



May 25, 2009

Associate Minister's Message

On Pentecost Sunday, May 31 at the 10:15 worship service we will celebrate the Rite of Confirmation and welcome 15 young people into the life of the church. After a year of study in confirmation class on Tuesday afternoons each of the confirmands has said "yes" to confirm the baptism vows someone else made on their behalf.

Please join with us in worship on Sunday and then welcome them at the coffee hour on Sunday. Many thanks to the parents who have supported the confirmands on their journey this year and especially thank you to those who have served as sponsors for these confirmands. You have all been a blessing!

To be confirmed on Sunday are: Kim Baione (sponsor Pam Flippin), Hugh Bartlett (John Flippin), Rob Brandell (Brad Bodell), Mackenzie Carey (Linda Woodbury), John Carter (Marcia O'Grady), Anna D'Elia (Gretchen Allin), Sam Dobbs (Todd Travia), Shane Doss (Evan Petracca), Alex Intner (Joe Cotrone), Lesley Krien (Beth Rowan), Iain Ogilvie (Andy Song), Michael Overmyer (Mendy Overmyer), JP Waugh (David Dik), Beckett Woodworth (Marlene Feimster), and Emery Younger (Dodie Younger.) ~Cindy Reynolds

**May 31, 2009
Pentecost/Confirmation Sunday**

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8:15am Chapel Service
The Rev. Joseph David Stinson, Preaching

"Help in Our Weakness"
Romans 8:22-27

**10:15am Worship with
Confirmation/Holy Communion/Church School**
The Rev. Cynthia F. Reynolds, Preaching

"Confirmed in the Spirit"
Acts 2: 1-21

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

The Greeters this week will be the Messineo and the Hernandez-Kinloch Families. The head usher will be Roger Nelson, assisted by Ann Bronneck, Greg Waugh, Fred Wong and Jill Simmons. The Acolyte will be Willem Jorgensen. The Videographer will be John Dobbs. Counters in the Treasurer's Office, Sherry Brabham and Craig Wood. The flowers in the chancel are given in loving memory of Christine and Irving Zambakian by their family. Art and Pam Dawson 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, Trudy Budelman 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, 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.

OUR SYMPATHIES

Our sympathies to Art Dawson and his family on the death of his mother, Elsie on Monday, May 11, 2009.



Our children's choirs will sing and ring on June 14th as part of our *Youth Sunday* celebration...we give thanks for the many youngsters who participate in this ministry...Our High School Youth are also hard at work on vocal and instrumental musical offerings for *Youth Sunday*; you won't want to miss it...Now is the time for you to think about your youngster joining a choir in September...We will continue with Wednesday afternoon rehearsals, so keep that time open; an exciting season is being planned...Our Chancel Choir's last Sunday of ministry will be 6/21...We're looking for folks who can sing, play an instrument (even accordion!) for a service this summer as part of SUMMERMUSIC 2009; Why not make it a family affair...See you in church this Sunday!

HONORING OUR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

We will honor our High School Seniors on Youth Sunday, June 14th with breakfast at 9:15 and presentation of Bibles at the 10:15 service. Please come.

BIRTHDAY BANK

The Birthday Bank will be available on Youth Sunday, June 14th. Everyone who has had a birthday in May or will have one in June, July or August is invited to put a donation in the bank and receive a birthday pencil. This is a tradition of recognizing birthdays and also of each year purchasing something that will enhance the worship service for the students. In the past the acolyte's robes, the lighter and pew ropes have all been gifts from the donations received. Both children and adults are invited to participate.

DAY CAMP NEWS

Day Camp Enrollment forms now available! Sign up now for this year's camp—June 24, 25 and 26.

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

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

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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
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6. Monthly, sent first class with weekly e-news updates and hard copy on Sunday AM.
7. Your e-address: _____
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You may clip and bring/mail to office or cut and paste into an email to barbara.duym@glenridgecong.org.

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.

COMMUNION THIS SUNDAY AT 10:15 SERVICE

Because it is confirmation and Pentecost Sunday we will have a service of Holy Communion this Sunday (May 31st).

Glen Ridge Congregational Church

195 Ridgewood Avenue

Glen Ridge, New Jersey 07028

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WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION ANNUAL JUNE MEETING

Please join us at 7:30 pm in the Blue Room, Tuesday June 2, for our annual meeting, elections and program. Our speaker will be Kathryn Cassidy from Habitat Newark. She will tell us about a new program called *Women Build*. This initiative of Habitat promotes the involvement of women in the construction of Habitat houses, providing an opportunity for women to learn construction in a supportive environment and empowering women as they address the issue of substandard housing. *Women Build* Newark is in the fundraising portion of our third home with construction to begin in April/May 2009 in West Orange. Light refreshments will be served.

THE FOOD PANTRY

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

Our next date to serve at the Bethel Love Soup Kitchen is Thursday, June 18 – if you are interested, please contact Susan Griffith at 973 743-3428.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, May 31

- 8:15am Chapel Communion worship
- 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

Monday, June 1

- 7:00pm Yoga
- 8:00pm Men's Groups

Tuesday, June 2

- 7:30pm Women's Association Annual Mtg.
- 8:00pm AA

Wednesday, June 3

- 10:00am Bible Study
- 3:15pm Children's Choirs
- 4:15pm Chapel Bellsingers
- 8:00pm Ministry of Worship

Thursday, June 4 JDS USN

- 6:30am Morning Glories

Friday, June 5 JDS USN

- 9:00am Pilgrim Graduation
- 6:00pm Montclair Music/Blue Room

Saturday, June 6

- 1:00pm-5:00pm Recital/Robinson Hall

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