

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

Sunday -- July 20, 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 Congregation

Bringing in the Light of Christ Acolytes

Welcome/Recognition of Visitors/Special Events Elder Clyde Davis

Introit ***“Blessed Assurance”*** Mr. Ted Faye

****Call to Worship*** (1 Chronicles 29.10b-13) Elder Davis

L: “Blessed are You, O Lord, the God of our ancestor Israel, forever and ever. Yours, O Lord, are the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty;

P: for all that is in the heavens and on the earth is Yours; Yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and You are exalted as Head above all.

L: Riches and honor come from You, and You rule over all. In Your hand are power and might; and it is in Your hand to make great and to give strength to all.

All: And now, our God, we give thanks to You and praise Your glorious name.” Amen!

****Hymn of Praise*** ***“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”*** Page 464

****Invocation*** Elder Davis

Gracious and Loving God, for preparing this time of worship we give You thanks! We invoke the presence of Your Holy Spirit to fall on us and convict, pardon, redeem and assure us that we can be the people You created us to be: a people that loves You and Your people. Teach us how to do that consistently and unconditionally, through Christ who taught us to pray saying, “ ***Our Father...***”

(You may be seated.)

TO CONFESS OUR SIN...

Call to Confession (Ezekiel 18.30-32)

Miss Gretchen Hiller

“ ‘...I will judge you...all of you according to your ways,’ says the Lord God. ‘Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgression that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit!’” In the hope that God will again forgive us, let us confess, **in silence**, all of our transgressions so that iniquity might not be our ruin.

Kyrie

“Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord” (v.1,3)

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Assurance of Pardon

Rev. Dr. Douglas Portz

The Children’s Chat

Elder Millie Bichsel

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

TO PRESENT OUR OFFERINGS WITH GRATITUDE...

Offering Call (Numbers 18.25-27, 29)

Miss Hiller

“Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying... ‘When you receive...the tithe that I have given you...you shall set apart an offering from it to the Lord, a tithe of the tithe. It shall be reckoned to you as your gift...Out of all the gifts to you, you shall set apart every offering due to the Lord; the best of all of them is the part to be consecrated.’”

Let us prepare to offer the **best** of our financial gifts to the Lord, to be consecrated to His holy service!

Offertory Mr. Chris Dick

***Doxology “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”** Page 592

***Prayer of Dedication** Elder Davis

TO HEAR THE WORD...

Hymn of Preparation “Take My Life” Page 391
(please pass your Prayer Request cards toward the center aisle)

Hebrew Testament **Psalm 67** Pastor Portz

New Testament **John 5.1-9** Pastor Portz

Sermon “Get Up!” Pastor Portz

A Moment for Reflection Min. Aaron Wheeler

Prayers of the People Pastor Portz

AND GO FORTH IN PEACE!

***Hymn of Departure “Christ of the Upward Way”** Page 344

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

***Charge & Benediction** Pastor Portz

***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-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

We welcome to our pulpit this morning **Rev. Dr. Douglas Portz**. Dr. Portz is the Associate Pastor to Pittsburgh Presbytery for medium size churches. He has been ordained for 25 years, most recently the senior pastor of Hampton Presbyterian Church. He is married to the Rev. Lynn Portz who is the pastor of the St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Sewickley. They have two children, Bethany, a senior at Grove City College, and Ben, a sophomore at Westminster College. A special "Thank You" to Dr. Portz for also selecting our hymns for worship today.

Greeters this morning are Don and Beverly Worthen.

The Flowers that beautify our Sanctuary this morning are given by Bruce and Linda McGinnis in loving memory of Linda's mother May Baker.

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

Pastor Carmen thanks everyone for her birthday wishes and gifts! A special thanks to Betty Ann Tis and all of the women who prepared a delicious “Pittsburgh” lunch in her honor last Sunday!! God will continue to bless you!

Today is **BLOOD PRESSURE SUNDAY!** You don’t need an appointment! You don’t have to go far! You don’t even have to use extra gasoline and drive your car! Come to the Multi-Purpose room and allow the Health Ministry Team to provide this service for you.

The **Christian Education Ministry** wants to revitalize the Sunday School ministry, and we need your input. A short survey is available in the Narthex. **Please complete the survey** and return it to Elder Millie Bichsel or the church office. Thank you!

The Wednesdays on the Lawn Dinners will begin this Wednesday, July 23rd . You can purchase fresh produce each Wednesday from 3:00 to 6:00p and enjoy home cooked cuisine from 4:30 to 6:30! Check the insert for this week’s information and menu. Your help is needed to ensure that this year is again a successful one. **If you can help** please sign up on the form provided in the Narthex and return it to Doris Kuhn or the office. Thank you!

Forms for **Vacation Bible School** which will be held August 10th through the 14th from 6:00 to 8:30p. can be found in the Narthex.

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.

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. Two arrangements are needed for August 17th and one arrangement is needed for August 24th and 31st.

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, Annabell Scott, *Lois Getkin, *Mabel Eibel

* Recently added

For more information such as phone numbers or addresses please contact the church office.

THIS WEEK AT MT. HOPE

<u>TODAY</u>	After worship	Blood Pressure Screening	MP Room
Mon., July 21 st	6:30p	Session Meeting	MP Room
Wed., July 23 rd	2-6:00p	Fresh Produce	Front lawn
	4:30-6:30p	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		Praise Practice	
	2:00p	Gamblers Anonymous	JK Hall

LOOKING AHEAD

Tue. July 29 th	6:30p	Men's Softball	BB Field
Wed. July 30 th	2-6p	Fresh Produce	Front Lawn
	4:30-6:30p	Wed-on-Lawn/Bible Study	Front Lawn
	8:00p	Narcotics Anonymous	JK Hall
Sat. Aug 2 nd	2:00p	Gamblers Anonymous	JK Hall

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