



# CIRCUIT RIDER

HOPE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

2506 Caton Farm Road Joliet, Illinois 60435

January 2009

## Preparing for Worship In January

### January 4

#### *Epiphany Sunday*

*"Sermon title"*

Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14;  
Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12

*CLS Pat Michalik preaching*

### January 11

#### *Holy Communion*

#### *First Sunday after Epiphany*

Genesis 1:1-5; Psalm 29;  
Acts 19:1-7; Mark 1:4-11

*Pastor Glenna preaching*

### January 18

#### *Second Sunday after Epiphany*

1 Samuel 3:1-10; Psalm 139:1-6,  
13-18; 1 Corinthians 6:12-20;  
John 1:43-51

*Pastor Glenna preaching*

### January 25

#### *Third Sunday after Epiphany*

Jonah 3:1-5,10; Psalm 62:5-12; 1  
Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20

*Pastor Glenna preaching*



Dear Friends,

Happy New Year to all! 2009 marks a special anniversary for this congregation. We will be celebrating 50 years of ministry. The Anniversary Committee has been hard at work developing a schedule of activities to help us celebrate throughout the year. Watch this newsletter for announcements of events in the near future.

Celebrations and being in community together helps to define a church. By this I mean church supplies opportunities to witness the gift of the Holy Spirit, the God-within that is alive and brings us into communion with each other.

I have been reading meditations by Henri Nouwen, his writings often focused upon discovering Christ in communion with others as we live out our baptismal call to love one another. I would like to share one of his devotions with you:

## Like a Large Mosaic

“Community is like a large mosaic, Each little piece seems so insignificant. One piece is bright red, another cold blue or dull green, another warm purple, another sharp yellow, another shining gold. Some look precious, others ordinary. Some look valuable, others worthless. Some look gaudy, others delicate. As individual stones, we can do little with them except compare them and judge their beauty and value. When, however, all these little stones are brought together in one big mosaic portraying the face of Christ, who would ever question the importance of any one of them? If one of them, even the least spectacular one, is missing, the face is incomplete. Together in the one mosaic, each little stone is indispensable and makes a unique contribution to the glory of God. That’s community, a fellowship of little people who together make God visible in the world.”

*~ Can You Drink the Cup?~*

May we continue to be a “large mosaic” reflecting a community of people who will make God visible as we enter our next 50 years of ministry.

Grace and Peace,

*Pastor Glenna*

Pastor Glenna

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## 50th Anniversary Committee News

~by Larry Wilkinson~

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY 1959 - 2009

Immediately following Sunday services in January, photos will be taken of our committees and other groups for publication in our Fiftieth Anniversary booklet.

January 11	10:30 AM	Choir
	10:40 AM	Church Council
	10:50 AM	Board of Trustees
	11:00 AM	Stewardship & Finance
	11:10 AM	Staff - Parish
January 18	10:30 AM	Lay Leadership
	10:40 AM	Education Commission
	10:50 AM	Worship Committee
	11:00 AM	50th Anniversary Committee
	11:10 AM	Church Staff

*Participation by everyone will be greatly appreciated!*

## *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 **January**, we will be gathering **jars of Peanut Butter, Jelly, and canned fruit**. 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 **January/February** edition of *The Upper Room*. Regular and large-print copies are on the credenza in the narthex.

*New Member Classes* will be held **following worship in the sanctuary on January 18, 25 and Feb. 1**. These classes are informal (about 45 minutes in length) and are for anyone interested in becoming a member of Hope UMC or any persons who want to know more about United Methodism in general. Please let Pastor Glenna know if you plan on attending, you may also leave a message in the church office.

*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**. They are rugged, light-weight, non-porous, water resistant, chip-crack and peel-proof. The church is looking for a total of 11 tables, 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

### **SPAGHETTI & MEATBALL DINNER**

Saturday January 10, 2009

Serving 3:30 PM – 7:00 PM

Adults - \$8.00, under 10 - \$5.00

Salad, Spaghetti, Bread, Beverage, Dessert

**Hope United Methodist Church**

**2506 Caton Farm Rd, Joliet, IL**

*This fundraising dinner is open to the public. Be sure to tell all your friends!*

Proceeds will be used toward the purchase of a multi-media system for the sanctuary.

<i>Those Who Serve</i>	January 4 <i>Epiphany Sunday</i>	January 11 <i>Holy Communion First Sunday after the Epiphany</i>	January 18 <i>Second Sunday after the Epiphany</i>	January 25 <i>Third Sunday after the Epiphany</i>
Liturgist	Vic Genge	Roger Hess	Greg Chapman	Frank Denk
Greeter	Jill Genge	Barb Denk	LaDessa Chapman	Lori Mattix
Host	Jill Genge	Linda Hess	Barb Denk	Shirley Zupancic & Sue Wietlispach
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		



January 7 – Florence White  
 January 8 – Sherm Hill  
 January 9 – Logan Bown  
 January 9 – Annetta O’Bryant  
 January 16 – Chris Denk  
 January 17 – Tori Larmon  
 January 24 – Ron Clark  
 January 25 – Nancy Mitchell  
 January 27 – Marty Olumstad  
 January 29 – Christian Hunter  
 January 31 – John Wietlispach



January 2 – Ron & Sue Clark  
 January 9 – Marge & Mike Dernulc  
 January 25 – Michelle & Mickey Orta

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### *Here’s How You Can Help Children With Cancer . . .*

**Give Blood** – Children fighting cancer need frequent blood transfusions. Call your local hospital, cancer treatment center or blood bank for information on donating blood.

**Bone Marrow Testing and Typing** – Bone marrow transplants are the only hope for some childhood cancers. Have your marrow tested, typed and added to the National Registries. For more information visit the National Marrow Donor Program website: [www.marrow.org](http://www.marrow.org).

**Cord Blood Donation** – Learn how umbilical cord blood, which is typically discarded at birth, can save a child’s life. Call the National Marrow Donor Program at 1-800-627-7692 or visit [www.marrow.org](http://www.marrow.org) to learn more about this life-saving procedure.