

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

Sunday -- July 27, 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

Pastor Carmen

****Call to Worship*** (Psalm 113. 1-4)

Miss Shannon Dillman

L: *“Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the Lord; praise the name of the Lord.*

P: *Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time on and forevermore.*

L: *From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised.*

All: *The Lord is high above all nations, and His glory above the heavens.*”

****Hymn of Praise “All Creatures of Our God and King”***

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****Invocation***

Miss Dillman

Sovereign Lord of the universe, we invoke Your presence as we seek to worship You. Silence every thought, every voice but Yours so that we can hear clearly what Your Spirit has to say to us, Your church. In this sacred time, let Your Spirit fall afresh on us, and then give us the courage to go and make disciples for the Christ, the One who taught us to pray saying, “***Our Father...***”

(You may be seated.)

TO CONFESS OUR SIN...

Call to Confession (*Hosea 5.14b-6.1*)

Elder Alyce Duffus

Hosea reminds us that God said, “*I will tear and go away; I will carry off, and no one shall rescue. I will return again to My place until they acknowledge their guilt and seek My face. In their distress they will beg My favor. ‘Come, let us return to the Lord’ for it is He who has torn, and He will heal us; He has struck down, and He will bind us up.*” With faith in God’s words of forgiveness, let us confess, **in silence**, all of our sin.

Kyrie

“Just As I Am” (v1, 3)

See Insert

Assurance of Pardon

Micah 7.18-20

Pastor Carmen

The Children’s Chat

Elder Tim Rogers

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

TO PRESENT OUR OFFERINGS WITH GRATITUDE...

Offering Call (*Malachi 3.10,12*)

Elder Duffus

Not the session, but God says, “*‘Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in My house, and thus put Me to the test,’ says the Lord of hosts. ‘Then all nations will count you happy, for you will be a land of delight, says the Lord of hosts.’*” Let us prepare to happily give God our full tithe!

Offertory

"The Steadfast Love of the Lord"

Mrs. Arnel Montgomery

***Doxology**

“Glory Be to the Father”

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***Prayer of Dedication**

Miss Dillman

TO HEAR THE WORD...

Hymn of Preparation **“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”** Page 316
(please pass your Prayer Request cards toward the center aisle)

New Testament **Mark 7.7-11** Pastor Carmen

Sermon **“The Good Things!”** Pastor Carmen

A Moment for Reflection Min. Aaron Wheeler

Prayers of the People Pastor Carmen

AND GO FORTH IN PEACE!

***Hymn of Departure** **“Spirit of the Living God”** Page 322

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

***Charge & Benediction** Pastor Carmen

***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

Greeters this morning are Tim and Maureen Rogers

The Flowers that beautify our Sanctuary this morning are given by Mark and Debbie Dillman in celebration of their 29th wedding anniversary.

The rosebud is in celebration of the **birth of Gaige Alexander Ochendowski** born on July 10th to Rick and Tawyna Ochendowski. The proud grandparents are Rick and Megan Ochendowski.

The following will be celebrating **birthdays this week**. Please celebrate with them by wishing them a Happy Birthday!

Doris Milligan – July 25th and **Clyde Davis** – July 27th will be celebrating their **82nd** Birthday!

Also, a very Happy Birthday to **Ray Schramm** who celebrates on July 30th!

The **sympathy** of our congregation is extended to Rev. William and Alice Knechtel upon the death of their baby son, William James Knechtel. Condolences can be sent to Rev. William and Alice.

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

Wednesdays on the Lawn and Bible Study!!! Please check the insert for this week's information and menu. If you haven't signed up to help yet, there is still time. **Forms are available in the Narthex.** Please sign up on the form and return it to Doris Kuhn or the office. **THANKS** to all who attended last Wednesday and helped to make it a success and a special **THANK YOU** to all who helped in any way. Without **ALL OF YOU**, Wednesdays on the Lawn would not be possible.

Mark your calendars for **Wednesday, August 6th** when Mt. Hope will be hosting the **Crosspoint Band** from Northminister Presbyterian Church in Cincinnati, Ohio!! The members of this band will be working with Hosanna Ministries in the Pittsburgh area the week of August 4th on work projects and then will present a concert/worship service at various churches in the area. Mt. Hope is blessed to host 12-15 members of this team for dinner at Wednesday on the Lawn after which The Crosspoint Band will present their concert at 6:30. Please plan to attend this special evening at Mt. Hope and invite your neighbors, friends and family to join us. There is no charge for the concert; however a love offering will be taken to help this non-profit group cover their expenses (gas and van rental). There will not be a Bible study on August 6th, instead please come for dinner and stay for the concert!

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.

Thanks to all who have **contributed to our recycle bin**. It is quite a success so please continue to bring all of your paper, catalogs and newspapers to deposit in the bin. Remember, no cardboard or plastic bags can be accepted.

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, Mabel Eibel, Pearl & Jack Frazier, Lois Getkin, Cyndi Head, Hilda Kerr, Dottie Knight, Robert McKnight, Carol Marquis, Lou Sanabor, Annabell Scott and ***Shirley Kerchner.**

***Recently added**

For additional member information such as phone numbers, e-mail or addresses please contact the church office.

THIS WEEK AT MT. HOPE

Mon. July 28 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

LOOKING AHEAD

Sun. Aug. 3 rd	10:00a	Communion	
Wed. Aug. 6 th		Crosspoint Worship Band Concert	Front lawn
	2:00-6:00p	Fresh Produce	Front Lawn
	4:30-6:30p	Wed-on-Lawn/ Bible Study	Front Lawn
	8:00p	Narcotics Anonymous	JK Hall
Fri. Aug. 8 th	11:00a	Y Seniors	JK Hall
Sat. Aug. 9 th	2:00p	Gambles Anonymous	JK Hall
Sun. Aug. 10 th	6:00 -8p	Vacation Bible School starts	All over!

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