

Mt. Hope Community Presbyterian Church

*It is our mission to fulfill the Great Commission of Christ! (Matt.28-19-20)*

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**Sunday -- October 12, 2008 - 11:00 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 “Praise Him! Praise Him!”** Min. Aaron Wheeler

**Welcome/Recognition of Visitors/Special Events**

Pastor Carmen

**Minute for Mission**

The Health Ministry

**\*Call to Worship** (Psalm 145.1-3,6-7)

Elder Doris Kuhn

**L:** “[We] will extol You, [our] God and King, and bless Your name forever and ever.

**P:** Every day [we] will bless You, and praise Your name forever and ever.

**L:** Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; His greatness is unsearchable.

**All:** [We] shall celebrate the fame of Your abundant goodness, and shall sing aloud of Your righteousness,” as we worship You in spirit and in truth!

**\*Song of Praise**

**”Praise Him! Praise Him!”**

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**\*Invocation**

Elder Kuhn

In this sacred time of praise and worship, Lord God we pray that the power of Your Holy Spirit might fill us anew. You have prepared for Yourself, a people who love You, serve You, and who want nothing more than to do Your will. As You speak words of life, forgiveness, and love to us, teach us how to speak those same words to our neighbors. This we ask in Your name because You are, “**Our Father...**”

*(You may be seated.)*

**TO CONFESS OUR SIN...**

**Call to Confession** (2 Peter 3.9)

Miss Shannon Dillman

Second Peter cautions us to remember that, “*the Lord is not slow about His promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with [us], not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance.*” Let us go to God, humbly and **in silence**, and repent of our sin...

**Kyrie**

**“Because He Lives”** (v1)

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**Assurance of Pardon**

**Micah 7.18-20**

Pastor Carmen

**The Children’s Chat**

Elder Millie Bichsel

*(Children ages 4-Grade 2 exit to Children’s Worship.*

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

**TO PRESENT OUR OFFERINGS WITH GRATITUDE...**

**Offering Call** (1 Chronicles 29.6a,7a,9a)

Miss Dillman

The Chronicler records that, “*the leaders of ancestral houses made their freewill offerings...They gave for the service of the house of God...Then the people rejoiced because these had given willingly, for with single mind they had offered freely to the Lord...*” Let us prepare to do what the leaders did: rejoice and give our offerings willingly and with a single mind!

**Offertory**

**“We Walk by Faith”**

Marty Hauger

**\*Doxology**

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

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**\*Prayer of Dedication**

Elder Kuhn

**TO HEAR THE WORD...**

**Hymn of Preparation**

**“Have Thine Own Way, Lord”**

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The “**Young Children in Worship**” story today is “*Joseph’s Early Life*”, led by Alexandra Newby and assisted by Jordan Williams.

**Greeters** this morning are Trustee Joe and Peggy Snare.

**The Flowers** that beautify our Sanctuary this morning are given by Trustee Joe and Peggy Snare in loving memory of Russ and Maxine Allison.

**Thanks to the Worship & Music Ministry** for providing for fellowship time today! Fellowship Time for next Sunday will be provided by the Personnel Ministry.

**Happy Birthday** to Corey Williams (10.14), Amy Williams (10.18) and Ralph Boyd (10.19) who are celebrating a birthday this week. **Happy Anniversary** to Ryan and Jolene Dillman who are celebrating an anniversary on October 15<sup>th</sup>!

**TODAY is Blood Pressure Sunday!** After worship stop and register at the desk across from the Office Door and start to have your monthly BP check from our own nurses.

**A very, very special “thank you”** to our Mt Hope family for your cards, call, prayers, well-wishes following the birth of Nylah Car-Bey Harwell! Your loving kindness continues to be a source of great joy for us, and will never be forgotten! We love each one of you! May God continue to bless you! -Pastor Carmen and Lauryn Harwell

**Attention All Women (aged 21+)! We are planning a Women’s Retreat for one of the following weekends (Fri-Sun) in Feb. 2009. Feb. 6-8; Feb. 13-15; Feb. 20-22.** Please call Rita in the office & let her know if you’re interested and which of the weekends would work best for you! The sooner we can pick a date, the cheaper our overall costs will be! Thanks! -Pastor Carmen

**The Morning and Evening Word Bible Study Groups** will **NOT** meet this coming Wednesday. Please plan to join us Wed. Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10a or 6:30p when we will begin a **series study comparing many different faith traditions!**  
-Pastor Carmen

The **Tuesday's Together Youth Study** is **CANCELLED** this Tuesday. Please plan to return on Tue. Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30p! -Pastor Carmen

**Our Tuesdays Together Ministry is for children kindergarten thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade.**  
There is also a youth (grades 7-12) Word Study Group at 6:30p in the Youth Room with Pastor Carmen. If you are interested in helping in any way, we would appreciate it!!

It's time for **Mary Jane's homemade Apple Dumplings!!** Order today for pick-up on Tues. Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> or Thurs. Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>. Dumplings are \$2.75 each. Orders will be taken after worship in the Narthex!

**On October 19 the Health Ministry** invites you to a **soup, salad, and bread luncheon** following worship. Our own Brian Heywood has agreed to do a presentation on assistance available through the Allegheny County Area Agency on Aging. Please make reservations using the cards in the pew rack.

**Caring Cooks are needed!** – The Deacons provide meals to members/families during times of need that have been prepared by generous members of the congregation & are greatly appreciated by the recipients. When a need arises, a deacon will contact you and ask you to prepare a meal. If you are not able to deliver the meal, arrangements will be made to pick up and deliver the meal to the family. If you are interested in becoming a Caring Cook or have any questions, **please contact Deacons Emmett Nury, or Debbie Dillman.**

**Part-Time Childcare Workers Needed at the YMCA!** Caring for students 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades; 3:30-6:30p, 3, 4, or 5 days per week. Pay: \$7.15-\$9.75 per hour. Please call the Penn Hills YMCA (412-795-2600).

***The Flower Chart Notebook is in the Narthex.*** 1 arrangement - \$15.00; 2 arrangements - \$30.00. Two arrangements are needed for November 9<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>.

***All of our services are recorded*** and are available on our web site: <http://www.mthopechurch.org/Welcome.html>. Click on *recordings*. Thank you! Elder 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 continued support!

***Penn Hills Service Association*** continues to need our support! -The Mission Ministry

***Bulletin Announcements*** must be in the office or emailed ***no later than Wednesdays at 3p.***

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, Lois Getkin, Hilda Kerr, Dottie Knight, Robert McKnight, Lou Sanabor, Annabelle Scott, James Philippi

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



**THIS WEEK AT MT. HOPE**

<b><u>TODAY!</u></b>	After Worship	Blood Pressure Check	MP Room
Mon. Oct. 13 <sup>th</sup>	7p	Trustees	MP Room
	6:30p	Worship & Music	
Wed. Oct. 15 <sup>th</sup>	8p	Narcotics Anonymous	JK Hall
Thur. Oct. 16 <sup>th</sup>	7p	Choir	Sanctuary
Sat. Oct. 18 <sup>th</sup>	2p	Gamblers Anonymous	JK Hall

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**LOOKING AHEAD IN 2 WEEKS...**

Sun. Oct. 19 <sup>th</sup>	After Worship	Health Ministry Luncheon	JK Hall
Mon. Oct. 20 <sup>th</sup>	7:30p	Session	Conf. Room
Tue. Oct. 21 <sup>st</sup>	5:30p	Tues. Together	All Over!
Wed. Oct. 22	10a	Morning Word	MP Room
	6:30p	Evening Word	MP Room
	8p	Narcotics Anonymous	JK Hall
Thur. Oct. 23	7p	Choir	Sanctuary
Fri. Oct. 24 <sup>th</sup>	11a	YSrs	JK Hall
Sat. Oct. 25 <sup>th</sup>	2p	Gamblers Anonymous	JK Hall
Sat. Nov. 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b><u>Fall Back! Turn Clocks back one hour!!</u></b>		

**LOOKING AHEAD IN THE YEAR...**

Sat. Nov. 15 <sup>th</sup>	9a-12n	Officer Training	MP Room
Nov		Officer Nominations	
Nov. 27 <sup>th</sup>	9a	Thanksgiving Service	Sanctuary
Dec		Officer Elections	
Jan		Officer Ordination & Installation	

**Our vision for fulfilling Christ's Great Commission is that, by *praying without ceasing*, God will enable us to: *develop* relevant studies of God's Word; *go out & reach out* to our neighbors in the spirit of service & Christ-like hospitality; *model* the blessings that come when we cheerfully give our tithes & offerings; *celebrate* often our life together in Christ, and; *worship & give thanks* to God as we witness our children & their families loving & serving God & His people!**

**BECAUSE HE LIVES**

God sent His Son, they called Him Jesus,  
He came to love, heal, and forgive;  
He lived and died to buy my pardon, An  
empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.  
Because He lives I can face tomorrow,  
Because He lives all fear is gone;  
Because I know He holds the future.  
And life is worth the living just because He lives.

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