



March 2nd, 2009

LENTEN WORKSHOP

This year's Lenten workshop will be held on March 8th during Sunday school. The theme will be "Children helping others". The idea is to collaborate with MOM (Mission and Outreach) in an effort to find ways that children can help support the outreach projects that MOM currently works on and show our love for our neighbors.

The children will spend the entire Sunday school session in Robinson Hall. A set up talk will be given to explain to the children why and who we are helping with our projects and why Lent is a good time to help and love others. Children will make different things by grade level that can be used by the groups that Mom supports. At the end of the event each grade will show an example of something that they made and tell a little about the group that they helped.

There will be various craft stations set up so that age appropriate projects can be assigned to children. Each station will be managed by someone from the Children & Youth ministry. The stations are as follows: a mug station for the food pantry in which children will decorate mugs that will be filled with food and given to the Bloomfield Food Pantry. A Pillowcase station in which the older children will decorate pillowcases with blessings and church symbols to be given to our IHN (Interfaith Hospitality Network) guests when they stay with us at the church. A Placemat station for the youngest children to decorate placemats to be used for The Bread for the Journey women Integrity House) when they come for a meal at the church. We will have a Pencil Case station in which children will decorate pencil cases and fill them with fresh pencils for the S.C.E.E.P. (Suburban Cultural Education Enrichment Program) children to use for their studies. At the UNICEF (United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund) station children will stuff coin cases with change that can be donated to UNICEF. Finally the Booklet station will have a booklet that children will color explaining each of the organizations that they have helped during the workshop. We will also have soft baked pretzels to remind us of Lent. Make sure your children come to Sunday school on March 8th. This event will be a fantastic way to involve our church school kids in a wonderful Lenten event practicing the commandments of Jesus to love God and to love our neighbors. ~ Kara Travia

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**8:15 Chapel Communion Service w/Confirmands
10:15am Holy Communion/Church School**

**The Rev. Joseph D. Stinson, Preaching
The Rev. Cynthia F. Reynolds, Presiding**

**Sermon: *As I Have Loved You, So You Must Love One Another*
John 13:3-4**



**Child Care for the very young provided.
11:30am Fellowship**

Greeting you on Sunday morning will be Confirmand Sam Dobbs and his sponsor Todd Travia and the Dobbs Family. The head usher will be Paul Zalewski, assisted by Joseph Messineo, Jim Waters, Lynn Ritchkoff, Nancy Gage and Peter Krien. The Acolyte will be Ellis Stoner. The Videographers are Bob Hayes and Christopher Waldt. Counters in the Treasurer's Office, Jackie Ogilvie and Andy Song. Barbara Duym will deliver the flowers.

✦ IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ✦

- ◇ *At home:* Tom Horton, David Stinson, Ruth Payne, Lorraine Rieder, Susan Booth, Karen Augis, Phyllis Domenic, Fred Polixa, Madeline Edgar, Scott Spoerl, Robert Martin Schaeberle, Sandra Lefkovitz, Mary Keller, Bob Runge, Jim O'Brien, Bob Kansky, Barbara Underwood, and Jack Cusick.
- ◇ *In extended care facilities:* Ed Warren (Altera Sterling House, Stuart FL), Lacle Stites, Art and Marilea Schlobohm (Green Hill), Betty Bishop (Carolina Meadows), Don Olson (Job Haines), Ron Goebel (Gates Manor).

Friends & family of our church: Ruth Mustachio, Alex Maclean, Andrea Row, Lewis Luring, Neil Connaghan, Maureen Sherman, Helen Brabham, George Boltnew, Georgianna Booth, Agnes Joy Busk, Anna Withington, Jill Reintjes, Dan Glitzer, Sue Potter, Merrill Roberts, Joan and Frank Lytle, Barbara Acosta, Claire Meeker Xenikakis, Thomas Bright, Jim O'Brien, Sr., Amanda Oliver, Jean and Barry Frere, Jim Marturano, Elizabeth Knox, Gilda Oliver, Pat and Betty Vigliotti, Paula Newman, Frank Pescatore, Mary Embree, Jeff Glock, Bill Phillips and UCC Missionaries Jon and Dawn Barnes in South Africa and Back Bay Mission in Biloxi. The men and women of the Armed Forces serving overseas in harm's way.

BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY

Thanks to those who contributed food and hospitality to the Bread for the Journey luncheon in February: Mike Brown, the Rowan-Shove family, Al Brown, Dale Litvany, Beth Ege, Ann Waugh, Lynn Palmer, Cara DiCostanzo, Cindy Reynolds, and Barbara Duym. We also appreciated the Parish Life soup and Antiques Show leftovers! Thanks to Tyra Brown for her coordination of this effort. If you'd like to help in future luncheons, please contact Tyra.

LOST AND FOUND

A women's wool and cashmere coat was left on the coat rack last winter. It has a blue lining and is by Marc of New York. Is it yours? You might not know..we have a lost and found box in our work room! Anything that is not claimed by the time of our Spring Rummage sale will be sold to the highest bidder...

SPRING NEW MEMBERS CLASS

Have you thought about joining the church? Do you know someone who would like to be invited to our class? We will meet after the 2nd service on March 15th, 22nd, and 29th until 12:30 to learn about church membership. The group will join on April 5th. Speak to one of the ministers for more information or a personal invitation.

PLEDGE UPDATE

The annual meeting voted a budget that is considerably underfunded. We typically have about 200 pledges made per year. As of today, we have 147 pledges in for a total \$426,000. The stewardship team is attempting to follow up and solidify our support for 2009, but obviously we are in a hole. Have you made your pledge yet? In light of the church's problem, have you considered increasing your gift for 2009? Did you complete your pledge for 2008?

HELP KATRINA VICTIMS BY VOLUNTEERING TO REBUILD HOMES IN THE BILOXI, MS AREA!

WHEN: THE WEEK OF MAY 3 THROUGH MAY 9, 2009. You must be 16 years or older! 16 to 18 years olds must have a liability release signed by a parent or guardian.

WHAT WILL I DO? We will be doing sheet rock, taping, spackling, painting, insulation, etc. If you don't know how, we will show you how.

SPONSORS/HOST: As a Disaster Coordinator for the UCC Central Atlantic Conference I invite anyone who would like to help rebuild homes! Maple Shade Congregational Church, UCC in Maple Shade, NJ, and Warminster UCC in Warminster, PA are sponsoring this trip! Our host is the Back Bay Mission of the UCC. (The mission lost all seven of their buildings to Katrina. The mission is helping people who cannot afford it to rebuild their homes!)

COST: \$75 (For your lodging, group fee and use of tools).

TRAVEL: You are responsible for getting to Biloxi! We will try and get good airfare and fly together as much as possible! It is best to fly into Gulfport. We will coordinate the sharing of the cost to rent van/cars while we are there. As of 2/24/09 there is an airfare from Philadelphia to Gulfport, Mississippi for \$213RT! (Delta)

FOOD: We will buy groceries for breakfast and share in the costs for the meals we make and eat together! At times we will eat out...usually supper!

LODGING: We will stay in air-conditioned splendor at the Back Bay Mission. There we have our own kitchen with dishwasher, washer/dryer, fridge, oven, stove, etc. There are two bathrooms with tubs and showers and room for fourteen people.

SIGN-UP & RESERVATIONS: Please contact James Leamon at 609-479-3373 or by e-mail at jleamon3@comcast.net as soon as possible if you would like to go! WE have only 14 slots to fill so it has to be first come...first serve.

RUMMAGE SALE

The Rummage Sale is here!!! The sale is on Friday, March 27th, 6-9pm and Saturday, March 28th, 10am-1pm. We need helpers to sell. Sorting began March 3rd. and will continue on Mondays until the sale. Please come and join the rummage camaraderie. Great place to meet your

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fellow parishioners. Sign up by the kitchen in Robinson Hall or call Tyra Brown at 973-743-1754.

Do not leave rummage outdoors and please – no sporting equipment or furniture.

IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Elizabeth Flippin, John Flippin's mother, died Wednesday, February 25th. A memorial service will be announced at a later date.

We also extend our sympathy to the family of Willard Salter who died on February 26 in Duxbury, MA. A memorial service will be held in Massachusetts at a later date. The Nativity Window in the rear of the sanctuary was given in memory of his father.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, March 8th

TURN THOSE CLOCKS AHEAD

8:15am Chapel Worship with Communion

9:15am Chancel Choir

10:15am Worship w/ Lenten Workshop

11:30am Fellowship

11:30am Coffee Sale

Monday, March 9th

7:00pm Yoga

7:30pm Lenten Home Study Group -Oliver

Tuesday, March 10th

3:00pm Confirmation

8:00pm AA

7:30pm Lenten Home Study Group – Stinson

Wednesday, March 11th

3:15pm Children's Choirs

4:15pm Chapel Bells

8:00pm Ministry of Finance

8:00pm Ministry of Outreach and Mission

7:30pm Lenten Home Study Group – Watson

Thursday, March 12th

6:30am Morning Glories

10:00am Bread for the Journey

3:00pm SCEEP

6:30pm Carillon Bells

8:00pm Chancel Choir

Friday, March 13th

Saturday, March 14th



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