

Mt. Hope Community Presbyterian Church

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

Sunday — August 23, 2009 – 10:00 a.m.

**Those who are able, please stand*

Please be respectful of those worshipping around you! If you must talk, exit to the narthex!

THE PEOPLE GATHER...

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 **“Priere of Notre Dame”** Min. Geibel

Bringing in the Light of Christ The Acolytes

Welcome/Recognition of Visitors/Special Events Pastor Carmen
Moment for Ministry **Christian Education** Elder Betty Ann Tis

(Please stand)

***Call to Worship** (1 Chronicles 16.8-13) Deacon Francis Jones

L: *“O give thanks to the Lord, call on His name, make known His deeds among the peoples.*

P: *Sing to Him, sing praises to Him, tell of all His wonderful works.*

L: *Glory in His holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.*

P: *Seek the Lord and His strength, seek His presence continually.*

All: *Remember the wonderful works He has done, His miracles, and the judgments He uttered.” And let us sing His praises together!*

***Hymn of Praise** **“I Danced in the Morning”** Page 302

***Invocation** Deacon Jones

Throughout the night, You watched over us Lord, and have awakened us to this day of Sabbath and worship. Your Spirit fills this space and we ask that You would fill us with Your Spirit. Let our worship be genuine as we sing Your praises, confess our sin, present our tithes, hear Your Word, and leave assured that You still love us as **“Our Father...”**

(You may be seated)

TO CONFESS OUR SIN...

Call to Confession (Jeremiah 18.7-8,11)

Mr. Christopher Rogers

Thus says the Lord: “At one moment I may declare...that I will pluck up and break down and destroy...but if that nation...turns from its evil, I will change My mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. Now, therefore, say to the people: ‘Thus says the Lord: Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.’” **In silence**, let us confess and turn from our evil ways, in the hope that the Lord will forgive us again...

Kyrie

“Kum ba Yah”

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Assurance of Pardon

Pastor Carmen

TO TEACH OUR CHILDREN...

The Children’s Chat

Elder Bill Tis

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

TO PRESENT OUR FINANCIAL OFFERINGS WITH GRATITUDE...

Offering Call (Proverbs 3.9-10)

Mr. Rogers

In the book of wisdom, God tells us to, “Honor the Lord with [our] substance and with the first fruits of all [our] produce; [for] then [our] barns will be filled with plenty, and [our] vats will be bursting with wine.” Let us obey God and give Him the honor He deserves from the first fruits of His financial blessings!

Offertory

“Day By Day”

Miss Katie Rogers

(Please stand)

***Doxology**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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***Prayer of Dedication**

Deacon Jones

(You may be seated)

TO HEAR THE WORD...

Hymn of Preparation

“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

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

New Testament

Luke 19.1-10

Pastor Carmen

Birthday Wishes to Bruce McGinnis (8.25); Kelsie Nury (8.27) and Priscilla Boyd (8.29). **Anniversary Wishes** to Ralph and Priscilla Boyd (8.25)

Thanks to the Worship & Music Ministry for providing for fellowship time today! Fellowship for next Sunday will be provided by the Nominating Ministry.

The Wednesdays on the Lawn Produce Sale from Bridges Farm, will be available from 2:30-6:30p!, and our **Weekly Dinner** will be served from 4:30-6:30p! This week's menu is Agnes Curtain's famous barbecues, macaroni salad and coleslaw! A special thank you to all the wonderful helpers who worked through the rain last week! This will be the last dinner on the lawn for this year but produce will continue to be sold from 2:30 -6:30p. Thanks to all who helped to make this year's Wednesdays on the Lawn a great success! Elder Doris Kuhn.

We can possibly save your life! Thanks to Deacon Melissa Kaufmann and the Health Ministry Team, Mt. Hope has an Automatic Electronic Defibulator (AED), located outside the church office near the mailboxes. Several ushers, office staff, and the Health Ministry nurses have been trained, and a second training class will be offered in Sept. If you have any questions, please contact any of the deacons or our nurses!

Session took action that any pictures or plaques given to the church in memoriam will be displayed in one of the following areas for one year upon receipt, at the discretion of the session, based on the size and weight of said gift: John Knox Hall, the Library, one of the Sunday School rooms, the hallway in the Christian Education wing in John Knox Hall, or the coat rack area outside the sanctuary.

Save the Date: Sun. Sept. 13th! That's the day of our Annual Church Cookout on our own front lawn following worship, sponsored by the Fellowship Ministry! Reservations are not needed as the Ministry will be providing the food. A free-will offering will be received to cover the costs. There will be games and there is NO Steeler's game!!

Be on the lookout for information regarding **Adult Sunday School!** Come back and study and fellowship Sunday mornings beginning Sept. 13th at 930a!

Calling all Sunday School Children... We want you back also, for the new church school semester! See you Sun. Sept. 13th for our annual kickoff and cookout!

Tuesdays Together Ministry registration will take place during the cookout on Sept. 13th. We look forward to seeing all of you there!

Youth Retreat Dates: Laurelville (7-8th gr): Oct. 30-Nov. 1; Nov 6-8; Nov 13-15; Jumonville (9-12th gr): Nov. 20-22; Dec 4-6. If interested in going and/or chaperoning, please contact Elder Beth Nury** or Barry Irwin**. Thanks!

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: Sept. 13th – 1, Sept. 20th and 27th -2. 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.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

What is going on in Penn Hills? To find out, log on to 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!

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Field Landscaper-Downtown Greening: W. Pa Conservancy's Community Gardens & Greenspace Dept. has an opening for a seasonal Field Landscaper. To apply or for more info, please send a resume, cover letter & salary expectations to **, and list Field Landscaper in the subject line.

Research Associate I: the Human-Computer Interaction Institute of the Carnegie Mellon Univ. Seeks 1 Research Assoc to contribute to a research project on developing an on-line learning environment to study how students learn by teaching others. For more info, contact www.cs.cmu.edu/~mazda/SimStudent. Any questions: Noboru Matsuda**.

Client Services Rep needed at the First Commonwealth Bank in Squirrel Hill. Please send resume, cover letter indicating FCB Job Code 5501-EMG, & salary requirements to: First Commonwealth Bank-P.O. Box 400-Indiana, PA 15701 or **.

Other First Commonwealth positions available: **Teller Services Rep. II** needed at the McCandless Branch: FCB Job Code 5474-EMG; **Financial Services Rep.** needed at the Wexford and Altoona Branches: FCB Job Code 5521-FCIA.

Co-Dir. For Policy & Communications needed at Just Harvest, an anti-hunger/anti-poverty advocacy organization in Pgh. Send substantive cover letter, resume, and professional references as attachments (preferably in MS Word format) to ** with “Co-Director Application” in subject line. Applications may be mailed to: Just Harvest-16 Terminal Way-Pgh 15219, attn: Search committee. Applications must be received by Sept. 15th. Projected start date: Jan. 4, 2010. No phone calls, please.

THIS WEEK AT MT. HOPE

Wed.	Aug. 26	2:30p	Fresh Produce Sale	Front Lawn
		4:30p	Wed-on-Lawn Dinner	Front Lawn
		8p	Narcotics Anonymous	JK Hall
Sat.	Aug.29	2p	Gamblers Anonymous	JK Hall
Wed.	Sept. 2	230p	Fresh Produce Sale	Front Lawn
		8p	Narcotics Anonymous	JK Hall

LOOKING AHEAD IN 2 WEEKS...

Thu.	Sept. 3	10a	Presbytery Meeting	Camp Crestfield
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LOOKING AHEAD IN THE YEAR..

Sun.	Sept. 13	11a	Worship Service	Sanctuary
		12n	Sunday School Kickoff & Church Cookout	
Sat.	Sept. 19	3:30p	Community Meeting	MP Room
Wed.	Sept. 30	1030a	<u>The Morning Word Study</u> returns!	MP Room

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, Betty McKelvey, Bob McKnight, Lou Sanabor, Annabell Scott, Melba Seaman, Barbara Wakefield

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

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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