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AUGUST 2010

Preparing for Worship In August

August 1

Holy Communion

*"Holy Communion:
A Family's Reunion"*
Psalm 107:1-9, 43;
Luke 12:13-21
Pastor Sue preaching

August 8

Outdoor Worship

Isaiah 1:1,10-20; Psalm 50:1-8, 22-
23; Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16;
Luke 12:32-4
Pastor Glenna preaching

August 15

"Field Notes"

1 Corinthians 3:5-11;
Mark 10:27-31; Matthew 28:16-20
*Pastor Beth Wilterdink
preaching*

August 22

Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6;
Hebrews 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17
Pastor Glenna preaching

August 29

Jeremiah 2:4-13; Psalm 81:1,
10-16; Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16;
Luke 14:1, 7-14
Pastor Glenna preaching

Word from Our Pastor



Dear Friends,

Back in June during the beginning of summer, I wrote an article for the Circuit Rider that touched upon persons taking a break from God. In this article, I mentioned how some will routinely take a break from worship as their activities increase while the regular church activities decrease.

I must admit that when I broached this topic I was making an assumption that our church attendance would see a decrease during the summer months. This is something that many houses of worship experience during the season. But after returning home from worship services on July 25, I am ready to admit my assumption was in error. Not only has our summer attendance kept pace with our regular attendance numbers, we have exceeded those counts on numerous occasions. Our average worship attendance ranges from 60-65 persons per week. During the summer we have seen numbers of 69, 77, and 83. Then on July 25, we reached 86. On this particular Sunday we had visitors, new regular attendees and extended families worshiping together. Not only are we making an effort to come to church each week, we are actively inviting others to join us as well.

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One of the marks of discipleship is to spread the Word of God. By your efforts of inviting friends and family to worship we are doing this each Sunday. And more, you are extending the Word throughout the week while faithfully supporting the food pantry, providing for Vacation Bible School and contributing school supplies

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May God continue to bless us, our work, and our faithful

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Blessings,

Pastor Glenna

Pastor Glenna

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Adult Discussion Group Forming

Beginning September 19 there will be a Sunday School session after church for our older children in grades 6 and higher. I would like to start an adult discussion group that would meet during this time for Bible Study, discussion and prayer.

Have you ever heard something in the sermon that you really would like to talk about? Or maybe there is a current event that you would like to share your feelings and concerns about in a Christian context? Maybe you have questions about the Bible lessons that day and want to know more. Any of these could become the topic we discuss in our group.

I am willing to facilitate the group if there is some interest from the Congregation. Hope is growing in Spirit and Faith and I think this group could nurture our individual journeys along this path.

Please contact me if you are interested in trying this out or have some additional ideas along the same line. Our sessions will not run past noon to coincide with the youth Sunday
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Thanks for your prayerful consideration,

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THE DEACON'S CORNER

Rev. Sue Ritts, Deacon

A Child Shall Lead.....

Have you ever been humbled to tears by the faith and perseverance of a child? Let me share a story of three children who ministered to the 1500+ members of the East Ohio Annual Conference.

Ashley and Jason have been best friends for most of their 8 years. Every June during Conference it has been their mission to sell lemonade outside the auditorium and then donate the money to **Nothing But Nets** to fight malaria in Africa. They have typically raised about \$600 for a day's work. This year, however, the kids had adult competition from a vegetable seller who "took their favorite spot by the shade tree." These determined youngsters asked the adults to move, but they had no success. Rather than give up, the kids moved their lemonade stand behind the vegetables, called out louder than ever before, and on Thursday morning were able to donate \$1,100 to the **Nothing But Nets** campaign. When Bishop Hopkins asked Jason why he works so hard at selling lemonade, Jason said he just doesn't want to see anymore kids die.

Briana and her sister Dawn loved to share their love of liturgical dance as they and 10 other young ladies added color and meaning to worship services. Their fluid dance steps, the graceful movement of arms and legs, and the flowing blue and white robes invite the worshipers to participate in a different way with the music and Scripture. As wonderful as all the dancers were, Briana captured the attention of all in the auditorium. Briana is wheelchair bound; she appears to be able to move only her head and one hand just enough to propel her electric wheelchair. Yet with the apparent obstacles she was worshiping with passion and perseverance.

These three kids have adopted the attitude that they will do "whatever it takes" to demonstrate their love for God--and they have ministered to so many others. We adults were challenged to decide if we too would be faithful in all things and praise God "*whatever it takes*". I am still working on my answer. Shall we work together to discover how we at Hope UMC will respond to this challenge of discipleship?

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Rally Day is Coming!

by Pat Michalik

September 12th Right after worship Rally Day will be a Celebration Church Picnic with food, games, and a success r " k u " t g s w g u v g f " v q " o

Watch for the apple tree at the back of the Sanctuary. It will be full of numbered apples representing what we need for the event. Please pick an apple for the item(s) you are willing to supply and write your name on the clipboard next to the item number. We would like to have all of our apples harvested by **August 15** so we know what still needs to be purchased.

We expect to have hamburgers and hot dogs, ice cream and cake, cotton candy and popcorn, face painting and games, and some surprises.

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Finally, we have an opportunity for Mission here so we will be collecting donations of school supplies at the Rally h q t " q w t " J q r g " U w p f c { " U e j q q n " E j k n f t g p " c p f " D q q o g t ø u " Thank you in advance for helping to make this a wonderful event.

<i>Those Who Serve</i>	Aug. 1 <i>Holy Communion</i>	Aug. 8	Aug. 15	Aug. 22	Aug. 29
Liturgist	Wanda Mattix	Cheryl Foster	Pat Michalik	Dennis Mattix	Marty Kaspar
Greeter	Nola Owen	Carole Blackwell	Arlene Campagna	Nola Owen	Sheryl Dyer
Host(s)	Peggy Chapman	Laura Wright Jill Genge	Sally Ott	Greg & Dorothy Chapman	Acolyte Class
Acolytes	Justin Moore Jonathan Slaughter Sarah Baldwin	Justin Moore Jonathan Slaughter Sarah Baldwin	Justin Moore Jonathan Slaughter Sarah Baldwin	Justin Moore Jonathan Slaughter Sarah Baldwin	Justin Moore Jonathan Slaughter Sarah Baldwin
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Offering Counters	Carole Blackwell & Carol Becker	Carole Blackwell & Jill Genge	Carole Blackwell & Boomer Crotty	Carole Blackwell & Marlene Shain	Carole Blackwell & Carol Becker
Communion Steward	Linda Hess				



Birthdays This Month

August 1 óJeff Bown
 August 2 óJonathon Slaughter
 August 9 óJack Danford
 August 13 óHarriet Luce
 August 14 óLarry Wilkinson
 August 16 óGreg Chapman
 August 17 óSally Ott
 August 21 óCarrie Becker
 August 24 óPat Jones, Vanessa Kaspar
 August 26 óNaomi Search
 August 28 óTammy Harris
 August 29 óWayne Knight



Wedding Anniversari

August 3 óWanda & Dennis Mattix
 August 29 óEarl & Becky Gilliam

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*Travis Harris celebrated a birthday
 on July 13. We hope it was happy!*

If you are not certain that we have your birthday or anniversary on file, please call at 814-362-209 with that information. Please leave it on the voice mail if you can. Thank you!

Notes of Hope

WE, HOPE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, ARE A DIVERSE COMMUNITY OF BELIEVERS IN JESUS CHRIST, WHO WORSHIP, WORK AND PLAY TOGETHER . . .

Jeff Wigton recently received his license to sell cross stitch patterns online. He has chosen the name **Colored Pencil Designs** for his business because he uses colored pencils to show where the backstitching goes and in which color. His focus will be on turning out designs, and he will not be able to cross stitch them. Jeff is looking for stitchers from the congregation to work on the designs. **For each of the patterns a member of our church stitches, Colored Pencil Designs will give 5% of the purchase price back to the church.** For more information, please contact Jeff at coloredpencil designs@yahoo.com.

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 **rcrgt " c p f " q v j g t " u w r r n k g u " y g " p g g f " v q " t w p i l b o x . w t " q h h l**

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. See **Linda Hess**.

If you wish to place flowers on the altar in honor or memory of a loved one, please contact **Roberta** in the church office to arrange the date and the dedication for the bulletin. You may also make a donation in honor or memory of a loved one in lieu of flowers.

**ARE COMMITTED TO GROWING AND SHARING
IN OUR KNOWLEDGE OF THE BIBLE . . .**

<i>E j k n f t g p ø u " U w p f August 2010 q q n "</i>		
<i>Session and Date:</i>	<i>Children Will Learn:</i>	<i>Bible in the Session:</i>
August 1	The Good Samaritan	Luke 10:25-37
August 8 and 15	Philip and the Ethiopian	Acts 8:26-40

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Boomer's Kids - Please continue to bring school supplies for **D q q o g t ø W e ' w i l l b e c o l l e c t i n g** year-round to help supply the needs of the kids all though the school year.

The Joliet Cluster is continuing to support the **Ridgewood United Community Pantry**, an outreach ministry of **Trinity United Methodist Church**. In **August** we are asking for donations of **Unsweetened Cereals**. Please place them in the blue bin in the narthex.

The **Plainfield Public Library** and **Village of Plainfield** are proud to welcome **Fox News Meteorologist Amy Freeze**. She will be coming to the **Plainfield Village Hall on Friday, August 27th at 10:00 a.m.** Residents will get a sneak peek at her **20th Anniversary Plainfield Tornado** program before it airs on Fox News. The event will include a special preview of the show and also a brief power point presentation with a question and answer period with the audience. The program will be repeated again at 1:00 p.m. **Reservations are required.** **R n g c u g " x k u k v " v j g " n k d t c t { ø u "**
<http://www.plainfield.lib.il.us/library-info/events.asp> or call (815) 327-2515 to register. For more information contact Tina Beaird at tbeaird@plainfield.lib.il.us.

United Methodist Church Harvest 2020 Sunday

by John Wietlispach

The Northern Illinois Conference of has expanded the list of special Sundays to include Harvest 2020. We will recognize this important program on August 15. Reverend Beth Wilterdink, Pastor of Sharon United Methodist Church in Plainfield and Church Planter for Shorewood United Methodist Faith Community will visit Hope on that day to shine a light on Harvest 2020. As we prepare for her visit, please let us help you know more about this district wide initiative through listing the Mission, Core Values and Vision of Harvest 2020.

Mission

The Mission of Harvest 2020 is to plant, nurture, and harvest new faith communities so persons will commit to be disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Core Values for the Harvest

The Gospel Changes Everything (Mark 10:27)

At the heart of our faith, at the core of our being is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Outward Facing Community (Matthew 28: 16-20)

The mission of the church is to care for those who are not yet members.

Social Healing (Romans 15: 1-2)

The gospel calls us to the root of our social problems, our sin and prejudice. To honor God is to restore human dignity.

Abundance Versus Scarcity (I Corinthians 9: 6-15)

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United Methodist Movement (Acts 2: 40-47)

The work of Harvest 2020 is to remember our past and recapture the vital, vibrant energy of kingdom
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Vision

The Vision of Harvest 2020 is to plant 100 new faith communities within the Northern Illinois Conference, to grow healthy disciples in local churches, and to promote cooperation through cluster ministries.

We hope that you are interested in learning more and that you will be in attendance at worship on August 15.

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For more information please go to www.harvest2010.org



Direct Pay Option

by [Dennis Mattix](#)

The church is looking into the congregation being able to have your regular church contribution and/or your Building Appeal contribution deducted from your account and deposited into the church account. This would be at a slight expense to the church but cost you nothing. We need to know how many would consider this option before we begin v j g " r t q e g u u 0 " " V j g t g " y k n n " d g " c " u w t x g { " k p " { q w t " d w n n g offering plate, or you may call the office to indicate your wish. This will tell us the congregation ø desire for this program. No names are needed at this point. Thank you from The Finance Committee

Sunday School News

by [Pastor Sue](#)

Hope United Methodist Church is having a growing spurt! Have you felt the excitement about the new, up-dated facility? Have you noticed more people are involved in the life of the church as volunteers in worship? Perhaps you have celebrated the number of guests we have been able to welcome to Sunday worship. On many Sunday mornings there are many children in the sanctuary and the nursery.

Growing pains usually accompany growth spurts. That is also a reality with the family here at Hope UMC. The number of children has increased, and many are experiencing the difficult demands of adolescent pressures and situations. Therefore, it has been decided to offer a Christian education opportunity that will build upon the basic Bible lessons they have already learned and apply them to teenage life in the 21st century.



This class, led by Pastor Sue, will meet after the fellowship time each Sunday morning at 11:00. Beginning on September 19, youngsters in middle school and high school will be invited to participate in this age-appropriate time of discussion and study. Children in kindergarten through grade 5 will remain with Ms. Ashley at the current class time.

Once the curriculum has been selected the parents will be notified of the weekly topics so that they may continue the conversations at home. It is our vision that this group of energetic and gifted youngsters will grow into a United Methodist Youth Fellowship that will become active in service and mission to the community.

Ms. Ashley Allen has begun a good foundation with the children, and it is now time for them to grow and mature in the Christian faith. We fully understand the anxiety such a change will create, so please talk with either Pastor Glenna or Pastor Sue to share your concern and support.

New Members Class

[Pastor Glenna](#) will be leading a New Member Class that will meet over three consecutive Sundays beginning August 22. We plan on gathering together in the church sanctuary following worship services. Please do not feel that you are under any obligation to formally join our congregation by attending these sessions. Whether you choose to attend the class or not, you are welcome to continue to worship and participate in fellowship with us.

These classes are informal in nature, last for an hour, and provide opportunities to share our faith stories together. During our sessions, I will answer any questions you may have concerning beliefs and practices of the United Methodist Church as well as information concerning the various ministries supported by Hope UMC.

Please let us know if you are able to attend these sessions by leaving a message with Roberta in the church office or by contacting Pastor Glenna following services.

You and your friends are invited to our
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