



**GLEN RIDGE
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CHURCH**
United Church of Christ

Newsletter
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Minister's Message

You will find below a survey form we hope you'll fill out and return to the church. It concerns the future of this newsletter. A month ago—after long threatening to do so—the post office started requiring us to post our bulk mailings in either Caldwell or Newark. This meant that Glen Ridge addresses will not receive the newsletter until the following week. This has long been a problem for people with zip codes other than 07028. However, now it's a problem for all of us.

We believe it is a good time to consider again the format, frequency, and content of our newsletter and website. For this reason we ask you to fill out a survey and let us have your opinion.

One possibility is to continue as we are presently. These could be sent bulk mail, first class at \$25 a year, or electronically. A second option is twice monthly via bulk mail, first class at \$10 a year or electronically. The third option is once a month, mailed first class at no extra cost with weekly e-news updates. A printed copy of the updates will be made available at the church.

Another topic on the survey is your opinion about what you value in the current newsletter. What suggestions do you have to improve it?

We are pleased that at least 50 more persons now receive the newsletter electronically since this new rule of the post office went into effect. Any changes to our newsletter format and frequency probably will not happen until the fall, so if you would like to be one of these on our electronic mailing list, please email barbara.duym@glenridgecong.org with your e-address.

We hope to keep information more current on our website: glenridgecong.org. Emphasis on hope.... Communication is vitally important to the life and health of our church. We value your thoughts and opinions. Let us hear from you! ~J.D. Stinson

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NEWSLETTER SURVEY

Please return to the office by June 1, 2009. Thanks!

1. Describe what you like about our newsletter.
2. What would you like to see included in future newsletters?
3. What about the newsletter's function is most important to you?

Frequency questions:

4. Present style, Weekly (circle one): via bulk mail, first class (\$25 per year), or electronically
5. Twice monthly, (circle one): via bulk mail, first class (\$10 per year) or electronically
6. Monthly, sent first class with weekly e-news updates and hard copy on Sunday AM.
7. Your e-address: _____
8. In general would mid-week email news updates be of value to you? yes no

You may clip and bring/mail to office or cut and paste into an email to barbara.duym@glenridgecong.org.

**Trinity Sunday
May 24, 2009**



No Chapel Service

The Rev. Cynthia F. Reynolds, Preaching

10:15am "Guided In Prayer"

John 17:6-19



Child Care for the very young provided.

11:30am Fellowship

The head usher will be John Dobbs, assisted by Andy Song, Dave Shove, Lena Shove and Jon Intner. The Videographer will be Jim O'Brien. Counters in the Treasurer's Office, Art Dawson and Bob Kansky. The flowers in the chancel are given in loving memory of Christina and Irving Zambakian by their family. Cheryl and Kevin Filliater 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.

TO SCEEP TUTORS AND COORDINATORS

I must tell you how grateful we are at Sussex Avenue School for your generous efforts towards the students. All of you have impacted them greatly and I know the students enjoy coming to your church every week. I hope my colleagues will work towards enhancing the program as well as making the program more rewarding for the students. Extend my thank you to all the volunteers from us here at Sussex. Have a wonderful and safe summer. We look forward to seeing you again in September. ~Janet Murray, 2nd Grade Teacher

ONE ROOM CHURCH SCHOOL & CHILDCARE

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered! We need helpers for the following dates: July 5th and August 9th for the One Room School. (Lessons are planned for you.) August 16 and 23 for childcare. Please call the church office or E-mail me if you are available. THANK YOU. marty.lacey@glenridgecong.org.

CHURCH SCHOOL STAFF 2009-2010

This year's church school staff has been outstanding in their participation, cooperation and sharing their faith with their students. THANKS TO ALL OF YOU!! Plans are now being made for the next school year beginning in September. New volunteers are needed on some of the teams including high school students as well as adult teachers. When teaching on a team it enables you to attend worship on some Sundays and teach on others. Please let me know if you are interested. Marty Lacey

DAY CAMP NEWS

Day Camp and Enrollment forms now 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.

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 outreach effort, 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 around the world.

SPECIAL MEETING—VERIZON, MAY 17TH

The congregation voted at the special meeting to approve the Verizon easement. Among questions the Council will resolve prior to signing the agreement: whether the onetime payment will go into current expenses or endowment, whether Verizon will agree to replace

landscaping in the long-term future as the original shrubbery dies, and whether if the technology and need for the boxes changes Verizon will return the easement to the church (and under what conditions).

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

KIVA BAKE SALE PROCEEDS

The confirmation class bake sale raised over \$300 for KIVA. Thank you for all your support.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

**Sunday, May 24 NO CHAPEL SERVICE
NO BIBLE STUDY
NO CHURCH SCHOOL**
9:15am Chancel Choir
10:15am Worship
11:30am Fellowship

**Monday, May 25 OFFICE CLOSED
PILGRIM CLOSED**
7:00pm Yoga

Tuesday, May 26
3:00pm Confirmation
8:00pm AA

Wednesday, May 27
10:00am Bible Study
3:15pm Children's Choirs
4:15pm Chapel Bellringers
8:00pm Council

Thursday, May 28
6:30am Morning Glories
8:00pm Chancel Choir

Friday, May 29
6:00pm Montclair Music/Blue Room

Sunday, May 31
8:15am Chapel
8:45am Confirmation Breakfast
9:00am Bible Study
9:15am Chancel Choir
10:15am Worship, Confirmation, Communion
Church School
11:30 am Fellowship Hour
7:00pm YPS

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