



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

Newsletter
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IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE VIII, SECTION 2 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE GLEN RIDGE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, A SPECIAL MEETING IS CALLED FOR SUNDAY, MAY 17 IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE 10:15 SERVICE IN THE SANCTUARY REGARDING THE PROPOSAL ON THE EASEMENT TO VERIZON FOR THE FIOS BOXES ON CHURCH PROPERTY.

(signed) **Debbie Cusick**

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.

CHILDCARE WILL BE AVAILABLE DURING VERIZON CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Students will be in Robinson Hall watching a video and enjoying refreshments.

<p>May 17, 2009 ✠</p> <p>8:15 Chapel Communion Service</p> <p>Church Music Sunday The Rev. Joseph D. Stinson, Preaching The Rev. Cynthia F. Reynolds, Presiding</p> <p>10:15am "That You May Love" John 15:9-17 ✠</p> <p>Child Care for the very young provided. 11:30am Fellowship</p>
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Greeting you at the 10:15am service will be the Flippin Family. The head usher will be Ken Underwood, assisted by Paul Brewster, Elizabeth Brewster, Samantha Finneran, Jim O'Brien and Michael Brandell. The Acolyte will be Nathaniel Johns. The Videographer will be Walter Oliver. Counters in the Treasurer's Office, Tom Agnew and Linda Seyffarth. Ellen Morris and Stefan Magnusson will deliver the flowers.

✠ IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ✠

- ◇ *At home:* 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 (Juniper Village), 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.

BIG THANK YOU!!!!

A BIG thank you to Tom Mustachio, Maira Hernandez-Kinloch, Tyra Brown and all the children who participated in the fabulous Mother's Day Musical on Sunday. Also thanks to Marsha Watson for her hard work on the sets. They put together a wonderful production which was enjoyed by all.

LATE DELIVERY OF NEWSLETTER?

The post office now forces our bulk mailings to be posted in Caldwell, not Glen Ridge. As you may have noticed, delivery has been delayed because of this change. As we try to assess how to deal with this situation, you may choose get the newsletter by e-mail. 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 their 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 grcc.transition.support@gmail.com or by calling 973-743-5596 to find out more about the group or to indicate an interest in participating.

CHILD CARE ROOM

Thanks to Betty Sheppard who has volunteered to be in the room for most of the Sundays from now until Fall. We do need help on the following dates: May 24th (Memorial Day), August 16th and 23rd. Please let me know if you can help. Marty.lacey@glenridgecong.org.

ONE ROOM CHURCH SCHOOL

Please check your summer schedules and sign up on Sunday to volunteer to teach our church school student for one Sunday. Lesson is provided and there are usually less than 10 students. Sign - up sheet will be at coffee hour. THANKYOU!

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.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BENEFIT

The annual "Building Homes, Building Hope Raising the Roofs Gala" benefitting Habitat for Humanity Newark will be held on Thursday, May 28 at 6:00pm at the Wilshire Grand Hotel in West Orange. If you are interested in attending or gathering a group to attend together, please contact either Cindy Reynolds or Peter Waldt for more information.

BAKESALE FOR KIVA

This Sunday, May 17, the confirmation class will be holding a bake sale to benefit their participation in KIVA. Lesley Krien and her sponsor, Beth Rowan, have brought this opportunity to us. KIVA is the world's first person-to-person micro-lending website, empowering individuals to lend directly to unique entrepreneurs around the world. The people you browse on KIVA are real people in need of funding for their businesses. You can lend to them and when they eventually pay you back, you can re-lend to someone else. KIVA lets people connect with others in need around the world. Our Confirmation Class of 2009 is joining in the KIVA community and having a bake sale on May 17th to raise money for lending. The Ministry of Outreach and Mission has agreed to match proceeds up to \$500. Please join in the lending: buy a baked good or donate. If you have further questions, please see Lesley Krien or Beth Rowan. Thank you!

STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH OFFERING

On Pentecost Sunday, May 31 we will join with other UCC churches in receiving a special mission offering, "Strengthen the Church". This offering funds the Still Speaking Ministry, new and renewing churches, youth and young adult ministries, and lay and pastoral leadership education. Thank you for joining in sponsoring vital ministries that bring hope to people both here in the United States and around the world.

MARK'S GOSPEL

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

HELP FOR SHARONDA—INTEGRITY HOUSE

Our ladies from the street, the WISE women program made up of recovering addicts at Integrity, are going to participate in a "rite of passage" at a ceremony in Newark on May 28. All of them wear long, white ceremony dresses that have been purchased but one lady, Sharonda, was left off the list. She needs a dress and we are looking for someone who might be able to donate a white dress for Sharonda. She needs a size 26/28. Thanks, Dave Kerr

MEN'S GROUPS

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

PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOOD PANTRY

Please remember that we have a shopping cart in the narthex to donate for Bethel Love Food Pantry. Let's keep it filled each week. The next time you go to the grocery store please remember and buy a little extra. Thanks!

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 17

- 8:15am Chapel Worship with Communion
- 9:00am Bible Study
- 9:15am Chancel Choir
- 10:15am Worship/ Church School
Congregational Meeting – Verizon Proposal
- 11:30am Fellowship/ YPS Coffee Sale
- 1:30pm Recital/Blue Room

Monday, May 18

- 12:00pm Garden of Memory Trustees
- 7:00pm Yoga

Tuesday, May 19

- 3:00pm Confirmation
- 8:00pm AA
- 8:00pm Flocks of Folks

Wednesday, May 20

- 10:00am Bible Study
- 3:15pm Children's Choirs
- 4:15pm Chapel Bellringers

Thursday, May 21

- 6:30am Morning Glories
- 3:30pm Beth-El Love Soup Kitchen
- 6:45pm Carillon Bellringers
- 8:00pm Chancel Choir
- 8:00pm Men's Group

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