

Mt. Hope Community Presbyterian Church

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

Sunday -- November 9, 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

“Holy,Holy,Holy! Lord God Almighty”

Bringing in the Light of Christ

Acolytes

Welcome/Recognition of Visitors/Special Events

Pastor Carmen

Moment for Mission

***Call to Worship** (Deuteronomy 10.12-15,17-21a)

Elder Colin Newby

L: “So now. . .what does the Lord your God require of [us]? Only to fear the Lord [our] God, to walk in all His ways, to love Him, to serve the Lord [our] God with all [our] heart and with all [our] soul, and to keep the commandments of the Lord [our] God, for [our] own well-being.

P: Although heaven and the heaven of heavens belong to the Lord [our] God, the earth with all that is in it, yet the Lord set His heart in love on [our] ancestors alone and chose [us], their descendants after them, out of all the peoples. . .

L: For the Lord [our] God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who is not partial and takes no bribe. . .who executes justice. .and loves the strangers. . .

All: [We] shall fear the Lord [our] God; Him alone [we] shall worship; to Him [we] shall hold fast, and by His name [we] shall swear. He is [our] praise; He is [our] God. . .” Amen!

**Hymn of Praise*

“When the Saints Go Marching In”

See Insert

**Invocation*

Pastor Carmen

(You may be seated)

TO CONFESS OUR SIN...

Call to Confession (Romans 10:9-11)

Miss Gretchen Hiller

Paul reminds us that, “If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The Scripture says, ‘No one who believes in Him will be put to shame.’” Therefore, let us confess, **in silence**, the sin we have committed against God, each other, and ourselves.

Kyrie

“He Looked Beyond My Fault”

Amazing grace shall always be my song of praise,
For it was grace that bought my liberty;
I do not know just why Christ came to love me so,
He looked beyond my fault and saw my need.
I shall forever lift mine eyes to Calvary,
To view the cross where Jesus died for me;
How marvelous the grace that caught my falling soul,
He looked beyond my fault and saw my need.

Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 55:6-7

Pastor Carmen

The Children’s Chat

Mrs. Myrna Hiller

*(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 (Numbers 18:25-27,29)

Miss Hiller

“Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying: . . .When you receive from the Israelites the tithe that I have given you from them. . .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 give “the best” of our offerings to the Lord.

<i>Offertory</i>	“Somebody’s Knockin’”	Traditional
<i>*Doxology</i>	“Blessing Prayer”	See Insert
<i>*Prayer of Dedication</i>		Elder Newby

TO HEAR THE WORD...

<i>Hymn of Preparation</i>	“How Firm a Foundation”	Page 361
<i>(please pass your Prayer Request cards toward the center aisle)</i>		

<u>New Testament</u>	Mark 4.1-9,14-20	Pastor Carmen
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<i>Sermon</i>	“Is The Soil Any Good?”	Pastor Carmen
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A Moment for Reflection

<i>Prayers of the People</i>		Pastor Carmen
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AND GO FORTH IN PEACE!

**Closing Hymn*

<i>*Taking the Light of Christ into the World</i>		Acolytes
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<i>*Charge & Benediction</i>		Pastor Carmen
<u>(Please do not leave the sanctuary until the worship leaders have recessed!)</u>		

****Benediction Response***

Min. Aaron Wheeler

Welcome to Mt. Hope! We are blessed by your presence this morning! If you do not have a church home, we invite to come and worship with us as often as you can, and join us in ministry! Please know that the doors of God’s church and the hearts of His people are always open to you!

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

The “***Young Children in Worship***” story today is “*10 Plagues/Exodus*”, led by Alaina Napolitana and assisted by Laurie Napolitana and Jordan Chisnell.

The Flowers that beautify our Sanctuary this morning are given by Donna Immekus in loving memory of parents Daniel and Betty Meharey.

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

Happy Birthday to Virginia Ayres who is celebrating her birthday today.

Attention all nominated officers: There will be a mandatory Officers Training Class on Sat. 11/15 from 9-12n. All nominees and those desiring

nomination are required to attend. Please call Rita and confirm your attendance. Thank you! –Pastor Carmen

Our Tuesdays Together Ministry is for children kindergarten thru 6th grade.

There is also a youth (grades 7-12) Word Study Group at 6:30p in the Youth Room with Pastor Carmen. Please join us on 11/11 for Red, White and Blue Night.

Did you know that our Tuesdays Together Ministry has scholarships available for children who would like to attend? If you are interested, please contact Elder Doris Kuhn. Thank you!

Next Week is Blood Pressure Sunday. Following Worship, stop and register at the desk across from the Office door to have your monthly BP check from our own team of nurses. If this is your first time for a blood pressure check here – you can't start any sooner!!!!

“A Holiday Tea” will be held on Sat. 12/13 from 1-3p. Please put the date on your calendar and invite your friends and neighbors to come.

The Mission Ministry is asking each member to bring a food item to be given to the Penn Hills service Association for Christmas baskets. The in-gathering of food will be displayed around the Communion table 11/23. Thank you.

There will be a **Trustee Work Day** following Officers Training on Sat. **Nov. 15th**. For more information contact Trustee Heather Racchini.

A **reminder** that phone books, plastic and cardboard items are not accepted in the recycle bin.

Grace Memorial Presbyterian Church invites all of us to their 140th Anniversary Celebration and Farewell Tribute to the Rev. Dr. Johnnie Monroe, on

Fri. Nov. 14th, 230p at Churchill Valley Country Club-Beulah Rd. Please RSVP to 412-681-0229 before Nov. 3rd!

The Flower Chart Notebook is in the Narthex. 1 arrangement - \$15.00; 2 arrangements - \$30.00. Two arrangements are needed for November 30th and December 7th. One arrangement is needed for December 14th.

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, Melba Seaman, Jack McGinn

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

Sun.	Nov. 9 th		Congregational Meeting	After Worship
Mon.	Nov. 10 th	7p	Trustees Mtg.	MP Room
Tue.	Nov. 11 th	5:30p	Tuesdays Together	All Over!
		6p	Parents & Youth Mtg.	JK Hall
Wed.	Nov. 12 th	10a	Morning Word	MP Room
		6:30p	Evening Word	MP Room
		8p	Narcotics Anonymous	JK Hall
Thu.	Nov. 13 th	7p	Choir	Sanctuary
Fri.	Nov. 14 th	11a	YSRS.	JK Hall
Sat.	Nov. 15th	9-12n	Officers Training	MP Room
		12n-?	Trustee Work Day	All over!
		2p	Gamblers Anonymous	

LOOKING AHEAD IN 2 WEEKS...

Sun.	Nov. 16 th		Blood Pressure Screening	After Worship
Mon.	Nov. 17 th	6:30p	Session Mtg.	Conference Room
Tue.	Nov. 18 th	5:30p	Tues. Together	All Over!
Wed.	Nov. 19 th	8p	Narcotics Anonymous	JK Hall
Thu.	Nov. 20 th	7p	Choir	Sanctuary
Fri-Sat	Nov. 21/22		Sr. High Retreat!	

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LOOKING AHEAD IN THE YEAR...

Nov		Officer Nominations	
Nov. 27 th	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!

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