

Mt. Hope Community Presbyterian Church

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

5th Sunday of Resurrection & Mother's Day – May 10, 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 ***“Meditation”*** Min. Jennifer Geibel

Bringing in the Light of the Risen Christ The Acolytes

Welcome/Recognition of Visitors/Special Events Pastor Carmen

Honoring Our Mothers ***“My Tribute”*** Ted Faye, Jr.
(Andre Crouch)

(Please stand)

****Call to Worship*** *(Psalm 92.1-4)* Mr. Corey Williams

L: *“It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Your name, O Most High;*

P: *to declare Your steadfast love in the morning, and Your faithfulness by night,*

L: *to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre.*

All: *For You, O Lord, have made me glad by Your work; at the works of Your hands I sing for joy” and worship You! Amen!*

****Song of Praise*** ***“God Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens”*** Page 268

****Invocation*** Mr. Williams

As a mother patiently waits for her children, so You, O Lord, patiently wait for us to gather together and worship You! As a mother turns her heart toward You to fulfill her every need, so we turn our hearts to You also, asking that You fulfill our needs, Holy Spirit, as we sing and pray and respond to Your Word, just as a mother responds to the sound of her child’s voice, for You are ***“Our Father...”***

(You may be seated)

TO CONFESS OUR SIN...

Call to Confession (James 5.16-16)

Mrs. Amy Williams

God says through His servant James, that “*The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.*” **In silence** let us confess our sin so that we may be forgiven, again...

Kyrie

“Give Me a Clean Heart”

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Assurance of Pardon

Jeremiah 31.33b-34

Pastor Carmen

TO TEACH OUR CHILDREN...

The Children’s Chat

Millie Bichsel

TO CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM...

Devon Hickman

TO RECEIVE NEW MEMBERS...

Susan L. Celedonia – Faylese Herd – Devon Hickman – Judith Wilson

Special Selection

“Here I Am, Lord”

The Chancel Choir

TO GRATEFULLY PRESENT OUR FINANCIAL OFFERINGS...

Offering Call (2 Corinthians 9.6-8)

Mr. Williams

Paul reminds us 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 share, cheerfully, out of the abundance that God has provided!

Offertory

“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”

Women’s Choir

(Please stand)

***Doxology**

“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”

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***Prayer of Dedication**
(You may be seated)

Mrs. Williams

TO HEAR THE WORD...

Hymn of Preparation

“Faith of Our Mothers”

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

New Testament

1 Samuel 1.21-28

Pastor Carmen

The Sermon

“Mothers, Pray for Your Children!”

Pastor Carmen

A Moment for Reflection

“Near to the Heart of God”

Min. Geibel

Prayers of the People

Pastor Carmen

AND TAKE THE WORD OUT IN PEACE!

(Please stand)

***Hymn of Departure**

“Somebody Prayed for Me”

See Insert

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

The Acolytes

***Charge & Benediction**

Pastor Carmen

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

***Postlude**

"Celebration"

Min. Geibel

Welcome to Mt. Hope! We are blessed by your presence this morning! If you do not have a church home, we invite you 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

Today's "Young Children in Worship" story is "Ascension" led by Alaina Napolitana and assisted by Laurie Napolitana and Chris Dick.

The Flowers that beautify our Sanctuary this morning are given by The Brandon family in honor and celebration of Ben's 13th birthday. The centerpiece arrangement is given by Cathy Mowery in loving memory of her husband Walter who passed away 14 years ago today and Cathy's sister, Phyllis in loving memory of their mother. The second centerpiece arrangement is given by the Griffin, Washington and Hickman families in loving memory of Kathryn Frazier 1926-2000 and the birthday of Eugene Washington 1941-2000.

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 Alaina Napolitana (5.12), Beth Nury (5.13) and Darlene Dempsey (5.16)

A Trustee Work Day is scheduled for Saturday, May 16th. Rain date for outside work will be May 23rd. Work to be done includes painting wall in JK Hall, replacing fuses in kitchen light, water in doorway of kitchen, painting and installing handicapped parking signs, repair front pew, repair flood lights in front of church, bush out front, visitor parking signs, paint choir door, water damage at back hallway, repair wall in Choir loft. If you can volunteer for one or more of these specific jobs or would like to add to them please see Trustee Heather Racchini who will be in the Narthex with a sign up sheet.

The Annual Mt. Hope Pirates Game scheduled for May 30th has been sold out! The Fellowship Committee appreciates the support! – Elder Eric Schramm

Blood Pressure Sunday is NEXT WEEK! Come back after worship and have your blood pressure checked by our Health Ministry Team.

The date of the 2009 Mt. Hope Desert Classic is Mon. June 15th at the River Forest Country Club. Tournament fees: \$85 per person; \$340 per foursome. There will be a sit-down steak dinner following the tournament. Dinner is available for \$25 for those wishing to join us following the golf tournament. For more info, please contact Hamner Williams.

Reminder: If your flowers from Resurrection Sunday are finished blooming and you are not going to plant the bulbs, please donate them to be planted in the church gardens. You may return them (in the pot) to the church for planting. Thank you.
– Flower Committee.

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

The Flower Chart Notebook for 2009 is in the Narthex. Please consider signing up for a Sunday. 1 arrangement - \$15.00; 2 - \$30.00. Dates available are May 31st – one arrangement. 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.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Hebron Presbyterian Church (Frankstown Rd.) is holding a New to You Sale: Wed. May 20th (7-9p), and Thu. May 21st (10a-2p) in the Barclay Bldg. There is always something for everyone!

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!

The Penn Hills Assoc. needs food! Thank you!!

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

THIS WEEK AT MT. HOPE

Mon.	May 11 th	630p	Adult & Youth Leaders Meeting	MP Rm
Tue.	May 12 th	230p	Staff Meeting	Pastor's Office
		7p	Women's Retreat Planning Meeting	Pastor's Office
Wed.	May 13 th	10a	The Morning Word Study	MP Rm
		8p	Narcotics Anonymous	JK Hall
Thu.	May 14 th	730p	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Fri.	May 15 th	630p	Men's Softball	BB Field
Sat.	May 16 th	2p	Gamblers Anonymous	JK Hall

LOOKING AHEAD IN 2 WEEKS...

Sun.	May 17 th	after worship	Blood Pressure Screening	MP Rm
Mon.	May 18 th	630p	Session Meeting	MP Rm
Tue	May 19 th	630p	Mother & Child Banquet	JK Hall
Wed.	May 20 th	10a	The Morning Word Study	MP Rm
Sun.	May 24 th	11a	<i>Honoring the Penn Hills Police Dept.</i>	Sanctuary
Tue.	May 26 th	9a	Penn Hills Christian Clergy Retreat	JK Hall
Wed.	May 27 th	10a	The Morning Word Study	MP Rm
Thur.	May 28 th	730p	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Fri.	May 29 th	6:30p	Men's Softball	BB Field
Sat.	May 30 th	5p	Pirates Sky Blast Game	PNC Parking Lot

LOOKING AHEAD IN THE YEAR...

<u>Sun.</u>	<u>May 31st</u>	<u>10a</u>	<u>Celebration of Pentecost</u>	<u>Sanctuary</u>
Mon.	Jun. 15 th	??	Mt. Hope Desert Classic	River Forest Country Club
Mon-Fri.	Jun. 22-25	6p	Vacation Bible School	All over!
Fri-Sat.	Mar. 12-14 th		Marriage Retreat 2010	To be determined!

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!

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, Nan Currington, ***Arlene Davis**, Darlene Dempsey, Pearl Frazier, Lois Getkin, Hilda Kerr, Bob McKnight, Gene Martinelli, Doris Philippi, Lou Sanabor, Annabelle Scott, Melba Seaman

***Recently added**

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Kyrie: Give Me a Clean Heart

Give me a clean heart / so I may serve Thee.
Lord, fix my heart / so that I / may be used by Thee.
For I'm not worthy / of all these blessings. /
Give me a clean heart / and I'll follow Thee.

Hymn of Departure: Somebody Prayed for Me

Somebody prayed for me / had me on their mind / took the time and prayed for me.
I'm so glad they prayed / I'm so glad they prayed / I'm so glad they prayed for me.
The preacher prayed for me...
My mother prayed for me...
Jesus prayed for me...

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