



August 17, 2009

MINISTER'S MESSAGE

As the summer season draws to a close these next couple of weeks, let's concentrate on welcoming Gratitude more fully into our lives – when we wake up in the morning, thank God for all the blessings and hope of the new day. When we go to bed at night, thank God for the gift of the day we have lived – for all of the events – good and hard – and know that God has been with us every moment of our day. The presence of Gratitude transforms even the darkest nights into glorious day – for a Christian there is no where we go that Gratitude doesn't belong.

Joyce Rupp has written a lovely poem, *A Thanksgiving Blessing* – may her words help all of us live in an attitude of gratitude:

May an abundance of gratitude burst forth as you reflect upon what you have received.

May thanksgiving overflow in your heart, and often be proclaimed in your prayer.

May you gather around the table of your heart the ardent faithfulness, kindness, and goodness of each person who is true to you.

May the harvest of your good actions bring forth plentiful fruit each day.

May you discover a cache of hidden wisdom among the people and events that have brought you distress and sorrow.

May all that nourishes and resources your life bring you daily satisfaction and renewed hope.

May you slow your hurried pace of life so you can be aware of, and enjoy, what you too easily take for granted.

May you always be open, willing, and ready to share your blessings with others.

May you never forget the Generous One who loves you lavishly and unconditionally.

See you in worship!

Peace, Cindy

August 23, 2009



9:30am Worship/One Room Church School
The Rev. Cynthia Reynolds, Preaching
The Dobbs Family, Lay Leaders



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

The greeter this Sunday will be Lynne Palmer. The ushers will be Ken Underwood, Paul Brewster, Liz Brewster, Samantha Finneran and Jim O'Brien. The One-Room Schoolhouse teachers will be The Johns Family. The Childcare attendant will be Deb Cerruti. Counters in the Treasurer's Office, Jackie Ogilvie and Andy Song.

August 30, 2009



9:30am Worship/One Room Church School
The Rev. Cynthia Reynolds, Preaching
The Brown Family, Lay Leaders



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

Greeting you this Sunday will be The Brown Family. The ushers this Sunday will be The Dobbs Family, Andy Song, The Shove/Rowan Family and John Intner. The One-Room Schoolhouse teachers will be The Gsell Family. The Childcare attendant will be Betty Sheppard. Counters in the Treasurer's Office, Alden Provost and Jim Watson.

✦ IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ✦

- ◇ *At home:* Sid Metro, James Hollander, 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, (Van Dyk), Ed Warren (Stuart FL), Lacelle 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 (North Carolina).

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.

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.

ONE ROOM CHURCH SCHOOL

Each Sunday at 9:30am we offer a summer enrichment program for youngsters while their parents are in church. There is a Bible lesson, a craft and refreshments. Have you tried the One Room Church School this summer yet?

DEAR FRIENDS OF IHN

On Sunday, September 27th at 9 am, a 5K race benefiting IHN of Essex County will take place at Brookdale Park. Montclair High School students are coordinating the race and we'd like to get as many people as possible signed up to ensure its success. Below is a short description of the race. Thanks so much for everything you do on behalf of IHN!

5K Run To Benefit the Interfaith Hospitality Network:
At nine o'clock in the morning on Sunday, September 27, 2009, there will be a 5K race in Montclair's Brookdale Park to benefit the Interfaith Hospitality Network of Essex County (IHN). The race, organized by Sally Goodman and Molly Bangs, of B'nai Keshet and St. James Church, respectively, is open to all who are interested in running and supporting IHN and features great prizes! To sign up or get more information, download the application from the IHN website, www.ihnessexnj.org, or pick one up at Fleet Feet Sports in Montclair. You can also request an application by emailing ihnrace@gmail.com.

Blessings, Tia Aery, Executive Director

NEWSLETTER

There will be no newsletter the weeks of August 10 and 24. We will go back to a weekly newsletter the week of August 31.

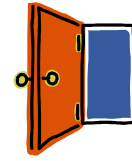
SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

During the summer, the church office is open from 8:30am to 12:30pm, Monday through Friday. Regular hours will resume the week of September 1.

PAINTING ROBINSON HALL

Thanks to the Mustard Seed Project, Robinson Hall will be getting a new coat of paint the week of August 24. Thanks to all who have helped with their pledges to keep our building safe and welcoming. Have you seen the newly renovated office?

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195 Ridgewood Avenue
Glen Ridge, New Jersey 07028
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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.

A BIG THANK YOU

A big thank you to Joann Anand for helping with the Fall Brochure!!!

CROSSING GUARDS The Glen Ridge Police Department is in need of crossing guards for the next school year. If you are interested in applying or would like further information, please contact Lt. Paul Bruno or Sgt. Robert Wohlgemuth at (973) 748-5400.

GIFTS OF APPRECIATED SECURITIES

The church has moved its securities account to a new firm. Thus, anyone planning to fulfill a pledge with appreciated marketable securities should request a copy of the new instructions for making transfers so that the church receives the gift promptly. Please contact the church office if you wish to have a copy.

THE NEXT TWO WEEKS AT GRCC

SUNDAY 8/23
9:30am Worship/One Room Church School
10:30am Lemonade on the Lawn

TUESDAY 8/25
8:00pm AA

THURSDAY 8/27
6:30am Morning Glories

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10:30am Lemonade on the Lawn

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8:00pm AA

THURSDAY 9/3
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