

Mt. Hope Community Presbyterian Church

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

Communion Sunday — March 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!

Entrance of the Elders

Silent Preparation for Worship “O Perfect Love” Min. Jennifer Geibel

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

Moment-for-Ministry Christian Education Elder Betty Ann Tis

(Please stand)

*** Call to Worship** (Psalm 8.1,3-6a,9) Miss Terri Graham-Shealey

L: Please stand and join me in the Call to Worship!
“O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is Your name in all the earth! You have set Your glory above the heavens.

P: *When I look at Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars that You have established; what are human beings that You are mindful of them, mortals that You care for them?*

L: *Yet You have made [us] a little lower than God, and crowned [us] with glory and honor.*

P: *You have given [us] dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under [our] feet...*

All: *O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!” Amen!*

***Hymn of Praise “Jesus Saves”** Insert

***The Invocation and Lord’s Prayer** Miss Graham-Shealey

It is our privilege to gather to worship You, Lord! You have prepared us, and this sacred hour, to lift Your name, confess our sin and assure us of Your forgiveness. You have prepared a Supper for us as a reminder of Your steadfast and unconditional love...

As we bring You our offerings and listen to Your Word, continue to shape us in to the image of Jesus the Christ so that, when You return, You will recognize all of us as Your holy and set apart people, ready and willing to do Your will. This we ask in Your name because You are, **“Our Father...”**

(You may be seated)

TO CONFESS OUR SIN...

Call to Confession (Hosea 14.1-2)

Mrs. Linda McGinnis

God speaks through the prophet Hosea: *“Return...to the Lord your God, for you have stumbled because of your iniquity. Take words with you and return to the Lord; say to Him, ‘Take away all guilt; accept that which is good, and we will offer the fruit of our lips.’”* **In silence**, let us return to the Lord and beg Him to take away our guilt and our sin so that, with our lips, we can offer Him our praise...

Kyrie

“Jesus, Remember Me”

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Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 55.6-7

Pastor Carmen

TO TEACH OUR CHILDREN...

The Children’s Chat

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 (Numbers 18.25-26,29)

Mrs. McGinnis

“Then the Lord said to Moses... ‘When you receive...the tithe that I have given you...you shall set apart an offering from it to the Lord, a tithe of the tithe. It shall be reckoned to you as your gift. Out of all the gifts to you, you shall set apart every offering due to the Lord; the best of all of them is the part to be consecrated.’” In obedience, let us return to the Lord our financial best!

Offertory

“Follow Me to Jordan”

The Chancel Choir

(Please stand)

***Doxology**

“Thank You, Lord”

*Thank You, Lord (3x) / I just want to thank You, Lord!
You’ve been so good (3x) / I just want to thank You, Lord!*

***Prayer of Dedication**

Miss Graham-Shealey

(You may be seated)

TO CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION...

*The Welcome to the Table
The Words of the Institution
The Consecration of the Elements
Distribution of the Elements
The Closing Prayer*

TO HEAR THE WORD...

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

<i>Hymn of Preparation</i>	<i>“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”</i>	Page 383
<u><i>New Testament</i></u>	<u><i>Mark 5.24b-34</i></u>	Pastor Carmen
<i>The Sermon</i>	<i>“When His Power Goes Forth!”</i>	Pastor Carmen
<i>A Moment for Reflection</i>	<i>“No, Not One!”</i>	Min. Geibel
<i>Prayers of the People</i>		Pastor Carmen

AND TAKE THE WORD OUT WITH JOY!

(Please stand)

<i>*Hymn of Departure</i>	<i>“Glory, Glory, Hallelujah”</i>	Insert
<i>*The Blessing and Sending of the Officers</i>		Pastor Carmen
<i>(Officers come forward to receive their Communion Kits to serve our home-bound members)</i>		
<i>*Charge & Benediction</i>		Pastor Carmen
<i>(Please do not leave the sanctuary until the worship leaders and the elders have recessed!)</i>		
<i>*Postlude</i>	<i>“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”</i>	Min. Geibel

Our worship services are recorded:

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

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!

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 Alyce Duffus in loving memory of her mother and father Alex and Pauline Duffus and her brother Alex Duffus Jr.

Our Weekly Financial Stewardship: Needed each week: \$4,010. What we received last week: \$3,701.50. Difference: **-\$308.50.**

Today's Young Children in Worship story is "Jesus and Bartimaeus-A Feast" led by Alexandra Newby and assisted by Margaret Tassaró and Chris Dick.

Birthday Wishes to Tim Dawson (3.7) and John Dick (3.12).

Fellowship time today will be provided by the Board of Trustees. 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!

A huge and heartfelt thank you to all who helped make the Snow Ball a smashing success! Many hands helped to make this a memorable evening, and your efforts are sincerely appreciated! -Amy Williams

I would like to thank the anonymous donor of the beautiful cross given to the children of Mt. Hope, to be used in the room they go to during worship! If you did not see it at the congregational meeting, you can visit us and see the cross any Sunday! -Myrna Hiller

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:** Ham, Cheesy Potatoes, vegetable and desert! All are welcome and encouraged to come out!

Mt. Hope's Got Talent! THIS COMING 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 **beginning NEXT SUN., Mar. 14, 21, & 28!** Please plan to attend, beginning at 9:45a. Millie Bichsel and Bill Haley will continue to teach through March 7th!

NEXT WEEKEND: 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!

You Can Still Come! Our *Women's Retreat* is quickly approaching: Fri-Sun. Apr. 9-11 at Camp Crestfield Conference Center. We have space available for **10 more women** and, if filled, we will receive a \$2 overall discount in room and meal charges! Costs include 2 nights and 5 meals: \$89/triple occupancy; \$99-double; \$139-single. If you'd like to come, we'd love to have you! Please contact Carol Nakles**

Flowers for Resurrection Sunday! Order forms will be handed out in the narthex following worship. The deadline for ordering is March 19th. Thank you! –Elder Doris Kuhn

More than 60 years ago, American Christians joined together to respond to worldwide devastation caused by WW2. Once again, *the Mission Ministry* asks that you join with Presbyterians around the world to support **One Great Hour of Sharing**, of which your gifts support the ministry of Self-Development of People, Disaster Assistance, and Hunger Programs. Take a “sharing calendar” (1 per family) located in the narthex; choose “a unit” of giving with those less fortunate. The offering will be received on Resurrection Sunday! Thank you! –Elder Debbie Dillman, chair, Mission Ministry.

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! **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.

The Flower Chart Notebook for 2010 is in the Narthex. 1 arrangement - \$15.00; 2 - \$30.00. Dates available: March & 21! Elder Doris Kuhn.**

THIS WEEK AT MT. HOPE

Mon.	Mar. 8	7p	Zumba Dance Class	MP Room
		8p	Christian Education Ministry	Conference Room
Tue.	Mar. 9	530p	Tuesday’s Together Talent Show	JK Hall
Wed.	Mar. 10	6a	Youth Prayer Breakfast	Eat-n-Park
		630p	<u>Lenten Meal & Study</u>	JK Hall
		630p	Trustees Meeting	Conference Room
		7p	Zumba Dance Class	MP Room
		8p	Narcotics Anonymous	JK Hall
Thu.	Mar. 11	730p	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Fri.	Mar. 12-Sun. Mar. 14		Annual Marriage Retreat	Sandscrest Resort
Sat.	Mar. 13	2p	Gamblers Anonymous	JK Hall

LOOKING AHEAD IN 2 WEEKS...

Mon.	Mar. 15	630p	Session Meeting	MP Room
Tue.	Mar. 16	530p	Tuesday’s Together Banquet & Awards	JK Hall
Wed.	Mar. 17	630p	<u>Lenten Meal Study</u>	JK Hall
Thu.	Mar. 18	730p	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Wed.	Mar. 24	8p	Women’s Retreat Planning Meeting	JK Hall

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		Women’s Retreat	Crestfield Camp
Sun.	May 23		<u>Pentecost Sunday</u>	Sanctuary

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!

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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