

Mt. Hope Community Presbyterian Church

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

Communion Sunday — September 6, 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

“Oh Perfect Love”

Min. Geibel

Welcome/Recognition of Visitors/Special Events

Pastor Carmen

(Please stand)

**Call to Worship (Exodus 20.1-3,5,8-11)*

Elder Betty Ann Tis

L: “...God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, you shall have no other gods before Me.

P: You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God...

L: Remember the Sabbath Day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work.

P: But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work...

All: For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath Day and consecrated it.” Let us worship the Lord our God! Amen!

**Hymn of Praise*

“I Am Thine”

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**Invocation*

Elder Tis

We welcome this, the first day of the week, as our Sabbath time of collective worship! Because You have prepared this time for us, we have come eager to praise You for the wisdom of Your gift of Sabbath...

Let this time now be the start of our Sabbath days this week, as we remember all that You have done, are doing, and will do for Your world...the world that You love so much. As parents love their children, so You love us as “*Our Father...*”
(*You may be seated*)

TO CONFESS OUR SIN...

Call to Confession (*Zephaniah 1.14,17-18*)

Miss Natalie Columbus

The Lord says, “The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the Lord, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord’s wrath; in the fire of His passion, the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end He will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.” Let us go to the Lord, thoughtfully and **in silence**, and repent of our sin.

Kyrie

“Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior”

*Trusting only in Thy merit / would I seek Thy face / Heal my wounded, broken spirit /
save me by Thy grace. / Savior, Savior / hear my humble cry /
While on others Thou art calling / do not pass me by.*

Assurance of Pardon

2 Chronicles 7.12-14

Pastor Carmen

TO TEACH OUR CHILDREN...

The Children’s Chat

Pastor Carmen

*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 (*1 Chronicles 29.6-9*)

Miss Columbus

“The leaders...gave for the service of the house of God...Whoever had precious stones gave them to the treasury of the house of the Lord...Then the people rejoiced because these had given willingly, for with single mind they had offered freely to the Lord.” Likewise, let us give to the Lord, willingly and with single mind, the financial blessings that God continues to give to us!

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.

A N N O U N C E M E N T S

WORSHIP SERVICE RETURNS TO THE 11:00 A.M. HOUR NEXT SUNDAY!!!

The sanctuary flowers are given by Deacon Barbara Warren in memory of grandparents Thomas and Nellie Blocker, her parents and all of her relatives.

Our Weekly Financial Stewardship: *needed each week*=\$4,058; *received last week*=\$1,739; difference= **(\$2,319)**

Birthday Wishes to Chris Dick (9.9), Jennifer Geibel (9.9), Rita Hardin (9.9), Felix Cutruzzula (9.10), Ed Wentzel (9.11), Ernie Baur (9.11), and Susan Celedonia (9.11).
Happy Anniversary to Don and Jane Wise (9.1)

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

The Wednesdays on the Lawn Produce Sale from Bridges Farm, is still available from 2:30-6:30p!

NEXT SUN. Sept. 13th ...we will have 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, but a free-will offering will be received to cover the costs. There will be games and there is NO Steeler’s game!!

Tuesdays Together Ministry Registration will take place during the cookout following worship! We look forward to seeing all of you there!

NEEDED! Half pint canning jars for jelly! Please bring them to the church office!
Thank you! Mary Jane Kauffman.

HELP! Someone needs their grass cut! If you are interested in cutting grass for a property located off of Crescent Garden, please contact Pam Knight**.

Pittsburgh G-20 Summit! Allegheny Health Choices, Inc. (AHCU) has published consumer-oriented tips for the upcoming Summit (Thu-Fri. Sept. 24-25) on their website: www.ahci.org/Documents/Factcard3.pdf. Information is provided about the Summit and how it may affect those receiving human services, especially behavioral health services.

Church Directory Correction: 1) Address correction Dorothy Arnold**; 2) Correct spelling of Jacqueline Primas' first name: Jacqueline. Thank you!

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

Next Sunday the Voices for Christ Gospel Concert will perform at Grace Memorial PC to benefit their F.R.E.S.H. Youth Ministry beginning at 4p. The church is located at 1000 Bryn Mawr Rd. \$10 donation in advance; \$12 at the door! Please come out and hear great gospel music and support our youth!

Men's and Women's Shelter basket in the narthex for contributions! **The Women would greatly appreciate** monthly-feminine hygiene products, make up, and hosiery!
Thank you!

Quilting Retreat-Dancing with Swords; *Sept. 18-20, Camp Crestfield*. For pictures, supply list and more info, call Crestfield (724.794.4022) or visit their web at www.crestfield.net/Quilting%20%20Retreat.htm!

The American Diabetes Assoc will be hosting a special day at the ballpark to honor individuals and families affected by diabetes within our region. Come join us on Sun. Sept. 20th at 1:35p at the Pirates –vs- San Diego Padres game. Outfield Box-\$20; L/R Grandstand-\$12. All fans 12 and under receive a Kids Pirate Parrot Build-a-Bear!

Bidwell Presbyterian Church Craft Jubilee; *Sat. Oct. 3; 10a-6p – 1025 Liverpool St., 15233*. The event is free to the public. Vendor tables can be purchased for \$25. Come out and support the Presbyterian Women of Bidwell!

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

With our children going back to school, our friends who use the services of the **Penn Hills Service Assoc.** will be in need of hardy meals. Please consider donating cereal, PB&J, mac-n-cheese, and canned fruits and veggies. We have a car load of pudding and jello! Thank you for your continued generosity!

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Crestfield Camp has an immediate opening for an Assistant cook, 10 hours/wk. If interested, please email your resume to Betty**.

North Hills Community Outreach is seeking a Housing Case Manager. Please email a cover letter and resume to Carolyn Pschirer**.

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

THIS WEEK AT MT. HOPE

Wed.	Sept. 9	2:30p	Fresh Produce Sale	Front Lawn
		8p	Narcotics Anonymous	JK Hall
Thur.	Sept. 10	7p	Choir	Sanctuary
Fri.	Sept. 11	11a	Y Seniors	JK Hall
Sat.	Sept. 12	2p	Gamblers Anonymous	JK Hall

LOOKING AHEAD IN 2 WEEKS...

Tue.	Sept. 14	7p	Trustee Meeting	MP Room
Wed.	Sept. 16	7p	Zumba	MP Room
Thur.	Sept. 17	7p	Choir	Sanctuary
Sat.	Sept. 19	3:30p	Community Meeting	MP Room

LOOKING AHEAD IN THE YEAR...

Wed.	Sept. 30	1030a	<u>The Morning Word Study</u> returns!	MP Room
Sat.	Oct. 10	10a	Penn Hills Community Prayer Service	Sanctuary

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

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Lead Me to Calvary

1. King of my life I crown Thee now...Thine shall the glo-ry be;
Lest I for-get Thy thorn-crowned brow, lead me to Cal-va-ry.

Chorus: Lest I for-get Geth-sem-a-ne, lest I forget Thine ag-o-ny,
Lest I forget Thy love for me, lead me to Cal-va-ry.

2. Show me the tomb where Thou wast laid, Ten-der-ly mourned and wept;
An-gels in robes of light ar-rayed Guard-ed Thee whilst Thou slept.

3. Let me like Mar-y thru the gloom, Come with a gift to Thee;
Show to me now the emp-ty tomb...Lead me to Cal-va-ry.

4. May I be will-ing, Lord to bear Dai-ly my cross for Thee;
E-ven Thy cup of grief to share...Thou has borne all for me.

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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