

Mt. Hope Community Presbyterian Church

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

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**Thanksgiving Sunday -- November 23, 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*    **“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”**    Min. Wheeler

*Bringing in the Light of Christ*    Acolytes

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

**\*Call to Worship** (1 Chronicles 16.23-25,27)    Elder Millie Bichsel

L:    *“Sing to the Lord, all the earth. Tell of His salvation from day to day.*

**P:    Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the peoples.**

L:    *For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; He is to be revered above all gods.*

**All: Honor and majesty are before Him; strength and joy are in His place.”  
Let us worship the Lord and declare His glory!**

*\*Hymn of Praise*    **“Jesus in the Morning”**    See Bulletin

*\*Invocation*    Pastor Carmen

*(You may be seated)*

**TO CONFESS OUR SIN...**

*Call to Confession* (Ezekiel 18.30-32)    Elder Bichsel

*“Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways,” says the Lord God. ‘Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity*



New Testament

Luke 17.11-19

Pastor Carmen

Sermon

**“Are You the One?”**

Pastor Carmen

*A Moment for Reflection*

*Prayers of the People*

Pastor Carmen

**AND GO FORTH IN PEACE!**

\*Closing Hymn

**“Let All Things Now Living”**

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\*Taking the Light of Christ into the World

Acolytes

\*Charge & Benediction

Pastor Carmen

*(Please do not leave the sanctuary until the worship leaders have recessed!)*

\*Benediction Response

Min. Aaron Wheeler

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**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, and **Worship kits** are available in the Kids’ Korner of the Narthex, and must be returned following worship.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The “Young Children in Worship” story today is “*Ten Best Ways to Live*” led by Betty Ann Tis and assisted by Katie Rogers and Corey Williams.

Greeters this morning are Jack and Claire Heidish.

Thanks to the Men’s Softball Ministry for providing for fellowship time today! Fellowship Time for next Sunday will be provided by the Deacons.

Belated Birthday Wishes to Bill Tis (11.17) and Dana Vitko (11.18). Happy Birthday to Arnel Montgomery (11.26) and Happy Anniversary to Eric and Karen Schramm (11.26).

Our Deepest Sympathy is extended to Helen Wilson and family upon the loss of her sister Margaret DeMare who passed away last week.

Thanksgiving Morning Service: Join us from 9-10a as we offer thanks to God for the bounty He provides every day of the year!

This is the final week of Tuesdays Together until Tuesday, January 6, 2009! The theme for this week is “*Rise & Shine*,” so wear your pajamas or bath robe and come ready for breakfast. See you on Tuesday!

Our annual Hanging-of-the-Greens will take place TODAY immediately following worship, with a light lunch provided! We need your help! Please plan to stay and help decorate God’s church.

The Flower Committee will be decorating the Sanctuary with red and white poinsettias for Christmas. Envelopes are in the pews for ordering. The cost is \$10.00 and checks should be made payable to Mt. Hope Church. Please indicate your color preference, dedication and if you will take the poinsettia(s) home after the Christmas Eve service, or if you want it donated to a shut-in. Deadline for ordering is Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>.

Once again, the Mission Ministry is asking you to take a gift tag from the Angel Tree in the narthex, and purchase gifts for children at the Mars Home for Youth! MHY provides a holistic approach to treatment, education, and on-going support thru its comprehensive residential, education, and community-based services to youth ages

12-18 who struggle with mental illness, behavioral issues, abuse, and neglect. Please do not wrap your gift, but firmly attach the tag to it. Return your gift to the church on Sun. Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, please contact Elder Millie Bichsel or Deacon Helen Dick.

**“A Holiday Tea”** will be held on **Sat. Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> from 1-3p.** Tickets (\$12) will be on sale in the narthex today after worship. If you wish to be a hostess and have not signed up yet, please contact Elder Doris Kuhn.

**Time to Think Spring!** Our annual **Pirate Skyblast Game** will be held on **Sat. May 30<sup>th</sup>**. We have reserved 80 tickets (\$8; tailgate \$5-adults, \$3-children 10 & under), and we have a tailgate at the PNC parking lot. To reserve your tickets, please **contact Elder Eric Schramm.**

**The Flower Chart Notebook for 2009 is now in the Narthex.** Please consider signing up for a Sunday. 1 arrangement - \$15.00; 2 - \$30.00. Two arrangements are still needed for November 30<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions contact Elder Doris Kuhn at 412.795.2149.

**Calendars for 2009** are available in the Narthex for pickup.

**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!

## **COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

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

**Bethany Presbyterian Church** (740 Washington Rd, Bridgeville, PA-412-221-5132) invites you to a free concert with **David Bailey** on **Sun. Nov, 30<sup>th</sup> at 7p.**

**The Self-Development of People (SDOP) Ministry** of Pittsburgh Presbytery is seeking new members to assist in carrying out their commitment to work toward the self-development of economically poor, oppressed and disadvantaged people. The

ministry meets the first Sat. of every other month from 9:30-11:30a. The next meeting is Sat. Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> at the East Liberty Presby. Church. Thank you!

Luggage Collection: the East Suburban Young Marines will hold a pancake breakfast/bake sale to collect luggage for a holiday service project to provide area homeless people with essential items, on Sat. Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> from 7a-12n at the American Legion Post 820-4339 Old Wm. Penn Hwy. Cost: \$5-adults; \$3-children.

Living Nativity: The True Meaning of Christmas at the Presbyterian Church of Plum Creek (550 Center-New Texas Rd, 15239) on Sat-Sun: Dec 6-7 from 6-9p. Dress for the weather and walk with a guide thru Bethlehem and experience Jesus' birth thru music and drama!

The Messiah's Story told thru the captivating lens of "signs:" Sun. Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>-7p-Penn Hills Baptist Church-323 Hulton Rd. Admission is free and refreshments will follow the concert!

A Candlelight Carol Service at Beulah Utd. Presby. Church – Sun. Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>-5p. We look forward to seeing members of your church join us for this very special event!

The Children's Museum of Pittsburgh is having a "Mr. Rogers Neighborhood Sweater Drive" for distribution for Christmas. Please bring your gently worn, new & cleaned sweaters to the church by Sun. Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!

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! In the meantime, 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, Jack McGinn, \*Robert McKnight, Lou Sanabor, Annabelle Scott, Melba Seaman, \*Jack Frazier

**\*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**

<b><u>TODAY</u></b>		<b><u>after worship</u></b>	Hanging-of-the-Greens	All Over!
Tue.	Nov., 25 <sup>th</sup>	530p	Tuesdays Together–last till Jan	All Over!
Wed.	Nov. 16 <sup>th</sup>	10a	Morning Word Study- <b><u>cancelled</u></b>	
			630p Evening Word Study- <b><u>cancelled</u></b>	
		8p	Narcotics Anonymous	JK Hall
Thu.	Nov. 27 <sup>th</sup>	9a	<b><u>Thanksgiving Service</u></b>	Sanctuary
Fri.	Nov. 28 <sup>th</sup>		<b><u>Office Closed!!</u></b>	
Sat.	Nov. 29 <sup>th</sup>	2p	Gamblers Anonymous	JK Hall
Sun.	Nov. 30 <sup>th</sup>		<b><u>First Sunday of Advent!</u></b>	

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

Mon.	Dec. 1 <sup>st</sup>	630p	Worship & Music Ministry	Conference Rm
Wed.	Dec. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10a	Morning Word Study	MP Room
		630p	Evening Word Study	MP Room
		8p	Narcotics Anonymous	JK Hall
Thu.	Dec. 4 <sup>th</sup>	7p	Choir	Sanctuary
Sat.	Dec. 13 <sup>th</sup>	1p	Holiday Tea	JK Hall
		3p	Gamblers Anonymous	
Sun.	Dec. 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b><u>after worship</u></b>	4Q Family Dinner	JK Hall

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

Mon.	Dec. 15 <sup>th</sup>	630p	Session Meeting	MP Room
Wed.	Dec. 24 <sup>th</sup>	7p	Christmas Eve Service	Sanctuary

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**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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