

Mt. Hope Community Presbyterian Church

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

5th Sunday of Pentecost— June 28, 2009 – 10:00 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 “Jesu Joy of Man’s Desiring” Min. Geibel

Bringing in the Light of Christ The Acolytes

Welcome/Recognition of Visitors/Special Events Pastor Carmen

(Please stand)

***Call to Worship** (Psalm 9.1-2, 9-11) Trustee Heather Racchini

L: “[We] will give thanks to the Lord with [our] whole heart. [We] will tell of all Your wonderful deeds.

P: [We] will be glad and exult in You; [We] will sing praise to Your name, O Most High.

L: The Lord is a Stronghold for the oppressed, a Stronghold in times of trouble.

All: And those who know Your name put their trust in You, for You, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek You.”

***Hymn of Praise** “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!” Page 144

***Invocation** Trustee Racchini

(You may be seated)

TO CONFESS OUR SIN...

Call to Confession (Luke 15.17-20a) Elder Colin Newby

“This is the message we have heard from Him and proclaim to you, that God is Light and in Him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive

ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His Word is not in us.” **In silence**, let us confess to God the truth about our sinful nature. . .

Kyrie

“Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior”

*Let me at a throne of mercy / find a sweet relief; / kneeling there in deep contrition /
Help my unbelief. / Savior, Savior / hear my humble cry; /
While on others Thou art calling / do not pass me by.*

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 30.2-5

Pastor Carmen

TO TEACH OUR CHILDREN...

The Children’s Chat

“Go Tell Everyone”

Elder Tim Rogers
VBS Children’s Choir

TO PRESENT OUR FINANCIAL OFFERINGS WITH GRATITUDE...

Offering Call (*The Book of Order: w-2.5003b*)

Trustee Racchini

“In the [Hebrew] Testament the people of Israel were commanded to bring a tenth of their income to support the word of the house of God and those who served God in it. In the New Testament, the apostles recognized that the work of the Church required disciplined support. Both in Israel and in the early church, the people were encouraged to give generously to meet the needs of the poor. God calls believers today to be disciplined and generous in giving support to the ministries of the church.” Let us prepare to give generously and cheerfully!

Offertory

“I’m Goin’ Up Yonder”

Alexandra Newby
Jordan Williams

(Please stand)

***Doxology**

“Gloria Patri”

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***Prayer of Dedication**

Elder Newby

(You may be seated)

TO HEAR THE WORD...

Hymn of Preparation

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

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

<u>Hebrew Testament</u>	<u>Isaiah 43.1-7</u>	Pastor Carmen
<i>The Sermon</i>	<i>“Because of God. . .”</i>	Pastor Carmen
<i>A Moment for Reflection</i>	<i>“Because He Lives”</i>	Min. Geibel
<i>Prayers of the People</i>		Pastor Carmen

AND TAKE THE WORD OUT IN PEACE!

(Please stand)

<i>*Hymn of Departure</i>	<i>“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”</i>	Page 298
<i>Taking the Light of Christ into the World</i>		The Acolytes
<i>*Charge & Benediction</i>		Pastor Carmen
<i>(Please do not leave the sanctuary until the worship leaders have recessed!)</i>		

<i>*Postlude</i>	<i>"Bach Prelude & Fugue"</i>	Min. Geibel
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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.

Worship kits are available in the Kids’ Korner of the Narthex and must be returned following worship.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Following the Children’s Chat, all children age 7 and under can enjoy a video series in the Conference Room during the remainder of the worship service!

The Flowers that beautify our Sanctuary this morning are given by the Health Ministry Team, in honor of all cancer survivors of Mt. Hope and their extended families.

Because of the 2nd quarter luncheon, there will be no fellowship time after worship. Fellowship for next Sunday will be provided by the Youth (7th-12th grades)

TODAY is our Called Congregational Meeting to approve the revised By-Laws, AND our **2Q Family Luncheon** is also today. Following the Benediction, please go quickly down to JK Hall!

Thanks to Suzanne and Sam Columbus and their staff of workers who made last week's Vacation Bible School a huge success! God bless you for your patience and planning!

The Alle-Kiski Music Day Camp thanks Mt. Hope Church for the use of its hand chime set. The children, ages 7-10, spent the past week learning music to play at the closing concert which was held on Friday evening. We appreciate your help in making the camp a huge success. –Arnel Montgomery

It's that time of year again. **The American Cancer Society Relay for Life** is only 12 days away. Team members of Mt. Hope's Hopeful Hikers, please get in touch with Team Captain Michele Irwin (412.795.9146) ASAP to sign up for walking times.

The weekly **Wednesday Youth Prayer Breakfast** (9-12th gr.) has changed from Eat 'n Park to **8a here at Mt. Hope for free!** Invite your friends to come! If you have any questions, please call Hilary Moyes at 412-793-4161!

First Aid Boxes are located throughout the church: across from the office; kitchen in MP Room; JK Hall kitchen; Classrooms 1 & 6; Narthex cupboard, which also has a resuscitation mask and a glucose monitor. These are maintained by our Health Ministry Team.

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: July 5 - 2; July 19 – 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*.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

What is going on in Penn Hills? To find out, log on to www.pennhills.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 jello (in the boxes) and instant pudding! Thank you!!

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The Bank of New York Mellon is searching for a **Technology Procurement Specialist**. For info, please visit their Career Page at www.bnymellon.com.

THIS WEEK AT MT. HOPE

Wed.	July 1	8:00a	Prayer Breakfast	JK Hall
Wed.	July 1	8:00p	NA	JK Hall
Fri.	July 3	12:00N	<u>Office Closed for the Holiday</u>	
Fri.	July 3	6:30p	Men's Softball Game	Bible Baptist
Sat.	July 4	2:00p	Gamblers' Anonymous	JK Hall
Sun.	July 5	10:00a	Communion	Sanctuary

LOOKING AHEAD IN 2 WEEKS...

Tues.	July 7	6:30p	Men's Softball Game	Bible Baptist Field
Wed.	July 8	8:00a	Prayer Breakfast	JK Hall
Wed.	July 8	8:00p	NA	JK Hall
Fri.	July 10	11:00a	Y-Srs.	JKHall
Fri.	July 10	6:30p	Men's Softball Game	Bible Baptist Field
Sat.	July 11	2:00p	Gamblers Anonymous	JK Hall
Sun.	July 12	10:00a	Communion	Sanctuary

LOOKING AHEAD IN THE YEAR...

Wed.	July 15	8:00a	Prayer Breakfast	JK Hall
Wed.	July 15	8:00p	NA	JK Hall
Fri.	July 17	6:30p	Men's Softball Game	Bible Baptist Field
Sat.	July 18	2:00p	Gamblers Anonymous	JK Hall
Sun.	July 19	after worship	BP Screening	
Mon.	July 27	6:30p	Men's Softball Game	Bible Baptist Field
Fri.	July 31	6:30p	Men's Softball Game	Bible Baptist Field

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

Virginia Ayres	Golden Living Center, Rm. 156	724.325.1500
	3300 Logans Ferry Rd. Murrysville 15668	
*Ernie Baur	Seneca Place Rm. 430	412-798-8185
Margie Baur	Seneca Place Rm. 430	412.798.8185
	5360 Saltsburg Rd. Verona 15147	
Irene & Larry Bender	Seneca Hills Village Apt.335	
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May Bourne	Seneca Manor, Rm. 320	
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Pearl Frazier	132 Harvard Dr. Pgh. 15235	412.793.8913
Lois Getkin	10410 Lindberg Ave. Pgh. 15235	412.242.6170
Faylese Herd	50 Duff Rd., #808, 15235	412.731.1212
Hilda Kerr	165 Sycamore Dr. Pgh. 15235	412.793.2388
Bob McKnight	Well Spring Assisted Living Rm 234	724.863.2600
	7990 Rt 30, N. Huntingdon, 15642	
Doris Philippi	351 Collins Dr. Pgh. 15235	412.793.5347
Lou Sanabor	311 Parkridge Dr. Pgh. 15235	412.793.3670
Annabell Scott	Lighthouse Point at Chapel Hill	
	500 Chapel Harbor Drive #420, Pgh 15238	412.782.2645
Melba Seaman	M&M Care Home 1508 Canal St.,15215	412.781-5031

***Recently added**

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

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!
