

*Mt. Hope Community Presbyterian Church*

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

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*Communion Sunday — February 7, 2010 – 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      “Elevation”      Min. Jennifer Geibel*

*Welcome/Recognition of Visitors/Special Events      Pastor Carmen Cox Harwell*

*Moment-for-Mission      The Mission Ministry      Elder Debbie Dillman*

*(Please stand)*

*\* Call to Worship (Psalm 18.1-13)      Miss Alyssa Napolitana*

**L:** Good morning! Please stand and join me in our Call to Worship!  
“[We] love You, O Lord, [our] strength. The Lord is [our] Rock, [our] Fortress,  
and [our] Deliverer, [our] God, [our] Rock in whom [we] take refuge...”

**P:** [the Lord is our] Shield, and the horn of [our] salvation, [our] stronghold.

**All:** [Therefore we] call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised, so [we] shall  
be saved from [our] enemies,” and we will worship the Lord, our Refuge  
and Strength!

*\*Hymn of Praise      “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”      Page 514*

*\*Invocation and The Lord’s Prayer      Miss Napolitana*

Lord God, You have called us from a week filled with joy and burdened by sorrow.  
You have called us, this day, to rest from our labors and honor You as we worship.  
Let Your Holy Spirit focus our attention completely on You, because we have  
gathered in Your name to sing Your praises, bring You our offering, confess our sin,  
and hear the Good News of forgiveness and love. In this hour, please be with us as  
“*Our Father...*”

*(You may be seated)*

## TO CONFESS OUR SIN...

**Call to Confession** (Jeremiah 3.11-13,25)

Elder Betty Ann Tis

God tells us, through the weeping prophet, Jeremiah, “ ‘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. [Therefore], 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 sins so that our merciful God may have mercy, again, upon us.

**Kyrie**

**“Jesus, Remember Me”**

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**Assurance of Pardon**

**Jeremiah 31.31-34**

Pastor Carmen

## TO TEACH OUR CHILDREN...

**The Children’s Chat**

Miss Charlotte Schramm & Pastor Carmen

(Following the Chat, all children age 7 & under may leave to attend “Children in Worship.” a time when teachers and peers enjoy an intimate and fun-filled worship message!)

## TO PRESENT OUR FINANCIAL OFFERINGS WITH GRATITUDE...

**Offering Call** (Exodus 30.14-16)

Elder Tis

In the 2<sup>nd</sup> Book of the Law, God says, “Each one...from twenty years old and upward, shall give the Lord’s offering. The rich shall not give more, and the poor shall not give less...when you bring this offering to the Lord to make atonement for your lives. You shall take the atonement money from the [people] and shall designate it for the service of the tent of meeting; before the Lord it will be a reminder to the [people] of the ransom given for your lives.” In appreciation for what God continues to do, let us prepare to present the Lord’s offering!

**Offertory**

**“In Remembrance of Me”**

The Chancel Choir and Alexandra Newby, violin

(Please stand)

**\*Doxology**

**“Glory Be to the Father”**

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**\*Prayer of Dedication**

Miss Napolitana

(You may be seated)

**TO CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION...**

*Welcome to the Lord's Table  
The Words of the Institution  
Consecration of the Elements  
Distribution of the Elements  
Prayer of Thanksgiving*

**TO HEAR THE WORD...**

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

<b><i>Hymn of Preparation</i></b>	<b><i>“Sweet Hour of Prayer”</i></b>	See Insert
<b><u><i>Hebrew Testament</i></u></b>	<b><u><i>Exodus 32.1-14</i></u></b>	Pastor Carmen
<b><i>The Sermon</i></b>	<b><i>“The Greatest Blessing from the Worst Choice!”</i></b>	Pastor Carmen
<b><i>A Moment for Reflection</i></b>	<b><i>“Kum Ba Yah”</i></b>	Min. Geibel
<b><i>Prayers of the People</i></b>		Pastor Carmen

**AND TAKE THE WORD OUT WITH JOY!**

*(Please stand)*

<b><i>*Hymn of Departure</i></b>	<b><i>“Standin’ In the Need of Prayer”</i></b>	See Insert
<b><i>*The Blessing &amp; Sending of Communion Teams</i></b>		Pastor Carmen
<b><i>*Charge &amp; Benediction</i></b>		Pastor Carmen
<i>(Please do not leave the sanctuary until the worship leaders and the elders have recessed!)</i>		
<b><i>*Postlude</i></b>	<b><i>“Canzona”</i></b>	Min. Geibel

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**Welcome to Mt. Hope!** We are blessed by your presence this morning! 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 here are always open to you and your children!

**Your children are loved and welcomed at Mt. Hope!** An usher will direct you to our nursery for infants & toddlers up to age 4. A Cry Room is located at the rear of the Sanctuary for your convenience, and Worship kits are available in the Kids' Korner of the Narthex. The kits must be returned following worship!

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

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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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**Mrs. Rita Hardin, Administrative Assistant**

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**Please pray for, call, or send a card to our sick & homebound members:**

Out of respect for personal privacy,

individuals are not added to or deleted from this list without their consent.

Dorothy Arnold, Virginia Ayres, Margie Baur, Irene Bender, May Bourne, Carolyn Griffith, Cyndi Head, Pearl Hicks, Hilda Kerr, Betty McKelvey, Bob McKnight, Lou Sanabor, Annabell Scott, Melba Seaman, Betty Sundin

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

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**The Sanctuary Flowers** are given with love from Mom, Dad, Ben and Jessi in honor and celebration of Erica Brandon’s 17<sup>th</sup> birthday!

**Our Weekly Financial Stewardship:** needed each week=\$4,083; received last week = 2,768\$; difference= -\$1,315.

**Today’s Young Children in Worship** story is “**A Feast**” led by Alexandra Newby and assisted by Corey and Jordan Williams.

**Birthday Wishes** to Scotty Schramm (2.7) and Carol Nakles (2.12).

**Happy Anniversary** to Barry and Michele Irwin (2.10).

**Fellowship time today** will be provided by the Board of Trustees. Fellowship for next Sunday will be provided by the 7-12 Grade Youth.

**Annual Meeting Date Change!** Due to the absence of our treasurer, Alyce Duffus, the Annual Meeting has been **rescheduled for NEXT SUN., February 14<sup>th</sup>** following worship! Please mark the change on your calendar and plan to be present. Thank you!  
-Session

Mt. Hope is hosting **The Snow Ball Father-Daughter Dinner Dance** on Sat. Mar. 6<sup>th</sup> from 630-10p. Fathers & daughters can dance the night away, feast on a gourmet meal, and indulge in the chocolate fountain buffet for dessert. Advance reservations are required for this semi-formal event. Tickets are \$25/couple or \$95/table of 8. For reservations, contact Rita in the church office, or see a committee rep. after worship in the narthex. –Thank you! Amy Williams

**It's not too late** to join us at ZUMBA to shake off the winter blues and those winter pounds! Bring your family, friends and neighbors to exercise, laugh and have fun on Mondays & Wednesdays at 7p. You do not need to commit long-term, you can pay on an “as you attend” basis. Feel free to come and see how much fun people are having at Zumba. Zumba Gold classes are no longer available.

**Sunday School!** Commit to bringing your children, youth, and yourself throughout this new year! Two classes are currently being offered: “Obeying God’s Calls” (Millie Bischel) and “Proverbs” (Bill Haley). Hope to see you all there. We have coffee, tea, and cookies!

**Don't forget your Per Capita!** Per Capita dollars help offset the cost to our Pittsburgh Presbytery, in doing its work and the work of our General Assembly. Each member of the Presbyterian Church (USA) is assessed an amount based on the number of churches within a specific geographic boundary. For 2010, your individual assessment is \$22.43, and can be placed in the envelope inside of your tithing envelopes marked Per Capita. Thank you!

**Continue to bring your non-perishable food items** to the church every 4<sup>th</sup> 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. Dates available – Feb 28 and March 14,21! Contact Elder Doris Kuhn\*\*

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**COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

**The Day Camp at Plum Creek!** Come experience “A Stronger You: Spiritually, Mentally, Physically, Emotionally” on the grounds of the Presbyterian Church of Plum Creek. The Camp is open to elementary-aged children who have completed grades 1-6, and runs for 4 weeks: June 28-July2; July 23. Registration fees: between Jan 1-Feb. 28=\$100child/wk; Mar. 1-Apr. 20=\$115child/wk; after May 1=\$125child/wk. Please visit our website ( [www.DayCampAtPlumCreek.org](http://www.DayCampAtPlumCreek.org)) for a registration form, or call 412-793-4525 for more information!

**What is going on in Penn Hills?** To find out, log on to [www.pennhills.org](http://www.pennhills.org).

**What is going on in our Presbytery?** Log on to [www.pghpresbytery.org](http://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!

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**THIS WEEK AT MT. HOPE**

Mon.	Feb. 8	7p	Zumba Dance Class	MP Room
Tue.	Feb. 9	530p	Tuesdays’s Together	All Over!
		7p	Health Ministry Meeting	Conference Rm
Wed.	Feb. 10	6a	Youth Prayer Breakfast	Eat-n-Park
		10a	The Morning Word Study	Pastor’s Home!
		7p	Trustee Meeting	Conference RM
		8p	Narcotics Anonymous	JK Hall
Thu.	Feb. 11	1130a	Christian Education Meeting	Conference Rm
Fri.	Feb. 12	11a	Y Seniors	JK Hall
Sat.	Feb. 13	2p	Gamblers Anonymous	JK Hall

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**LOOKING AHEAD IN 2 WEEKS...**

Sun.	Feb. 14	<i>after worship</i>	<b><u>Annual Meeting/40 Luncheon</u></b>	JK Hall
Mon.	Feb. 15	630p	Session Meeting	Conference Rm
		7p	Zumba Dance Class	MP Rm
Tue.	Feb. 16	730p	Tuesdays Together Final Gathering	JK Hall
Wed.	Feb. 17	6p	<b><u>Ash Wednesday Dinner and Service</u></b>	JK Hall &
	Feb. 18	1130a	World Day of Prayer Planning Meeting	MP Room
Fri.	Feb. 19	4p	Youth Pizza-With-the-Pastor	Pastor's Home!

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**LOOKING AHEAD IN THE YEAR...**

Mon.	Feb. 22	7p	Zumba Dance Class	MP Room
Tue.	Feb. 23	530p	Tuesdays' Together Banquet	JK Hall
Wed.	Feb. 24	6p	<b><u>Lenten Series Begins-Meal &amp; Study</u></b>	JK Hall
Tue.	Mar. 2	1130a	World Day of Prayer Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Fri.	Mar. 5	11a	<b><u>World Day of Prayer</u></b>	Sanctuary
Sat.	Mar. 6	630p	Snow Ball/Father-Daughter Dance!	JK Hall
Fri.	Mar 12-14		Annual Marriage Retreat	TBD
Wed.	Feb. 17	7p	<b><u>Ash Wednesday Service</u></b>	Sanctuary
Sun.	Mar. 28	11a	<b><u>Palm Sunday Service</u></b>	Sanctuary
Thu.	Apr. 1	7p	<b><u>Maundy Thursday Service</u></b>	Sanctuary
Fri.	Apr. 2	7p	<b><u>Good Friday Service</u></b>	Sanctuary
Sun.	Apr. 4	11a	<b><u>Resurrection Sunday</u></b>	Sanctuary
Fri-Sun.	Apr. 9-11		Women's Retreat	Crestfield Camp
Sun.	May 23		<b><u>Pentecost Sunday</u></b>	Sanctuary

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