rather open your hand, willingly lending enough to meet the need, whatever it may be...Give liberally and be ungrudging when you do so, for on this account the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in all that you undertake.*” Let us do what the Lord has said and prepare to offer our financial gifts “*liberally and be ungrudging.*”

Offertory

Min. Aaron Wheeler

***Doxology “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”**

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***Prayer of Dedication**

Miss Brandon

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.

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

The Flowers that beautify our Sanctuary this morning are given by Vonda Racchini in celebration of life and her family.

The **rosebuds** on our Altar this morning are in **celebration for the births of twin daughters** Olive Irene and Estella Anne Sipula. The parents are Mindy and Ian Sipula and the proud grandparents are Andrew and Dana Vitko.

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

Shirley Kerchner sends **thanks** for all of the cards, calls and prayers she has received during her recent illness.

The **Christian Nurture Ministry** wants to revitalize the Sunday School program. We need your input. Please take a few minutes to **complete the enclosed survey** and return it to Millie Bichsel or the church office. Thank you!

The annual Mt. Hope Pirates Game scheduled for Thursday, August 14th has sold out! The Fellowship Committee appreciates the support! We will be having a tailgate at the church in conjunction with VBS prior to the game. Details will be coming soon!

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 to read their bios and a letter from Dr. Anderson!

The Wednesdays on the Lawn Dinners will begin on Wednesday, July 23rd but you can begin purchasing fresh produce on Wednesday July 16th from 3:00 to 6:00! Your help is needed to ensure that this year is again a successful one. **If you can help** please sign up on the enclosed insert and place it in the offering plate. Thank you!

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.

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. Don't hesitate to share your gift of music. **Slots are filling up fast!** For more information contact Aaron Wheeler.

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 Schram.

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, or send a card to our sick/shut-in members

Virginia Ayres , Margie Baur, Irene & Larry Bender, May Bourne, Pearl & Jack Frazier, Cyndi Head, Hilda Kerr, Dottie Knight, Robert McKnight, Carol Marquis, Lou Sanabor, and Annabell Scott. For more information contact the church office.

THIS WEEK AT MT. HOPE

Wed. July 16 th	3-6:00p	Fresh Produce	Front Lawn
	8:00p	Narcotics Anonymous	JK Hall
Sat. July 19 th	2:00p	Gamblers Anonymous	JK Hall

LOOKING AHEAD

Sun.	July 20 th		Blood Pressure Screening	MP Room
Mon.	July 21 st	6:30p	Session Meeting	MP Room
Wed.	July 23 rd	3-6:00p	Fresh Produce	Front lawn
		6:30p	Wed-on-Lawn Bible Study	Front lawn
		8:00p	Narcotics Anonymous	JK Hall
Fri.	July 25 th	11:00a	Y-Seniors	JK Hall
		6:30p	Men's Softball	BB Field
Sat.	July 26 th	2:00a	Gamblers Anonymous	JK Hall

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