



April 13th, 2009

Pilgrim Director's Message

Greetings from Pilgrim Nursery School! We welcome Spring with open arms (pew, we made it through this stubborn winter!)

The children are discovering spring and self-reliance with inspiration from Joan Hayes. Joan told me she was researching the church archives regarding the growing of Victory Gardens on GRCC property (in darker economic days past). In this economic climate, it is the perfect time to have the children learn about the science of seeds and the power of growing your own food. The older children have sprouted sugar snap peas, mini peppers, mint, and basil. The sprouts are now ready for transplanting to big pots. We will bring our plants to The Glen Ridge Arts Festival on Saturday, May 9th. Hopefully, the children will have some tasty 'fruits of their labor'!

The younger children at Pilgrim are working on Earth Day art projects that will help them see the purpose of recycling discarded materials and creating something new and innovative. We will display our creations at the Eco-Fair booth also at the Arts Festival on May 9th.

And finally, we are ready to purchase the new playhouse piece for the playground. As you know, Marty Lacey retired from PNS last June. Funds were collected then to honor her years of service. It is not too late to donate! We will order this fun new piece in early May. Please see Barbara or Betsie in the Church office if you would like to contribute.

So friends, please visit our "creations" at the Arts Festival and watch for the new addition to the playground later this spring! Thank you for all your support,

~Mary Duus and the teachers at Pilgrim

April 19th, 2009



8:15 Chapel Communion Service

10:15am Worship/Church School

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

Sermon: *Peace in Forgiveness*

John 20: 19-31



Child Care for the very young provided.

11:30am Fellowship

Greeting you on Sunday morning will be confirmand John Carter, his sponsor, Marcia O'Grady, and the Carter 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 Alex Sheppard. The Videographer will be David Overmyer. Counters in the Treasurer's Office, Debbie Cusick and Mendy Overmyer. John and Pam Flippin will deliver the flowers.

✠ IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ✠

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

Friends & family of our church: John Kingston, Stephen Strickland, Len Calvin, Ruth Mustachio, 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.

SOULS OF INTEGRITY: This Sunday, April 19th

We welcome the folks from Integrity House this Sunday at 10:15am. Join us for a rousing service of music and praise.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE CLASS TO STUDY MARK

The Wednesday 10am class began its study of Mark during Holy Week. The class seeks new members. How about you? Join us in the library.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING

At their annual meeting on April 22nd at 7:30pm, John Boyd will be speaking on the restoration process of our church's stained glass windows. All are welcome to attend.

IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Fred Polixa, a long-time member of the church, died on April 7th. Our sympathy to his family.

THE WAY TO THE CROSS

The WAY TO THE CROSS program held on Good Friday for all children in the community was a great success. Over 120 people enjoyed breakfast together and a visit to the marketplace. Jesus talked to the children and the children's choirs played and sang in the sanctuary. The road was lined with people waving palms and greeting Jesus and the donkey as they led everyone back to Robinson Hall to hear the Holy Week story. Each child was given a small flashlight to shine on each scene as it was explained. Thank you to all the members of the Ministry of Children and Youth, Andy Song for portraying Jesus and Rita Ellertson and Deb Cerruti for being the narrators and to Max Ferrara for playing the role of "young Jesus". A BIG thank you also goes to all the young people that took part in the scenes. It was a great time!!

DAY CAMP NEWS

Bible Day Camp: June 24th, 25th, and 26th. This shorter version is due to the lateness of the end of school. Enrollment forms available this Sunday. Children ages 4 (3 yrs. if accompanied by an adult) through 4th grade are welcome. Both junior (5th - 8th grade) and senior (9th grade - adults) counselors are needed. Come and join in the fun! Questions? - contact Marty Lacey.

TORN BETWEEN CHURCH AND SPORTS?

A petition has been created by Andy Ogilvie to be sent to all the travel leagues that Glen Ridge athletes participate in, requesting that they not schedule games on Sunday mornings. Why should our kids have to choose between fulfilling obligations to church and to team members on Sunday mornings? Sign the petition in the narthex or on the table by the Clark Street door and let your thoughts be known.

6TH ANNUAL WALK TO END HUNGER

MEND will co-sponsor the walk to end hunger on Friday, May 1st starting with registration at 11:30am from Washington Park in Newark. There is a Kick-Off Rally at noon and the walk begins at 12:20. For more info call (973) 266-7941 or e-mail STobin@ccannj.org. Brochures are available on the table by the Clark St. entrance.

PLEDGE UPDATE

We have 149 pledges in hand for 2009, for a total of \$443,568, compared to 180 pledges for a total of \$524,914 in 2008. Our projected deficit for 2009 has grown to \$150,000. Have you made your pledge yet? Are you in a position to increase your pledge? The mission of this church is depending on YOU. Thank you.

HABITAT DEDICATION

Habitat for Humanity Newark invites us to help celebrate their first ABRAHAM HOUSE on Sunday April 26th at 3:00pm. The address is 255 South 6th Street, Newark. For more information, contact Margaret Prentice at (973) 477-9278 or prentice.margaret@gmail.com. Join with faith communities and Rachel Kolu Acquoi and her family.

VERIZON SEEKS EASEMENT

The phone company approached the church about placing two utility boxes on the far end of the south lawn. A hearing to explain the request is planned for Thurs., April 30th at 8pm. A congregational meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 17th after worship to vote the matter. APP expects to provide more info and graphics within a week or so to answer questions. Verizon will re-landscape the area, indemnify us from liability and make a onetime payment to the church.

PORCH REPAIRS NEXT WEEK

Starting Monday the 20th, the porch by the Clark St. entrance will be repaired. You'll have to enter through Robinson Hall.

BOOKS!!!!

There are many fine leftover books from the rummage sale available to anyone to take. Last call.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER: Follow up

Two full houses at 8:15 and 10:15am gathered on Easter to seek the risen Lord in music, scripture, and sermon. On Good Friday evening the high school students under the direction of Carey Gsell led the congregation in a dramatic reading, "Were You There?" It was a moving account of the last week of Jesus' life. On Maundy Thursday many of us gathered for dinner and then went to church for a service of communion. This year's Tenebrae service was particularly beautiful because of the wonderful music of Tom Mustachio, our choir, and a string quartet. Our 3 Lenten Small Groups completed their work earlier in the week. The 25 folks in the groups met six times during Lent to discuss the love commandments of Jesus.

PEOPLE IN TRANSITION SUPPORT GROUP

The church is thinking of forming a group for people whose lives have been disrupted (or who think they're lives might be disrupted) by job loss. The idea is for folks to gather to discuss both their situations and what strategies might help them out of this situation. Please contact Jonathan Intner via email to gccc.transition.support@gmail.com or by calling 973-743-5596 to find out more about the group or to indicate an interest in participating.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, April 19th

- 8:15am Chapel Worship with Communion
- 9:00am Bible Study
- 9:15am Chancel Choir
- 10:15am Worship/Integrity Choir/Church School
- 11:30am Fellowship
- 11:40am Parish Life
- 7:00pm YPS

Monday, April 20th

- 7:00pm Yoga

Tuesday, April 21st

- 3:00pm Confirmation
- 8:00pm AA

Wednesday, April 22nd

- 10:00am Bible Study
- 3:15pm Children's Choirs
- 4:15pm Chapel Bellringers
- 7:30pm Historical Society
- 8:00pm Council

Thursday, April 23rd JDS/USN

- 6:30am Morning Glories
- 3:00pm SCEEP
- 6:45pm Carillon Bellringers
- 8:00pm Chancel Choir

Friday, April 24th JDS/USN

- 6:00pm Robinson Hall Reserved

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