



ASSOCIATE MINISTER'S MESSAGE

You are invited to attend the Spring meeting of the New Jersey Association, UCC, on Saturday, April 17 at 9:00 in the Glen Ridge Congregational Church sanctuary. An important item on the agenda will be an Ecclesiastical Council for Jim O'Brien, his last step before receiving authorization as a Commissioned Minister charged with providing counseling and information to churches and ministers of the association in the area of substance abuse. This is an exciting event for our church community—we hope you will join in support of Jim and this ministry. Following the meeting there will be a reception sponsored by our Women's Association. To register to attend, please contact Betsie Delorm at the church. Cost of the day is only \$6.

At this meeting, Jim will speak about his call to commissioned ministry and his vision for his ministry: to talk with congregations and pastors, as requested, about the signs and symptoms of addiction, the impact on families, the costs to society, available resources for prevention and treatment, and opening the door to acknowledge the fact that substance use and abuse is prevalent in our society, our churches, and knows no economic, racial, age, or gender boundaries. Jim says, "To bring something to light takes away its power to confuse or frighten. That's what I hope my ministry will do."

Jim completed the required steps for commissioning: He requested consideration as a candidate from our Church Council which was enthusiastically granted in September, 2009. A subcommittee of Marcia O'Grady, Andy Ogilvie, and Cindy Reynolds was appointed to work with Jim on this process.

Congratulations to Jim! This is an exciting time in the life of not only our church, but also the New Jersey Association: it has been many years since a lay member has been called to a formal recognition of Commissioned Ministry. One of his reference letters stated, "We have been blessed here in Glen Ridge to be beneficiaries of his skill, knowledge, and compassion and I know the wider church will benefit as well."

Jim will be formally installed into his Ministry on **Sunday, May 2** during our 10:15 worship service. It will be a great day for him, his family, for all of us in Glen Ridge, the wider church, and especially for all those who will be touched by his ministry. ~Cindy Reynolds

April 18, 2010
Third Sunday of Easter
8:15am Chapel/Communion
10:15am Worship
The Rev. Cynthia Reynolds, Preaching
Felicia Dolan, Lay Leader
"Follow Me"
John 21:1-19
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Child Care for the very young provided.

Greeting this Sunday will be The Curtin Family and Jim Watson. The ushers will be the Zalewski Family, Jim Waters, Lynn Ritchkoff, Nancy Gage and Lora Boltnew. Videographer is John Dobbs. The acolyte will be Sydney Carey. Counters in the Treasurer's Office, Tom Agnew and Linda Seyffarth. John and Pam Flippin will deliver the flowers.

✠ IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ✠

- ◇ *At home:* Jean Ost, Al Brown, Linda Woodbury, Betty Sheppard, Bob Kansky, James Hollander, Lauren Smith, Lorraine Rieder, Susan Booth, Karen Augis, Phyllis Domenic, Madeline Edgar, Scott Spoerl, Sandra Lefkovits, Mary Keller, Bob Runge, Jim O'Brien, Bill Wood, Barbara Stevens and Barbara Underwood.
- ◇ *In extended care facilities:* Bill Luddecke (Van Dyk), Ed Warren (Stuart FL), Art and Marilea Schlobohm (Green Hill), Betty Bishop (Juniper Village, Chatham), Don Olson (Job Haines), Robert Martin Schaeberle (Ridge at River Woods, Exeter, NH), Peg Carr Waters (North Carolina), Lucy Force (Sunrise, Woodcliff Lake)

Friends & family of our church: Grace Uliano, Bern Sleem, Ruth Mustachio, Eloy & Ofelia Hernandez, Andrei Padlowski, JC Egbert, Alison Krien, Stephen Strickland, Len Calvin, Andrea Row, Bob Sherman, Helen Brabham, George Boltnew, Agnes Joy Busk, Anna Withington, Jill Reintjes, Dan Glitzer, Sue Potter, Merrill Roberts, Joan and Frank Lytle, Barbara Acosta, Thomas Bright, Jim O'Brien, Sr., Amanda Oliver, Jean and Barry Frere, Jim Marturano, Elizabeth Knox, 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. The People of Haiti.

CHURCH SCHOOL PICTURES

Church School Pictures will be on display during Coffee Hour on April 18th and 25th. You may order your pictures at this time and they will be distributed on Sunday May 16th. Cost is \$6. Paul Zalewski had captured 2010 history! If your child was part of it, you will want this remembrance. Everyone is invited to see this display. Perhaps you will want to make a contribution to the project by making a donation in the paint can?

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Barbara Stevens is home following surgery last week.

CONFIRMAND'S INTERPRETATION

Jacob Cinotti read Acts 5:27-32. "I think this means that you should do what you know is right even when others tell you not to and good things can happen."

HEMOCORP NEEDS

A disabled, single woman has been accepted for housing through HOME Corp. She is in need of some basic items for her apartment. They are: bed linens (twin bed, bath linens, small kitchen table & chairs, pots & pans, a table lamp, an end table and a small bookcase. If anyone has any of these items that you would like to donate, please let the church office know. Thank you!

ADMIRAL STINSON'S TRIP TO EUROPE

Mr. Stinson will fly Tuesday night to the large Army hospital at Landstuhl Germany. It is the intermediate stop for wounded US service people coming out of Iraq and Afghanistan prior to their return to military hospitals in this country. The Navy staffs the wounded warrior program there. He will visit the wounded there and also meet with the care givers. On Saturday he will fly to Naples to preach at the Navy chapel on Sunday. He will then speak to a conference of US Navy Chaplains in Naples before returning home next Wednesday. In his absence, Cindy Reynolds is on call.

MR. STINSON'S BIBLE STUDIES ON VACATION

Mr. Stinson Sunday class on Sundays at 9am on the book of *Hebrews* will not meet again until May 2nd. The 10am Wednesday class on *Luke* will not meet again until Apr. 28th.

RUMMAGE SALE

The Rummage Sale is next week, April 23-24! If you have any "unopened" colognes, perfumes or fancy soaps and lotions that you don't want, please think of the rummage sale as a place to donate them.

Please bring clean and sorted rummage to the Biddulph Room. Do not leave rummage outside the Clark Street door! The church is open from 8:30am to 4:00pm weekdays. No furniture or sporting equipment. Volunteers are needed next week every day beginning @ 9:30am to help sort. Sign up sheets for the Sale are now in Robinson Hall.



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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

On Sunday the church welcomed Maurine and Morné Oosthuizen into the covenant. They and 1 year old son Drystan live at 12 Hollywood Ave. in Montclair. Maurine and Morné were sponsored by Marcia O'Grady. Also in the class Miles Gray, sponsored by the Shade family, will join another Sunday.

DEFICIT CHALLENGE

At the Annual Meeting, John Flippin challenged the church to step up to address the \$93,000 deficit by making a contribution himself over and above his pledge of \$1,000. To date, six families have responded by giving or pledging an additional \$9,750 over and above their original pledge amounts. Have you made your extra deficit-reduction gift or pledge increase?

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, 4/18	JDS USN
8:15am	Chapel/Communion
9:00am	Bible Study
9:15am	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
10:15am	Worship/ Church School
11:30am	Fellowship
7:00pm	YPS
MONDAY 4/19	JDS USN
6:00pm	Blue & Gold Boy Scout Banquet
7:00pm	Yoga
TUESDAY 4/20	JDS USN
3:00pm	Confirmation
7:30pm	Glen Ridge Choral Society
8:00pm	AA
WEDNESDAY 4/21	JDS USN
6:30am	Morning Glories
3:15pm	Children's Choirs
4:15pm	Chapel Bellringers
THURSDAY 4/22	
3:00pm	SCEEP
6:45pm	Carillon Bellringers
8:00pm	Glen Ridge Choral Society
9:00pm	Chancel Choir
FRIDAY, 4/23	JDS USN/PILGRIM CLOSED
6:00pm	Rummage Sale
SATURDAY 4/24	JDS USN
9:00am	Dress Rehearsal: GR Choral Society
10:00am	Rummage Sale