

Mt. Hope Community Presbyterian Church

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

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Sunday – January 18, 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 *“Amazing Grace”* Mrs. Arnel Montgomery

Bringing in the Light of Christ Acolytes

Welcome/Recognition of Visitors/Special Events Pastor Carmen

Introduction of the Guest Preacher Pastor Carmen

**Call to Worship (Psalm 95.1-3,6-7)* Miss Alaina Napolitana

L: *“O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation!*

P: *Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!*

L: *For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.*

P: *O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!*

All: *For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.” Amen!*

**Song of Praise* *“Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord”* Back of Bulletin

**Invocation* Miss Napolitana

Throughout eternity, O Lord, You have commanded Your people to gather together and worship You. And so we meet You now, in the sacredness of this hour, to lift Your name above all other names, to confess our sin, anticipate Your forgiveness, sing Your praises, offer our tithes, be convicted by Your preached Word, and leave knowing that You love us with an everlasting, unconditional love. Settle us now, in mind and spirit, to receive what Your Spirit has to say to Your church, and give us the courage to do what You say. This is our prayer because You are, *“Our Father...”*

(You may be seated)

TO CONFESS OUR SIN...

Call to Confession (Acts 17.30-31)

Elder Doris Kuhn

Today is the day of salvation for those who believe, for “*while God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now He commands all people everywhere to repent, because He has fixed a day on which He will have the world judged in righteousness by a Man whom He has appointed, and of this He has given assurance to all by raising Him from the dead.*” **In silence**, let us confess our sinful ignorance, and repent as God commands...

Kyrie

“Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior”

*Pass me not, O gentle Savior, hear my humble cry;
While on others Thou art calling, do not pass me by.
Chorus: Savior, Savior, hear my humble cry;
while on others Thou art calling, do not pass me by.*

*Let me at Thy throne of mercy find a sweet relief; kneeling there in deep contrition,
help my unbelief. (Chorus)*

Assurance of Pardon

2 Chronicles 7.15

Pastor Carmen

TO PRESENT OUR OFFERINGS WITH GRATITUDE...

Offering Call (2 Corinthians 9.6-8)

Elder Kuhn

God says thru the apostle Paul that, “*the point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.*” Let us prepare to sow bountifully from our financial gifts in a response of gratitude for every blessing the Lord our God abundantly provides!

Offertory

“Days of Elijah”

Praise Team

****Doxology***

“Glory Be to the Father”

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**Prayer of Dedication*

Miss Napolitana

TO TEACH OUR CHILDREN...

The Children's Chat

Mrs. Myrna Hiller

TO HEAR THE WORD...

Hymn of Preparation

“Blessed Assurance”

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(please pass your Prayer Request cards toward the center aisle)

Hebrew Testament

Psalm 27.1-6

New Testament

Matthew 5.14-16

Sermon

“God's Light”

Rev. Dr. Ronald E. Peters

A Moment for Reflection

“Sweet Hour of Prayer”

Mrs. Montgomery

Prayers of the People

Dr. Peters

AND GO FORTH IN PEACE!

**Hymn of Departure*

“This Little Light of Mine”

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine (3x). Let it shine (3x)

Ev'ry where I go, I'm gonna let it shine (3x). Let it shine (3x)

Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine (3x). Let it shine (3x)

**Taking the Light of Christ into the World*

Acolytes

**Charge & Benediction*

Dr. Peters

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

**Postlude*

“Just a Closer Walk With Thee”

Mrs. Montgomery

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 Ray and Nancy Schramm

The "Young Children in Worship" story today is "Jesus is Baptized" and will be led by Helene Mauser, assisted by Allie Dick.

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

Birthday Wishes to Nancy Schramm who will celebrate on Jan. 20th.

TODAY a Congregational and Corporation Meeting will be held following Worship 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 is Blood Pressure Sunday! Please come to the MP Room after the congregational meeting and have yours checked! Stay healthy! -The Health Ministry

Missing-Woman's Black Jacket! If you own a black jacket, would you please check to see if on the inside label, below the collar it has the name **BOYD**. If it does, I have your "**Liz Claiborne**" jacket. I will be happy to switch! Please contact Priscilla Boyd. Thank you!!

Cleaning and Laundry Services! If you could use a little help around your home with cleaning and laundry, for a small fee, we have just the person for you! **Please contact Pastor Carmen** for more information!

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!

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. If you have any questions contact Elder Doris Kuhn.

Our worship 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

Scrapbookers: **Young Lives**, a ministry for teen moms, is sponsoring a fundraiser on **Sat. Mar. 28th at Hebron’s Barclay Bldg.** The cost is \$20 which includes lunch. Save the date! More info to come! -Elder Millie Bichsel

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, ***Bob McKnight**, 2 Doris Philippi, Lou Sanabor, Annabelle Scott, Melba Seaman.

***Recently added**

The Pugh family is also asking that cards of support be sent to the parents of Kaden, Brandon and Ashley Pugh.

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

THIS WEEK AT MT. HOPE

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>	
Tue.	Jan. 20 th	5:30p	Tuesday's Together	All over!
Wed.	Jan. 21 st	10a	The Morning Word Study	MP Room
		6:30p	The Evening Word Study	Conference Rm
		6-8p	Baseball practice	MP Room
Fri.	Jan. 23 rd	Noon	Y Srs.	JK Hall

LOOKING AHEAD IN 2 WEEKS...

Sun.	Jan. 25 th	11a	Officer Ordination & Installation	Sanctuary
		<u>after worship</u>	<u>Annual Meeting</u>	JK Hall
Mon.	Jan. 26 th	6:30p	Session Meeting	MP Room

LOOKING AHEAD IN THE NEW YEAR...

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 Dance	JK Hall

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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