

Mt. Hope Community Presbyterian Church

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

Sunday — February 28, 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 “Be Thou My Vision” Mrs. Arnel Montgomery

Bringing in the Light of Christ The Acolytes

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

(Please stand)

*** Call to Worship** (Psalm 86.8-13) Ms. Judith Wilson

L: *“There is none like You among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like Yours.*

P: *All the nations You have made shall come and bow down before You, O Lord, and shall glorify Your name.*

L: *For You are Great and do wondrous things; You alone are God.*

P: *Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth; give me an undivided heart to revere Your name.*

L: *[We] give thanks to You, O Lord [our] God, with [our] whole heart, and [we] will glorify Your name forever.*

All: *For great is Your steadfast love toward me; You have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.” That is why we worship and adore You!*

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***Invocation and The Lord’s Prayer** Ms. Wilson

We have gathered to worship You, O Lord, as the broken and joyful body of Christ. Let Your Holy Spirit move among us in ways that we have not felt before, and speak to us words of life, love and forgiveness. And then help us to speak those same words to others so that they too might come to know You and love You and serve You as we do! Through us, may Your world know that You alone are, **“Our Father...”**

(You may be seated)

TO CONFESS OUR SIN...

Call to Confession (1Kings 8.46-51)

Miss Erica Brandon

King Solomon lifted this request to the Lord on behalf of God's people: "*If they sin against You—for there is no one who does not sin—and You are angry with them and give them to an enemy...yet if they come to their senses...and repent, and plead with You...saying, 'We have sinned, and have done wrong' we have acted wickedly; if they repent with all their heart and soul in the land of their enemies...and pray to You toward the land...and the house that I have built for Your name; then hear in heaven Your dwelling place their prayer and their plea, maintain their cause and forgive Your people who have sinned against You, and all their transgressions that they have committed against You; and grant them compassion in the sight of their captors...for they are Your people and heritage.*" **In silence**, let us come to our senses, confess our sin, and repent so that God will forgive us and grant us His compassion...

Kyrie

"Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior"

Pass me not, O gentle Savior / hear my humble cry / while on others Thou art calling /
do not pass me by. / I'm calling Savior, Savior / hear my humble cry /
While on others Thou art calling / do not pass me by.

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 30.2-5

Pastor Carmen

TO TEACH OUR CHILDREN...

The Children's Chat

Miss Millie Bichsel

(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 (Malachi 3.10)

Miss Brandon

God says through the prophet, " 'Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in My house, and thus put Me to the test,' says the lord of hosts; 'see if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing.'" Because the Lord has passed "the test" for us so many times before, let us again prepare to bring our full tithe and offerings into His storehouse, and receive, again, the Lord's "overflowing blessing!"

Offertory

The Chancel Choir

Our worship services are recorded:

<http://www.mthopechurch.org/Welcome.html>. Click on *recordings*.

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, 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.***

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Sanctuary Flowers are given by Trustee Stan, Elder Doris and Ashley Kuhn in loving honor of their much loved mother and grandmother, Willavene Brennan in celebration of her 90th birthday.

Our Weekly Financial Stewardship: We collected \$13,730. We needed \$12,030. This is for the last 3 weeks. A **plus** of **\$1,700**.

Today's Young Children in Worship story is "Jesus and the Children" led by Myrna Hiller and assisted by Corey Williams and Terri Shealey.

Birthday Wishes to Judith Wilson (2.28), Roger McCauslin (3.1), Sam Columbus (3.10 and Tim Dawson (3.7).

Fellowship time today will be provided by The Session. Fellowship for next Sunday will be provided by the Board of Deacons.

If you feel called to assist in leading worship as a liturgist, you are invited to contact Elder Doris Kuhn**, chair of Worship & Music!

Reservations for the Lenten Dinners can be made by filling out the reservation card found in the pew or by calling the church office (412-793-0227). Dinner is served at 630p, followed by the study at 715p! **This week's menu:** pasta, salad, desert! All are welcome and encouraged to come out!

Mt. Hope is hosting "**The Snow Ball**" **Father-Daughter Dinner Dance** **THIS COMING SAT, Mar. 6th 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

Mt. Hope's Got Talent! On Tue., Mar. 9th at 530p, all are welcome to attend Mt. Hope's Got Talent presented by our Tuesday's Together children, as they perform a talent show in JK Hall. Dinner will be served at 530p followed by the show! Please RSVP to Elder Betty Ann Tis**.

Sunday School! The Rev. Dick Shorthouse will be offering 3 excellent Adult Sunday School classes on Mar. 14, 21, & 28! Please plan to attend, beginning at 9:45a. Millie Bichsel and Bill Haley will continue to teach through March 7th!

Annual Marriage Retreat: Fri. Mar. 12-Sun. Mar. 14th at the Sandscrest Resort. Cost per couple: \$320 which includes lovely lodging and 6 delicious meals. If you are interested in attending, please contact Elder Bill Tis**. Thank you!

Last year we celebrated Palm Sun. by tracing our handprints on felt material, signing our names and creating a banner from our Mt. Hope family of hands! We are asking our new members and those who were unable to participate last year, to see Elder Doris Kuhn after worship in the narthex to trace your handprint so that it can be added to the banner! Thank you!

Spring is coming so hold the date! It won't be long before the Mt. Hope Pirate Game, scheduled for Sat. June 5th at 7p! This date also happens to be Skyblast, which includes fireworks and a concert featuring Collective Soul after the game. We have 100 tickets at \$8/game, 1st come (with money)-1st served! I am also planning a tailgate party at PNC Park from approx. 5-7p. For those interested in the tailgate party, the cost will be \$5per person. I hope you all can attend. –Elder Chuck Schramm.

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. Dates available **March 14, 21!** Contact Elder Doris Kuhn**.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Our very own member, Jan Chisnell, is looking for someone to temporarily fill in for her secretary, Kelly, while she is on maternity leave. If interested, please contact Atty. Chisnell**. Thank you!

THIS WEEK AT MT. HOPE

Mon.	Mar. 1	7p	Zumba Dance Class	MP Room
Tue.	Mar. 2	1130a	World Day of Prayer Rehearsal	Sanctuary
		530p	Tuesday's Together	JK Hall
Wed.	Mar. 3	6a	Youth Prayer Breakfast	Eat-n-Park
		630p	<u>Lenten Meal & Study</u>	JK Hall
		7p	Zumba Dance Class	MP Room
		8p	Narcotics Anonymous	JK Hall
Thu.	Mar. 4	630p	Community/School Board Meeting	MP Room
		730p	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Fri.	Mar. 5	11a	<u>World Day of Prayer Service</u>	Sanctuary
Sat.	Mar. 6	2p	Gamblers Anonymous	JK Hall
		630p	Snow Ball/Father-Daughter Dance!	JK Hall

LOOKING AHEAD IN 2 WEEKS...

Tue.	Mar. 9	530p	Tue. Together's Mt. Hope's Got Talent	JK Hall
Wed.	Mar. 10	630p	<u>Lenten Meal & Study</u>	JK Hall
		630p	Trustees	Conference Room
Fri.	Mar 12-14		Annual Marriage Retreat	Sandscrest Resort
Mon.	Mar. 15	630p	Session Meeting	MP Room

LOOKING AHEAD IN THE YEAR...

Sun.	Mar. 28	11a	<u>Palm Sunday Service</u>	Sanctuary
Thu.	Apr. 1	7p	<u>Maundy Thursday Service</u>	Sanctuary
Fri.	Apr. 2	7p	<u>Good Friday Service</u>	Sanctuary
Sun.	Apr. 4	11a	<u>Resurrection Sunday</u>	Sanctuary
Fri-Sun.	Apr. 9-11		<u>Women's Retreat</u>	Crestfield Camp
Sun.	May 23		<u>Pentecost Sunday</u>	Sanctuary

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The world-renowned Wittenberg Choir, under the direction of Prof. of Music, Donald Busarow, will kick-off its 6-state tour (and Busarow's farewell tour as he retires as director after 28 seasons). The Choir will perform at Zion Lutheran Church-11609 Frankstown Rd., on Thu. Mar. 4th at 730p. A free-will offering will be received.

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

Thu. March 4th at 630p in the **MP Room**: Community meeting with representatives from the Penn Hills School Board.

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!

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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