



# CIRCUIT RIDER

HOPE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

2506 Caton Farm Road Joliet, Illinois 60435

February 2009

## Worship In February

### **February 1**

*Holy Communion*

*Fourth Sunday after Epiphany*

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Psalm 111

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Mark 1:21-28

*Pastor Glenna preaching*

### **February 8**

*Fifth Sunday after Epiphany*

Isaiah 40:21-31

Psalm 147:1-11, 20c

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

Mark 1:29-39

*Pastor Glenna preaching*

### **February 15**

*Sixth Sunday after Epiphany*

2 Kings 5:1-14

Psalm 30

1 Corinthians 9:24-27

Mark 1:40-45

*Pastor Glenna preaching*

### **February 22**

*Transfiguration Sunday*

2 Kings 2:1-12

Psalm 50:1-6

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Mark 9:2-9

*Pastor Glenna preaching*



Dear Friends,

Thank you all, for your prayers, your words of encouragement and support! As many of you know, I have sought to come before the Board of Ordained Ministry to seek full connection as an Elder in the United Methodist Church. What this means, is I hope to be fully ordained in July.

The process to become ordained in the United Methodist Church is a long one, taking at least 6 years, and in many cases longer. The final steps required my written response pertaining to Theology, Vocation, and The Practice of Ministry. Many of you were present as my husband Marty produced a video recording of an entire service. And, I completed a written Biblical Study on the book of Esther the last week of my time away. All materials were sent and received by the January 15 deadline.

Does this mean I'm done? No - the next stage will involve my physical presence before members of the committee where I will answer questions pertaining to the written

materials or anything else the committee wishes to ask. The dates for these interviews are March 1-3. I will have an answer for all of you at the completion of the interviews.

Because we are a congregation that works together, you helped to make the last phase of the process easier. It was a comfort knowing that Sunday worship was placed in such competent hands. Our certified lay speakers John Wietlispach and Pat Michalik gave freely of their time and talent to fill the pulpit during my absence. Knowing they had the full support of the congregation, choir, ushers, liturgists, greeters, and hosts is what allows the church to run smoothly.

I wish to say thanks to all who inquired if I was still “on task” and “getting things done,” you offered help in any way possible. Just asking the question lifted my spirits and conveyed your interest and care.

So - I hope to bring you good news in the future.

Please note: If for some reason the Board delays or deferrers for another year, it will not change our work here or our ministry together.

I take comfort in the theology expressed through the Hymn: In His Time

#2203 TFWS *In his time, in his time; he makes all things beautiful in his time.*

*Lord, please show me everyday as you're teaching me your way,  
that you do just what you say, in **your** time. (Eccles. 3:11).*

Blessings for your kindness and patience,

*Pastor Glenna*

Pastor Glenna







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## 50th Anniversary Committee News

~by Larry Wilkinson~

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY 1959 - 2009

The Hope UMC Fiftieth Anniversary Committee has planned a series of monthly events in 2009 to celebrate our fifty years. Save these dates on your social calendars!

-  April 18 Movie and pizza night
-  May 30 A bus tour of the church's origins - the little red schoolhouse where the first worship services were held, the first parsonage and the burial site of the circuit rider for whom the church was originally named, Jesse Walker. Upon returning to the church a bar-b-q picnic will await you.
-  June 20 A tree planting and burial of a time capsule.
-  July 18 An ice cream social.
-  August 15 Corn boil picnic.
-  Sept 13 Bishop Hee-Soo Jung will join us at Sunday morning services along with past reverends and church members followed by a dinner.

## 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 in the mailbox. 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 **February**, we will be gathering **rice, hamburger helper, and cans of tuna fish**. Please place them in the blue bin in the narthex, and many thanks for your assistance.

*The United Methodist Men* will have a **Quilt drawing on March 7, 2009**, the day of our Corned Beef Dinner. Tickets are on sale now for the drawing. See Linda or Roger Hess to buy one ticket for \$1.00, or six tickets for \$5.00. The proceeds will be designated for current expenses. The quilt is hanging at the back of the sanctuary.

*Be sure to pick up* your copy of the **March/April** edition of *The Upper Room*. Regular and large-print copies are on the credenza in the narthex.

*Cash donations needed* - Our church has pledged to purchase **1 table for Trinity UMC**. The table is for use with their food pantry and for their summer school for children from June - August. The cost for each table is **\$304.00 plus shipping**. The church is looking for a total of 11 tables, and our Joliet Cluster decided to help with their effort by each church pledging to fund one table or at least contributing toward a table. At our last Church Council meeting, it was approved that our mission was to raise enough funds to purchase one table. **Checks should be made out to Hope UMC with "Table Fund" noted in the memo section**. I thank you for your continued support of the Ridgewood United Community Pantry. Blessings, Pastor Glenna

*Thanks to everyone* who helped and supported the **Spaghetti Dinner!** We had a great turn-out in spite of the weather. **We made \$917.00**. Proceeds of the Dinner will go toward **new multi-media equipment** for the Sanctuary. See you all again in **March** for **Corned Beef and Cabbage!**

*Save this date*, March 1, 2009 for the free Joliet Junior College Planetarium show "**Our Place In Space**," at 2:00 p.m. This exciting program is for the family and young children. Many endangered animals explore the cause of day and night, the importance of the sun, and other celestial objects. The doors of the Planetarium open at 1:45 p.m. and will be closed once the chamber is filled. Seating is limited to 51 people. The Planetarium is located in F-building Main Campus, 1215 Houbolt Road. Some may wish to have lunch or dinner with others in our church family before or after the program.

<i>Those Who Serve</i>	February 1	February 8	February 15	February 22
Liturgist	Carol Becker	Marty Kaspar	Cheryl Foster	Arlene Hupach
Greeter	Barb Denk	Jana Knight	Sheryl Dyer	Sheryl Dyer
Host(s)	Joan Crotty	Harriet Luce & Sallie Skarda	Sheryl Dyer	Jana Knight
Acolyte	Dominic Larmon	Dominic Larmon	Dominic Larmon	Dominic Larmon
Offering Counters	Carole Blackwell & Harriet Luce	Carole Blackwell & Carol Becker	Carole Blackwell & Boomer Crotty	Carole Blackwell & TBA
Communion Steward	Jill Genge			



February 4 – Rod Slaughter  
February 6 – Tom Becker  
February 9 – James Nash  
February 14 – Jim Vahle  
February 15 – Jessica Kehlet  
February 24 – Tamara Mattix  
February 24 – Vincent Mattix  
February 26 – Carole Blackwell  
February 28 – Sarah Baldwin



*Wedding*

*Anniversaries*

February 2 – Sherm & Mary Hill  
February 17 – Tom & Carol Becker