

# Word of Hope

**MOUNT HOPE**  
United Methodist Church



## Pastor McGill Writes. . .

### *Praising the Lamb of God*

To me, Easter and especially Resurrection morning is a time of praise and celebration to the Lamb of God. Even now thoughts of thanksgiving and praise well up in my heart to the Savior Jesus Christ. Halleluiah! Praise the Lord!! Glory!

You get this same sense of praise and thanksgiving when you read in Revelation, Chapter 5 about John's revelation of heaven's throne room. It is a striking picture of true praise. The place explodes with worship and adoration for Jesus. Those present—the elders and “myriads of myriads” of angels (v.11) — are motivated to sing their love to Christ because they know Who He is. He is the Lamb of God, Who takes away the sin of the world (v.6; John 1:29). And He is the Lion of Judah (Rev. 5:5), the only One worthy to judge the earth and bring forth its renewal. Jesus is wonderful, and these men and created beings cannot resist saying so.

What motivates you to worship? Shouldn't the

reason for lifting hands and voices be to praise our Savior for Who He is? To do that, one must be in love with Jesus. To be in love with Jesus, we must take the time to know Him on an intimate personal level. Opening the Scriptures only on Sunday and praying sporadically are not enough. It requires us to commit ourselves to discovering Him through regular study of the Scriptures, prayer less focused on self, and service to His kingdom.

This is why I look forward to worship on Sunday, and especially on Resurrection Sunday. The body of Christ comes together and as they in unity begin to praise Jesus you can feel His Presence in worship.

Once you as a believer get a glimpse of the side of Christ's character that is bigger and more amazing than you realized before, you yearn to know more. This is when you hunger and thirst for God in your life because you have reached that place where you realize that only the Lord can satisfy (Matt. 5:8).

This is what I call being in love with Jesus. How does that Gaither hymn put it? “There's just something about that Name.” It is in worship when the body is together in unity that the Christian's heart is filled.

If you are reading this, plan now to be in worship on Easter Sunday, April 24th. On the other hand, why not begin now! If you have been away for awhile, plan now to join once again with the church family in praising Jesus—the Lamb of God, Who took away your sins, delivered you out of the kingdom of darkness and transferred you into the Kingdom of God. He made you an heir of God and a joint heir with Jesus. He has already given you citizenship in heaven where all of the benefits, possessions, privileges and protections of heaven are yours and mine now!

Now *that's* something to praise Jesus about!

Pastor McGill  
Happy Easter

April 2011

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#### Special points of interest:

- ◆ **3rd: 4th Sunday of Lent, Communion**
- ◆ **10th: 5th Sunday of Lent, Baptism, Confirmation**
- ◆ **17th: Palm Sunday, Cantata at 8:00 & 11:00 a.m.**
- ◆ **21st: Holy Thursday, worship at 12:30 & 7 PM**
- ◆ **22nd: Good Friday worship Noon to 3 pm**
- ◆ **23rd: Easter Egg Hunt, Angel Food pickup**
- ◆ **24th: Easter, worship at 6:30, 8:15, 9:30 & 11:00**
- ◆ **Pick up Easter lilies**  
Office closed



**BIRTHS**

**Gannon Michael Keiser**, born February 17th, 2011, son of Michael and Sarah Keiser  
**Liam Patrick McCarthy**, born February 18, 2011, son of Patrick and Nicole McCarthy  
**Bailey Elizabeth Snyder**, born March 14th, daughter of Chris and Jeanine McAbee Snyder



**Anita DePrinzio**, April 9  
**Elwood Templin**, April 13th  
**Thelma Fox**, April 23rd  
**Dorothy Kieffer**, April 24th  
**Edwin Salmons**, April 24th

**Mount Hope Church Staff**

Rev. Dr. Thomas C. McGill, Senior Pastor  
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 Eileen McIntyre, Handbell Director  
 Larry Bakey, Cemetery Director  
 Lin Heintz, Secretary  
 Joan Bear, Asst. Secretary  
 Leo Volmer, Building Superintendent  
 Larry Miles, Asst. Bldg. Superintendent  
 Bud Bostwick, Security Guard

**Lent and Easter Worship**

**April 3rd—Fourth Sunday in Lent, Youth Sunday Communion in the pew**

The Mount Hope youth will surprise you with their participation in this service of Holy Communion, served by intinction. Praise The Lord!

**April 10th—Fourth Sunday of Lent**

The confirmation class will be received into membership at 11:00 a.m. 8:15 and 9:30 worship: come and share in the testimonies of faith from our confirmands. Plan to be in attendance to welcome them into

the Kingdom of God and the Church Family.

**April 17th—Fifth Sunday of Lent, Palm Sunday**

Cantata at 8:00 and 11:00: "The Lenten Sketches" by Joseph M. Martin, focuses on some of the important scenes in the last days of Christ's earthly life, and with words and music, builds a frame to cradle God's Masterpiece of grace.

At 9:30: contemporary worship and music, "There Is Hope."

**April 24th—Easter Sunday**  
 6:30 a.m. Easter Sunrise on

The Hill in the cemetery at the white cross, weather permitting; in the Sanctuary if inclement. For those early-morning worshippers, breakfast in Habbersett Hall follows the service. 8:15 and 11:00 a.m. Traditional worship and 9:30 contemporary service.

Dr. McGill's message is, "Peter and John Run to the Tomb", John 20: 1-9. Come and PRAISE THE LORD in the beautifully decorated Sanctuary, highlighted by the huge Easter lily cross, as we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus!

**Your Lent and Easter Contributions**

The Lenten offering will benefit the Transportation ministry of Mount Hope Church.

Your Easter offering will be

distributed as follows:  
 35% Mount Hope Youth Mission Team  
 35% EPC Youth Mission Team

10% Center for Pastoral Counseling  
 10% Good News  
 10% General Fund

**The Bible Talks About Life**

**Low Self-Esteem**

So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

Genesis 1:27

"The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."

Mark 12:31

For by grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you. Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.

Romans 12: 3-5

**Pain**

"Abba, Father," He said, "everything is possible for You. Take this cup from Me. Yet not what I will, but what You will."

Mark 14: 36

**Persecution**

"Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Matthew 5:10-12  
 "But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven He causes his sun

to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous." Matthew 5:44,45

**Sickness**

Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up. If he has sinned, he will be forgiven. James 5:14, 15  
 The Lord will sustain him on his sickbed and restore him from his bed of illness.

Psalm 41:3

"Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, drive out demons. Freely you have received, freely give."

Matthew 10:8



### Missions

The Mission Committee of Mount Hope UMC serves and assists the people of Mount Hope in obeying the Great Commandment and the Great Commission by seeking to share the love of Christ with peoples and all

culture by being prayerful, being partners, and being purpose driven. We will strive to educate our congregation by informing them of mission opportunities as well as current mission activity within our congregation. We

will encourage individuals in their participation of mission activities they wish to be involved in. We will endeavor to facilitate individual involvement with potential funding when available.

### Women's Softball

#### Mount Hope Women's Softball 2011!

It's that time of year again! The Women's Softball Team

will start the season in early April. We are looking for new players!! If you are interested in playing this year, please contact Lauren Hoot

at (484) 557-1697 or Robin Powell at (610) 209-3452 or email [hoot-lauren@yahoo.com](mailto:hoot-lauren@yahoo.com).

### Vacation Bible School

Scheduled for June 20 – June 24, 2011. We need an individual or a team of people to

coordinate this year's event. Contact Carolyn at 610-494-1267 or [aston-barb@comcast.net](mailto:aston-barb@comcast.net)

to volunteer or get additional information.

### Boy Scout Thank You

On behalf of Boy Scout Troop 292, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the anonymous gift to our Troop. We are very appreciative of the value of the contribution, but more important, the support it represents means even more! Thank you for your thoughtfulness and generosity. We will be visiting Hawk Mountain the end of March and will be joining the other Troops in the area at Newlin Grist Mill for our 2011 Cam-

perree at the end of April, so funds for new gear are always important. We have just added four new Scouts, advancing from our Cub Scout Pack and we look forward to seeing them grow into admirable young men. Scouting is a wonderful program which truly teaches the boys the twelve points of the Scout Law, "A Scout is Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave,

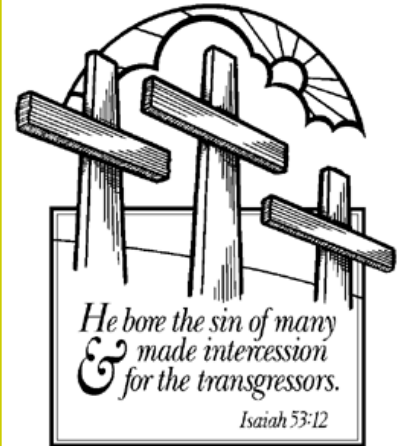
Clean, and Reverent. Every time I hear these words, I wish everyone was taught the importance of living by this model. We always welcome visitors and prospective Scouts. If anyone is interested, stop by and see us on Monday nights in Fellowship Hall. For younger boys, Cub Scouts also meet here during the week. Thank you, Kris Leary Troop 292 Committee Chair

### A Christian's Easter

Rejoice, my soul, for Christ has risen!  
Wipe earth's dimness from my eyes!  
Bathe my spirit in His Glory  
Let my shouts of praise arise!  
  
On that throne in heaven seated,

Pains of death forever past,  
Bands of earth could never hold Him,  
Victory has come at last!  
  
See, O world, my Savior rise,  
Oh the mystery of His grace,  
Through the ages He has loved me,

Now prepares for me a place.  
  
O, my soul, bow down to worship, Not "Nature's new life every spring,"  
But the Christ of resurrection  
And the Blessed Hope He brings!  
  
~ Madelyn Arbon



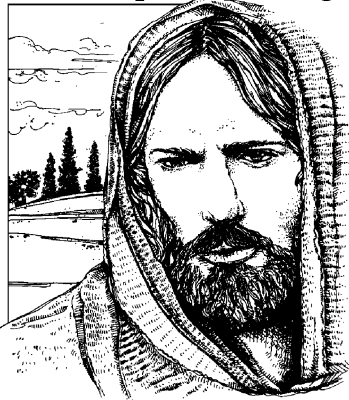

  
 Don't forget to order your Angel Food. Log onto their web site or stop by the church for April's menu and to order your meals.
   
 See the calendar on page 5 for the order dates.
   
 Call 610.459.2521 if you would like more information.



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He's Coming Back

I am the Alpha & the Omega,



the beginning & the end.  
Revelation 21:6

You are in your car driving home. Thoughts wander to the game you want to see or meal you want to eat, when suddenly a sound unlike any you've ever heard fills the air. The sound is high above you. A trumpet? A choir? A choir of trumpets? You don't know, but you want to know. So you pull over, get out of your car, and look up. As you do, you see you aren't the only curious one.

The roadside has become a parking lot. Car doors are open, and people are staring at the sky. Shoppers are racing out of the grocery store. The Little League baseball game across the street has come to a halt. Players and parents are searching the clouds. And what they see, and what you see, has never before been seen.

As if the sky were a curtain, the drapes of the atmosphere part. A brilliant light spills onto the earth. There are no shadows. None.

From every hue ever seen and a million more never seen. Riding on the flow is an endless fleet of angels. They pass through the curtains one myriad at a time, until they occupy every square inch of the sky.

North. South. East. West.

Thousands of silvery wings rise and fall in unison, and over the sound of the trumpets, you can hear the cherubim and seraphim chanting, Holy, holy, holy. The final flank of angels is followed by twenty-four silver-bearded elders and a multitude of souls who join the angels in worship.

Presently the movement stops and the trumpets are silent, leaving only the triumphant triplet: Holy, holy, holy. Between each word is a pause. With each word, a profound reverence. You hear your voice join in the chorus. You don't know why you say the words, but you know you

must.

Suddenly, the heavens are quiet. All is quiet. The angels turn, you turn, the entire world turns and there He is. Jesus.

Through waves of light you see the silhouetted figure of Christ the King. He is atop a great stallion, and the stallion is atop a billowing cloud. He opens his mouth, and you are surrounded by his declaration:

I am the Alpha and the Omega.

The angels bow their heads. The elders remove their crowns. And before you is a Figure so consuming that you know, instantly you know: Nothing else matters. Forget stock markets and school reports. Sales meetings and football games. Nothing is newsworthy... All that mattered, matters no more.... *for Christ has come!!!*

Max Lucado



Children's Center News

Our April Bible Verse:  
"For God so loved the world  
He gave His only begotten  
Son"  
John 3:16

All of us are ready to get outside, it has been a long winter and we've been inside for too long! We look forward to celebrating Easter and welcoming spring. Our Fruit of the Spirit this month is *goodness*. Please join us for chapel on April 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> at 9:25 AM.

This month we have a visit by the reading specialists from Penn Delco to meet the children and prepare them for the testing required before entering kindergarten. We are continuing to learn about Community Helpers, our parents and friends are still coming in to explain what their jobs entail. We will also be having *Breakfast with Buddies* and *Donuts for Dudes* when the fathers, grandfathers, etc. come in for a celebration with the children

since we miss Father's Day.

There are still a few openings in our September 2011 school year, and we are taking registrations for our seven-week summer program again this July and August. Call or stop up for more information, 610-558-0442.

*Kris Leary*  
Director





## Easter Egg Hunt

Mount Hope's annual Easter Egg hunt will be held the day before Easter, that's

Saturday, April 23, 2011. It starts at 10 a.m. There will be an egg hunt, crafts and

snacks.

Come to Habbersett hall and bring a friend!!

## Father's Love Letter by Barry Adams

My Child,  
You may not know Me, but I know everything about you. (Psalm 139:1). I know when you sit down and when you rise up (Psalm 139:2). I am familiar with your ways (Psalm 139:3). Even the very hairs on your head are numbered (Matt 10:29-31) for you were made in My image (Genesis 1:27).

In Me you live and move and have your being (Acts 17:28) for you are My offspring (Acts 17:28). I knew you even before you were conceived (Jeremiah 1:4-5).

I chose you even before I planned creation (Ephesians 1:11-12). You were not a mistake; all your days are written in My book (Psalm 139:15-16). I determined the exact time of your birth and where you would live (Acts 17:26)

You were fearfully and wonderfully made (Psalm 139:14). I knit you together in you mother's womb (Psalm 139:13) and brought you forth on the day you were born (Psalm 71:6).

I have been misrepresented by those who don't know Me (John 8:41-44). I am not distant and angry, but I am the complete expression of love (1 John 4:16) and it is My desire to lavish My love on you (1 John 3:1).

I offer you more than your earthly father ever could (Matthew 7:11), for I

am the perfect father (Matthew 5:48).

Every good gift that you receive comes from My hand (James 1:17) for I am your provider, and I meet all your needs (Matthew 6:31-33). My plan for your future has always been filled with hope (Jeremiah 29:11)

Because I love you with an everlasting love (Jeremiah 31:3), My thoughts toward you are as countless as the sand on the seashore (Psalm 139:17-18) and I rejoice over you with singing (Zephaniah 3:17)

I will never stop doing good to you (Jeremiah 32:40) for you are My treasured possession (Exodus 19:5).

I desire to establish you with all My heart and all My soul (Jeremiah 32:41). I want to show you great and marvelous things (Jeremiah 33:3)

If you seek Me with all your heart, you will find Me (Deuteronomy 4:29)

Delight in Me, and I will give you the desires of your heart (Psalm 37:4) for it is I who gave you those desires (Philippians 2:13). I am able to do more for you than you could possibly imagine (Ephesians 3:20) for I am your greatest encourager (2 Thessalonians 2:16-17).

I am also the Father Who comforts you in all your troubles (2 Corinthians 1:3-4). When you are brokenhearted, I am close to you (Psalm 34:18).

As a shepherd carries a lamb, I have carried you close to My heart (Isaiah 40:11). One day, I will wipe away every tear from your eyes (Revelation 21:3-4), and I'll take away all the pain you have suffered on this earth (Revelation 21:3-4).

I am your Father, and I love you even as I love My Son, Jesus (John 17:26). He is the exact representation of My Being (Hebrews 1:3). He came to demonstrate that I am for you, not against you (Romans 8:31) and to tell you that I am not counting your sins (2 Corinthians 5:18-19).

Jesus died so that you could be reconciled to Me (2 Corinthians 5:18-19). His death was the ultimate expression of My love for you (1 John 4:10). I gave up everything I loved so that I might gain your love (Romans 8:31-32).

If you receive the gift of My son, Jesus, you receive Me (1 John 2:23), and nothing will ever separate you from My love again (Romans 8:38-39).

Come home, and I'll throw the biggest party heaven has ever seen (Luke 15:7).

I have always been your Father and will always be your Father (Ephesians 3:14-15). My question is, will you be My child (John 1:1-13)? I am waiting for you ... (Luke 15:11-32).

***To beg God to heal someone is to assume that we have more mercy than He does.***

~ Randy Clark

***Prayer is not to persuade God of human need. He was persuaded; that's what brought Jesus to earth. What we do in persistent prayer is learn to be changed ...it shapes our heart, it shapes our value of the King and His Kingdom.***

~ Bill Johnson



# HOT CROSS BUNS

Make this traditional Easter recipe to remember how Christ gave his life for you.

### What you need:

- 1 can (12 oz.) evaporated milk
- 1 stick (½ cup) butter, melted
- ½ cup sugar
- Pinch of salt
- 1½ Tablespoons yeast
- 1 egg, beaten
- ½ teaspoon cinnamon
- ½ teaspoon nutmeg
- 5 cups flour
- Icing
- An adult to help

### What you do:


1. In large bowl, combine the first eight ingredients.
2. Stir in flour, one cup at a time, to form soft dough. Knead on a floured surface until smooth and elastic (about five minutes).
3. Place in a greased bowl, turning once to grease top. Cover and let rise until doubled (about one hour).
4. Knead out air bubbles. Form six two-inch balls.
5. Place two inches apart on a greased cookie sheet. Cover and let rise until doubled (about 30 minutes).
6. Bake at 375 degrees until golden (13 to 15 minutes). Cool on wire racks.
7. Add icing in a cross shape. Enjoy!




## FIX YOUR EYES ON JESUS

Remembering Jesus' life, death and resurrection helps us live with gratitude every day.


Use the picture and number code to fill in the blanks for Hebrews 12:2-3, NIV.



1. Jesus	5. cross
2. weary	6. endured
3. endured	7. scorning
4. opposition	8. shame



1. Jesus	5. perfecter
2. lose	6. him
3. pioneer	7. faith
4. sinners	8. hand












1. eyes	5. right
2. us	6. grow
3. joy	7. God
4. heart	8. throne

“... fixing our \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ and  
 \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_. For the \_\_\_\_\_ set before \_\_\_\_\_  
 he \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ its \_\_\_\_\_, and  
 sat down at the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.  
 Consider \_\_\_\_\_ who \_\_\_\_\_ such \_\_\_\_\_  
 from \_\_\_\_\_, so that you will not \_\_\_\_\_  
 and \_\_\_\_\_.” HEBREWS 12:2-3, NIV

Answer: “...fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.” Hebrews 12:2-3, NIV



This Update Printed: Friday, March 25, 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p><b>Every Sunday:</b> Worship at 8:15, 9:30 &amp; 11:00 a.m. Sunday School at 9:30</p> <p><b>Community Events:</b> Sundays— 5:30 p.m. Cub Den 5 (104) 6:00 p.m. Cub Den 4 (103) Monday—7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Trp 292 (FH) Tuesdays – 8:00 pm AA (FH) Thursdays – 6:00 pm AA (FH) 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday – 6:30 pm Pack 77 meetings (FH)</p>					<p><b>1</b></p> <p>April Fools Day 9:00 AM Library Open</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>10:00 AM Confirmation Class (L) 10:30 AM Youth Sunday Reh (S)</p>
<b>Emmaus Walk (Men)</b>						
<p><b>3</b></p> <p>Fourth Sunday in Lent  Youth Sunday Blood Pressure Screening (HH) <b>One Great Hour of Sharing</b> 9:15 AM - 10:45 am. Library open 9:30 AM Angel Food (HH) 10:30 AM Angel Food (HH) 11:00 AM HSTS Choir (103) 6:00 PM YF PULSE (HH, 6)</p> <p><b>Emmaus Walk (Men)</b></p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>7:15 PM Ark BS (Owsley) 7:30 PM Selah Bible Study (Brownhill)</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>9:00 AM Library Open 7:00 PM Kelli Girls BS (6) 7:00 PM Baptism Sem (L)</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>9:30 AM Library Open 9:30 AM Staff Mtg (L) 1:00 PM Angel Food order (HH) 1:30 PM Education (L) 5:30 PM Angel Food orders (HH) 6:30 PM 930 Reh (S) 7:00 PM Trustees (L) 7:00 PM Bells of Hope (101) 8:00 PM 20's Bible Study (6)</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>9:00 AM Library Open 1:00 PM Ladies Bible Study (L) 6:30 PM Emmaus mtg (L) 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir (216)</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>9:00 AM Library Open 9:00 PM WOH Dads (Ofc) 7:00 PM Confirmation Rehearsal (S)</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>9:30 AM Cantata Reh (S)</p>
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<p><b>17</b></p> <p>Cantata  9:15 AM - 10:45 am. Library open 9:30 AM Choir Breakfast (HH) 11:00 AM HSTS Choir (103) 6:00 PM YF PULSE (HH, 6)</p> <p><b>Palm Sunday</b> </p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>7:15 PM Ark BS (Owsley) 7:30 PM Selah Bible Study (Brownhill)</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>9:00 AM Library Open 7:00 PM Friends Bible Study (104) 7:00 PM Kelli Girls BS (6) 7:00 PM SPR (L)</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>8:30 AM WOH Mailing (HH) 9:00 AM Library Open 9:30 AM Staff Mtg (L) 6:30 PM 930 Reh (S) 7:00 PM Bells of Hope (101) 8:00 PM 20's Bible Study (6)</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p><b>Holy Thursday</b>  9:00 AM Library Open 12:30 PM Communion Service (HH) 7:00 PM Holy Thursday Communion Service (S)</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p><b>Good Friday</b> 9:00 AM Library Open 12:00 PM - 5PM Office closed 12:00 PM Worship (S)</p> 	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>9:00 AM Angel Food Breakfast (HH) 10:00 AM Easter Egg Hunt (HH)</p> 
<p>MHCC Closed</p> <p><b>Holy Week</b></p>						
<p><b>24</b></p> <p><b>Easter</b> 6:30 AM Serv of Res (Hill) 7:15 AM Sunrise Brkfst (HH) 8:15, 9:30 &amp; 11:00 AM Worship</p> 	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>Office Closed 7:00 PM Men's Fellowship (L) 8:00 PM Fuzzie Slippers Girls Bbl Sdy (6)</p> <p><b>MHCC Closed</b></p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>9:00 AM Library Open 7:00 PM Worship Com (L)</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>9:00 AM Library Open 9:30 AM Staff Mtg (L) 6:30 PM Muddy Boots Bbl Sdy (2, 6) 6:30 PM 930 Reh (S) 7:00 PM Finance (L) 7:00 PM Bells of Hope (101) 8:00 PM 20's Bible Study (6)</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>9:00 AM Library Open 1:00 PM Ladies Bible Study (L) 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir (216)</p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p>9:00 AM Library Open</p> <p>9:00 AM EPac Youth Missions Training (Kit, L, ...)</p> <p><b>Emmaus Walk (Women)</b></p>	<p><b>30</b></p>



*Annual Spring Cantata*

“The Lenten Sketches”

by Joseph M. Martin

*presented by the Mount Hope Sanctuary Choir and Chamber Orchestra  
Under the direction of Sharon Kope*

Palm Sunday, April 17, 2011 8 and 11 a.m. services

Inspired by the life and message of Jesus Christ, artists in every medium have endeavored to capture the magnificence of His ministry among us. So vast is this great mystery that no canvas can capture it and no song can fully express its beauty and emotion.

Inspired by classic works of sacred art, this Holy Week cantata focuses on some of the important scenes in the last days of Christ's life and, with words and music, builds a frame to cradle God's Masterpiece of Grace.

This worship moment will be an unforgettable experience, for “The Lenten Sketches” is an impressionistic portrait of the final days of Christ.



## What does it man to follow Jesus?

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*As Jesus was walking beside the sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers; Simon, called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fisherman. "Come, follow me" said Jesus, "And I will make you fishers of men." At once they left their nets and followed Him. Matthew 4:18-20*

This is the verse in the Bible where Jesus called his first two disciples. He offered them an invitation to follow him and they did just that. The really cool thing about this scene is that Peter and Andrew weren't out looking for some big religious experience. They weren't looking to meet with the Son of God. They were going about their every day business and *Jesus found them*.

What they did next was the most incredible thing! They dropped what they were doing and they followed him! You see, Peter and Andrew knew that they had to make a choice between what they were doing and what Jesus wanted them to do. When they decided to follow him as he asked, the two brothers had to set a few priorities...make a few changes...give a few things up. And when they did—amazing things happened. These two men had the opportunity to walk alongside the Savior of the World! They impacted the world in ways that I bet they never imagined!

When we go on retreats and mission trips, it's true that we meet our Lord in amazing ways! He calls us to these types of experiences so that we can learn more about him. But it is in your everyday life that *Jesus finds you* and invites you to follow him.

The choice is yours...Will you follow him or will you continue to go about your everyday business? Here's the thing...if you follow him, you have to set a few priorities. You have to make a few choices, and sometimes you have to give a few things up. *Following Jesus means putting him first*. He deserves nothing less; but when you choose him above all else...you get to walk alongside the Savior of the World! And with him beside you...I'll bet you, too will impact the world in ways you may never have imagined!

Now ask yourself...What things in my life am I giving priority over Jesus?

I encourage you to pray that He will help you rearrange these things and put him first. Meet me at YF on Sunday nights to learn more about being his disci-

It's Time to Plan for Summer!!!

Your youth leaders want your feedback!

Each year we do three trips during the summer, and we would like to have YOU tell us which ones you'd like to do:

HersheyPark

Camden Aquarium

Philadelphia Zoo

Delaware River Tubing

Camel Beach Waterpark

Ocean City, New Jersey

Here's the deal...each student gets one opportunity to vote for the three trips you would like to take. We will tally them up and the top three will be our summer trips for this year. Text your name and top three choices to Cindy at 610-659-3697. Stay tuned to May's newsletter for the results. Hopefully this will be the best summer ever!!

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## Mission Team Update:

It's not too late to sign up!! If you're entering 9th grade through 12th grade you are eligible to attend the mission trip to Mississippi July 29-August 7.

We will be working with Next Step Ministries to do housing repair for victims of Hurricane Katrina who are not yet back in their homes.

You can check them out on the web at [www.nextstepministries.com](http://www.nextstepministries.com)



The cost is \$600 per person and can be offset through fund raising. We will be having lots of opportunity for fund raising between now and July.

A \$50 deposit is due right away. Please contact Cindy Babiak 610-659-3697 or [cbabiak@comcast.net](mailto:cbabiak@comcast.net) if you would like further information.