

We seek to honor You, Lord, not just during this worship, but every minute of our grateful lives. Help us seek ways to honor throughout this week as a sign of our gratefulness that You are “**Our Father...**”
(*You may be seated*)

TO CONFESS OUR SIN...

Call to Confession (Isaiah 55.6-7)

Trustee Kevin Scott

The Lord’s prophet, Isaiah, tells us to “*Seek the Lord while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that He may have mercy on them, and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.*” Let us do as the Lord has commanded through His prophet, and seek the Lord and His mercy. **In silence**, let us confess our sin.

Kyrie

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

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Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 38.17-19a

Pastor Carmen

TO TEACH OUR CHILDREN...

The Children’s Chat

Ms. Millie Bichsel

Following the Chat, all children age 7 and under may leave to attend Children in Worship downstairs!

TO PRESENT OUR FINANCIAL OFFERINGS WITH GRATITUDE...

Offering Call (2 Corinthians 9.7-8,11-12)

Trustee Scott

God speaks through the apostle Paul that “*each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God.*” With thankful hearts, let us give cheerfully to the Lord’s ministries!

Offertory

“He Never Failed Me Yet”

The Choir

(Please stand)

***Doxology**

“Gloria Patri”

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***Prayer of Dedication**

Miss Napolitano

(You may be seated)

TO HEAR THE WORD...

The Blessing of Our Christian Educators

Elder Betty Ann Tis & Pastor Carmen

Song of Preparation

“Lord I Lift Your Name on High”

See Insert

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

New Testament

Matthew 13.54-58

Pastor Carmen

The Sermon

“Get All This!”

Pastor Carmen

A Moment for Reflection

“Special Music”

Mrs. Arnel Montgomery

Prayers of the People

Pastor Carmen

AND TAKE THE WORD OUT IN PEACE!

(Please stand)

***Hymn of Departure**

“Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”

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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**

“The Lord Bless You and Keep You”

Mrs. Montgomery

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

The sanctuary flowers are given by Cindi Head in loving memory of her mother Lucille Head.

Our Weekly Financial Stewardship: needed each week=\$4,058; received last week=\$4,675.50; difference= (+\$617.50)

Today's "Young Children in Worship" story is "The Light" led by Trustee Myrna Hiller.

Birthday Wishes to Nicholas Nury (9.16).

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

TODAY is our Annual Church Cookout on our front lawn following worship! The Fellowship Ministry is providing the food, but a free-will offering will be received to cover the costs. There will be games and great fellowship!!

Tuesdays Together Ministry Registration will take place during the cookout following worship! We look forward to seeing all of you there! Also, Sept. 22nd, everyone is asked to wear black and gold for our Black & Gold Family Feud Night.

Kick off the fall season right! Next Sunday following worship, begin to track your blood pressure with the Healthy Ministry Team nurses. Vacation is over—time to begin the regular fall routine.

Pittsburgh G-20 Summit! On the mornings of the Summit: Thu. Sept. 24th & Fri. Sept. 25th at 7a come for one hour and offer prayers for its success and for the safety of those attending: our leaders, our police, fire, and EMS workers, the protesters and all concerned citizens! The world may be watching...but not more closely than God!

For more info. Concerning the G20 Summit, the Allegheny Health Choices, Inc. (AHCU) has published consumer-oriented tips for the upcoming Summit on their website: www.ahci.org/Documents/Factcard3.pdf.

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

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

Church Directory Corrections: 1) Dorothy Arnold's* correct address 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. 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.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

TODAY 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!

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**.

THIS WEEK AT MT. HOPE

Mon.	Sept. 14	630p	Christian Ed. Min./Tue.Together Staff	JK Hall
		7p	Trustee’s Meeting	MP Room
Tue.	Sept. 15	7p	Worship & Music Ministry	MP Room
Wed.	Sept. 16	230p	Fresh Produce Sale	Front Lawn
		7p	Zumba Dance Class	JK Hall
		8p	Narcotics Anonymous	JK Hall
Thu.	Sept. 17	7p	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Sat.	Sept. 19	2p	Gamblers Anonymous	JK Hall
		330p	Community Meeting	MP Room

LOOKING AHEAD IN 2 WEEKS...

Mon.	Sept. 21	630p	Session Meeting	MP Room
Tue.	Sept. 22	530p	<u>Tuesdays Together Starts!</u>	All over!
Thu.	Sept. 24	7a	<u>Pray for the G20 Summit</u>	Sanctuary
Fri.	Sept. 25	7a	<u>Pray for the G20 Summit</u>	Sanctuary
Sun.	Sept. 27	12n	3Q Family Luncheon	JK Hall

LOOKING AHEAD IN THE YEAR...

Wed.	Sept. 30	1030a	<u>The Morning Word Study</u> returns!	MP Room
		230p	<u>Last day for Fresh Produce</u>	Front lawn
Sat.	Oct. 3	8a	Harvest Day	JK Hall
Sat.	Oct. 10	10a	Penn Hills Community Prayer Service	Sanctuary
Sun.	Nov. 22	1230p	Hanging-of-the-Greens	All over!
Thu.	Nov. 26	9a	Thanksgiving Day Worship	Sanctuary

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

Virginia Ayres, Ernie & Margie Baur, Irene Bender, May Bourne, **Carolyn Griffith**,
Hilda Kerr, Betty McKelvey, Bob McKnight, Lou Sanabor, Annabell Scott, Melba
Seaman

***Recently added**

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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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