

Mt. Hope Community Presbyterian Church

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

Sunday – January 11, 2009 – 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

Mrs. Arnel Montgomery

Bringing in the Light of Christ

Acolytes

Welcome/Recognition of Visitors/Special Events

Pastor Carmen

****Call to Worship (1 Chronicles 16.23-27)***

Elder Tim Rogers

L: *“Sing to the Lord, all the earth. Tell of His salvation from day to day. Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the peoples.*

P: *For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; He is to be revered above all gods. For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the Lord made the heavens.*

All: *Honor and majesty are before Him; strength and joy are in His place.” Amen*

****Hymn of Praise***

“Rejoice, the Lord Is King”

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****Invocation***

Elder Rogers

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse our hearts, focus our minds, by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, so that, in this time of worship, we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your name, thru Christ who taught us that You are, ***“Our Father...”***

(You may be seated)

TO CONFESS OUR SIN...

Call to Confession (Matthew 6.9,12,14-15)

Miss Allie Dick

Jesus taught us to *“pray...in this way...forgive us our debts, as we also have forgive our debtors...For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you; but if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your*

trespasses.” ***In silence***, let us confess our own sin, and ask for God’s strength to forgive others their trespasses against us...

Kyrie “***More Love to Thee, O Christ***” (v1) Page 359

Assurance of Pardon **Isaiah 44.21b-22** Pastor Carmen

TO PRESENT OUR OFFERINGS WITH GRATITUDE...

Offering Call (*Malachi 3.8,10,12*) Miss Dick
Thus says the Lord through His prophet Malachi: “*Will anyone rob God? Yet you are robbing Me! But you say, ‘How are we robbing You?’ In your tithes and offerings!...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; ‘see if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing...Then all nations will count you happy, for you will be a land of delight,’ says the Lord of hosts.*”

Offertory “***Let There Be Peace on Earth***” Chris and Katie Rogers

****Doxology*** “***Glory Be to the Father***” Page 579

****Prayer of Dedication*** Elder Rogers

TO TEACH OUR CHILDREN...

The Children’s Chat Elder Rogers

TO HEAR THE WORD...

Hymn of Preparation “***O Jesus, I Have Promised***” Page 388
(*please pass your Prayer Request cards toward the center aisle*)

New Testament **Matthew 4.1-11** Pastor Carmen

Sermon “***It Is Written...***” Pastor Carmen

A Moment for Reflection “***Near to the Heart of God***” Mrs. Montgomery

AND GO FORTH IN PEACE!

**Hymn of Departure* *“Take My Life”* Page 391

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

**Charge & Benediction* Pastor Carmen
(Please do not leave the sanctuary until the officers and worship leaders have recessed!)

**Postlude* *“A Place in the Choir”* By Bill Staines

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Greeters this morning are Helen Faye and Gerry Ferguson.

The “Young Children in Worship” story today is **The Boy Jesus** and will be led by Alexandra Newby, assisted by Jan Chisnell and Katie Rogers.

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

Birthday Wishes to Arlene Davis who celebrated on 1.10.

A Congregational and Corporation Meeting will be held following Worship on Jan. 18th to nominate and elect officers by order of the Session. Please plan to attend!
– Elder Clyde Davis

The Annual Congregational and Corporation meeting will be held following Worship on Jan. 25 in JK Hall by order of the Session – Elder Clyde Davis

TODAY if the last day to Recycle your Christmas Tree! by taking it to Forbes Elementary School on Saltsburg Rd., at 11a. If you can't get it there, either bring them to the back of the church parking lot and leave it beside the ABITIBI Paper Recycling bin, or the parking lot area of the Crescent Hills Park, to help in this endeavor. Thank you.

The Church History Ministry needs your help! Anyone interested in helping to record God's activities here at Mt. Hope, please contact Rita in the office. We are pulling together a group of people to help compile history, photos, interviews, videotaping, etc. We really need your help, so please call today! Thank you!
-Pastor Carmen

Continue to bring your non-perishable food items to the church every 4th Sunday, so that we can help “*feed the hungry*” as Jesus commanded every day of the year!
-Pastor Carmen

Please pick up your Giving Envelopes in the narthex!

Annual Reports not turned in to the office by Tue. Jan. 13th, will not be included in the Annual Report!

The Youth Word Study resumes this Tue. Jan. 13th at 530p in Pastor Carmen's office. All youth, grades 7-12, are welcome and encouraged to come!

Tuesday's Together will meet this Tue. Jan 13th at 5:30p. The theme will be “*Get on Board in 2009*”! Please plan to join us!

The Morning & Evening Word Studies resume this **Wed. Jan. 14th** at 10a and 6:30p respectively! Come and join us! -Pastor Carmen

Time to Think Spring! Our annual **Pirate Skyblast Game** will be held on **Sat. May 30th**. 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. All Sundays in January are available! If you have any questions contact Elder Doris Kuhn.

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

TODAY at 3p, come and hear the **Rev. Dr. Clifton Davis**, (former co-star of the T.V. sitcom, "Amen," speak at **Bethel AME Church-2720 Webster Ave. Pgh. 15219-**. All are invited to come!

Penn Hills Service Association is in dire need of canned vegetables! -The Mission Ministry

Please pray for, call, or send a card to our sick/shut-in members:

Virginia Ayres, Ernie Baur, Margie Baur, Irene & Larry Bender, May Bourne, Pearl Frazier, Lois Getkin, Shirley Kerchner, Hilda Kerr, Jack McGinn, Robert McKnight, Doris Philippi, Lou Sanabor, Annabelle Scott, Melba Seaman.

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

THIS WEEK AT MT. HOPE

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| Mon. | Jan. 12 th | 630p | Worship & Music Ministry | Conference Rm. |
| Tue. | Jan. 13 th | 530p | Tuesday's Together | All Over! |
| | | | Youth Word Study | Pastor's Office |
| Wed. | Jan. 14 th | 10a | The Morning Word Study | MP Room |
| | | 630p | The Evening Word Study | MP Room |
| | | 7p | Narcotics Anonymous | JK Hall |
| Thu. | Jan. 15 th | 7p | Choir Rehearsal | Sanctuary |
| Sat. | Jan. 17 th | 9a | Officers Training | MP Room |
| | | 2p | Gamblers Anonymous | JK Hall |

LOOKING AHEAD IN 2 WEEKS...

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| Sun. | Jan. 18 th | <u>after worship</u> | <u>Cong. Mtg. to Nominate & Elect Officers</u> | |
| Mon. | Jan. 19 th | | <u>Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday!</u> | |
| Sun. | Jan. 25 th | 11a | Officer Ordination & Installation | Sanctuary |
| | | <u>after worship</u> | <u>Annual Meeting</u> | JK Hall |

LOOKING AHEAD IN THE NEW YEAR...

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| Mon. | Jan. 26 th | 630p | Session Meeting | MP Room |
| Sat. | Feb. 7 th | 9a | Family Bookstore Workshop | JK Hall |
| Wed. | Feb. 25 th | 7p | Ash Wednesday Worship Service | Sanctuary |
| Wed. | Mar. 4 th | 630p | Weekly Lenten Study | JK Hall |
| Sat. | Mar. 7 th | | Snow Ball | JK Hall |

NOTES FROM THE DECEMBER SESSION STATED MEETING

1. Memberships of Evan Ruhling and Martha Mbandi were transferred to Verona Presbyterian Church, Verona, PA
2. Heather Racchini and Stan Kuhn were appointed Auditors for the 2008 Treasurer's Records
3. Per Capita for 2009 is \$23.15
4. Officers Training is scheduled for January 17, 2009
5. Called Congregational and corporation Meeting for the election of officers is called for January 18, 2009
6. The Annual congregational and Corporation Meetings are scheduled for January 25, 2009
7. The Budget for 2009 was approved and will be presented as part of the Annual Report
8. The Trustees were given the approval to proceed with determining the total cost for replacing the furnace and water heater that have been giving continuous troubles. Necessary chimney repairs will be included
9. Greens will be taken down following worship on Sunday, January 4th
10. Gifts for the Mars Home were delivered before Christmas
11. Food collection for the Penn Hills Service Association was delivered the day after Thanksgiving. This Mission project will continue throughout the coming year. Fourth Sunday emphasized.
12. Watch for further details of a "Mr. Rogers' Sweater Drive".

NOTES FROM THE DECEMBER DEACONS MEETING

NONE GIVEN

NOTES FROM THE DECEMBER TRUSTEES MEETING

NONE GIVEN

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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