

Vision of Hope Metropolitan Community Church  
December 19, 2010  
Order of Worship

## Pre-Worship Praise

Welcome

Prayers

\*High Energy Praise

Practicing Generosity

Children's Focus

Advent Moment

Reflective Praise

# Kwanza Service

Going Forth

*With Holy Communion and/or Prayer*

As you face the front of the sanctuary, we offer communion on the right and healing prayer on the left. Please allow the ushers to direct you. The line forms on the window side for each and you may exit down the center aisle. Communion is served with non-alcoholic grape juice and a short personal prayer. The station to the far right as you face the altar is for communion only with no personal prayer. Healing prayers are offered for body, mind, emotions and spirit on the left side. Please come and receive either or both or feel free to stay in the sanctuary. We ask you to remain quiet in respect for others. When you are ready, we invite you downstairs for a time of hospitality. May God bless your week.

# VOHMCC...WELCOMES YOU

## A Special Word for Our Guests

If this is your first time joining us, please feel free to ask questions of our staff, greeters, and welcome team. We want your worship experience to be comfortable and meaningful so that is why we have implemented a Welcome Team in order that we may greet you and get you connected with others in the congregation. Our Welcome team will offer you a Guest Packet which will provide you with important information about our Vision & Mission. Please fill out a Guest Card if you are comfortable doing so. These cards help us to keep in touch with you about future events and connect you to the body of Christ at VOHMCC. The cards are for our information only. As a first time guest, we do not expect you to contribute to today's offering – just relax and enjoy your time with us. We're glad you are here! Please join us downstairs for a time of fellowship after the service.

### Mailing Address

Vision of Hope MCC  
130 East Main Street  
Mountville, PA 17554

Or Call Us At:  
717) 285-9070

### E-Mail Addresses:

**Church:** [info@visionofhopemcc.org](mailto:info@visionofhopemcc.org)  
**Office Staff:** [vohoffice@visionofhopemcc.org](mailto:vohoffice@visionofhopemcc.org)

**Web Site Address:**  
[www.visionofhopemcc.org](http://www.visionofhopemcc.org)

## Your Vision Notes

### E- Mail Newsletter

Would you like to receive our e-mail newsletter and the latest news? If so, send your e-mail address to [YourVisionNotes@visionofhopemcc.org](mailto:YourVisionNotes@visionofhopemcc.org)

**Staff Information:** if you need to reach us, please...

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David Smith/717-881-3042 / [RevRDavidSmith@aol.com](mailto:RevRDavidSmith@aol.com)  
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## Important Information About Vision of Hope MCC

# Christmas Giving

"Whatever you think the world is withholding from you, you are withholding from the world." "Whatever you think people are withholding from you--praise, appreciation, assistance, loving care, and so on--give it to them." "You cannot receive what you don't give. Outflow determines inflow." Eckhart Tolle

I have found that among its other benefits, giving liberates the soul of the giver. Maya Angelou

"It is possible to give without loving, but it is impossible to love without giving." John Wesley (1703 – 1791)

As followers of Christ, giving is a way of life. And Christmas is especially a time of giving. As we prepare for the season of Christmas, please pray about how you might give to God through Vision of Hope.

Our General Fund holds our weekly giving. We have had a tough year, so you might choose to give extra to our general fund.

Our Benevolence Fund is the fund from which we help people in need. This fund allows us to reach out to the community and lend a helping hand.

As you can imagine, it takes a lot to run the church and we always need items you can purchase at the store such as paper products - toilet paper, paper towels, plates, cups, bowls, napkins. We need cleaning

supplies for kitchen, bathroom and the sanctuary. We need white office paper, color paper, pens, pencils and markers. Maybe as you are out shopping, you might pick up an item or two to help out in this way.

Finally, if you have been extra blessed this year and would like to contribute to a special gift, might we make a suggestion. We are hoping to purchase two projectors; one for Reading and one for York to be used for worship. We believe this would raise the quality of worship. If you would like to make a special gift for this equipment, please just mark your check or envelope with the word projector.

We appreciate all you do for Vision of Hope MCC and may you be blessed by your continued giving.

*Peace .... Pastor Deb*

*If you are interested in giving to any of these funds, just mark your check or envelope with name of the fund to which you want to contribute.*



### What do you do when the weather is bad and something is happening at church?

**Vision of Hope MCC will announce delays and cancellations in the following ways:**

You can always call the church (717-285-9070) to check for special announcements regarding inclement weather. If you do not have internet access, then be sure that you call the church and listen for any special messages.

For those who have email, you will receive an email regarding delays or cancellations due to inclement weather. Please make sure the office has your current e-mail address – this is very important so that you can be sure to receive timely notices.

You can check WGAL.COM for Sunday Services only on their Closings & Delays section. Please note, this year their services have changed and **you can only check online for our cancellations** – WGAL will no longer list our Sunday Services on the TV.

In addition, we will list our delays and cancellations for Sunday Services on Facebook. Are you a “Friend” on Facebook? Please make sure you have connected with us there.

Every event listed in the bulletin or emails will have contact information for the individual responsible for that activity; so if you are not sure, please contact the individual listed for information and cancellations.

**IMPORTANT: Please use your own judgment when deciding about driving in winter weather. If you don't feel it is safe to**

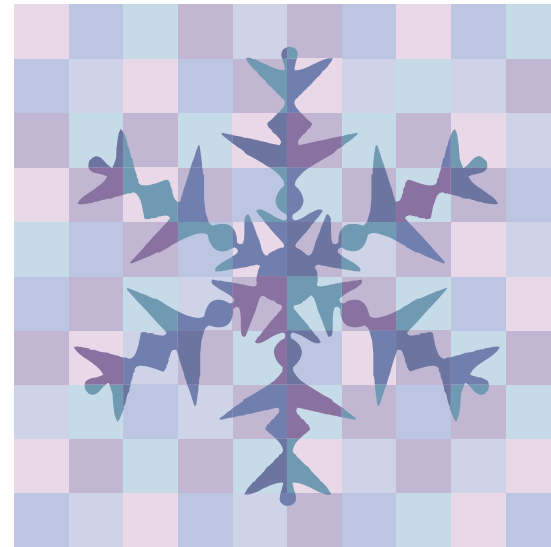
**travel - DON'T GO.** We'll miss you, but we'd rather know you are safe at home, than worry about you driving.

**Please remember - if services are canceled due to inclement weather, the church still needs your support. Your tithe may be mailed to Treasurer c/o Vision of Hope, 130 E. Main Street, Mountville, PA 17554.**

#### READING AND YORK CANCELLATIONS:

**Pastor Jen will make decisions regarding cancellations for Reading events. You may reach her at [jenglass@visionofhopemcc.org](mailto:jenglass@visionofhopemcc.org)**

**Pastor David will make decisions regarding cancellations for York events. You may reach him at [RevRDavidSmith@aol.com](mailto:RevRDavidSmith@aol.com)**





# T-Shirt Sale

## T- Shirt Fund Raiser

**COST: \$18.00 S, M, L, XL, & XXL**  
**\$20.00 2XL, 3XL, 4XL AND 5XL**

**SHIRTS ARE ON DISPLAY IN UPPER SOCIAL HALL !  
PLEASE TALK WITH PERSON AT DISPLAY.**

**ORDER & PAY TODAY AND RECEIVE IN 2 WEEKS.**

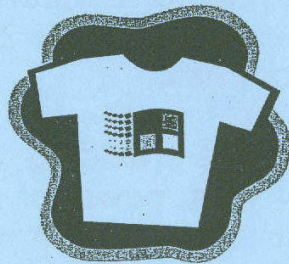
### 4 GREAT STYLES:

**Black and White Logo**

**Rainbow Cross**

**Tye-Dye Vee**

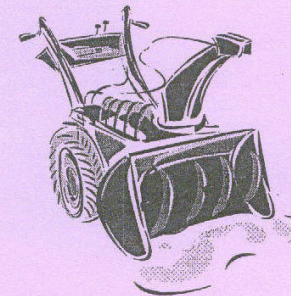
**Tye-Dye Spiral**



## Snow Removal

We need your help to remove the ice and snow this winter! If you like to run a snow blower to clear the parking lot and remove the ice and snow from the side walks, please sign up to help.

Please see Jack Bowser for the sign up sheet and details for scheduling. Jack can be reached at 717-725-8821 or through email at [goffins2@yahoo.com](mailto:goffins2@yahoo.com)



## Information on Congregational Care

In order to better serve our community of faith in matters of congregational care, we have created several congregational care teams. If you are in need of care, please do not hesitate to contact one of our care team members.

**Flock Watchers:** Do you have a need in which we can assist you? If we can help you along this journey of life, please let us know. If you have any congregational care needs, we have a team of people called *Flock Watchers* ready and willing to help.

Team Leader: *Donna Geist*  
Contact Info: 717-209-0686  
itsjustme2704@aol.com

Team Members: *Connie Bauer*  
Contact Info: 717-517-1857  
Conniescout2@aol.com  
*Fran Hess*  
717-664-1537  
franhess@dejazzd.com  
*Missy Royer*  
717-989-0169  
*Roger Weaver*  
717-575-2805  
rog137@ptd.net

**Here is how the process works:** If you or someone you know has a need in any of the following areas: hospital visitation; home visitation; care calls; meals; transportation needs; spiritual consultation and/or direction; prayer; housing; and financial assistance, call either the flock watchers team leader or any of the flock watchers (contact information listed above). We have a list of volunteers who are willing to help. Our flock watchers will connect people in need with those willing to help.

## Additional Information on Congregational Care

### ...and prayer

Prayer is a vitally important aspect of life at VOH. We have a dedicated prayer team, who will pray for you. If you have a prayer request for the prayer team, please send your prayer request to Bev Bauer, at 717-394-5250 or email at VOHMamaBev@aol.com

### ...and cards

VOHMCC provides cards to those who need encouragement, a word of thanks or welcome – a card lets someone know that someone is thinking about them, cares about them– that they haven't been forgotten. If you know someone who could use a card, contact our Card Ministry leader, Bev Bauer, at 717-394-5250 or email at VOHMamaBev@aol.com

### ...and emergencies

If you have an emergency and need immediate contact, please call Pastor Deb @ **(717) 682-1873**.

**Congregational Care is** part of our Extreme Hospitality ministry. Pastor Deb is responsible for this area of ministry with Mykal, Pastor Jen and Pastor David assisting. You may reach Pastor Deb by cell phone (717) 682-1873 or by e-mail vohpastordeb@verizon.net or contact the church office at (717) 285-9070. We are here to help.

**How You Can Help:** Are you available to help people? Do you feel God calling you to make a difference by helping someone in need? You can by filling out a "Love Thy Neighbor" survey located in the back of the sanctuary at the welcome table. By filling out this survey you are placed on our list of helpful volunteers so when a need arises you may be called on to help out. If you have any questions, please talk with Donna Geist, our flock watcher team leader. Contact Info: 717-209-0686 or itsjustme2704@aol.com.

# Pastor's Corner

By Deb Coggin, Lead Pastor



During this season of Advent, we often reflect on our thankfulness for so many of the things that we take for granted on a daily basis or miss because of the busyness of life in general; the laughter of children as they play, our ability to worship in a safe place, our health, and our church family. We are a blessed people.

Dee and I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank each and every one of you for your presence here at Vision of Hope. We very much appreciate each one of you. We are the church because of YOU and we thank you for all that you do so that we may be "Led by Christ, empowered to rock the world."

We thank you for your care, hugs, encouragement, and support. We wish you and your loved ones a very Merry Christmas and many blessings in the New Year!!!

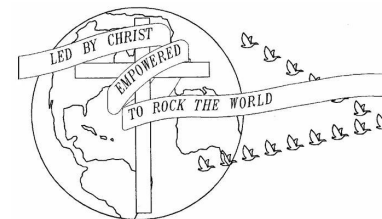
Peace, Pastor Deb and Dee

**May 2011 be a fantastic year as we continue to be "Led by Christ, Empowered to Rock the World"**

Date	Pastor's Schedule
Sunday 12/26	Holiday
Monday, 12/27	Vacation
Tuesday, 12/28	Vacation
Wednesday, 12/29	Vacation
Thursday, 12/30	Vacation
Friday, 12/31	Vacation
Saturday, 01/01	Holiday

## Our Vision Statement

*Led by Christ, empowered to rock the world!*



**Vision of Hope Metropolitan Community Church – a multi racial intergenerational GLBTQ community and those who walk the journey with us - is a church where all people are welcome.**

We will provide a transformational encounter with the living God. We commit to creating, developing, and supporting opportunities where all people can participate. We are a church committed to becoming deep disciples through extreme hospitality, powerful worship, larger-than-life generosity, deliberate faith development and audacious service.

We are empowered by God-centered prayer, worship, and the sharing of our gifts. We are supported by effective staff. We share the Gospel of Christ and reach out in the Spirit to welcome and adopt all whom we encounter, so that we might be "Led by Christ, empowered to rock the world!"