

Mt. Hope Community Presbyterian Church

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

Sunday — September 27, 2009 – 11:00 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 “” Min. Geibel

Bringing in the Light of Christ The Acolytes

Welcome/Recognition of Visitors/Special Events Pastor Carmen

(Please stand)

***Call to Worship** (John 4.21-24) Miss Jordan Williams

L: Speaking to the woman of Samaria, “Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews.

P: ***But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship Him.***

All: ***God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and in truth,***” which is what we seek to do now! Amen!

***Hymn of Praise** “” Page

***Invocation** Miss Williams

being “***Our Father...***”
(You may be seated)

TO TEACH OUR CHILDREN...

The Children's Chat

Trustee Myrna Hiller

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 (Exodus 23.15c)

Mr. Hamner Williams

God says through Moses, very simply, "No one shall appear before Me empty-handed." Therefore, let us present to God our tithes, and offerings of food and money!

Offertory

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The Choir

(Please stand)

****Doxology***

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****Prayer of Dedication***

Mr. Williams

(You may be seated)

TO HEAR THE WORD...

Hymn of Preparation

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

Hebrew Testament

Pastor Carmen

The Sermon

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A Moment for Reflection

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

Min. Geibel

Prayers of the People

Pastor Carmen

TO CONFESS OUR SIN...

Call to Confession (Jeremiah 3.11-14a,25)

Pastor Carmen

Through the weeping prophet, Jeremiah, God commands us to repent saying, "Faithless Israel has shown herself less guilty than false Judah. Go, and proclaim these words toward the north, and say, 'Return, faithless Israel,' says the Lord. 'I will not look on you in anger, for I am merciful,' says the Lord. 'I will not be angry forever. Only acknowledge your guilt, that you have rebelled against the Lord your God, and scattered your favors among strangers under every green tree, and have not

*obeyed My voice,’ says the Lord. ‘Return, O faithless children,’ says the Lord, ‘for I am your master.’ Let us lie down in our shame, and let our dishonor cover us; for we have sinned against the Lord our God, we and our ancestors, from our youth even to this day; and we have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God.” **In silence**, let us confess our sin.*

Kyrie

“He Looked Beyond My Fault”

Amazing grace shall always be my song of praise / For it was grace that bought my liberty / I do not know just why Christ came to love me so / He looked beyond my fault and saw my need / I shall forever lift mine eyes to Calvary / To view the cross where Jesus died for me / How marvelous the grace that caught my falling soul / He looked beyond my fault and saw my need.

Assurance of Pardon

Jeremiah 3.12

Pastor Carmen

AND TAKE THE WORD OUT IN PEACE!

(Please stand)

***Hymn of Departure**

“Down at the Cross”

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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**

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Min. Geibel

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 Shirley Kerchner in memory of her aunt, Barbara Given.

Our Weekly Financial Stewardship: needed each week=\$4,058; received last week=\$2,956; difference=(\$1,102).

Today's "Young Children in Worship" story is "Noah" led by Trustee Myrna Hiller and assisted by Allie Dick and Corey Williams.

Birthday Wishes to Nancy Hammond (9.30); Linda McGinnis (10.2); Mildred Bichsel (10.4); and Hilda Kerr (10.6).

Thanks to the Stewardship & Finance Ministry for providing for fellowship time today! Fellowship for next Sunday will be provided by the Men's Softball Ministry.

TODAY is our 30 Family Luncheon in JK Hall! Immediately following the Postlude, please go downstairs!

TODAY at 3p, the Rev. Laurie L. Milligan (daughter of Doris Milligan) will be installed as pastor of the Dayton Glad Run PC in Dayton, PA!

Thank You to all who worked so hard to clean the John Knox Hall and MP room kitchens!

Save the Date! Saturday, Dec. 12th 1-3p is the annual Holiday Tea held here at Mt. Hope. For more information contact Elder Doris Kuhn**.

The Trustees are in the process of purchasing a new garbage disposal and dishwasher for the JK Hall kitchen! Any donations would be greatly appreciated! 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: Nov. 15th -1; Nov. 29th -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

Community Information Meeting concerning Refugees in Penn Hills: Wed. Sept. 30th at 730p at Zion Lutheran Church (Frankstown Rd., next to McDonald's). Come and learn about our newest neighbors!

Feast of Tabernacles Celebration on Sat. Oct. 3rd at 11a presented by the Shoresh David Messianic Congregation-285 St. Martin's Rd., Monroeville. For more info, please call 412-751-2696.

The Penn Hills Community Prayer Service: Sat. Oct. 10th at our church!!! Come and hear leaders from our community lift up and pray for our community.

Every Wed. in Oct. from 7-9p, free musical concerts with local groups/bands. KLove

First PC of Pgh-320 Sixth Ave. downtown, offers a lunchtime service at 1225p! For more info, call 412-471-3436 or www.fpcp.org.

Choral Workshop with Composer Joseph M. Martin on Sun. Oct. 25th at the Glenshaw PC. For more info, check out www.pghpresbytery.org.

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! **The Women would greatly appreciate** monthly-feminine hygiene products, make up, and hosiery! Thank you!

The Penn Hills Service Assoc. continues to be thankful for your generous support!

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

None received this week.

THIS WEEK AT MT. HOPE

Sun.	Sept. 27	12n	3Q Family Luncheon	JK Hall
Tue.	Sept. 30	530p	Tuesdays Together	All over!
Wed.	Sept. 30	6a	Youth Prayer Breakfast	Eat-n-Park
		1030a	<u>The Morning Word Study returns!</u>	MP Room
		230p	<u>Last Day for Fresh Produce</u>	Front Lawn
		7p	Zumba Dance Class	JK Hall
		8p	Narcotics Anonymous	MP Room
Thu.	Oct. 1	7p	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Sat.	Oct. 3	8a	Harvest Day	All Over!
		2p	Gamblers Anonymous	MP Room

LOOKING AHEAD IN 2 WEEKS...

Sun.	Oct. 4	11a	<u>Worldwide Communion</u>	Sanctuary
Sat.	Oct. 10	10a	Penn Hills City. Prayer Service	Sanctuary

LOOKING AHEAD IN THE YEAR...

Sun.	Nov. 1	3p	Hallman-Cordero Wedding	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

**** 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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