



CIRCUIT RIDER

HOPE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

2506 Caton Farm Road Joliet, Illinois 60435

August 2009

*Preparing for
Worship In August*

August 2

Holy Communion

2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a; Psalm
51:1-12; 2 Ephesians 4:1-16;
John 6:24-35

Pastor Glenna preaching

August 9

2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33;
Psalm 130; Ephesians 4:25-5:2;
John 6:35, 41-51

Pastor Glenna preaching

August 16

1 Kings 2:10-13; 3:3-14;
Psalm 111; Ephesians 5:15-20;
John 6:51-58

Pastor Glenna preaching

August 23

1 Kings 8:(1,6,10-11), 22-30, 41-
43; Psalm 84; Ephesians 6:10-20;
John 6:56-69

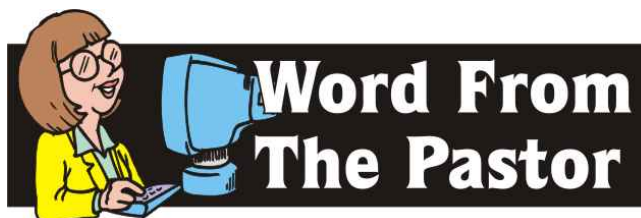
Pastor Glenna preaching

August 30

Song of Solomon 2:8-13;
Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9 or Psalm 72;
James 1:17-27;

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Pastor Glenna preaching



Dear Friends,

For most persons, summer provides an opportunity to “catch up” on their reading. We express hope that our lives will slow down enough in order to attend to those books that got pushed to the sidelines during the busy times of the year.

Pastors frequently look forward to the summer in order to review the books they didn’t find time to explore during other times of the year. For me, these books range from theology, devotionals, Bible study material, recommended reading for conference wide events and just books for pleasure. I had quite a stack that I had hoped to get through, but as per usual I hardly made a dent.

I did however, have time to revisit an old favorite of mine. It’s a short book; barely 100 pages, written by Parker Palmer titled *Let Your Life Speak: Listening for the Voice of Vocation*. It’s a book I would highly recommend. In it Parker shares his journey as he discovers his gift of vocation. Vocation isn’t defined by the work you aspire to

do, or the work that will lead to financial success. Parker writes: It is not a “goal to be achieved, but a gift to be received.” Through listening to his inner self, discovering the things he enjoyed doing, he was able to follow his life leanings into living a vocation filled with meaning and purpose.

The book’s title comes from a Quaker admonition that is interpreted to mean “let the highest truths and values guide everything you do.” Not bad advice for those of us who continue to strive to live into the teachings of Jesus.

Have you read any good books lately? If so pass them along, perhaps we can add a new item to our newsletter or even begin another small group. Let your life speak, as we seek to live into our true calling and vocation.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Glenna

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Safe Sanctuaries

A Child Abuse Prevention Policy

Our congregation instituted this policy in 2006. Many committee chair persons and members have already participated in the class which explains the Safe Sanctuary Policy. Those persons have also signed a covenant agreement and have undergoing a back ground check.

Since 2006, we have been graced with new and active members who have taken part and help with our children’s programs. Therefore, the Education Commission has identified a need for another class and is planning a session for those who have not yet participated and are not familiar with the policy.

Tracey Hunter and Pat Michalik will lead this class on August 8 from 8 a.m. till 12 noon. A light breakfast will be served. Any one who has not participated, as well as those who like a refresher on the policy are welcome to attend. Call Roberta in the church office to sign up.

Church Yard Improvements

by Larry Wilkinson

Recent improvements to the Church's yard appearance include the planting of a Crimson King Maple paid for jointly by the United Methodist Women's Club and the Board of Trustees. The five Little Henry Sweetpire bushes also planted in the front yard were purchased by the United Methodist Men's Club. The new bushes replaced five shrubs which succumbed to the harsh 2008-2009 winter.

Two Crimson King Maple trees have been ordered by Pastor Glenna & Marty Olumstad and by Dorothy & Greg Chapman as gifts to our church. The trees will be delivered and planted in September along the driveway next to the present maple tree.

Our appreciation also goes to Greg Chapman for contracting the painting of the awning structure on the front of the church, and to Lee Nyhart for his work with the flower bed.

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. See **Linda Hess**.

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.

Boomer's Kids - We are collecting school supplies for Boomers kids. There is a box by the kitchen you can put them in. They need paper, pencils, and pencils sharpeners. **PLEASE NO ERASERS, NO MARKERS OR GLUE**. See **Linda Hess** with questions.

Sign up today to attend "**The King and I**" at **Bicentennial Park Theater** on **Sunday, August 9 at 2:00 p.m.** Our very own **Marty Kaspar** will be playing the King. If you've always wanted to see Marty waltz, the sign up sheet is in the narthex.

New Sanctuary Activity

by Larry Wilkinson

The final decision whether or not to move forward will be voted on by our congregation at our Annual/Charge Church Conference with District Diana Facemyer in early December, 2009. All future activity will follow the procedures stated in the United Methodist Church "Book Of Discipline" which governs church construction among other subjects.

On June 28 at a joint meeting of the Board Of Trustees and the Finance Committee a Study Committee was formed as per the "Book Of Discipline" requirements. The committee consisted of Carol Becker, Wanda Mattix, John Wietlispach and Larry Wilkinson.

On July 5 the Study Committee submitted their report to Pastor Olumstad who approved of it. On July 9 Pastor Olumstad presented the Study Report to District Superintendent Diana Facemyer who approved it and instructed the Study Committee to contact the Aurora District Board of Church Locations and Buildings.

The Study Committee contacted Bob Cohen of the Aurora District Board on July 13. A meeting date has yet to be determined.

Fall 2009 Work Day *by Larry Wilkinson*

We all want our church grounds and buildings to look their very best for our largest and most important Fiftieth Year Anniversary celebration on September 13. On that day we will host our Bishop, District Superintendent, former Pastors and former congregation members at our Sunday service followed by a luncheon.

The Hope UMC fall work day will occur on Saturday, September 12. In the event of an unfavorable forecast for the 12th we will perform our work on Friday, September 11. The majority of chores remaining from our spring work day consist of improving the church grounds, i.e.; edging, weeding, pruning, mulching around the garage and jungle gym, etc.

Encourage the church youth to participate as the largest chore facing us is the weeding of the flower beds and the youth could save many of us seniors from being unable to straighten up on Sunday. Your participation will be appreciated.

<i>Those Who Serve</i>	August 2 <i>Holy Communion</i>	August 9	August 16	August 23	August 30
Liturgist	David Wietlispach	Pat Michalik	Jacqui Slaughter	Frank Denk	Larry Wilkinson
Greeter	Justin Moore	Marty Olumstad	Linda Hess	Marlene Shain	Shirley Zupancic
Host(s)	N. Mitchell/J. Hall	Sheryl Dyer	Judy Sohr	Barb Denk	Boomer Crotty
Acolyte	Dominic Larmon	Dominic Larmon	Dominic Larmon	Dominic Larmon	Dominic Larmon
Offering Counters	Carole Blackwell & Boomer Crotty	Carole Blackwell & TBA	Carole Blackwell & Harriet Luce	Carole Blackwell & Carol Becker	Carole Blackwell & Boomer Crotty
Communion Steward	Jill Genge				

Music News

Our Choir will resume rehearsals at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 9. They will begin singing in worship on Sunday, September 13. Interested in joining? See Cheryl Foster.

From the Finance Committee

Figures for June, 2009

<u>Offerings</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Variance</u>
\$5,577.00	\$8,298.93	(\$2,721.93)



Birthdays This Month

August 1 – Jeff Bown
August 2 – Jonathon Slaughter
August 9 – Jack Danford
August 13 – Harriet Luce
August 14 – Larry Wilkinson
August 16 – Greg Chapman
August 17 – Sally Ott
August 21 – Carrie Becker
August 24 – Pat Jones, Vanessa Kaspar
August 26 – Naomi Search
August 29 – Wayne Knight



Anniversaries

August 3 – Wanda & Dennis Mattix
August 29 – Earl & Becky Gilliam

“Concerts on the Hill”

The Midwest Crossroads Chorus of Sweet Adelines International, including our very own **Arlene Hupach**, will be performing on August 27. See the article on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall for more information

Reminder

If you utilize the church on Thursday afternoons, please leave the back door to Fellowship Hall unlocked for the A.A. group that meets on Thursday evenings. Questions or concerns? See **Larry Wilkinson**.

50th Anniversary Booklet

These 50-page booklets are now available reviewing the fifty year history of our church. Included are 82 photos of past and present congregation members at work, giving of themselves for the church, and at play enjoying many various activities. The booklets are available by mail for \$8.00 thru the church office or by contacting **Larry Wilkinson** or **Arlene Hupach**.

Bag Ladies

Thursday, **Sept. 10th** will be our first day back sewing. We need someone to cut fabric. It is just straight cutting for the bags and diapers. We meet every Thursday from 12 to 2. We have lunch (which everyone takes turn bringing) at 12 and then get busy sewing. We all have a great time. If you have any questions see **Linda**.

United Methodist Women

The UMW will meet on Thursday, August 27 at 10:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. We will start with a business meeting, discussing the 50th Anniversary of our church and the upcoming Yard Sale. Our program will start at 11:20, with **Barbara Powell**, guest speaker, with the topic of Women in Missions. Luncheon will be served at 11:30. Participants are to bring their own sandwich, with fruit, dessert, and beverages provided. A Social Hour will follow with Bunco and prizes.

See Florence White for information on resources on Native American Ministries. Several good options are available for children as well as adults.



And the Winner Is . . .

At the 50th Anniversary Event in July, the Ice Cream Social, Jill Genge was the lucky winner of the quilt! A drawing was held to determine the winner.

Winners of \$20.00 gift certificates were Barb Denk, Charlie Brown, Arlene Hupach, and Jessica Kehlet.

Congratulations to the winners!

Word of Thanks

Dominic and I would like to give the church a big "Thank You" for sponsoring him to attend Camp Reynoldswood from July 12-17. He had a great time, made new friends, and is looking forward to attending again next summer.

*Thank you again,
Perri and Dominic Larmon*

“A merry heart makes a cheerful countenance. . .” Proverbs 15:13

Tell me why...

Why do we press harder on a remote control when we know that the batteries are getting weak?

Why do banks charge a fee on 'insufficient funds' when they know there is not enough?

Why does someone believe you when you say there are four billion stars but check when you say the paint is wet?

Why doesn't glue stick to the bottle?

Why do they use sterilized needles for death by lethal injection?

Why doesn't Tarzan have a beard?

Why does Superman stop bullets with his chest but duck when you throw a revolver at him?

Why do Kamikaze pilots wear helmets?

Whose idea was it to put an 's' in the word 'lisp'?

If people evolved from apes, why are there still apes?

Why is it that no matter what color bubble bath you use, the bubbles are always white?

Is there ever a day that mattresses are not on sale?

Why do people constantly return to the refrigerator with hopes that something new to eat will have materialized?

Why do people keep running over a string a dozen times with their vacuum cleaner, then reach down, pick it up, examine it, then put it down to give the vacuum cleaner one more chance?

Why is it that no plastic bag will open from the end you first try?

How do those dead bugs get into those enclosed light fixtures?

Why is it that whenever you attempt to catch something that's falling off the table you always manage to knock something else over?

In winter, why do we try to keep the house as warm as it was in summer when we complained about the heat?

Why do you never hear father-in-law jokes?