

*Mt. Hope Community Presbyterian Church*

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

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*Communion Sunday — August 2, 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**    *“There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit”*    Min. Geibel

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

*(Please stand)*

**\*Call to Worship** *(Psalm 122.1,4,7-9)*    Miss Gretchen Hiller

**L:**    *“I was glad when they said to me, ‘Let us go to the house of the lord!’*

**P:**    *To it the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the Lord.*

**L:**    *Peace be within your walls, and security within your towers.*

**P:**    *For the sake of my relatives and friends I will say, ‘Peace be within you.’*

**All:** *For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, [we] will seek your good” as we worship. Amen!*

**\*Hymn of Praise**    *“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”*    Page 464

**\*Invocation**    Miss Hiller

With great joy we have gathered to worship You, Lord! This day, like no other day, is a new gift and You have blessed it, and us, as a day and a people who will magnify Your great work in throughout Your creation. Let Your Spirit fall on each one of us so that we may hear Your word for us individually and as Your broken body. This we ask because you are **“Our Father...”**

*(You may be seated)*

## TO CONFESS OUR SIN...

**Call to Confession** (Jeremiah 26.2-3,13)

Elder Bill Tis

*“thus says the Lord: ‘Stand in the court of the Lord’s house, and speak to all the cities...that come to worship in the house of the Lord; speak to them all the words that I command you; do not hold back a word. It may be that they will listen, all of them, and will turn from their evil way, that I may change My mind about the disaster that I intend to bring on them because of their evil doings.’ Now therefore amend your ways and your doings, and obey the voice of the Lord your God, and the Lord will change His mind about the disaster that He has pronounced against you.”* **In silence**, let us confess and turn from our evil doings in the hope that God will change His mind toward us...

**Kyrie**

**“Spirit of the Living God”**

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**Assurance of Pardon**

**Isaiah 63.7-9**

Pastor Carmen

## TO TEACH OUR CHILDREN...

**The Children’s Chat**

Pastor Carmen

## TO PRESENT OUR FINANCIAL OFFERINGS WITH GRATITUDE...

**Offering Call** (Acts 20.35)

Elder Tis

God tells us through the apostle Paul that, *“In all this I have given you an example that by such work we must support the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, for He Himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”* In the Spirit of Christ, let us prepare to give our financial offering and receive God’s blessings.

**Offertory**

**“Bach Sonata #3 First Movement”**

Erin Valerio

*(Please stand)*

**\*Doxology**

**“Glory Be to the Father”**

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**\*Prayer of Dedication**

Miss Hiller

*(You may be seated)*

TO CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION...

*Welcome to the Lord's Table  
Words of the Institution  
Consecration of the Elements  
Distribution of the Elements by Intinction  
Prayer of Thanksgiving*

TO HEAR THE WORD...

*Hymn of Preparation*      **“Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!”**      Page 341

*New Testament*      **John 6.22-27**      Pastor Carmen

*The Sermon*      **“What Are You Looking For?”**      Pastor Carmen

*A Moment for Reflection*      **“I Surrender All”**      Min Geibel  
*(please pass your Prayer Request cards toward the center aisle)*

*Prayers of the People*      Pastor Carmen

AND TAKE THE WORD OUT IN PEACE!

*(Please stand)*

**\*Hymn of Departure**      **“Old Time Religion”**      Page 7 of Bulletin

*Taking the Light of Christ into the World*      The Acolytes

**\*Charge & Benediction**      Pastor Carmen  
*(Please do not leave the sanctuary until the worship leaders have recessed!)*

**\*Postlude**      **“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”**      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.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The sanctuary flowers are given by George and Barb Isett in celebration of their 49<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary; Jim and Darlene Dempsey in loving memory of Darlene's brother, Dan Lilja; Deacon Francis Jones for God's blessings as she celebrates her 76<sup>th</sup> birthday and Jim and Arnel Montgomery in celebration of their 14<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

Our Weekly Financial Stewardship: needed each week=\$4,058; received last week=\$2,261; difference= **(\$1797)**.

Birthday Wishes to Jim Dempsey (TODAY), Bess Wadsworth (8.3), Deacon Frances Jones (8.4), John Lutz ( 8.6); Jack Heidish (8.6) and Bill Bichsel (8.9) who will celebrate his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday!

Happy Anniversary to George and Barb Isett (8.4) and Joe and Heather Racchini (8.4).

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!

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

New Church Directories are available in the Narthex.

The Wednesdays on the Lawn Dinner menu for this week is pasta with grilled chicken, salad, roll and butter, and will be served from 4:30 -6:30p. Produce from Bridges Farm will be available from 2:30-6:30p! A huge thanks to all who braved the rain and to all who worked and supported last week's effort in any way. Help is still needed to ensure that this year is again a successful one! If you can help, please sign up in the narthex after Worship or call Elder Doris Kuhn\*\*.

A Tuesday's Together planning meeting is scheduled for Thu. Aug. 6<sup>th</sup> 1p at Betty Ann Tis' home. Food, swimming and **FUN** are included!!

**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 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 in the Narthex. 1 arrangement** - \$15.00; 2 - \$30.00. Dates available: August 30<sup>th</sup> - 1. If you have any questions contact Elder Doris Kuhn\*\*.

**Our worship services are recorded:** <http://www.mthopechurch.org/Welcome.html>. Click on *recordings*. Thank you! Elder Eric Schramm.

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

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### **COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

**What is going on in Penn Hills?** To find out, log on to [www.pennhills.org](http://www.pennhills.org)!

**Men's and Women's Shelter** basket in the narthex for contributions! Thank you!  
**The Penn Hills Assoc.** needs food, especially **Jell-O and pudding!** Thank you for your continuous support!

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### **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

**Bethlehem Haven** is seeking to hire an **Employment Readiness Program Coordinator**. Applicants must be a registered OT with three years supervisory experience including mental health and recovery experience. For more information contact Nancy Simpronio\*\*.

**Crestfield Camp** is looking for a **volunteer registered nurse** to spend one week in the great outdoors for summer camp. If interested, please contact Rev. Betty Angelini at [bangelini@pghpresbytery.org](mailto:bangelini@pghpresbytery.org). Thanks!

*Nationwide Insurance* is hiring a *Sr. Sales and Service Advocate* for the Monroeville, Export and Robinson areas. For information or to apply, please email **\*\***.

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**THIS WEEK AT MT. HOPE**

Wed.	Aug. 5	2:30p	Produce/Wed-on-Lawn	Front Lawn
		8p	Narcotics Anonymous	JK Hall
Thur.	Aug. 6	1p	Tuesday's Together Mtg.	Tis home
		6p	AED Meeting	Conference Rm

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

Wed.	Aug. 12 <sup>th</sup>	8p	Narcotics Anonymous	JK Hall
Fri.	Aug. 14	6:30p	Men's Softball Game	Bible Baptist Field
Sat	Aug. 15	2p	Gamblers Anonymous	JK Hall
Mon	Aug. 17	10a	Christian Education Ministry	Conf. Rm.
Tue.	Aug. 18	10a	Christian Education Ministry	Conf. Rm

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

<u><b>Sun.</b></u>	<u><b>Sept. 13</b></u>	<u><b>11a</b></u>	<u><b>Worship Service</b></u>	Sanctuary
		12n	Sunday School Kickoff & Church Cookout	

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

Virginia Ayres, Ernie & Margie Baur, Irene & Larry Bender, May Bourne, Arlene Davis, Hilda Kerr, Bob McKnight, Lou Sanabor, Annabell Scott, Melba Seaman,  
**\*Barbara Wakefield**

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**\* Recently added.**

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## **Old Time Religion**

**Refrain:** Give me that old time religion (3x)  
It's good enough for me.

It was good for Paul and Silas (3x). It's good enough for me.

It was good for the Hebrew children (3x). It's good enough for me.

It was good for our mothers (3). It's good enough for me.

Makes me love everybody (3x). It's good enough for me.

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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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