

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 – March 15, 2009 – 11:00 a.m.

*\*Those who are able, please stand*

THE PEOPLE GATHER...

Please be respectful of those worshiping around you!

If you must talk, please exit to the narthex!

*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**

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Min. Jennifer Geibel

**Bringing in the Light of Christ**

The Acolytes

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

Pastor Carmen

**\*Call to Worship (Psalm 63.1-4)**

Miss Gretchen Hiller

L: “O God, You are [our] God, [we] seek You, [our] soul thirsts for You; [our] flesh faints for You, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

P: **So [we] have looked upon You in the sanctuary, beholding Your power and glory.**

L: *Because Your steadfast love is better than life, [our] lips will praise You.*

All: **So [we] will bless You as long as [we] live; [we] will lift up [our] hands and call on Your name.”**

**\*Song of Praise**

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**\*Invocation**

Miss Hiller

Great God, we thank You for Your Spirit, deeply embedded in the hearts of Your people. We thank You for entering our lives and for bringing us here to worship You. We thank You that You have not abandoned us and that You continue to reveal Yourself to us in our search for Your truth. Touch us, now, so that we hear Your voice in the midst of all others. We love because You loved us first, and because You are “**Our Father...**”

(You may be seated)

TO CONFESS OUR SIN...

**Call to Confession** (Isaiah 43.22-24)

Trustee Myrna Hiller

God says through the prophet Isaiah, “...you did not call upon Me; but you have been weary of Me...You have not brought Me your...burnt offerings, or honored Me with your sacrifices. I have not burdened you with offerings, or wearied you with frankincense. You have not bought Me sweet cane with money, or satisfied Me with the fat of your sacrifices. But you have burdened Me with your sins; you have wearied Me with your iniquities.” Let us approach God’s throne of grace, **silently** confessing our sin in anticipation that we will be forgiven, again.

**Kyrie**

**“Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”**

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**Assurance of Pardon**

**Isaiah 43.25**

Pastor Carmen

TO PRESENT OUR OFFERINGS WITH GRATITUDE...

**Offering Call** (2 Corinthians 9.7,11-13)

Miss Hiller

God said “Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and will all others.” Let us give cheerfully, grateful that God does supply our needs!

**Offertory**

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The Choir

**\*Doxology**

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**\*Prayer of Dedication**

Trustee Myrna Hiller

TO TEACH OUR CHILDREN...

**The Children’s Chat**

Elder Tim Rogers



**The Flowers** that beautify our Sanctuary this morning are given in celebration of Margie and Ernie Baur's 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**The "Young Children in Worship"** story today is "Jesus and Bartimaeus" led by Alexandra Newby and assisted by Jan and Jordan Chisnell.

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

**Birthday Wishes** to Maggie Schramm who is celebrating a birthday today! Happy 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary to Margie and Ernie Baur who will be celebrating tomorrow!

**The Rosebud** on the communion table is in celebration of the birth of Christopher David Heidish, born March 7<sup>th</sup> to David & Jules Heidish, son and daughter-in-law of Clare & Jack Heidish!

**Margie Baur would like to sincerely thank** everyone for their prayers, cards and thoughtfulness throughout these past months. It was very much appreciated.

**TODAY! The Health Ministry Team** will again be offering regular blood pressure checks. Please plan to either continue with your routine check-up and/or start a new routine of checking your health monthly. Sign up next week at the table across from the office door. See you then!

**TODAY!** "The Readers" will rehearse in the Conference Room immediately after worship. Thank you! –Doris Milligan

**Tuesday's Together** will meet this Tuesday at 5:30p. This week's theme is "Fun Night"! Please come out to have some fun!

**Reservations for the Lenten Dinners** can be made by filling out a reservation card found in the pew or by calling the church office. Dinner is at 6:30p and the Lenten Study at 7:15p

**Flowers for Resurrection Sunday order forms** will be handed out in the Narthex following worship. Deadline for orders is March 22<sup>nd</sup>. –Elder Doris Kuhn

**Vacation Bible School planning is about to begin!!** The first planning session will be held on Thu., Mar. 26<sup>th</sup> at 7p in the Conference Rm. If you are interested in leading a team or on being a member of a team, please come & join us for this first session. We would really like to involve the youth in VBS '09! We need your leadership, so please try to attend. If you are not able to attend the meeting but would like to participate, please call Suzanne Columbus. Thank you!

**The Youth Prayer Breakfast is back!!** Every Wednesday at 6:15a at Eat-n-Park! If there is a school delay or cancellation, breakfast will be also! -Hilary Moyes

**Lost-n-Found!** A pair of ladies leather gloves! Please contact the office if you think they belong to you!

**The Pittsburgh Presbytery invites you** to join us for a private viewing of the exhibit: Slavery in Pgh in the 18th-19<sup>th</sup> Centuries at the Heinz History Center on Thu. Mar. 19<sup>th</sup> at 5p. If you are interested in coming, please contact Rita so that we can carpool. Cost is free!

**The Eastern Area Youth Chorale** will hold a spaghetti dinner on Fri., March 20<sup>th</sup> in John Knox Hall from 5-8p. All are welcome. For more information contact Hilary Moyes.

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

**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. Dates available are March 22<sup>nd</sup>. 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.

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## **COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

**Young Lives Scrapbook for A Cause:** Sat. Mar. 28<sup>th</sup> – 10a-4p, Barclay Bldg. at Hebron Church-10460 Frankstown Rd. Cost: \$20; \$25 at the door. Please call Natalie (412-793-0485) for reservations and more details!

**Young Life Golf Classic** – Mon. May 5<sup>th</sup>-1130a-Edgewood Country Club. Cost: \$250 per golfer; \$900 per foursome. Contact Cindy (412-247-9648) for registration.

**Young Lives Mission Opportunity!** We are looking for volunteer childcare workers at Lake Champion from Aug.4-10. If interested, please go on line at: [younglivespittsburgh.younglife.org](http://younglivespittsburgh.younglife.org)! Thanks!

**Job Opportunities for those 17+, college students, teachers, etc!** The Day Camp at Plum Creek is offering paid positions with a 2-week training session beginning June 15<sup>th</sup>. In addition to information available in the narthex, more information is available by calling the Plum Creek Church at 412-793-4525.

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!

Many of you have asked me, “*What does The Penn Hills Assoc. need, and should we only bring food on the 4th Sunday?*” They can always use canned vegetables, fruit and soups, cereal, peanut butter, spaghetti and pasta. Please bring the food any day and any time. We will dedicate it on the 4th Sunday. The Assoc. is very thankful for our consistent giving throughout the year. –Millie Bichsel

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**THIS WEEK AT MT. HOPE**

Mon.	Mar. 16 <sup>th</sup>	630p	Session Meeting	MP Rm
Tue.	Mar. 17 <sup>th</sup>	530p	Tuesdays Together	All Over!
		630p	Youth & The Word	Pastor's Office
Wed.	Mar. 18 <sup>th</sup>	615a	Youth Prayer Breakfast	Eat-n-Park
		630p	Lenten Dinner	JK Hall
		715p	Weekly Lenten Study	JK Hall
		8p	Narcotics Anonymous	Sanctuary
Thu.	Mar. 19 <sup>th</sup>	5p	Presbytery Night	Heinz History Center
Fri..	Mar. 20 <sup>th</sup>	5p	Eastern Area Youth Chorale	JK Hall
Sat.	Mar. 21 <sup>st</sup>		Waynesburg Youth Day	Waynesburg College
		2p	Gamblers Anonymous	JK Hall

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

Sun.	Mar. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	11a	Feed the Hungry Sun.	bring food items!
Mon.	Mar. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	630p	Adult Youth Leader Meeting	Pastor's Office
Thu.	Mar. 26 <sup>th</sup>	5p	Kiwanis Ham Dinner	JK Hall

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

Sun.	Mar. 29 <sup>th</sup>	after worship	First Quarter Family Luncheon	JK Hall
Fri.	Apr. 3 <sup>rd</sup>		30 Hour Famine	
Sun.	Apr. 5 <sup>th</sup>	11a	Palm Sunday Celebration	Sanctuary
Thu.	Apr. 9 <sup>th</sup>	7p	Maundy Thursday Service	Sanctuary
Fri.	Apr. 10 <sup>th</sup>	7p	Good Friday Service	Sanctuary
Sun.	Apr. 12 <sup>th</sup>	630a	Resurrection Sunrise Service	Sanctuary - ?
		11a	Resurrection Sunday Service	Sanctuary
Thu.	Apr. 16 <sup>th</sup>	1p	Presbytery at Pgh Seminary	PTSeminary

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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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**Rev. Carmen Cox Harwell, Pastor**

**Mrs. Jennifer Geibel, Interim Min. of Music**

**Mrs. Rita Hardin, Administrative Assistant**

**Mr. Dan Hadzima, Custodian**

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*Please pray for, call, and send a card to our sick & shut-in members:*

Virginia Ayres, Ernie Baur, Margie Baur, Irene & Larry Bender, May Bourne,  
\* **Darlene Dempsey**, \* **Mark Dillman**, Pearl Frazier, Lois Getkin, Hilda Kerr, Bob  
McKnight, Doris Philippi, Lou Sanabor, Annabelle Scott, Melba Seaman

**\*Recently added**

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

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