



July 20, 2009

MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Jesus said, *"I know my own and my own know me."* (John 10:14) During her Easter children's sermon Mrs. Lacey asked the children, "When did you first hear the name *Jesus*?" I answered from the sidelines, somewhat humorously, "Before I was born." I knew my mother had brought me to church while she was pregnant. No doubt I heard the name several times during those nine months. Certainly in the later stages of development *in utero* children are able to hear outside voices. Prenatal physicians say that the reason newborn infants respond to the voices of their parents right after birth is because they have heard them through the wall of mother's stomach, during gestation. When Cyndi was pregnant with Hannah she read a book all about teaching babies to love good music by listening to good music during pregnancy. Cyndi was convinced that Hannah loved pipe organ music because she kicked appreciatively at church during the pregnancy!

As I read Jesus' statement about knowing his own and his own knowing him I remember a story from scripture. In the Garden of Eden, after eating the apple, Genesis says the man and the woman,

...heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" (Genesis 3:8-9)

Now how did the two first humans know who it was? How did they recognize God's voice? *"I know my own and my own know me."*

It is my experience that Jesus does not call a person's name without a purpose for that disciple. In Biblical times Jesus called Peter, James, John, Paul, and Mary. Later he called Augustine, Francis of Assisi, Martin Luther. In our time, Mother Theresa and us. One of the effects of the resurrection is that no longer are our encounters with him confined to the Holy Land. After the resurrection, Jesus is able to call people all over the place, in different cultures, in unexpected situations. As in the call stories of Scripture, his voice compels. Some will hear and not recognize him. They will not care. We know his voice if we are supposed to know it, if we are 'his.' When we hear it we know we have no choice but to obey him, cheerfully, purposely, faithfully. And we know he is our shepherd, the one who will lay down his life for us.



Each time we come to the Lord's Table, he calls us one by one. There is in the ritual the call to communion. Though done without individual names, I hope you hear in the minister's invitation the call of the host of this feast. He calls you to covenant with him and his people. Each of us has a different purpose and mission, but he is the instigator. *"I know my own and my own know me,"* Jesus said. ~J.D. Stinson

July 26, 2009



9:30am Worship/One Room Church School
The Rev. Dr. Harry Taylor, Preaching
The Rev. Dr. Joseph David Stinson, Presiding

"Into the Boat"

John 6:1-21

Children's Sermon: "Where?"



Childcare for the very young provided.
10:30am Lemonade on the Lawn

The greeters this Sunday will be the O'Brien/Brabham Family. The ushers will be the Zalewski Family, Jim Waters, Lynn Ritchkoff, Nancy Gage and Jill Simmons. The One-Room Schoolhouse teacher will be Lizzie O'Brien. The Childcare attendant will be Betty Sheppard. Counters in the Treasurer's Office, Sherry Brabham and Craig Wood. Horace and Lillian Ashenfelter will deliver the flowers.

August 2, 2009



9:30am Worship with Holy Communion
By Intinction

One Room Church School

The Rev. Cynthia Reynolds, Preaching
John Flippin, Lay Leader



Childcare for the very young provided.
10:30am Lemonade on the Lawn

Greeting you this Sunday will be Lynn Ritchkoff. The ushers this Sunday will be the O'Grady Family, Tim Delorm, Sharon Harms, John Smalley, Tom Wright and David Ellertson. The One-Room Schoolhouse teacher will be Pam Flippin. The Childcare attendant will be Betty Sheppard. Counters in the Treasurer's Office, Jim Bronneck and Roben Dunkin. Joan Donnelly will deliver the flowers.

✱ IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ✱

- ◇ *At home:* Sid Metro, James Hollander, Trudy Budelman, 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, Walter Williams and Jack Cusick.
- ◇ *In extended care facilities:* Barbara Underwood, (Mountainside), Ed Warren (Stuart FL), Lacle Stites, Art and Marilea Schlobohm (Green Hill), Betty Bishop (Juniper Village), Don Olson (Job Haines), Robert Martin Schaeberle (Ridge at River Woods, Exeter, NH), Peg Carr Waters (Gates Manor).

Friends & family of our church: William Bennett, John Kingston, Stephen Strickland, Len Calvin, Andrea Row, Lewis Luring, Neil Connaghan, Bob 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.



Sing? Play an instrument? We still have several openings for music presenters this Summer as part of SUMMERMUSIC 2009 – see Tom Mustachio if you are willing to share your musical gifts...We will have a Summer Choir in worship on August 16th – anyone wishing to sing should come to the loft at 8:45 to learn the music for the morning service; All are welcome!...See you in church on Sunday!

REAR ADMIRAL STINSON 'AWEIGH'

Mr. Stinson is off to Babson College's School of Business the week of July 20-24th taking a course for the Navy. In his absence, Dr. Harry Taylor is on call.

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.

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION CHANGE OF GUARD

The Women's Association had their year-end meeting June 2. The following slate of officers was elected for the coming year: Cyndi Stinson, President, Theresa Messineo, Vice-president, Linda Kerr, Treasurer and Phyllis Connolly, Secretary. Many thanks go out to Barbara Stevens and Norma Batastini for their 5 years of service as Co-presidents.

FALL BROCHURE

Thank you to Andy Ogilvie who helped us lay out the fall brochure. Thanks also to Bill Wood who contributed graphics. The office will need help in August readying the mailing. Let Betsie or Barbara know if you are able to help.

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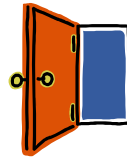
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IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Ron Goebel, a long-time member of the church, died on Monday, July 20, 2009. Our sympathies to his family. Arrangements for his memorial will be announced at a later date.

NEWSLETTER

There will be no newsletter the weeks of August 3rd and 17th.



AN OPEN DOOR SUNDAY

We will again celebrate *An Open Door Sunday* on September 13th. It is the Sunday we resume our 2-Service schedule, church school classes and choir. Following the service at a picnic on the lawn, there will be information about children's and music programs and other activities of the church. We particularly hope to have newcomers present that morning. Invite a new neighbor! Thanks.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

During the summer, the church office is open from 8:30am to 12:30pm, Monday through Friday.

THE NEXT TWO WEEKS AT GRCC

SUNDAY 7/26

9:30am Worship/One Room Church School

10:30am Lemonade on the Lawn

7:00pm Stewardship Meeting at the Carey's

TUESDAY 7/28

8:00pm AA

THURSDAY 7/30

6:30am Morning Glories

SUNDAY 8/2

9:30am Worship with Communion

One Room Church School

10:30am Lemonade on the Lawn

TUESDAY 8/4

8:00pm AA

THURSDAY 8/6

6:30am Morning Glories

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