



CIRCUIT RIDER

HOPE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

2506 Caton Farm Road Joliet, Illinois 60435

April 2009

Worship In April

April 5

Palm Sunday

Mark 11:1-11

Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29

Pastor Glenna preaching

April 9

Maundy Thursday

Exodus 12:1-4; Psalm 116:1-4,
12-19; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25;

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Pastor Glenna preaching

April 12

Holy Communion

Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2,
14-24; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11;

John 20:1-18

Pastor Glenna preaching

April 19

Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 133;

1 John 1:1-2, 2:2; John 20:19-31

Pastor Glenna preaching

April 26

Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:12-19; Psalm 4;

1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36b-48

Pastor Glenna preaching



Dear Friends,

The month of April ushers in the Easter season. Two of the most important themes of Easter center upon Life and Hope. The discovery of the empty tomb reminds us of God's victory over death. Christ is alive! Though the death of Jesus is real, the resurrection proves that Jesus' death was not the end of the story. The stone that is rolled away, the grave clothes that are cast aside proves our Savior lives.

Because Christ lives, we have hope. The chorus of the hymn *Because He Lives* expresses the hope found in the resurrection in words we can all understand.

Because he lives, I can face tomorrow

Because he lives, all fear is gone

Because I know he holds the future,

And life is worth the living just because he lives.

Our hope that is found in Christ is not only our hope for the future but our hope for the present as well. As the members of our Disciple Bible Study have been discovering, Eternal Life means

life that is found in Christ *now* and *forever*. Therefore, the Easter message of life and hope is as relevant now, during these difficult days of rising unemployment, economic uncertainty and violence; as it was during the time of Christ.

God, the giver of all gifts has gifted us once again; in the resurrection we find the gift of life and hope. Let us accept this gift with joy as we celebrate and worship together in the coming weeks knowing, because Christ lives, we live.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Glenna

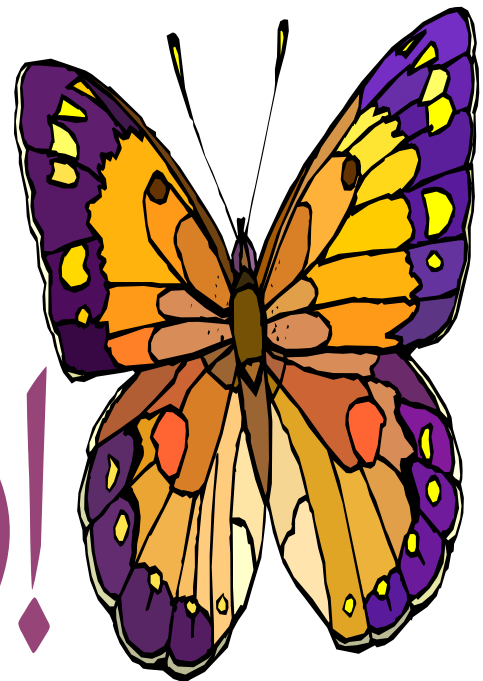
Pastor Glenna

Ordination

As many of you know, I have been recommended by the Board of Ordained Ministry for ordination. This means that I will be an Elder in Full Connection in the Northern Illinois Annual Conference. Ordination takes place during the Annual Conference to be held at Pheasant Run Resort in St. Charles. The dates of the conference are June 7-9. I have been told that the date for ordination will take place on Sunday June 7, in the evening. I hope to have further details in the near future.

Thank you again, for all of your prayers and encouragement. You have been a great source of support during the last stages of the candidacy process.

CHRIST
is RISEN!



Hope Notes

Please keep bringing your **aluminum cans** to church. See **Linda Hess** with questions.

The church office is always in need of **used ink cartridges**. The office supply stores now **accept only name-brand (Dell, HP, and Epson) cartridges**. These cartridges can be redeemed at office supply stores for paper and other supplies we need to run our office. Please leave used cartridges in Roberta's mailbox.

Volunteers are needed to **clean our church**. Please continue to sign up on the Volunteer Schedule which is in the Housekeeping mailbox. The job description is also available in the mailbox. **Volunteers** are also needed to **mow the lawn**. The sign-up clipboard is located below the housekeeping board. Call **Linda Hess** for more information.

The Joliet Cluster continues to support the **Ridgewood United Community Pantry**, an outreach ministry of **Trinity United Methodist Church**, located in the Ridgewood neighborhood of Joliet. In **April**, we will be gathering **toilet paper (6-roll packs), shampoo, and laundry soap**. Please place them in the blue bin in the narthex, and many thanks for your assistance.

Table Fund - We have **met our goal** of collecting **\$350.00** toward the purchase of a table for the **Ridgewood United Community Pantry**. **Trinity UMC** has expressed their appreciation for the many contributions of food, labor and financial support they have received from our congregation. You are invited to take a look at the photos of the pantry in operation on our bulletin board in the narthex. Last month a total of **116 families** were served. When we work together we are able to make a difference.

Education Committee – VBS 2009 “Camp Edge” is just around the corner. Bring your special talents and/or aspirations to help our children learn about God; and, have a lot of fun, too! If you have any time available to volunteer during the mornings of June 15th through June 19th, please see Carrie Becker. **Carrie is also collecting shoe boxes (with lids) for one of our many projects.**

If you purchase your personal office supplies at **Staples**, please give the church phone number (815-436-2209) to the cashier when you check out so that a percentage of your purchase will come back to the church as part of their Rewards program. This is another way to help our church get what it needs without costing you anything! Thanks for your help. And, until **May 15**, you will receive an immediate 10% discount on ink and toner.

Trustees' Work Day - The Trustees of **Hope United Methodist Church** announce their **Spring Work Day, Saturday, May 9, from 8:30 a.m. till we're done**. All are invited to bring work gloves, rakes, lots of elbow grease and a willing spirit. Also mark your calendars for fall. We will prepare our buildings and grounds for winter on **October 3**. See **Larry Wilkinson** or **Roger Hess** if you have questions.

<i>Those Who Serve</i>	April 5 <i>Palm Sunday</i>	April 9 <i>Maundy Thursday</i>	April 12 <i>Easter Sunday</i>	April 19 <i>Second Sunday in Easter</i>	April 26 <i>Third Sunday in Easter</i>
Liturgist	Vic Genge	Boomer Crotty	Greg Chapman	Sam Wietlispach	Frank Denk
Greeter	Wayne Knight	Joan Crotty	Dorothy Chapman	Shirley Zupancic	Barb Denk
Host	Jana Knight			Sheryl Dyer	Harriet Luce
Acolyte	Dominic Larmon	Dominic Larmon	Dominic Larmon	Dominic Larmon	Dominic Larmon
Offering Counters	Carole Blackwell & Carol Becker		Carole Blackwell & Boomer Crotty	Carole Blackwell & TBA	Carole Blackwell & Harriet Luce
Communion Steward		Jill Genge			



April 1 – Marlene Shain
 April 2 – Charles Brown
 April 4 – Laura Wright
 April 4 – Ian Clark
 April 11 – LaDessa Chapman
 April 15 – Noah Slaughter
 April 22 – Sara Craven
 April 23 – Betty Talbott
 April 27 – Virginia Nyhart

Wedding

Anniversaries

April 9 – James & Trish Nash
 April 9 – Bob & Florence White

Holy Week Calendar

April 5 – Palm Sunday Service – 9:30 a.m.

NO Disciple Bible studies this week

April 9 – Maundy Thursday Service – 7:00 p.m.

April 10 – Community Good Friday Service at
St. Mary's in Plainfield – 12 noon

April 12 – Easter Morning Brunch – 8:00 a.m.

Easter Morning Service – 9:30 a.m.

Children's Easter Egg Hunt – 10:30 a.m.

This year we will have a special treat at our Easter Morning Brunch – Roger and Linda Hess will be making pancakes, hot and fresh! Be here!

Easter Flowers

This year all are invited to bring their favorite Spring Flowers to the church to adorn the altar on Easter. Flowers should be brought to the Maundy Thursday Service and left in Fellowship Hall, or bring them on Good Friday between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Flowers will be placed for the Easter Service, and may be taken home afterwards. Forms will be included in bulletins through Palm Sunday to dedicate your flowers. They are due in the church office by April 6. See Harriet Luce with questions.

Yard Sale Date Set

This year's first All-Church Yard Sale will on Saturday, June 13, from 8:00 a.m. till 3:00 p.m. See Trish Nash with questions, offers to work, or to rent a table. And don't forget to check the attic, basement, garage, and crawl space for items to donate to the sale! Items may be left in the garage.

UMW Bake Sale

The United Methodist Women will have a Bake Sale, in conjunction with the Yard Sale, on Saturday, June 13, from 8:00 a.m. till 3:00 p.m. See Harriet Luce with questions or to donate baked goods.

Boomer's Kids

The Bag Ladies are going to make up 30 Easter Baskets for Boomer's kids. Donations of pencils and candy would be a big help. We need them by April 5th. See Linda with questions.

From the Finance Committee

Figures for February, 2009

<u>Offerings</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Variance</u>
\$7,099.00	\$9,098.35	(\$1999.35)



**I am visiting my Hope friend Jack.
He fell so he needs to stay here a while.
He really misses his own dog.
I'll stop by in April after my bath.
I want to see his big smile again!**

United Methodist Women

UMW Spring District Meeting on Saturday April 25, 2009 at First United Methodist Church in Wilmington, IL.

Jane Dunn will share her "Journey in Mission Trips" with us. She holds a Master's Degree in nursing and is a leader of volunteers on Mission Trips. Her videos of trips will tell us of her journeys, about 35 minutes.

Registration and refreshments begin at 8:30 AM. If you need more information speak to Harriet or Florence. Cost of the program is only \$2.00, and the deadline is April 18th.

After the meeting you may visit the many antique stores on Water Street, or the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, which is along the way home and is very interesting.

Wedding Bells

Trish & James Nash are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter, Katelin Breen, to Mr. Alex Bulanda. The wedding took place at the Gardner American Legion Hall on January 17, with Rev. Michael Sheppard, uncle of the groom, officiating.

The newlyweds reside at 2108 Gaylord Road, Crest Hill, IL 60403. Phone – 815-260-4663