

# Mt. Hope Community Presbyterian Church

*Celebrating our life together in Christ!*

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**Sunday -- August 10, 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 138.1-2, 8)

Mr. Corey Williams

L: We echo the Psalmists words, “[We] give thanks, O Lord, with [our] whole heart; before the gods [we] sing Your praise;

**P: [We] bow down toward Your holy temple and give thanks to Your name for Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness;**

L: for You have exalted Your name and Your word above everything.

**All: The Lord will fulfill His purpose for [us]; Your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of Your hands.” Amen!**

***\*Hymn of Praise***

***“All Hail King Jesus”***

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***\*Invocation***

Mr. Williams

Loving God, You have created us in Your image and You call us by name. Let Your Holy Spirit speak new words of life, forgiveness, and unconditional love so that we are encouraged to face another week with the same strength that Jesus did. In this time of worship, focus us solely on You and Your will for our lives. But before we leave, shape us in the image of the Christ and teach us how to spread the great news of salvation, for You are **“Our Father...”**

*(You may be seated.)*

**TO CONFESS OUR SIN...**

**Call to Confession** *(Hosea 5.14b-15)*

Elder Doris Kuhn

The Lord says thru the prophet Hosea, "I Myself 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." **In silence**, let us confess our sin, begging God for His favor.

**Kyrie**

***"Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior"***

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**Assurance of Pardon**

**Romans 10.9-13**

Pastor Carmen

**The Children's Chat**

Mr. Denny Chisnell

*(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 Kuhn

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 gratefully give God our full tithe!

**Offertory**

**"The Gift of Love"**

H. Hopson

**\*Doxology**

***"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"***

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**\*Prayer of Dedication**

Mr. Williams

**TO HEAR THE WORD...**

**Hymn of Preparation**

***"I Love the Lord, Who Heard My Cry"***

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

**Hebrew Testament**

***Exodus 1.15-21***

Pastor Carmen

***Sermon***

***“The Blessings of Fear”***

Pastor Carmen

***A Moment for Reflection***

Min. Aaron Wheeler

***Prayers of the People***

Pastor Carmen

**AND GO FORTH IN PEACE!**

***\*Hymn of Departure***

***“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”***

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

Acolytes

***\*Charge & Benediction***

Pastor Carmen

***\*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 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Greeters** this morning are Betty Noah and Alyce Duffus.

**The Flowers** that beautify our Sanctuary this morning are given by Millie Bichsel in honor of her father, Bill Bichsel's 89<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**Thanks to the Stewardship & Finance Ministry** for providing for fellowship time today! Fellowship Time for next Sunday will be provided by the VBS Ministry.

Mabel Eibel would like to sincerely say **thank you** to everyone for their concerns during her recent "down time"!

**Vacation Bible School** begins **TODAY** at 6:00 and will continue through the 13<sup>th</sup>. VBS will conclude on Thursday August 14<sup>th</sup> with a tailgate party. Hope to see you all there!!

**Wednesdays on the Lawn** is in full swing! Please check the insert for this Wednesday's menu and information.

**The Flower Chart Notebook for 2008 is in the Narthex.** The costs are: 1 arrangement - \$15.00; 2 arrangements - \$30.00. Two arrangements are needed for August 17<sup>th</sup> and one arrangement is needed for August 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Next Sunday** the **Health Ministry Team** will take **Blood Pressures** right after Worship. Come to the Multi-Purpose room following Worship to have your regular monthly check. Next Sunday's blood pressure check could save your life!

It's time to decide on the **Fall Youth Weekend!** Laurelville is the Jr. High weekend and J-Town is the Sr. High weekend. We must send in \$25.00 per

person as a deposit to hold the weekend we want. Total cost per person will be \$100.00. Fall weekend dates for Laurelville (Jr. High) are October 31-Novemeber 1; November 7-9 and November 14-16. Fall weekend dates for J-Town (Sr. High) are November 21-23; December 5-7 and December 12-14.

**Adult leaders are also needed.** If there are no adult leaders there is no trip! Please contact Barry Irwin for more information or to volunteer as an adult leader. Thank you!

The American Cancer Society's **Road to Recovery Program** provides transportation to cancer patients who may not otherwise have a ride to and from treatment. If you know of someone who would benefit from this program, please refer them to the American Cancer Society at 1-800-227-2345. If you would have some time to volunteer to drive a patient to and/or from treatment, please call the American Cancer Society at 412-919-1116. Thank you!

**All of our services are being recorded** and are available on the Mt Hope Web Site: <http://www.mthopechurch.org/Welcome.html>. Click on *recordings*. If you have questions, please contact Eric Schramm.

There is a basket in the Narthex to collect toiletry items for the **Men's and Women's Shelter!** Thank you for your support!

**Penn Hills Service Association** is in need of non-perishable items, i.e., cereal, dry goods, boxed meals, etc., 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 them to [mthope@mthope-church.org](mailto:mthope@mthope-church.org) . **no later than 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, Arlene Davis, Mabel Eibel, Pearl & Jack Frazier, Lois Getkin, Cyndi Head, Hilda Kerr, Dottie Knight , Robert McKnight, Carol Marquis, Lou Sanabor, Annabell Scott, Shirley Kerchner, \*Barbara Warren and \*Jack McGinn.

\*Recently added

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

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**THIS WEEK AT MT. HOPE**

Mon. Aug. 11 <sup>th</sup>	6:00-8p	Vacation Bible School	All over!
Tue. Aug 12 <sup>th</sup>	6:00-8p	Vacation Bible School	All over!
Wed. Aug. 13 <sup>th</sup>	6:00-8p	Vacation Bible School	All over!
	2-6:30p	Produce/Wed. on Lawn	Front Lawn
	6:30p	Bible Study	Front Lawn
	8:00p	Narcotics Anonymous	JK Hall
Thu. Aug. 14 <sup>th</sup>	6:00-8p	VBS Closing & Tailgate Party	
		Pirates Game	
Fri. Aug. 15 <sup>th</sup>	6:30p	Men's Softball	B.B Field
Sat. Aug. 16 <sup>th</sup>	2:00p	Gamblers Anonymous	JK Hall

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**LOOKING AHEAD**

Sun. Aug. 17 <sup>th</sup>		Blood Pressure Sunday	MP Room
Mon. Aug 18 <sup>th</sup>	7:00p	Trustee mtg.	MP Room
Wed. Aug 20 <sup>th</sup>	2-6:30p	Produce/Wed on Lawn	Front Lawn
	6:30p	Bible Study	Front Lawn
	8:00p	Narcotics Anonymous	JK Hall
Sat. Aug. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	2:00p	Gamblers Anonymous	JK Hall

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**Rev. Carmen Cox Harwell, Pastor**

**Mrs. Rita Hardin, Administrative Assistant**

**Mr. Dan Hadzima, Custodian**

**Mr. Aaron Wheeler, Minister of Music**

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