



CIRCUIT RIDER

HOPE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

2506 Caton Farm Road Joliet, Illinois 60435

May 2009

Worship In May

May 3

Holy Communion

Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 23;
1 John 3:16-24; John 10-11-18
Pastor Glenna preaching

May 10

Mother's Day

Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 22:25-31;
1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8
Pastor Glenna preaching

May 17

Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 98;
1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17
Pastor Glenna preaching

May 24

Ascension Sunday

Acts 1:15-17; Psalm 1;
1 John 5:9-13; John 17:6-19
Pastor Glenna preaching

May 31

Pentecost Sunday Graduate Recognition Golden Cross Sunday

Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b;
Romans 8:22-27;
John 15:26-27, 16b-15
Pastor Glenna preaching



Dear Friends,

When I sat down to compose this month's article, I suddenly found myself reflecting upon the busyness of our days; the time that keeps slipping away and the rush to complete the next project. It is during times like these that our prayer life can suddenly be pushed aside, or shortened to the point that we are literally "praying on the go." Our prayers become centered mostly upon petitions such as: "O God, get me through this day," or simply "O God!" rather than prayers when we listen and engage in conversation and give thanks to our Creator.

It was during this time of reflection that I received an email from a seminary friend who has launched an online devotional: *Light4the Week*. Mark Raymo and I served together as chaplain interns at Presbyterian Homes. Now working in the corporate world, Mark felt called to launch this project that has since "evolved into a ministry itself."

I have been given permission to share this installment with you and hope you find it as helpful and encouraging

as I have as I attend to my early morning prayer during those busy times of life.

Peace,

Pastor Glenna

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Alarm Clock Gratitude (Vol. 1 Iss. 5)

How did you wake up this morning? No, literally....how did you wake up? Were you like me, hitting the snooze button on the alarm clock several times before rushing out of bed? Or maybe you heard the alarm and got right up to start the hurried routine of preparing for the day? In all cases, there are usually moments of rush, your mind immediately filled with to-do lists, appointments to make, emails to write, work to be done. But what if you started your wake up differently this week? One small change in your wake up routine...could it make a difference? In your day? In your week? In your life?

The Light4theWeek challenge for this week is to wake up a bit differently. Set your alarm clock for five minutes earlier than usual. When your alarm clock goes off in the morning, take those extra five minutes to simply reflect while you lie in bed and fully wake up. Think of 3 things to be thankful for in your life. Three things you are truly grateful for, to contemplate and appreciate in that brief wake up time. I call it Alarm Clock Gratitude.

One good thing could be a meaningful friendship. Another could be an opportunity that just showed itself to you. Or it could even be as simple and profound as the air in your lungs giving you life for that day. The point is to take a moment, just a moment, before you start your day to give thanks. Doing it first thing after wake-up might just have a big impact on the rest of your day. Send appreciation out into the universe, and you might be surprised to see how much more comes your way....

Keep shining. And set your Alarm Clock Gratitude.

Be the light for your week.

Mark relates that you are welcome to email him directly to be added to the list for receiving *Light4theWeek* directly: raymo.mark@gmail.com.

Ordination Update:

Ordination will be in the Mega Center Plenary/Worship Area on Sunday, June 7th 7:30pm. Pheasant Run Resort. The Plenary Area will be open for seating at the end of the dinner break on that Sunday.

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**.

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 **May** we will be gathering *pancake mix, syrup, and cooking oil*. Please place them in the blue bin in the narthex, and many thanks for your assistance.

Education Committee – VBS 2009 “Camp Edge” is just around the corner. Bring your special talents and/or aspirations to help our children learn about God; and, have a lot of fun, too! If you have any time available to volunteer during the mornings of June 15th through June 19th, please see Carrie Becker. *Carrie is also collecting shoe boxes (with lids) for one of our many projects*. Starting in the next Circuit Rider, we will be posting the weekly Sunday School lessons for the parents. We hope this will help parents be more involved with what their children are learning and help understand them. Safe Sanctuary classes will be offered in the near future. Look for more announcements in our weekly service bulletins.

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. And, until **May 15**, you will receive an immediate 10% discount on ink and toner.

Trustees' Work Day - The Trustees of **Hope United Methodist Church** announce their **Spring Work Day, Saturday, May 9, from 8:30 a.m. till we're done**. All are invited to bring work gloves, rakes, lots of elbow grease and a willing spirit. Also mark your calendars for fall. We will prepare our buildings and grounds for winter on **October 3**. See **Larry Wilkinson** or **Roger Hess** if you have questions.

Camping Opportunities: Summer Camp brochures for Camp Reynoldswood and Wesley Woods can be found on the table in the narthex. There are a variety of camps tailored to many areas of interest. Scholarships are available. Contact the Pastor for more information.

<i>Those Who Serve</i>	May 3 <i>Holy Communion</i>	May 10 <i>Mother's Day Baptism of Taniya Mattix</i>	May 17	May 24 <i>Ascension Sunday</i>	May 31 <i>Pentecost Graduation Recognition</i>
Liturgist	Dennis Mattix	Arlene Hupach	Becky Gilliam	Pat Michalik	Sue Wietlispach
Greeter	Wanda Mattix	The Moore Family	Trish Nash	Jacqui Slaughter	Wayne Knight
Host(s)	Connie Vahle	Wanda Mattix	Betty Talbott & Nancy Mitchell	Judy Sohr	Sheryl Dyer
Acolyte	Dominic Larmon	Dominic Larmon	Dominic Larmon	Dominic Larmon	Dominic Larmon
Offering Counters	Carole Blackwell & Carol Becker	Carole Blackwell & Boomer Crotty	Carole Blackwell & TBA	Carole Blackwell & Harriet Luce	Carole Blackwell & Carol Becker
Communion Steward	Jill Genge				

Note of Thanks

I wish to thank all the individuals who called and sent get well cards during my recovery from foot surgery. Especially I appreciated the excellent meals brought to my house for my husband and me. The ladies in this church are certainly great cooks and caring for others! Thank you again! - Florence.

Yard Sale Date Set

This year's first All-Church Yard Sale will on Saturday, June 13, from 8:00 a.m. till 3:00 p.m. See Trish Nash with questions, offers to work, or to rent a table. And don't forget to check the attic, basement, garage, and crawl space for items to donate to the sale! Items may be left in the garage.

UMW Bake Sale

The United Methodist Women will have a Bake Sale, in conjunction with the Yard Sale, on Saturday, June 13, from 8:00 a.m. till 3:00 p.m. See Harriet Luce with questions or to donate baked goods.

Music News

The Choir will hold its last rehearsal of the season on Wednesday, May 27, and will sing in worship for the last time this spring on Sunday, May 31. This means that special music will be needed for the summer months. If you sing, play an instrument, or know someone who does who would like to share their talent with us, please see Cheryl Foster as soon as possible.

The Bishop's Visit

Northern Illinois Conference Bishop Hee-Soo Jung will be visiting the Joliet Cluster on Tuesday, May 19, and will be at Hope United Methodist Church at 12 noon. During his visit, Bishop Jung will tour our facility, offer prayers in the sanctuary, and will be our guest for lunch. Lunch will be prepared and served by the Bag Ladies, under the capable leadership of Linda Hess. All members and friends of Hope UMC who can attend are encouraged to do so. A clipboard for RSVPs will be available starting Sunday, May 3. RSVPs are needed by May 17.

From the Finance Committee

Figures for March, 2009

<u>Offerings</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Variance</u>
\$9,386.00	\$8,885.79	\$500.21

Graduation Sunday

Be here on **May 31** as we celebrate all those who continue on the path of higher learning. Recognition will be given to those who have reached this milestone during Sunday morning worship. If you have a graduate in your family or circle of friends, please fill out a yellow Grad Recognition form for them and either place it in the offering or in the secretary's mailbox (hallway, across from the kitchen) by May 17.

Let's make Pentecost last through the summer.

Beginning on May 25 through Sunday, May 31, we invite members and friends to bring red potted geraniums to the church. We will decorate the sanctuary with the color red signifying the Holy Spirit and then plant the geraniums in the front yard of the church as a reminder of Pentecost during the months to come.

Join us on this festive occasion as we celebrate the Life and Spirit of Hope Church.



- May 6 – Marcus Slaughter
- May 13 – Robert White, Michelle Orta
- May 14 – Barb Denk
- May 15 – Cheryl Foster
- May 17 – Tracey Hunter
- May 18 – Trish Nash
- May 19 – Annette Craven
- May 23 – Sam Wietlispach
- May 25 – Lori Mattix
- May 29 – Mike Dernulc
- May 31 – Arlene Campagna, Sheryl Dyer

Wedding 

Anniversaries

May 24 – John & Sue Wietlispach

VBS Registration Form

\$10 per child

Child's Name _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Address _____

E-mail Address _____

Phone Numbers Home _____ Cell _____ Work _____

Age Information

Date of birth _____ Age _____

Last school grade completed _____

Home Church _____

Allergies/Medical Information/Other

Emergency Contacts

Name _____ Phone _____

Name _____ Phone _____

Dismissal Information

Name(s) of person(s) who may pick up this child from VBS

Other Information (church use only)

Camper Group _____

Are parents helping with CAMP E.D.G.E. VBS? _____ If yes, where? _____

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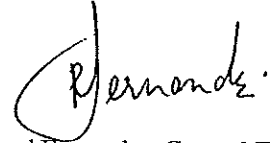
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