



# CIRCUIT RIDER

HOPE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

2506 Caton Farm Road Joliet, Illinois 60435

September 2009

Preparing for  
Worship In September

**September 6**

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23;  
Psalm 124 or 124; James 2:1-10  
(11-13), 14-17; Mark 7:24-37  
*Pastor Glenna preaching*

**September 13**

*50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration  
Holy Communion*

“The Hope of Abundant Living”  
Mark 8:1-10; Colossians 1:25-27  
*Bishop Hee-Soo Jung preaching*

**September 20**

Proverbs 31:10-31; Psalm 1;  
James 3:13-4:3, 7-8;  
Mark 9:30-37  
*Pastor Glenna preaching*

**September 27**

Esther 7:1-6; 9-10- 9:20-22;  
Psalm 124; James 5:13-20;  
Mark 9:38-50  
*Pastor Glenna preaching*



*I am the church, you are the church, we are the church together.  
All who follow Jesus, all around the world;  
yes, we're the church together...  
~ Avery and Marsh, 1972~*

Dear Friends,

September 13 is a special day. On this Sunday we will honor 50 years of ministry as well as celebrate our plans for the future. Letters have been delivered to former pastors and friends to invite them to share in this occasion. Bishop Hee-Soo Jung is scheduled to deliver the message, and lead us in communion. Reverends Gillham, Linda Hood and Mary Beth Bernheisel have since responded and look forward to reconnecting with everyone. A dinner will be served immediately following services. We hope you all plan to remain and enjoy table fellowship, visit with others, and view photos of the past and present.

This event would not have been made possible without the work of others. Many thanks go to the members of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee: Greg Chapman, Arlene Hupach, Harriet Luce, Wanda Mattix, Pat Michalik, Judy Sohr, and

Sue Wietlispach for their planning and scheduling of events which were held throughout the year. I also know there were additional persons who compiled lists, accumulated photos and helped write the history of the congregation, provide information for the anniversary book, produce a cookbook of favorite church recipes, and volunteered during our gathering activities.

Now is the time to relax, join together to celebrate and thank God for those who had the vision to plant a church, share their faith with others and provide a model for us to follow toward our century celebration.

Grace and Peace,

*Pastor Glenna*

Pastor Glenna

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Fall 2009 Work Day by Larry Wilkinson

We all want our church grounds and buildings to look their very best for our largest and most important Fiftieth Year Anniversary celebration on September 13. On that day we will host our Bishop, District Superintendent, former Pastors and former congregation members at our Sunday service followed by a luncheon.

The Hope UMC fall work day will occur on Saturday, September 12. Larry will be here working on Friday, September 11, and invites anyone who wishes to come out on that date to do so as well.

The majority of chores remaining from our spring work day consist of improving the church grounds, i.e.; edging, weeding, pruning, mulching around the garage and jungle gym, etc.

Encourage the church youth to participate as the largest chore facing us is the weeding of the flower beds and the youth could save many of us seniors from being unable to straighten up on Sunday. Your participation will be appreciated.

**Church Conference** - We have a date for **Church Conference!** 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.

<i>Those Who Serve</i>	September 6	September 13 <i>Holy Communion 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration</i>	September 20	September 27
Liturgist	Vic Genge	Greg Chapman	Jacqui Slaughter	Roger Hess
Greeter	Sheryl Dyer	LaDessa Chapman	Linda Hess	Joann Hall
Host(s)	Jill Genge	Celebration Meal	Sharon Becker	Boomer Crotty
Acolyte	Dominic Larmon	Dominic Larmon	Dominic Larmon	Dominic Larmon
Offering Counters	Carole Blackwell & Boomer Crotty	Carole Blackwell & TBA	Carole Blackwell & Harriet Luce	Carole Blackwell & Carol Becker
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.

*Yard Sale Date Set* - This year's Fall All-Church Yard Sale will on Saturday, September 26, 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, September 26, from 8:00 a.m. till 3:00 p.m. See Harriet Luce with questions or to donate baked goods.



## "PLAYING FOR KEEPS"

LADIES! Join us for a delicious breakfast as Holly Berry, flutist, entertains us with music. Bring a friend and meet new ones.

Wednesday, September 16

9:30 – 11:00 am At Joliet Country Club  
1009 Spencer Road  
Joliet, Illinois  
\$12 inclusive

Speaker, Holly Berry, of Minneapolis, Minnesota, Former Plus Size Model, glides down the Runway of Life in Search of Truth as she talks about "Playing for Keeps."

\*\*\*FREE NURSERY\*\*\*

Reservations call Judy 815 725 5947  
or Sonya 815 727 1626

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Printing Thanks to a "Friend"

**NEXT BREAKFAST Wednesday, October 21**

You and your friends are invited to our  
**"THERE IS MUSIC IN THE AIR!"**

DINNER

**THE TALENTED HOLLY BERRY WILL ENTERTAIN US WITH HER MUSIC.**

**HOLLY BERRY of MINNEAPOLIS, MN**  
A FORMER PLUS SIZE MODEL GLIDES DOWN THE  
RUNWAY OF LIFE IN SEARCH OF TRUTH AS SHE  
SHARES ON "PLAYING FOR KEEPS".

Wednesday SEPTEMBER 16, 2009 6:30 -8:30pm

**THE TIMBERS**

**1100 N RIVER RD. SHOREWOOD, IL**  
**\$12.50 INCLUSIVE**

**For reservations please call**  
**Margaret 815-725-6467 OR**  
**Sonya 815-727-1626**  
**Please respond by SEPTEMBER 10<sup>th</sup>**

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**Next Meeting OCTOBER 21, 2009**



## Music News

Our Choir will resume rehearsals at **6:30 p.m.** on **Wednesday, September 9.** They will begin singing in worship on **Sunday, September 13.** Interested in joining? See **Cheryl Foster.**

## From the Finance Committee

*Figures for July, 2009*

<u>Offerings</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Variance</u>
<i>Figures for July were not available at press time.</i>		



## **Birthdays This Month**

September 4 – Justin Orta  
September 5 – Glenna Olumstad  
September 5 – Janis Shaw  
September 7 – Judy Sohr  
September 8 – Sue Clark  
September 8 – Richard Craven  
September 14 – Jill Genge,  
September 14 – Jacqui Slaughter  
September 18 – Vic Genge,  
September 18 – Roger Hess  
September 23 – Perri Larmon  
September 24 – Becky Gilliam,  
September 24 – Maya Bown  
September 25 – Carol Becker



## *Wedding Anniversaries*

September 6 – Jim & Connie Vahle  
September 8 – Glenna & Marty Olumstad  
September 8 – Wayne & Jana Knight  
September 27 – Pat & Dennis Michalik

## 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.**

## 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Booklet

These 50-page booklets are now available reviewing the fifty year history of our church. Included are 82 photos of past and present congregation members at work, giving of themselves for the church, and at play enjoying many various activities. The booklets are available by mail for \$8.00 thru the church office or by contacting **Larry Wilkinson** or **Arlene Hupach.**

## Procedures In The Event Of A Church Building Fire

*By Larry Wilkinson*

### PREPARATION FOR A POSSIBLE FIRE

Acquaint yourself with locations of extinguishers - read site maps.

Read instructions on extinguishers - don't wait until you need them.

### PROCEDURES FOR AN ACTUAL FIRE

Leave immediately by nearest exit - Call 911.

Sunday School children go to large tree in front yard to meet your waiting parents.

Stay off of driveways and parking lots - make room for fire trucks.

Do not fight a small fire if inexperienced with use of extinguishers.

Never fight large fires - leave them to firemen.

(While we're on the subject of fire . . .)

## Dalmatians

A nursery school teacher was taking some children home one day when a fire truck zoomed past them. In the front seat of the fire truck was a Dalmatian and the children started talking about the dog's duties.

"They use him to keep crowds back," said one youngster.

"No, he's just for good luck," said another.

A third child brought the argument to a close: "They use the dogs," she said, "to find the fire hydrant."

## NEW SANCTUARY ACTIVITY

*By Larry Wilkinson*

The possibility of a new sanctuary grew out of a February, 2009, Board of Trustees meeting when informed that our church urgently needs Sunday School classrooms, storage rooms and a pastor's office inside the church building. Rather than building an annex to house these needs it seems logical to pursue the intent of the original congregation and add a sanctuary facing north.

Today's fellowship hall could then become 2 classrooms, a nursery, a pantry and a storeroom. The present nursery could become the pastor's office with a connecting door to the secretary. Please refer to the drawing posted in the fellowship hall for details. To accomplish this, our church must follow the procedures in the Methodist's "Book Of Discipline" prior to our congregation's vote on the proposal November 7, 2009.

We have performed the following:

- ✚ 7-05-09 Step I - A Hope UMC Study Group completed a report. It was approved by our Pastor and our District Superintendent.
- ✚ 8- 3-09 Step II - The Methodist Board of Church Locations and Buildings approved our plans, Study Committee report, our Apportionment status and financial situation.
- ✚ 8-12-09 Step III - Pastor Glenna selected a group to continue planning for a new sanctuary and remodeling. The group consists of Greg Chapman, Roger Hess, Wanda Mattix, John Wietlispach and Larry Wilkinson. Their first meeting was August 20. Please approach them with any questions or comments.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Q. We need city water worse, why don't we obtain that first?

A. The nearest main is quite some distance, the cost would be in the hundreds of thousands.

Q. We only need classrooms now, why not only add them?

A. An annex would have to be added to the front of the church, back of the fellowship hall or back of the kitchen/boiler room. Adding to the back of our building would eliminate some parking spaces, possibly requiring relocation of septic and electrical facilities.

Q. How large is the proposed sanctuary?

A. It is proposed to be the same size as our present sanctuary with more useable space as we would not be using the rear of the sanctuary as a path between the kitchen and fellowship hall.

Q. Will we be able to maintain our small church atmosphere?

A. There is no reason for that feeling to change. Adding classrooms may attract younger membership to keep our church going in the future.

Q. What will happen to the present sanctuary after the remodeling?

A. Eight feet of the present sanctuary on the north side will be used for a new entrance hall to the new sanctuary and to the new fellowship hall which was the old sanctuary. Our kitchen will be expanded by 60% into the new fellowship hall and a new cloak room added.

## Fall Bible Study

Pastor Glenna will be leading a Fall Bible study on Wednesday evenings and Thursday mornings, beginning September 16 and 17. The evening class will start at 7:00 p.m., and the Thursday morning class will start at 9:00 a.m.

“Christianity and World Religions” by author Adam Hamilton will be the resource used for this study.

The class will not meet the week of October 14-15 while Pastor Glenna is on vacation, and will conclude on October 28 and 29.

A sign-up sheet is on a clipboard on the credenza in the narthex. Don't wait to sign up!

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We're just two weeks away from the big **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration!** Be sure to be here on **September 13**. **Bishop Hee-Soo Jung** will be bringing the message, and several former pastors and members will be returning to mark this occasion. A celebration meal will follow the service. Enjoy a day of marking Hope's 50 years of faith!

Pastor Glenna will be on vacation from Monday, October 12, through Sunday, October 18, returning on Monday, October 19. For emergency Pastoral Care in her absence, please call **Rev. Sharon Engert**, Pastor of Lockport Christ UMC, at **630-697-1986**.

# Does September mean Fall Cleaning?

## 10 rules of housekeeping...

- "Vacuuming too often will weaken the carpet fibers." Say this with a serious face and shudder delicately whenever anyone mentions Carpet Fresh.
- Layers of dirty film on windows and screens provide a helpful filter against harmful and aging rays from the sun. Call it an SF factor of 5 and leave it alone.
- Cobwebs artfully draped over lampshades reduce the glare from the bulb, thereby creating a romantic atmosphere. If your husband points out that the light fixtures need dusting, simply say, "What? And spoil the mood?"
- Explain the mound of pet hair brushed up against the doorways by claiming you are collecting it there to use for stuffing hand-sewn play animals for underprivileged children.
- If unexpected company is coming, pile everything unsightly into one room and close the door. As you show your guests through your tidy home, rattle the door knob vigorously, fake a growl and say, "I'd love for you to see our den but Fluffy hates to be disturbed and the shots are SO expensive."
- If dusting is REALLY out of control, simply place an urn on the coffee table and insist that, "THIS is where Grandma wanted us to scatter her ashes..."
- Don't bother repainting. Simply scribble lightly over a dirty wall with an assortment of crayons and try to muster a glint of tears as you say, "Johnny did this when he was two. I haven't had the heart to clean it..."
- In a pinch, you can always claim that the haphazard tower of unread magazines and newspapers next to your chair provides the valuable Feng Shui aspect of a tiger, thereby reducing your vulnerability. Roll your eyes when you say this.
- Dust bunnies cannot evolve into dust rhinos when disturbed. Rename the area under the couch 'The Galapagos Islands' and claim an ecological exemption.
- Mix one-quarter cup pine-scented household cleaner with four cups of water in a spray bottle. Mist the air lightly. Leave dampened rags in conspicuous locations. Develop an exhausted look, throw yourself onto the couch, and sigh, "I clean and I clean and I still don't get anywhere..."

Not necessarily . . .