



**GLEN RIDGE
CONGREGATIONAL
CHURCH**
United Church of Christ

Newsletter
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May 4th, 2009



Sing to the Lord a new song

Sing to the Lord all the earth.

Church Music Sunday
May 17 – 10:15 a.m.

A time to give thanks for the gift of music in our midst, the significance of music in worship, and to thank those who give the gift of music each Sunday. Church Music Sunday will focus on our adult music-makers. Special anthems by our Chancel Choir, Carillon Bellringers and guest instrumentalists. Our children will be honored on Youth Sunday, June 14th.

CHANCEL CHOIR MEMBERS

Soprano

Rita Ellertson
Pam Figlar
Emiko Honma
Susan Hughes
Arlene Kansky
Anke Krause
Ariel Lefkovits
Karen Momary
Genya Muzyczka

Alto

Elli Albert
Deborah Brandell
Debbie Cusick
Jill Simmons
Jan Spoerl

Tenor

Mike Brown
Bob Hodgson
Scott Walters

Bass

Al Brown
David Dik
Dave Kerr
Dave Mitchell
Russell Prince

CARILLON BELLRINGERS

Deborah Brandell	Linda Kerr
Janet Dickinson	Jean Siegel
Carey Gsell	Jill Simmons
Patti Gsell	Cyndi Stinson
Maira Hernandez-Kinloch	Millicent Younger
Dave Kerr	

Music Ministry members, please know how much your time and talents are valued and appreciated!

Tom Mustachio

IT'S COOL IN THE FURNACE

Sunday May 10 – 10:15 a.m.
A special musical presented by our
Carol Choir • Cherub Choir • Joyful Noise
Be cool, yo! Be there or be square.

May 10th, 2009

8:15 Chapel Communion Service

10:15am Worship and Mother's Day Musical
It's Cool in the Furnace

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

The head usher will be Craig Wood, assisted by Tom Duym, Connie Booth, Nancy Bigelow and Mary Curtin. The Videographer will be Joe Cotrone. Counters in the Treasurer's Office, Alden Provost and Jim Watson. Mary Anne Miller will deliver the flowers.

✦ IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ✦

- ◇ *At home:* Lynn Ritchkoff, Tom Horton, Lauren Smith, Lorraine Rieder, Susan Booth, Karen Augis, Phyllis Domenic, Madeline Edgar, Scott Spoerl, 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), Robert Martin Schaeberle (Ridge at River Woods, Exeter, NH).

Friends & family of our church: William Bennett, 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.

LATE DELIVERY OF NEWSLETTER?

The post office now forces our bulk mailings to be posted in Caldwell, not Glen Ridge. Last week was the second attempt and Glen Ridge addresses were delivered by Friday, not overnight delivery. As we try to assess how to deal with this situation, you may choose get the newsletter by e-mail or read it at our church's website: glenridgecong.org. Please send your e-address to Barbara Duym at barbara.duym@glenridgecong.org for e-delivery.

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 grec.transition.support@gmail.com or by calling 973-743-5596 to find out more about the group or to indicate an interest in participating.

CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

The always popular game of Bible Jeopardy was a huge success this past Sunday.

The eighth graders read the questions and Evan Petracca kept the game going with much humor and encouragement for each team. Niav (a star player) divided her talents with both teams and others soon joined in earning points. The winner of the game was determined by Final Jeopardy - ask one of the students what the last question was- you probably do not know the answer! THANK YOU EIGHTH GRADERS AND EVAN! Thank you also to John Boyd for helping the class to get ready for the game.

It's time to begin planning for volunteers for the ONE ROOM CHURCH SCHOOL this summer. Adults and high school students please check your schedules and see if you can sign up for ONE Sunday to be a teacher or help in childcare. The lesson will be planned for you! I will have a sign-up sheet at coffee hour. THANK YOU. Marty Lacey

DAY CAMP NEWS

DAY CAMP ENROLLMENT FORMS AND SCHEDULE ARE AVAILABLE! Sign up now for this year's camp -June 24, 25 and 26.

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 depends on YOU. Thank you.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Statements of contributions received through March 31 were mailed early last week. Please review your statement and notify the church office of any discrepancies.

MARK'S GOSPEL

Study Mark at 10am on Wednesday or 9am on Sundays in the Library with Mr. Stinson.

MEN'S GROUPS

Both groups will meet together, once in May, on Thursday the 21st, at 8pm in Mr. Stinson's office.

VERIZON SEEKS EASEMENT

Verizon seeks to provide expanded communications service ("FIOS") in Glen Ridge by installing a number of cabinets throughout town. They have offered the church a one time \$20,000 payment for a 10 ft by 20 ft easement about 40 ft back from the Ridgewood Ave. sidewalk on the South lawn in line with the chain link fence that borders the neighbor's property. On this space they will install a 9 ft by 4 ft concrete pad on top of which will be two metal cabinets approx. 3½ ft high by 2 ft wide by 1½

ft deep. Verizon will also pay for a shrub row along the fence line and to surround the cabinets.

Are the cabinets safe? Yes, they contain low voltage phone lines and the doors are locked. They are splice boxes where optic fiber lines from under the street connect to copper lines from the utility pole. All wires are fed in from underground with no external wires to the cabinets. Verizon will indemnify the church against all liabilities.

What is the decision making process? Because this proposal involves the easement of our property, the decision rests with the congregation. The proposal was vetted by the AP&P Ministry and discussed by the Church Council who voted by majority to convey this proposal for a congregational vote.

Congregational Meeting to discuss and vote the proposal: On Sunday, May 17th, immediately after the service there will be a congregational meeting for discussion and vote.

RUMMAGE SALE RESULTS AND THANKS

A Big Thank You to all who helped with the Spring rummage sale. Final numbers from the sale have come in and our profit is \$6,505! Please save the date of October 23 & 24, 2009 for the Fall rummage sale.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, May 10th

- 8:15am Chapel Worship with Communion
- 9:00am Bible Study
- 9:00am Musical Rehearsal
- 10:15am Mother's Day Musical
- 11:30am Fellowship/ YPS Coffee Sale

Monday, May 11th JDS USN

- 7:00pm Yoga

Tuesday, May 12th JDS USN

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

Wednesday, May 13th

- 10:00am Bible Study
- 10:00am Church and Ministry
- 3:15pm Children's Choirs
- 4:15pm Chapel Bellringers
- 8:00pm MOM
- 8:00pm Ministry of Finance

Thursday, May 14th

- 6:30am Morning Glories
- 10:00am Bread for the Journey
- 3:00pm SCEEP Picnic
- 6:45pm Carillon Bellringers
- 8:00pm Chancel Choir

Friday, May 15th

- 6:00pm Blue Room Reserved

Saturday, May 16th

- 12:30pm Hunsinger Committal

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