

Mt. Hope Community Presbyterian Church

Celebrating our life together in Christ!

Vacation Bible School Sunday -- August 17, 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

Declan Ochendowski, Allie Dick,
Drew Hines, Jordan Williams

Welcome/Recognition of Visitors/Special Events

Pastor Carmen

Minute for Mission

Elder Doris Kuhn

****Call to Worship*** (Psalm 117)

Miss Katie Rogers

L: "Praise the Lord, all you nations! Extol Him, all you peoples!

All: For great is [God's] steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Praise the Lord!" Amen.

****Song of Praise***

"Ready to Serve"

See Insert

****Invocation***

Miss Rogers

All of us have come to thank You, God, for taking good care of us, and for Your unconditional love. We have come to celebrate all the fun we had this past week, and worship You. God, we love You, because You are "**Our Father...**"

(You may be seated.)

TO CONFESS OUR SIN...

Call to Confession (*Leviticus 5.5*) Miss Sydney Nury
God tells us that, “when [we] realize our guilt...[we] shall confess the sin that [we] have committed. **In silence**, let us confess our sin to God.

Kyrie “***I Love the Lord, Who Heard My Cry***” Page 362

Assurance of Pardon **2 Corinthians 2.10** Pastor Carmen

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

TO PRESENT OUR OFFERINGS WITH GRATITUDE...

Offering Call (*Proverbs 3.9-10*) Miss Nury
King Solomon reminds us that we are to, “*Honor the Lord with [our] substance and with the first fruits of all [our] produce; then [our] barns will be filled with plenty, and [our] vats will be bursting with wine.*” Let us honor the Lord with our tithes and offerings!

Offertory “***Big House***” The VBS Children

Doxology** “Glory Be to the Father***” Page 578

***Prayer of Dedication** Miss Rogers

TO HEAR THE WORD...

Hymn of Preparation “***Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!***” Page 138
(please pass your Prayer Request cards toward the center aisle)

Hebrew Testament **Deuteronomy 6.4-9** Pastor Carmen

Sermon “***The Basic Education***” Pastor Carmen

A Moment for Reflection Min. Aaron Wheeler

Prayers of the People

Pastor Carmen

AND GO FORTH IN PEACE!

***Closing Song**

“The Greatest Commandment”

See Insert

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

Drew Hines, Jordan Williams,
Declan Ochendowski, Allie Dick

***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 Natalie Columbus, Sam Columbus, Grace Heywood, Nancy & Ray Schramm

The Flowers that beautify our Sanctuary this morning are given by George and Elder Barb Isett in honor of their new grandson Eli George Levett.

TODAY the **Health Ministry Team** will take **Blood Pressures** right after Worship in the Multi-Purpose room. Checking your blood pressure today could save your life!

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

Praise God from whom all blessings flow! A very special “**thank you**” to all who participated in this year’s VBS! The children and the adults had a great time! **Please go to the front lawn following worship** for Sundae Sunday and view their video presentation in the sanctuary! Thank you! Elder Doris Kuhn

Persons celebrating a birthday this week: Pam Brandon – August 17th and Priscilla Boyd – August 19th . Please celebrate with them by wishing them a Happy Birthday!

Please continue to keep **the Family of Caryl Marquis** in prayer as they grieve her death. And a special “thank you” to Mt. Hope members who helped to make the family repast a success!

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

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!

2008 is the year Malawian Missionaries come to visit Pittsburgh Presbytery!

Mt. Hope is hosting one of three Presbytery-wide “Host Family Orientation” training sessions, for those congregations who are hosting Malawian Missionaries this year. We need your help to provide light refreshments on Sunday, September 7th at 2p in John Knox Hall. Please see Betty Noah if you would be able to donate one dozen cookies. Cookies may be brought to Worship that morning. Although Mt. Hope is not hosting missionaries this year, this orientation and the monies wired through Presbytery to the Malawi Partnership Steering Committee to help provide scholarships for the 2008 Malawi Team, is our contribution! A schedule of Presbytery-wide events is posted on the Mission Bulletin Board outside the Conference Room. Log on to the Partnership web page for flyers and details:

http://www.malawipartnership.org/news/news_journey08.shtml

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

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](tel: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.

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

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** .
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, Shirley Kerchner, Hilda Kerr, Dottie Knight, Robert McKnight, Lou Sanabor, Annabell Scott, Barbara Warren, and *Deacon Claire Heidish

*Recently added

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

THIS WEEK AT MT. HOPE

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

LOOKING AHEAD

Wed. Aug. 27 th	2-6:30p	Produce/Wed on Lawn	Front Lawn
	6:30p	Bible Study	Front Lawn
	8:00p	Narcotics Anonymous	JK Hall
Sat. Aug. 30 th	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

The following children participated in this morning's worship:

Acolytes: Allie Dick, Drew Hines, Declan Ochendowski, Jordan Williams

Children's Chat: Gretchen Hiller (Nick the Frog), Elder Colin Newby (Cooper the Dog); Katie Rodgers (Alex); Corey Williams (Stan)

Greeters: Natalie Columbus, Sam Columbus, Grace Heywood

Liturgists: Sydney Nury, Katie Rogers

Ushers: Jesse Heygood, Ryan MacNamara, Ryan Montgomery, Alyssa Napolitana, Danielle Ochendowski, Kristen Schrantz

A very special thanks to the youth & adults who participated in the success of this year's VBS:

Elder Millie Bichsel, Dennis Chisnell, Chris Dick, Debbie Dick, Shannon Dillman, Brian Heygood, Robin Heygood, Gretchen Hiller, Myrna Hiller, Rich Hiller, Elder Barry Irwin, Michelle Irwin, Elder Doris Kuhn, Elder Linda McGinnis, Arnel Montgomery, Jim Montgomery, Norma Morra, Elder Hilary Moyes, Alaina Napolitana, Deacon Laurie Napolitana, Elder Colin Newby, Kelsie Nury, Megan Ochendowski, Pastor Carmen, Trustee Heather Racchini, Katie Rodgers, Betty Ann Tis, Aaron Wheeler, Amy Williams, Corey Williams, Elder Hamner Williams

Song of Praise – Ready to Serve

Ready to go where You will lead. // I'm ready, ready to serve. //
Ready to love as You love me. // I'm ready, ready to serve.

Chorus: I'm ready, ready, Lord. I'm ready to serve. //
Walkin' in faith and offering praise, //
I'm ready, ready to serve, yeah! // I'm ready, ready to serve.

Ready to show Your power and love. // I'm ready, ready to serve. //
Ready to do when words aren't enough. // I'm ready, ready to serve. Chorus – 2x

I'm ready, ready, Lord. // I'm ready to serve. // Walkin' in faith and offering praise.
I'm ready, ready to serve, yeah! // I'm ready, ready to serve. (repeat)
I'm ready, ready to serve, yeah! // I'm ready, ready to serve.

Closing Song – The Greatest Commandment

With all my mind (with all my mind) // With all my strength (with all my strength).
With all my heart (with every beat of my heart) // I'm gonna serve You, Lord.

Chorus: This is the Greatest Commandment // to love God above all else.
Whoa! // This is the Greatest Commandment //
And then to love my neighbor as myself.

With all my mind (with all my mind) // With all my strength (with all my strength).
With all my heart (with every beat of my heart) // I'm gonna serve You, Lord.

Chorus

This is the Greatest Commandment // to love God above all else.
Whoa! // This is the Greatest Commandment //
And then to love my neighbor as myself (3x)