



Hope United Methodist Church

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July 2010

Preparing for Worship In July

July 4

Holy Communion

2 Kings 5:1-14

Psalm 30

Galatians 6:(1-6) 7-16

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

Pastor Glenna preaching

July 11

Amos 7:7-17

Psalm 82

Colossians 1:1-14

Luke 10:25-37

Pastor Glenna preaching

July 18

Amos 8:1-12

Psalm 52

Colossians 1:15-28

Luke 10:38-42

Pastor Glenna preaching

July 25

Hosea 1:2-10

Psalm 85

Colossians 2:6-15

Luke 11:1-13

Pastor Glenna preaching

Word from Our Pastor



Dear Friends,

July is a special month in many ways. For our Annual Conference, July is the beginning of a new church year. It is the time when some pastors are relocated to new appointments; some pastors officially begin their retirements, and when others celebrate their reappointment to the church they are currently serving for another year. This July is a special one for me, as it marks the beginning of our fourth year together. I can hardly believe it, time flies when you're having fun. I treasure the years we have shared in ministry and look forward to many years to come.

As we look toward the start of another year of ministry together, I want for us to be challenged to look forward as we seek to grow in our faith and ministry. While it is nice to sit back and review the events and accomplishments that have taken place, we must continue to ask the question. "What's next?" It's time to dream new dreams and imagine new possibilities. **It's time to ask what God might have us do next.**

One slogan that you have heard during the past few months is "Rethink Church."

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It calls and invites us to redefine church as an experience that goes beyond our doors and invites people to become engaged in the world.

In other words, it asks, "What has God called Hope UMC to be in the 21st century?" We know that our faith witness is to be disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. But what does this mean exactly? I see it as a call for Hope UMC to be a congregation that sets out to make a difference in people's lives locally and globally. Our work of ministry centers upon spreading the message of God's love for all persons and reaching people where they are. Not expecting people to come to where we are.

I'm looking forward to working together and seeing where God will take us next. To explore and develop new ministries that spread the Good News of Jesus Christ. God bless us as we Rethink Church not just as a noun, but as a verb.

Blessings,

Pastor Glenna

Pastor Glenna

Below are two scripture passages to ponder upon as we "Rethink Church."

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? James 2: 14-16 NRSV

But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love. Ephesians 4: 15 NRSV

<i>Those Who Serve</i>	July 4 <i>Holy Communion</i>	July 11	July 18	July 25
Liturgist	Pastor Sue	TBD	Becky Gilliam	Pat Michalik
Greeter	Sheryl Dyer	Wanda Mattix	Marlene Shain	Dennis Mattix
Host(s)	Carole Blackwell Marlene Shain	Perri Larmon	Carole Becker	Edith Tibble
Acolytes	Maya Bown Tori Larmon Jonathon Slaughter Dominic Larmon	Maya Bown Tori Larmon Jonathon Slaughter Dominic Larmon	Maya Bown Tori Larmon Jonathon Slaughter Dominic Larmon	Maya Bown Tori Larmon Jonathon Slaughter Dominic Larmon
Children's Message	Pastor Glenna	Boomer Crotty	Pastor Sue	Pat Michalik
Offering Counters	Carole Blackwell & Carol Becker	Carole Blackwell & Jill Genge	Carole Blackwell & Boomer Crotty	Carole Blackwell & Marlene Shain
Communion Steward	Jill Genge			



Birthdays This Month

July 1 – Rob Hunter
 July 5 – Connie Vahle
 July 8 – Joan Crotty, Jay Bernheisel
 July 9 – Donna Shelton
 July 12 – David Wietlispach
 July 14 – Marge Dernulc
 July 18 – Katelin Bulanda
 July 18 – Arlene Hupach
 July 20 – Pat Michalik
 July 25 – Theo Slaughter
 July 27 – Sue Wietlispach



Anniversaries

July 4 – Frank & Barb Denk
 July 12 – Lee & Virginia Nyhart
 July 16 – Marty & Sue Kaspar
 July 29 – Diane & Jeff Bown
 July 30 – Joan & Boomer Crotty



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 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. 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.

A New Photo Directory Is In The Works! Hope Church will be assembling a new **Photo Directory** starting this month. It will be self-generated; we are not using any outside company to take the pictures (no pressure to buy!) **Trish Nash** will be leading the project, with **Linda Hess** serving as our photographer.

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

Children's Sunday School Lessons for July 2010

<i>Session and Date:</i>	<i>Children Will Learn:</i>	<i>Bible in the Session:</i>
July 11 and July 18	Jesus Calls the Disciples	Luke 5:1-11, 27-32; 6:12-16; 8:1-3
July 25 and August 1	The Good Samaritan	Luke 10:25-37

AND SPREADING GOD'S LOVE BY REACHING OUT TO THE NEEDS OF PEOPLE.

Boomer's Kids - Please continue to bring school supplies for **Boomer's kids**. We will be collecting 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 **July** we are asking for donations of **Canned or Bottled Juice**. Please place them in the blue bin in the narthex.

Noisy Change Sunday Update – Vic reports that **\$487** was collected in noisy change for Flood Buckets. Additionally, **\$63** from the Easter Offering will be added, to make the total **\$550**. This will be given to UMCOR as part of our Rainbow Covenant giving, and will cover the cost of creating 10 flood buckets. The **United Methodist Men** are giving an additional **\$275**, bringing the grand total of giving from Hope United Methodist Church to **\$825**.

TWO SEPARATELY FUNDED PROJECTS

by Larry Wilkinson

BUILDING PROGRAM PROJECT

The Building Committee is preparing to hold meetings in July with the congregation to seek comments and suggestions on all aspects of the new sanctuary addition, ie; floor plans, floor coverings, paints, stains, windows, etc. Following these meetings we will hire an architect to draw up the final plans. We are seriously considering holding the groundbreaking ceremonies for the new sanctuary in the spring of 2011. Yes - next year!

KITCHEN REMODELING PROJECT

This project is largely dependent on voluntary labor and donated materials to bring our kitchen in compliance with health department regulations. Some of the new appliances that are necessary will be paid for from the accrued profits from dinners held in the past and other donated monies. None of the Appeal Program Building Funds will be used for this project.

Updating the kitchen equipment will eliminate the possibility of the health department closing the kitchen for violation of equipment regulations and enable us to hold dinners in the near future with the profits going to the Building Program.

United Methodist Women News

by Florence White

The United Methodist Women made \$200.25 from our Bake Sale on June 5. We appreciate all who were able to bake for our first Bake Sale this year. Without your endeavors we would not have substantial money to give to our local charities and other missions.

Annual Conference Report 2010

The Annual Conference of the Northern Illinois Conference of United Methodist churches was held from June 12 through 16 at the Pheasant Run Resort in St. Charles, Illinois. Thank you for the honor to serve as the lay representative from our church. In an effort to show appreciation for this honor, please accept the following report. The association with the church at the local, district and conference levels is best shown, in my opinion, through a few simple ways that our church is supportive of and connected to the overall mission of the United Methodist Church.

The motto for our church, open hearts, open minds, open doors, is more than a catchy phrase. One of the highlights of the event, in my opinion, was the presence of the Holy Spirit as we discussed the issues that carry the potential to leave us deeply divided. As Christians, and as United Methodists, it is important to remember that, in the words of author Stephen R. Covey, “We see the world not as it is, but as we are.” Feel free to raise specific questions or concerns you may have with respect to the issues brought before the conference with a phone call, email or in conversation.

As you may know, we’ve been challenged to rethink church, that is, to live as bold disciples seeking abundant fruit. In an effort to put this notion into action, we are encouraged by our leaders to embrace the district initiative known as Harvest 2020. You may be interested to know the many new and exciting dimensions that spreading the Gospel can take through Harvest 2020. On behalf of the Administrative Council, please accept this invitation to attend our next meeting on July 6 at 7 pm in Jesse Walker Fellowship Hall. Beth Wilterdink is scheduled to attend and share with us her role in the Harvest 2020 program.

Those attending Annual Conference are provided with many examples of how our church, a worldwide church, is involved beyond the walls of the local church and the borders of our nation. The highlight of the time spent at conference happened when Pastor Glenna provided the opportunity to collect the Rainbow Covenant certificate for our church. The certificate, a symbol of our commitment to the work of the United Methodist Church across the globe, is on display on the west wall in Fellowship Hall. In addition, the congregation continues to make paying our apportionments in full a priority, a priority which can easily get lost in these tough economic times.

As we continue to rethink and to reinvent our church through asking questions such as: “How will our ministry to the community and the world continue to grow and evolve?” let us strive to keep our motto, Harvest 2020, and our commitments to the Rainbow Covenant, apportionments, and missions foremost in our hearts and minds.

John Wietlispach

2010 Lay Member to Annual Conference