

Mt. Hope Community Presbyterian Church

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

6th Sunday of Resurrection– May 17, 2009 – 11:00 a.m.

**Those who are able, please stand*

THE PEOPLE GATHER...

Please be respectful of those worshipping around you! If you must talk, 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

Min. Jennifer Geibel

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”

Bringing in the Light of the Risen Christ

The Acolytes

Welcome/Recognition of Visitors/Special Events

Pastor Carmen

(Please stand)

****Call to Worship (Psalm 66.1-2,8-9,13-14)***

Deacon Diana Dawson

L: “Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; sing the glory of His name; give to Him glorious praise.

P: Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of His praise be heard, who has kept us among the living, and has not let our feet slip.

All: [We] will come into Your house with burnt offerings; [We] will pay our vows, those that [pour] lips uttered and [our] mouth promised when [we] were in trouble.” Let us worship our God and bless His holy name! Amen!

****Song of Praise***

“Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine”

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****Invocation***

Deacon Dawson

We have gathered because You command us to, and because we need to as we prepare to start another week! May Your Holy Spirit speak to us words of life and love and forgiveness and hope, and remind us that You are always with us, making Your presence known and felt! Thank You for being ***“Our Father...”***

(You may be seated)

TO CONFESS OUR SIN...

Call to Confession (*Psalm 123.2-3*)

Mr. Calvin Lutz

We join our voice to the voice of the psalmist who says, “*To You [we] lift up [our] eyes, O You who are enthroned in the heavens! As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the Lord our God, until He has mercy on us.*” With anticipation of our Master’s forgiveness, let us, **in silence** confess our sin so that we may be forgiven, again...

Kyrie

“I Must Tell Jesus”

I must tell Jesus all of my trials / I cannot bear these burdens alone /
In my distress He kindly will help me / He ever loves and cares for His own. /
I must tell Jesus! / I must tell Jesus! / I cannot bear my burdens alone /
I must tell Jesus! / I must tell Jesus! / Jesus can help me / Jesus alone.

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 121

Pastor Carmen

TO TEACH OUR CHILDREN...

The Children’s Chat

Mrs. Suzanne Columbus

TO GRATEFULLY PRESENT OUR FINANCIAL OFFERINGS...

Offering Call (*Deuteronomy 15.4, 7-8, 10*)

God says in the Law, “*There will...be no one in need among you, because the Lord is sure to bless you in the land that the Lord your God is giving you...If there is among you anyone in need...do not be hard-hearted or tight-fisted toward your needy neighbor. You should rather open your hand, willingly lending enough to meet the need, whatever it may be...Give liberally and be ungrudging when you do so, for on this account the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in all that you undertake.*” In obedience to the Lord, let us gratefully present our tithes and offerings!

Offertory

“Reach Out and Touch”

Choir

(Please stand)

***Doxology**

“Glory Be to The Father”

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***Prayer of Dedication**

Mr. Lutz

(You may be seated)

TO HEAR THE WORD...

Hymn of Preparation **“He’s Done so Much for Me”** See Insert
(please pass your Prayer Request cards toward the center aisle)

New Testament **John 15.26-27** Pastor Carmen

The Sermon **“Can I Get a Witness?”** Pastor Carmen

A Moment for Reflection **“I Love to Tell the Story”** Min. Geibel

Prayers of the People Pastor Carmen

AND TAKE THE WORD OUT IN PEACE!

(Please stand)

***Hymn of Departure** **“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”** Page 514

***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** **“Fugue”** 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 "Pentecost" led by Helene Mauser and assisted by Jan Chisnell and Jordan Williams.

The Flowers that beautify our Sanctuary this morning are given by Ray and Nancy Schramm in celebration of their 57th wedding anniversary and the Montgomery family in celebration of Ryan's 8th birthday.

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

Birthday Wishes to Lauren Nakles (5.20), Alexandra Newby (5.20), and Charlotte Schramm (5.23)

TODAY is Blood Pressure Sunday! You can't begin one day earlier to have a monthly check-up! Following worship, it is simple to stop and register at the desk across from the church office. No appointment necessary! The Health Ministry Team will be waiting for you there!

For Pentecost, May 31st, we will again be decorating the Sanctuary with red geraniums which will then be planted in the church gardens. Donations would be greatly appreciated to help defray the cost of the geraniums. Elder Doris Kuhn will be in the Narthex after worship to accept donations. Thank you!

A Special Thank You to the Board of Trustees for a successful Work Day yesterday!

Corey's Cronies Ride Again!! Corey Williams is forming a team and looking for walkers and/or sponsors for The Crohn's and Colitis Foundation's "Take Steps" 5K walk on Sunday, June 14th at 4:30 p. Corey was diagnosed with Crohn's Disease four years ago this June. Join us in raising money to find a cure. For more information, contact the Williams family or go to ccfa.org.

Volunteer Work! So many of Mt. Hope's members do some type of volunteer work. It would be wonderful if you would share that good news, as many lives are changed by what you do for others—this is our mission statement in action! Would you see Elder Betty Noah following worship, in the narthex, to sign a list of Mt. Hope

volunteers? You can also call her or give her a note about where you volunteer. It will be interesting for all of us and maybe you will get more volunteers! Thank you!

The date of the **2009 Mt. Hope Desert Classic** is Mon. June 15th at the River Forest Country Club at 11a. Tournament fees: \$85 per person; \$340 per foursome. There will be a sit-down steak dinner following the tournament for \$25. For more info, please contact Hamner Williams.

A Reminder: If your flowers from Resurrection Sunday are finished blooming and you are not going to replant the bulbs, please donate them to be planted in the church gardens! You may return them (in the pot) to the church office! Thank you! –The Flower Ministry

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 and June 7th –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

What is going on in Penn Hills? To find out, log on to www.pennhills.org!

Hebron PC (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!

Valley View PC Needs Your Help! Come to Valley View on Sat. May 30th at 11a with your unwanted gold and leave with cash! Sponsored by The Gold Refinery, proceeds will benefit the Valley View Freedom Summer Camp. Please let Pastor Chad Collins know you’re coming by calling him. Thanks!

Jazz on the Hillside: Fri. June 19th, 5-9p at the Schenley Hts. Community Dev. Corp. Outdoor Fundraising Concert! – 3171 Ewart Dr. 15219. Donation \$25. For tickets or more info, please call 412-621-3341 or shcdp@shcdp.org.

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!!

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The **IRS** will be hiring by the thousands this year and the next! The positions will be posted on www.USAJOBS.gov, and will cover worldwide vacancies in many different divisions of the service.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES (con’t.)

The **Federal Aviation Assoc. (FAA)** is hiring persons aged 18-31 with a high school diploma, to be air traffic controllers. Click on www.faa.gov/jobs/job.

THIS WEEK AT MT. HOPE

Mon.	May 18 th	630p	Session Meeting	MP Rm
Tue	May 19 th	6:30p	Mother & Child Banquet	JK Hall
Wed.	May 20 th	10a	The Morning Word Study	MP Rm
		8p	Narcotics Anonymous	JK Hall
Thu.	May 21 st	7p	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Fri.	May 22 nd	11a	Y Seniors	JK Hall
Sat.	May 23 rd	2p	Gamblers Anonymous	JK Hall

LOOKING AHEAD IN 2 WEEKS...

Sun.	May 24 th	11a	<u>Honoring the Penn Hills Police Dept.</u>	Sanctuary
Tue.	May 26 th	9a	Penn Hills Christian Clergy Retreat	JK Hall
Wed.	May 27 th	10a	The Morning Word Study	MP Rm
		8p	Narcotics Anonymous	JK Hall
Thu.	May 28 th	7p	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Fri.	May 29 th	630p	Men’s Softball Game	Bible Baptist Field
Sat.	May 30 th	5p	Pirates Sky Blast Game	PNC Parking Lot
Sun.	May 31 st	10a	Celebration of Pentecost	Sanctuary

LOOKING AHEAD IN THE YEAR..

Mon. Jun. 15th 11a Mt. Hope Desert Classic River Forest Country Club
Mon-Fri. Jun. 22-25 6p Vacation Bible School All over!
Fri-Sat. Mar. 12-14th 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!

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

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Mrs. Jennifer Geibel, Min. of Music
Mr. Dan Hadzima, Custodian
Mrs. Rita Hardin, Administrative Assistant
Mr. Clyde G. Davis, Clerk of Session

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

Virginia Ayres, Ernie Baur, Margie Baur, 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

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