

Mt. Hope Community Presbyterian Church

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

7th Sunday of Resurrection – May 24, 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, 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 **“Adagio”** Min. Jennifer Geibel

Bringing in the Light of the Risen Christ The Acolytes

Welcome/Recognition of Visitors/Special Events Pastor Carmen

Honoring the Penn Hills Police Department

(Please stand)

***Call to Worship** *(Psalm 98.1,3,4-6)* Miss Gretchen Hiller

L: *“O sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things. His right hand and His holy arm have gotten Him victory.*

P: *He has remembered His steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.*

All: *Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.” Let us worship the Lord our God!*

***Song of Praise** **“The River is Here”** See Insert

***Invocation** Miss Hiller

Holy Spirit, You have prepared us and this time of worship, so that we may not forget, from week to week, all that our God does for us. We are ready to worship You in ways that honor You. Speak to us words of life and grace and forgiveness and love, and then give us the courage to speak those same words to others who need to know that You love them with an everlasting, unconditional love. We are Your children, and You are **“Our Father...”**

(You may be seated)

TO CONFESS OUR SIN...

Call to Confession (Ezekiel 18.30-32)

Trustee Beth Howard

Through the prophet, God says, “I will judge you...all of you according to your ways,” says the Lord God. ‘Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit? Why will you die? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone,’ says the Lord God. ‘Turn, then, and live.’” **In silence** confess your sin so that you may live...

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.

Assurance of Pardon

Jeremiah 31.31-34

Pastor Carmen

TO TEACH OUR CHILDREN...

The Children's Chat

Mrs. Myrna Hiller

TO GRATEFULLY PRESENT OUR FINANCIAL OFFERINGS...

Offering Call (Psalm 104.24-25, 27-28)

Miss Hiller

The psalmist says, “O Lord, how manifold are Your works! In wisdom You have made them all; the earth is full of Your creatures. Yonder is the sea, great and wide, creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great. These all look to You to give them their food in due season; when You give to them, they gather it up; when You open Your hand that are filled with good things.” In response to God opening His hand to us, let us, with gratitude, open our hands to God and to His people by presenting our tithes and offerings!

Offertory

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

Choir and Mr. Greg Newby

(Please stand)

***Doxology**

“Amen”

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***Prayer of Dedication**

Trustee Howard

(You may be seated)

TO HEAR THE WORD...

Moment of Preparation *“Blessed Be Your Name”* Praise Team
(please pass your Prayer Request cards toward the center aisle)

Hebrew Testament *Joshua 4.1-9* Pastor Carmen

The Sermon *“Remember the Crossings!”* Pastor Carmen

A Moment for Reflection *“Rock of Ages”* Min. Geibel

Prayers of the People Pastor Carmen

AND TAKE THE WORD OUT IN PEACE!

(Please stand)

**Hymn of Departure* *“Battle Hymn of the Republic”* 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* *"Triumph"* 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

A very special “thank you” to Chief Burton and the entire Penn Hills Police Department. for putting your lives on the line every day for us! We will continue to support you and keep you and your families in our prayers.

WORSHIP STARTS AT 10:00 A.M. NEXT SUNDAY-PENTECOST! We will return to the 11a hour on Sun., Sept. 13th!

Young Children in Worship ends for the summer today! Starting Sun. May 31st a video series will be available in the conference room during worship for children 7 and under.

Graduate and Teacher Recognition Sunday - June 7th. Please plan to come and be applauded! A reception will be held in the MP room following Worship. Please call the church office with your name, school, etc., if you are graduating this year.

The Flowers that beautify our Sanctuary this morning are given by Gary and Debra Bolbat in honor of the upcoming birth of their first grandchild (a boy!) in July.

Birthday Wishes to Debbie Dillman (5.25).

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

Thanks to your generosity, the youth were able to raise \$1,185.00 from their 30 Hour Famine! Thank you and God bless you for your prayers and support!

For Pentecost Sunday, May 31st, we will be decorating the Sanctuary with red geraniums which will then be planted in the church gardens. Donations are greatly appreciated and will be accepted by Elder Doris Kuhn in the Narthex after worship
Thank you!

Corey's Cronies Ride Again!! Corey Williams (diagnosed with Crohn's disease four years ago) 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. For more information, contact the Williams Family at 412-798-4355 or go to www.ccfa.org.

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.

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. 1 arrangement - \$15.00; 2 - \$30.00. Dates available: May 31st – 1 and; June 7th – 1. If you have any questions contact Elder Doris Kuhn at 412.795.2149.

Our worship services are recorded: <http://www.mthopechurch.org/Welcome.html>. Click on recordings. Thank you! Elder Eric Schramm (schrammes@comcast.net).

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

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 412-361-0870. Thanks!

We are all invited to celebrate with the Grace Memorial PC as they install their newly elected Designated Pastor, the Rev. Dr. David B. Thornton, on Sun. June 14th at 3p.

An Invitation to Participate in Single-Payer Conference on Sun. June 14th at the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. This conference will advocate for, educate, and pursue obtaining legislation that enacts single-payer, universal health insurance. For more info log on to:
www.pghpresbytery.org/news/newsletter/pdfs/health_conference_061409.pdf.

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, especially Saltine Crackers! Thank you!!

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Crestfield Camp has an immediate opening for a full-time Food Service Director! If interested, please email your resume to Betty. at bangelini@pghpresbytery.org

THIS WEEK AT MT. HOPE

Tue.	May 26 th	9a	Penn Hills Christian Clergy Retreat	JK Hall
		630p	Adult-Youth Leaders Meeting	MP Rm
		630p	Men's Softball Game	Boyce Park
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

LOOKING AHEAD IN 2 WEEKS...

<u>Sun.</u>	<u>May 31st</u>	<u>10a</u>	<u>Celebration of Pentecost</u>	<u>Sanctuary</u>
Thu.	June 4 th	1p	Presbytery Meeting	Mt. Lebanon PC
		630p	Men's Softball Game	Bible Baptist Field
Fri.	June 5 th	630p	Men's Softball Game	Bible Baptist Field

LOOKING AHEAD IN THE YEAR...

Fri.	June 12 th	630p	Men's Softball Game	TBA
Sun.	June 14 th	1230p	All Officers Dinner	JK Hall
		430p	Corey Williams' Walk	
Mon.	Jun. 15 th	11a	Mt. Hope Desert Classic	River Forest Country Club
Mon-Fri.	Jun. 22-25	6p	Vacation Bible School	All over!

*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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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	Golden Living Home Rm. 156 3300 Logan Ferry Rd. Murrysville 15668	
Margie Baur	Seneca Place Rm. 431W 5360 Saltsburg Rd. Verona 15147	412.793.4791
Irene & Larry Bender	Seneca Hills Village Apt.335 5350 Saltsburg Rd., Verona 15147	412.793.0111
May Bourne	Seneca Manor, Rm. 320 5340 Saltsburg Rd. 15147	412.793.0571
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Lois Getkin	10410 Lindberg Ave. Pgh. 15235	412.242.6170
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Lou Sanabor	311 Parkridge Dr. Pgh. 15235	412.793.3670
Annabelle Scott	Lighthouse Point at Chapel Hill 500 Chapel Harbor Drive #420, Pgh 15238	412.782.2645
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***Recently added**