



# CIRCUIT RIDER

HOPE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

2506 Caton Farm Road Joliet, Illinois 60435

November 2009

Preparing for  
Worship In November

**November 1**

*Holy Communion*

*All Saints Day*

Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm 24;

Rev. 21:1-6a; John 11:32-44

*Pastor Glenna preaching*

**November 8**

Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17; Psalm 127;

Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44

*Pastor Glenna preaching*

**November 15**

*Consecration Sunday*

1 Samuel 1:4-20; Psalm 113;

Hebrews 10:11-14 (15-18), 19-25

*Pastor Glenna preaching*

**November 22**

*Christ the King Sunday*

2 Samuel 23:1-7; Psalm 132:1-12;

Rev. 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37

*Pastor Glenna preaching*

**November 29**

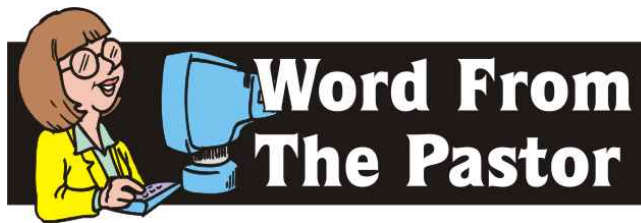
*1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent*

Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:1-10;

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13;

Luke 21:25-36

*Pastor Glenna preaching*



Pastor's Report: Church Conference November 7, 2009

Hope United Methodist Church Joliet, Illinois

Rev. Glenna L. Olumstad

I am privileged to serve as your pastor. Together we are living into our commission to become disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. This past year has been one of planning and celebration. Our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary activities gave us opportunities to reflect upon our ministerial history while at the same time create a vision for the future. Hope UMC is actively engaged in a visionary and discernment process as we move forward with short and long range goals that will help persons grow in their relationship with God. Ongoing efforts have been made to respond to the needs of our community both inside and outside of the church.

Growth in our relationship to God is revealed by the increased attendance in worship, children's Sunday school and adult bible studies. *Faithlink* is one study that challenges us to apply our faith to current issues

and world events. We have just completed a study on *Christianity and World Religions* that aided in our understanding of our Christian beliefs as we learned about others who worship differently. Our Sunday worship is enhanced with the addition of a media screen and applying creative and varied worship experiences throughout the year.

Mission opportunities include our active participation with the Ridgewood community food pantry; a vital ministry as we observe an increase in need due to the struggling economy. "Boomer's Kids," Hope's UMC ongoing ministerial partnership with an area school with children in need, has now expanded where we conduct collections of school supplies throughout the entire school year along with special collections to fill Christmas stockings and Easter baskets. The Children's Sunday school and Vacation Bible School built bird houses for a Native American fellowship in Peoria, two men and a high school youth went to work at Camp Reynoldswood, as we seek to expand our "hands-on" mission. Our church has increased its global mission focus through the reactivating special Sunday giving. The Bag ladies continue with their sewing of diapers and school bags for those in the U.S. as well as Haiti, and Afghanistan.

Hope UMC is blessed to have committed leadership. Members and chairs of committees devote countless hours of their time and talent to ensure all departments run efficiently while maintaining the order of the church. We continue to have an influx of new members willing to take on various leadership roles. Hope UMC sent 4 persons to Lay Academy, and many other members attended conference events and training. As more persons participate in these learning opportunities we are equipping and empowering others to become active church leaders.

Pastoral ministry is not confined to the local parish. I remain committed to pastoral visitation and to serving the sacraments in homes, hospitals, and nursing facilities. It has been a joy to represent Hope UMC as I offer worship leadership to two area nursing homes on a regular basis. I also serve as the convener for the Joliet Area Cluster and am now a certified mentor for ministerial candidates seeking ordination in the United Methodist Church. Continuing Education is necessary to meet the demands of our visionary planning, redevelopment and growth as a congregation. Therefore, I continue to attend conference training seminars, educational opportunities offered through Garrett - Evangelical Theological Seminary and elsewhere to maintain my growth in knowledge, my attention to spiritual disciplines and improve my skills for ministry.

God has blessed and continues to bless this congregation. I look forward to our continued spiritual growth and development, living faithfully as we respond to the challenges ahead to strengthen and expand the ministries of Hope UMC into the next generations.

Grace and Peace,

*Pastor Glenna*

Pastor Glenna

## New Sanctuary Vote Nears

By Larry Wilkinson

NOVEMBER 7 - SATURDAY - 6:00 PM

The Hope United Methodist Church members will cast written ballots for the purpose of granting approval to conduct a Capital Campaign to finance the construction of a new sanctuary. This new addition will result in a domino effect adding classrooms, storage rooms and a pastor's office in the church building.

More important than the result of the vote is that the decision will be that of a majority of members. Attendance at the annual church conference has been small in the past. Please attend the meeting and vote your preference!

As in a long awaited birth, this project has been nine months in preparation by your Trustees, Finance Committee, a Study Committee and a Building Group.

It all began in January, 2009, with a request from trustees for more storage and food preparation space. The Lord has been guiding these discussions along a sometimes rocky path, but everyone has contributed to this presentation.

A more important decision has not been made in 47 years by our membership.

If the November 7 church conference approves the action, the building committee will move forward with additional study and provide detailed architectural plans, costs and financial plans. Following approval of these plans by the District Board of Church Location and Building, the pastor, with the approval of the district superintendent shall call a church conference. After approval by the church conference the building committee may begin the project.

In our narthex is a wonderful computer generated image of the proposed church addition upon completion. It is as though you are viewing the church from Caton Farm Road at our mailbox.

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<i>Those Who Serve</i>	November 1 <i>All Saints Day Holy Communion</i>	November 8	November 15 <i>Consecration Sunday</i>	November 22 <i>Christ the King Sunday</i>	November 29 <i>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent</i>
Liturgist	Sue Ritts	Arlene Hupach	Vic Genge	Mark Ritts	Frank Denk
Greeter	Betty Talbott	Rusty Mitchell	Marty Olumstad	Arlene Campagna	Chris Denk
Host(s)	Rosemary Breen	Harriet Luce	Sheryl Dyer	Connie Vahle	Barb Denk

Acolyte	Dominic Larmon	Dominic Larmon	Dominic Larmon	Dominic Larmon	Dominick Larmon
Offering Counters	Carole Blackwell & Boomer Crotty	Carole Blackwell & TBA	Carole Blackwell & Harriet Luce	Carole Blackwell & Carol Becker	Carole Blackwell & Boomer Crotty
Communion Steward	Jill Genge				

## 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**.

*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.

*Church Conference* – **Church Conference** is getting closer! Mark your calendars for **Saturday, November 7**, with **Staff-Parish** meeting at **5:15 p.m.**, followed by the **Church Conference at 6:00**. Annual Reports from Committee Chairs, Lay Speakers, and other Church Leaders (you know who you are!) are due in the office no later than **9:00 a.m., Monday, October 26**. Report forms can be downloaded from the NIC website. Call **Roberta** with questions or problems.

*“Hanging of the Greens”* – We will be decorating our church for the holidays on **Sunday, November 22**, and sharing in a pot-luck meal. Whether you are physically able to help or not, we want to see you there! See **Linda Hess** with questions.

*Office Chair Donated* - Pat Michalik recently donated a very nice, new office swivel chair to the church. On behalf of the Hope UMC I want to thank Pat for her gift which our secretary is enjoying.

*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. See **Linda Hess** with questions.

## Food Pantry News

The name of the food pantry is **Ridgewood United Community Pantry** and it is located at **Trinity United Methodist Church, 301 Fairbanks Street, Joliet, IL 60432**.

As of June 1, 2009 the food pantry went to a weekly food distribution. In June, 151 families were served. Food pantry hours are **every Wednesday from 1 pm to 3 pm**. We exist solely from contributions and gifts from churches and individuals. We buy most of our food from the Northern Illinois Food Bank in St. Charles.

As of November 1, 2009 the food pantry will only be able to serve those families with a 60432 or 60433 zip code. First time clients need to bring an ID for adults, a recent utility bill or proof of their address, and if they have children, birth certificates for their children. **Volunteers are always welcome any Wednesday from 12 noon until 3 pm.** Please help in any and all ways that you can.

***FAITHLINK CAR WASH*** - Thanks to everyone who participated in the Faithlink car wash. Those who helped wash and vacuum cars were:

**Chris Denk**  
**Vic Genge**  
**Jonathon Slaughter**

**Frank Denk**  
**Sam Wietlispach**  
**Noah Slaughter**

**Rosemary Breen**  
**Boomer Crotty**  
**Sarah Baldwin**

Thanks to all who contributed so generously. We raised **\$230.00.**

## More Hope Notes . . .



### **Birthdays This Month**

November 4 – Samantha Craven  
November 13 – Taniya Mattix  
November 15 – Dennis Mattix  
November 17 – Kylie Shelton  
November 23 – Matt Kaspar  
November 26 – Ryan Nash  
November 27 – Jana Knight



### *Anniversaries*

November 14 – Rob & Tracey Hunter

### Reminder

If you utilize the church on Thursday afternoons, please leave the back door to Fellowship Hall unlocked for the A.A. group that meets on Thursday evenings. Questions or concerns? See **Larry Wilkinson**.

### From the Finance Committee

Apportionments are paid and up to date.



# FALL BACK

*Daylight Saving Time Ends November 1.  
Turn your clocks  
back one hour before  
retiring on October 31.*

### Halloween Goodie

A man is walking home alone late one foggy night... when behind him he hears:

***BUMP...BUMP...BUMP...***

Walking faster, he looks back and through the fog he makes > out the image of an upright casket banging its way down the > middle of the street toward him.

***BUMP...BUMP...BUMP...***

Terrified, the man begins to run toward his home, the casket bouncing quickly behind him.

***FASTER...FASTER...BUMP...BUMP...BUMP...***

He runs up to his door, fumbles with his keys, opens the door, rushes in, slams and locks the door behind him.

However, the casket crashes through his door, with the lid of the casket clapping

***clappity-BUMP...clappity-BUMP...clappity-BUMP...***

on his heels, the terrified man runs.

Rushing upstairs to the bathroom, the man locks himself in. His heart is pounding; his head is reeling; his breath is coming in sobbing gasps.

With a loud **CRASH** the casket breaks down the door, bumping and clapping toward him.

The man screams and reaches for something, anything, but all he can find is a bottle of cough syrup!

Desperate, he throws the cough syrup at the casket...

and,

(hopefully you're ready for this!!!)

The coffin stops.



# Thanksgiving

What are YOU thankful for?

**I AM THANKFUL:**

**FOR THE WIFE**

**WHO SAYS IT'S HOT DOGS TONIGHT,  
BECAUSE SHE IS HOME WITH ME,  
AND NOT OUT WITH SOMEONE ELSE.**

**FOR THE HUSBAND**

**WHO IS ON THE SOFA  
BEING A COUCH POTATO,  
BECAUSE HE IS HOME WITH ME  
AND NOT OUT AT THE BARS.**

**FOR THE TEENAGER**

**WHO IS COMPLAINING ABOUT DOING  
DISHES BECAUSE IT MEANS SHE IS AT  
HOME, NOT ON THE STREETS.**

**FOR THE TAXES I PAY**

**BECAUSE IT MEANS I AM EMPLOYED.**

**FOR THE MESS TO CLEAN AFTER A**

**PARTY BECAUSE IT MEANS I HAVE  
BEEN SURROUNDED BY FRIENDS.**

**FOR THE CLOTHES THAT FIT A LITTLE  
TOO SNUG**

**BECAUSE IT MEANS  
I HAVE ENOUGH TO EAT.**

**FOR MY SHADOW THAT WATCHES ME**

**WORK BECAUSE IT MEANS  
I AM OUT IN THE SUNSHINE**

**FOR A LAWN THAT NEEDS MOWING,**

**WINDOWS THAT NEED CLEANING,  
AND GUTTERS THAT NEED FIXING  
BECAUSE IT MEANS I HAVE A HOME**

**FOR ALL THE COMPLAINING  
I HEAR ABOUT THE GOVERNMENT  
BECAUSE IT MEANS  
WE HAVE FREEDOM OF SPEECH..**

**FOR THE PARKING SPOT**

**I FIND AT THE FAR END OF THE  
PARKING LOT**

**BECAUSE IT MEANS I AM CAPABLE OF  
WALKING AND I HAVE BEEN BLESSED  
WITH TRANSPORTATION.**

**FOR MY HUGE HEATING BILL  
BECAUSE IT MEANS I AM WARM.**

**FOR THE LADY BEHIND ME IN CHURCH  
WHO SINGS OFF KEY  
BECAUSE IT MEANS I CAN HEAR.**

**FOR THE PILE OF LAUNDRY AND  
IRONING BECAUSE IT MEANS I HAVE  
CLOTHES TO WEAR.**

**FOR WEARINESS AND ACHING  
MUSCLES AT THE END OF THE DAY  
BECAUSE IT MEANS I HAVE BEEN  
CAPABLE OF WORKING HARD.**

**FOR THE ALARM THAT GOES OFF  
IN THE EARLY MORNING HOURS  
BECAUSE IT MEANS I AM ALIVE.**

**AND I AM THANKFUL:**

**FOR THE crazy people I work with  
BECAUSE they make work interesting and  
fun!**

**AND FINALLY, FOR TOO MUCH E-MAIL  
BECAUSE IT MEANS I HAVE FRIENDS WHO  
ARE THINKING OF ME.**

**Live well, Laugh often, & Love  
with all of your heart!**