

# Hope United Methodist Church

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**May 2010**

## Preparing for Worship In May

### May 2

#### **Holy Communion**

Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 148;  
Rev. 21:1-6; John 13:31-35  
*Pastor Glenna preaching*

### May 9

#### **The 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67;  
Rev. 21:10, 22-22:5;  
John 14:23-29 *Pastor Glenna  
preaching*

### May 16

#### **Commitment Sunday**

Acts 16:16-34; Psalm 97;  
Rev. 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21;  
John 17:20-26  
*Pastor Glenna preaching*

### May 23

#### **Day of Pentecost**

#### **Graduate Recognition Acolyte Commissioning**

Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b;  
Romans 8:14-17; John 14:8-17  
*Pastor Glenna preaching*

### May 30

#### **Trinity Sunday**

Proverbs 8:1-4; Psalm 8;  
Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15  
*Pastor Glenna preaching*

## Word from Our Pastor



Dear Friends,

May is an exciting time for Hope United Methodist Church. After months of praying, planning, organizing, and celebrating we are approaching Commitment Sunday for our *Growing in Faith* Capital Campaign. What began as an idea 50 years ago and resurrected last year, is now coming to fruition. God is calling us to do a new thing! Can you perceive it?

The Good News is: all are invited to participate in this bold and courageous endeavor to grow our ministries. Together we can make a difference in the lives of others, to spread the message of Jesus Christ into our community and the world.

For many, matters of faith are personal and hard to express. But when shared with others it reveals truth that persons can identify within their own lives. The letter below was read at our *Growing in Faith* Appeal Gathering on April 18. It shares from the heart matters of faith and what Hope UMC means to one person. I trust there are others who share similar experiences:

“My faith means everything to me. In these troubled times

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I know that there is someone who is always there for me. I don't have to make an appointment to talk to Him nor do I have to leave my house. I don't have to worry about my insurance not covering our talks or that I will be turned down due to a pre-existing condition. He is my safe haven in the chaos we call daily life. God/Lord/Jesus, however you address Him, is always on call and I know He loves me, He wants the best for me and He loves to hear from me any time, any day or any hour...and I talk to Him a lot!!

My church is my extended family. They are the kindest, nicest, most loving people I know. I know that in times of trouble I can call on any of them and they will be there. I felt welcome here the first time I walked in the door and nothing has changed since then."

I hope that we will see this fund appeal through to fruition. I want our congregation to grow. I don't want it to get so big that we lose the family feeling but I would like anyone who feels they are missing something in their life or those who are unsatisfied with the church they now attend to join us to find out what a warm, caring, friendly church we are. We will open our doors wide and welcome them with open arms and hearts...and with the Lord's help we will accomplish our goals."

May Hope UMC continue to provide opportunities for others to grow in faith and generosity.

Blessings,

*Pastor Glenna*

Pastor Glenna



# ***The Deacon's Corner***

*Rev. Sue Ritts, Deacon*

Did you see the sign? *Easter: 50% Off!* Did I miss those seminary classes where we were taught that Easter had a shelf life? What parts of the Easter experience have now disappeared just a few weeks after Easter Sunday? AND---who decided which parts to keep and which parts to erase?

Of course, I'm being more than a little bit silly. The blessings and gifts of Easter---of the promise of an abundant and amazing life with the risen Christ---are never discounted or withdrawn. The fancy baskets, stuffed bunnies and chicks, and tons of delicious chocolate candy may no longer occupy places on the store shelves or in our homes, but the love which God has for us is no less powerful and sustaining that was on that first Easter morning in Jerusalem! While the remnants of jelly beans and peanut butter eggs may have accumulated on hips and thighs, may the joy and miracle of salvation grow and blossom within our hearts.

It has been said that each Sunday morning---each worship service---is yet another celebration of that Easter gift. *He is risen!* Let's testify to this miracle in our daily lives.

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## **COMMITMENT SUNDAY – May 16**



Sunday, May 16 is Commitment Sunday for our Growing in Faith Building Fund Appeal to raise money to renovate and expand our church building to better serve our ministry. We want every member and friend of Hope United Methodist Church to bring their building fund commitment card to worship on Sunday, May 16. The commitment cards will be received and dedicated during worship in a special offering.

When we are asked to pray and consider a new financial gift to our church's ministry, we are given the opportunity to reflect on our faith and to grow in our generosity. Please read and reflect on these words from Appeal Leadership Team member, Sharon Becker, as you prepare to make your financial commitment:

“My faith helps through my daily life with all the struggles I encounter. My faith lifts me up to find spiritual peace and joy. My church is a place I go to strengthen my faith and find joy and peace. We are a church that shares our joys and concerns. The prayer chain has healed and brought us comfort. Our church reaches out to others outside of the church.”

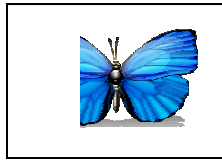
This fund appeal is an opportunity for the congregation to come together and raise the funds to build a bigger place for new families to come and discover what a wonderful church this is.

### **Building Fund Contribution Envelopes**

by Larry Wilkinson

Special envelopes have been purchased for you to enclose contributions to our "Growing In Faith" Building Fund. The new envelopes are reddish brown and white, and are distinctively different from those used today for day-to-day expenses.

Please do not use the present white offering envelopes which list contributions to "Current Expense" or "Building Maintenance Fund" for the new Building Fund contributions as confusion may result.



## Notes of Hope



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

***A Prayer Vigil for our Building Fund Appeal*** will be held in the sanctuary at **Hope United Methodist Church** on **Monday and Tuesday May 10 and 11 from 6 am until 9 am and from 6 pm until 9 pm**. The Spiritual Emphasis Team invites the congregation to participate in this **Prayer Vigil** for our **Building Fund Appeal** as we approach **Commitment Sunday on May 16**.

**Graduate Recognition – Graduates** of Pre-School, Kindergarten, Junior High/Middle School, High School, College, Graduate Programs, Certificate Programs, Trade/Vocational Programs, and any other programs, **will be honored during the worship service at Hope United Methodist Church on Pentecost Sunday, May 23**. We need your help to gather the names of graduates. If you have a graduate in your family, please fill in the bulletin insert and place in the offering or the church secretary's mailbox. Inserts will be included with bulletins through **Sunday, May 9** and are due in the office by **May 10**.

**Hope United Methodist Church** will have a **BBQ PULLED PORK DINNER** on **Friday, May 21**, from **4-7 p.m.** The profit will go for the kitchen. The cost will be **\$8 for adults** and **\$3.50 for kids under 12**.

It's time to check the attic, garage, crawl space, and storage unit for items for our **All-Church Spring Yard Sale!** This year's Yard Sale will be held on **Saturday, June 5**. Items may be brought to church on **Sunday mornings** and on **Thursdays from 11 a.m. till 2 p.m.**, and must be checked in by either **Linda Hess** or **Trish Nash**. ***Please do not bring dirty or broken items – they will be returned to the owner.*** 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. 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.

***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.

***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.

Thirty-five years after starting, Church Secretary **Roberta Drake** is (finally) graduating from **Joliet Junior College** with an **Associate in General Studies Degree** on **Friday, May 14**. On **Saturday, May 15**, all are invited to celebrate with her at an **Open House Reception** here at the church from **1-5 p.m.** ***See the flyer on the bulletin board for more information.***

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

**Vacation Bible School is coming!** This year's Vacation Bible School will be held **June 14-18** here at Hope United Methodist Church. Our theme this year is "**Hero Headquarters.**" **Carrie Becker** has again taken on the role of Director for this important children's education event. Please see her if you can help in any way.

**Safe Sanctuaries** Class will be held on **Saturday, May 22.** **Pat Michalik** and **Sue Ritts** will be leading the session. This is a requirement for those working with children in the church. See **Jacqui Slaughter** if you would like to attend.

*Children's Sunday School Lessons for May 2010*

<i>Session and Date:</i>	<i>Children Will Learn:</i>	<i>Bible in the Session:</i>
May 2 – Who is Paul?	Believing in Jesus changes my life.	Acts 9:1-19a Verse: A new spirit I will put within you. (Ezekiel 36:26)
May 9 – Escape!	God is with me when I'm faithful to Christ.	Acts 9:19b-25 Verse: I will trust, and will not be afraid. (Isaiah 12:2)
May 16 – Paul and Barnabas	Christian friends help one another.	Acts 9:26-31 Verse: For we are God's servants, working together. (1 Corinthians 3-9)
May 23 – Pentecost	The Holy Spirit is our Helper and Comforter.	Acts 2:1-13 Verse: All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit. (Acts 2:4)
May 30 – Paul and Lydia	I choose to follow Jesus.	Acts 16:11-15 Verse: I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus. (Ephesians 1:15)

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

**Haiti Relief** - In January Hope UMC collected \$1,210 which was sent to the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) for direct aid to Haiti. Our donation of supplies was combined with those of other area churches, and Plainfield UMC delivered 250 pounds of material to the distribution center in Chatham which will be organized into health kits that are also destined for Haitian relief efforts. Recovery efforts will continue in Haiti for an extended time, so additional money and supplies will be welcomed at any time.

**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 **May** we are asking for donations of **Non-Sweetened Cereals**. Please place them in the blue bin in the narthex.

**The members of the "Faithlink" class** have been sponsoring a shoe drive for **Share Your Soles**. We will be sorting, cleaning, polishing, and packing donations on **Saturday, May 1 from 9 am until noon**. All are invited to join us in preparing the shoes for shipment.

**Carol Cawvey** has been admitted to **Meadowbrook Manor** in **Bolingbrook** for rehabilitation following her recent surgery. She is expected to be there for at least one month. Cards may be sent to her at Meadowbrook Manor, Room 107C, 431 Remington Drive, Bolingbrook, IL 60440.

## HELP WANTED!!!!!!

Persons to share of their Service. Yes, that IS the Holy Spirit who is nudging you to answer the call.

Pick an area:

- Teachers for Sunday School until Ashley's return on May 23.
- Someone to gather Liturgists, Greeters and Hosts each month for Sunday Worship.
- (there is a ready list of persons waiting to be slotted, we just need someone to organize it all)
- Leaders and helpers for Vacation Bible School. June 14-18.

When we recited our membership vows, we didn't answer to this:

"Will you faithfully participate in its ministries by your prayers, OR your presence, OR your gifts, OR your service, OR your witness?"

We answered to vows that are **ALL** inclusive, and read:

"Will you faithfully participate in its ministries by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service AND you witness? And the reply is: **I WILL**

<i>Those Who Serve</i>	<b>May 2</b> <i>5th Sunday of Easter Holy Communion</i>	<b>May 9</b> <i>6th Sunday of Easter</i>	<b>May 16</b> <i>7th Sunday of Easter Commitment Sunday</i>	<b>May 23</b> <i>Day of Pentecost Graduate Recognition Acolyte Commissioning</i>	<b>May 30</b> <i>Trinity Sunday</i>
<b>Liturgist</b>	Pastor Sue Ritts	Arlene Hupach	Dennis Mattix	Mark Ritts	Vic Genge
<b>Greeter</b>	Marlene Shain	Lori Mattix	Edith Tibble	Marty Olumstad	Laura Moore
<b>Host</b>	Perri Larmon	Carol Becker	Wanda Mattix	Connie Vahle	Sheryl Dyer
<b>Acolyte</b>	Dominic Larmon	Dominic Larmon		Dominic Larmon	Dominic Larmon
<b>Children's Message</b>	Pastor Glenna	Carrie Becker	Pastor Sue	Pat Michalik	Becky Gilliam
<b>Offering Counters</b>	Carole Blackwell & Marlene Shain	Carole Blackwell & Carol Becker	Carole Blackwell & Jill Genge	Carole Blackwell & Boomer Crotty	Carole Blackwell & Marlene Shain
<b>Communion Steward</b>	Jill Genge				

*There is the story of a pastor who got up one Sunday and announced to her congregation: 'I have good news and bad news. The good news is, we have enough money to pay for our new building program. The bad news is, it's still out there in your pockets.'*

HOLY HUMOR

A father was approached by his small son who told him proudly, 'I know what the Bible means!'

'Okay,' said his father. 'What does the Bible mean?'

'That's easy, Daddy...' the young boy replied excitedly, 'It stands for 'Basic Information Before Leaving Earth.'

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There was a very gracious lady who was mailing an old family Bible to her brother in another part of the country.

'Is there anything breakable in here?'' asked the postal clerk.

'Only the Ten Commandments,' answered the lady.

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'Somebody has said there are only two kinds of people in the world.

There are those who wake up in the morning and say, 'Good morning, Lord,' and there are those who wake up in the morning and say, 'Good Lord, it's morning.'

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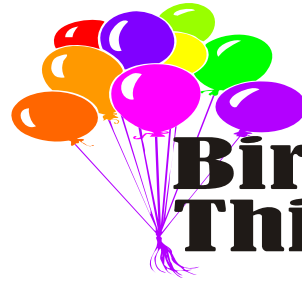
A minister parked his car in a no-parking zone in a large city because he was short of time and couldn't find a space with a meter. Then he puts a note under the windshield wiper that read: 'I have circled the block 10 times. If I don't park here, I'll miss my appointment. Forgive us our trespasses.'

When he returned, he found a citation from a police officer along with this note:

I've circled this block for 10 years. If I don't give you a ticket I'll lose my job. Lead us not into temptation.'

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People want the front of the bus, the back of the church, and the center of attention.



# **Birthdays This Month**

May 6 – Marcus Slaughter

May 13 – Robert White

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

May 31 – Sheryl Dyer



# *Anniversaries*

May 24 – John & Sue Wietlispach

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mean. It's the same in my business.'

While driving in Pennsylvania , a family caught up to an Amish carriage. The owner of the carriage obviously had a sense of humor, because attached to the back of the carriage was a hand printed sign... 'Energy efficient vehicle: Runs on oats and grass.. Caution: Do not step in exhaust.'

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A Sunday School teacher began her lesson with a question, 'Boys and girls, what do we know about God?'

A hand shot up in the air. 'He is an artist!' said the kindergarten boy. 'Really? How do you know?' the teacher asked.. 'You know - Our Father, who does art in Heaven.... '

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Sunday after church, a Mom asked her very young daughter what the lesson was about. The daughter answered, 'Don't be scared, you'll get your quilt.' Needless to say, the Mom was perplexed. Later in the day, the pastor stopped by for tea and the Mom asked him what that morning's Sunday school lesson was about.

He said 'Be not a afraid, thy comforter is coming.'

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The minister was preoccupied with thoughts of how he was going to ask the congregation to come up with more money than they were expecting for repairs to the church building. Therefore, he was annoyed to find that the regular organist was sick and a substitute had been brought in at the last minute. The substitute wanted to know what to play 'Here's a copy of the service,' he said impatiently. 'But, you'll have to think of something to play after I make the announcement about the finances.' During the service, the minister paused and said, 'Brothers and Sisters, we are in great difficulty; the roof repairs cost twice as much as we expected and we need \$4,000 more. Any of you who can pledge \$100 or more, please stand up'. At that moment, the substitute organist played 'The Star Spangled Banner.' And that is how the substitute became the regular organist!