

Mt. Hope Community Presbyterian Church

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

New Year's Sunday — December 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. Jennifer Geibel

Bringing in the Light of the Christ-Child

The Acolytes

Welcome/Recognition of Visitors/Special Events

Pastor Carmen Cox Harwell

(Please stand)

** Call to Worship (Luke 1.68-69,72-75,78-79)*

Miss Erica Brandon

L: *“Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for He has looked favorably on His people and redeemed them. He has raised up a mighty Savior for us in the house of His servant David...*

P: *Thus He has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors, and has remembered His holy covenant,*

L: *The oath that He swore to our ancestor Abraham, to grant us, that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve Him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before Him all our days.*

P: *By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us,*

All: *To give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.” Let us worship the Lord, our Savior! Amen!*

****Hymn of Praise***

“O Come All Ye Faithful”

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****Invocation and The Lord's Prayer***

Miss Brandon

Lord, in the name of the Christ we have come joyful and in distress, repentant and unaware of our sin. We have come with baggage and with hope. But most importantly we have come to worship You, grateful that You have brought us through another week and another year...

...As we worship, speak words of *hope, love, peace, and joy*, and mold us in the image of Your Son, our Lord who taught us to pray, “***Our Father...***”
(You may be seated)

TO CONFESS OUR SIN...

Call to Confession (Jeremiah 7.8-11)

Trustee Myrna Hiller

God says through the prophet Jeremiah, “*Here you are, trusting in deceptive words to no avail. Will you steal, murder, commit adultery, swear falsely, make offerings to Baal, and go after other gods that you have not known, and then come and stand before Me in this house, which is called by My name, and say, ‘We are safe!’—only to go on doing all these abominations? Has this house, which is called by My name, become a den of robbers in your sight? You know, I too am watching, says the Lord.*”
The Lord is watching and listening for our confessions of sin. Therefore let us confess **in silence...**

Kyrie

“I Love the Lord, Who Heard My Cry”

*I love the Lord / who hear my cry / and pitied every groan /
long as I live / and troubles rise / I’ll hasten to / God’s throne.*

Assurance of Pardon

Micah 7.18-19

Pastor Carmen

TO TEACH OUR CHILDREN...

The Children’s Chat

Elder Bill Tis

*(Following the Chat, all children 7 & under
may leave to attend “Children in Worship” downstairs)*

TO RECEIVE NEW MEMBERS...

Ron Graham – Karen Little – Denise Graham-Shealey – Diane Springer – Ed Wentzel

TO PRESENT OUR FINANCIAL OFFERINGS WITH GRATITUDE...

Offering Call (Exodus 30.14-15)

Miss Brandon

“*Each one...shall give the Lord’s offering. The rich shall not give more, and the poor shall not give less...when you bring [your] offering to the Lord...*” Let us together, rich and poor alike, present our tithes and offering to the Lord with thanksgiving!

Offertory

“Mary’s Little Boy Child”

The Chancel Choir

Our worship services are recorded: <http://www.mthopechurch.org/Welcome.html>.

Click on *recordings*. Thank you! *Elder Eric Schramm*.

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!

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, Pearl Hicks, 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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Weekly Financial Stewardship: *needed each week*=\$4,058; *received last week* = \$4,504; *difference*= +\$446.

Birthday Wishes to Trustee Bill Haley (12.26); Carolyn Griffith (12/29); Natalie Columbus (12.31); and Marilyn Daugherty (1.1) **Happy Anniversary** to Bill and Mildred Bichsel (12.31)

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

2nd CALL-TODAY is our Congregational Meeting! All members are urged to remain following worship, for a brief meeting to approve Pastor Carmen's Terms of Call for 2010. Thank you!

TODAY is also the day we honor our **New Members** with a **reception** following the Congregational Meeting, in the MP Room!

Please pick up your Giving Envelopes in the Narthex!

Sunday School will resume on January 10th! Trustee Bill Haley will be teaching on proverbs and Millie Bichsel will be continuing with Obeying God's Calls.

Grief Support Group – Grieving the loss of a loved one is one of the most difficult experiences we all face. Walking that lonely journey is different for everyone. Healing can happen as caring Christian women and men share in a support group. Resources and a time for understanding the grief process help to find hope for the future. The group, limited to eight people, will be lead by Esther Gass, RN, a trained facilitator and an elder at Beulah Presbyterian Church. The eight week group will start Monday evening January 4, from 7 to 9 and will be held at Beulah. Call Esther to register or for more information. 412-372-4799.

Zumba Gold and Zumba Classes will resume Wednesday, Jan. 6th at 6:00p and 7p respectively. If you have not attended Zumba at Mt. Hope you are missing out on great music, laughter, fun, (and of course exercise)! Plan to start the new year healthy by joining us Jan. 6th!

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!

*The Flower Chart Notebook for 2010 is in the Narthex. 1 arrangement - \$15.00; 2 - \$30.00. All Sundays in January are available! Contact Elder Doris Kuhn**.*

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

What is going on in our Presbytery? Log on to www.pghpresbytery.org to find out!

Men's and Women's Shelter basket in the narthex for contributions! Thank you!

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

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Enterprise Rent-a-Car is seeking applicants for entry-level Management Trainee opportunities. To apply go to www.go.enterprise.com.

Prudential Insurance Co. of America is seeking a Prudential Financial Services Associate—a sales position selling insurance and financial products and services. Contact Cindy Cavallucci**, Diversity Relationship.

Assist. Director, Alumni Reunions – position #6380. Go to www.cmu.edu/job and submit a cover letter and resume.

W. L. Mellon Society Gift Officer – position #6381. Go to www.cmu.edu/job and submit a cover letter and resume.

Dir., Corporate Development and Student Programs – position #6382. Go to www.cmu.edu/job and submit a cover letter and resume.

Nationwide Insurance Company has two openings: Associate Agents/Producers and Agency Owner Training Program. Go to www.nationwide.com/careers/career-opportunities.jsp or contact agency recruiter John Choma**

THIS WEEK AT MT. HOPE

<u>TODAY</u>	after worship		<u>Congregational Meeting</u>	Sanctuary
<u>TODAY</u>	after meeting		<u>Reception for New Members</u>	MP Room
Wed.	Dec. 30		<u>Office Closed (until Tue. Jan. 5th)</u>	
		8p	Narcotics Anonymous	JK Hall
Sat.	Jan. 2	2p	Gamblers Anonymous	JK Hall

LOOKING AHEAD IN 2 WEEKS...

Sun.	Jan. 3 rd	after worship	<u>Dismantling-of-the-Greens</u>	All over!
Tue.	Jan. 5	5p	Tues. Together Staff Meeting	Tis home
Wed.	Jan. 6	6p	<u>Zumba Gold resumes!</u>	MP Room
		7p	<u>Zumba Regular resumes!</u>	MP Room
		8p	Narcotics Anonymous	JK Hall
Thu.	Jan. 7	730p	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Sat.	Jan. 9	2p	Gambler's Anonymous	JK Hall
Sun.	Jan 10	930a	<u>Sunday School resumes!</u>	All Over!

LOOKING AHEAD IN THE NEW YEAR...

Tue.	Jan. 12	530p	<u>Tuesday's Together returns!</u>	All over!
Wed.	Jan. 13	10a	<u>The Morning Word Study returns!</u>	MP Room

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Rev. Carmen Cox Harwell, Pastor

Mrs. Jennifer Geibel, Minister of Music

Mr. Dan Hadzima, Custodian

Mrs. Rita Hardin, Administrative Assistant & Clerk of Session

We welcome into our Fellowship this morning the following new members.

RON GRAHAM**

KAREN LITTLE**

Birthday: November 11th

Karen is an RN and has lived in the area for 51 years. She enjoys scrapbooking, knitting, crocheting, sewing, sign-language, music and photography. Karen's family includes Erica George, Kevin Nelson and her cousin Cyndi Head.

DENISE GRAHAM-SHEALEY**

Birthday: March 25th

Denise is married to Mitchell and has two daughters, Terri and Taylor. She is a bank manager and has lived in this area 5 ½ years. Denise enjoys music and enjoys coming to Mt. Hope because of Pastor Carmen.

DIANE SPRINGER**

Birthday: January 7th

Diane is a paralegal and is married to husband Rick. She has lived in this area 8 ½ years and enjoys scrapbooking.

EDWARD C. WENTZEL**

Birthday: September 11

Ed works at the VA Hospital processing medical claims. He is married to Thelma and has lived in the area 10 years. Ed enjoys golf, exercise, softball, bible studies, Pastor Carmen's sermons and people. He is glad to be a part of the Mt. Hope family.