



NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 30, 2010

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Church School Classes will begin the Fall season on September 12, 2010.

The staff is in place (always room for volunteer substitutes) and the rooms have been freshened up during the summer. During the worship service on the 12th the teachers will be commissioned. Children go with their families at 10:15 a.m. to the sanctuary and go to class about 15 minutes into the service. Child care for the very young is available from 10:10 to the conclusion of the worship service.

NEW THIS CHURCH SCHOOL YEAR: a "One Room Church School" will be offered at 8:15a.m. Sunday mornings beginning Sept. 19. Children come with their families to the chapel service and will leave about 10 minutes into the service for class. This program is being offered with the hope that those that find it impossible to come at 10:15 a.m. due to conflicts in schedules will take advantage of this earlier session. Students will work together in Robinson Hall and our curriculum, **THE MUSTARD SEED** is available on line so they can review what will be taught in their 10:15 a.m. class.

Following the Chapel Service and Church School, coffee and juice will be available in Robinson Hall at 9 a.m. for all that can join together for a fellowship.

If you have any questions or suggestions for Church School at the 8:15 a.m. class or the 10:15a.m. class please let me know. The Glen Ridge Congregational Church School family is a wonderful, caring and enthusiastic group always ready to welcome new friends as we live and grow in our Christian faith together.

Marty Lacey

A THANK YOU FROM THE SONGS

"To the Glen Ridge Congregational family, Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness, your kind support and for the beautiful flowers in honor of my Mom. We are so blessed to be a part of such a wonderful church family who have helped us so much during this difficult time. Love, Andy and Stephanie Song.

WORSHIP

September 5, 2010

The 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Rev. Cynthia Reynolds, preaching

Jan Spoerl, lay leader



9:30am

Worship/ Fellowship

Child Care for the very young provided

Greeting will be Barbara Stevens and Nancy Bigelow. The ushers will be Roger Nelson, Ann Bronneck, Greg Waugh and the Krien Family

Counters in the Treasurer's Office will be Debbie Cusick and Mendy Overmyer

Videographer will be Jim O'Brien

Stefan Magnusson ad Ellen Morris will deliver the flowers

✦ IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ✦

◇ **At home:** Betty Sheppard, Bob Kansky, James Hollander, Lorraine Rieder, Bob Runge, Susan Booth, Karen Augis, Phyllis Domenic, Madeline Edgar, Scott Spoerl, Sandra Lefkovits, Mary Keller, Jim O'Brien, Bill Wood, Fred Worth, Ruth McManamey and Syd Metro.

◇ **In extended care facilities:** John Stevens (Van Dyk), Dianne Killeen (Cedar Hill Health Care), Frank Watson (Crane's Mill), Barbara Underwood (Van Dyk), Bill Luddecke (Van Dyk), Ed Warren (Stuart FL), Marilea Schlobohm (Beaufort, SC), Betty Bishop (King James Care Center), Don Olson (Job Haines), Robert Martin Schaeberle (Ridge at River Woods, Exeter, NH), Lucy Force (Sunrise, Woodcliff Lake)

FRIENDS & FAMILY OF OUR CHURCH:

Alex Tallmadge in Afghanistan, Courtney Connolly, Maureen Wetzell, Barbara Martindale, Grace Uliano, Bern Sleem, Ruth Mustachio, Eloy & Ofelia Hernandez, Andrei Padlowski, JC Egbert, Alison Krien, Stephen Strickland, Len Calvin, Andrea Row, Bob Sherman, Helen Brabham, George Boltnew, Agnes Joy Busk, Anna Withington, Jill Reintjes, Dan Glitzer, Sue Potter, Merrill Roberts, Joan and Frank Lytle, Barbara Acosta, Thomas Bright, Jim O'Brien, Sr., Amanda Oliver, Jean and Barry Frere, Jim Marturano, Elizabeth Knox, Pat and Betty Vigliotti, Paula Newman, Frank Pescatore, Mary Embree, Jeff Glock, Bill Phillips, and UCC Missionaries Jon and Dawn Barnes now back in the US and also our friends at Back Bay Mission in Biloxi. The men and women of the Armed Forces serving in harm's way.



MUSIC MINISTRY PREPARING FOR ANOTHER GREAT YEAR!

Here's all the start-up information regarding the various choirs of GRCC. We have choirs for all ages, from 3-years old on up. Part-time and full time opportunities are available. Make this a *singing* season! More detailed information can be found in the all new *Music Ministry brochure*, located on the Action Table. All are welcome!

GLEN RIDGE CHORAL SOCIETY *H.S.-Adults*

Members join our Chancel Choir for short periods throughout the year to prepare for special concerts and events such as our All Saints' *Requiem*, *Welcome Christmas!* Concert, and Spring Concert. Rehearses Thursdays: 8-9pm.

CHANCEL CHOIR *H.S.-Adults*

Providing the main musical leadership of our weekly 10:15am service. Rehearses Thursdays: 8-10pm starting 9/16.

CARILLON BELLS *H.S.-Adults*

Truly mastering the art of handbell ringing, this choir ministers in worship approximately once per month, as well as for special occasions and concerts. Rehearses Thursdays: 6:45-7:50pm.

CANTOREI *Grades 8-12*

Our Teen musical group becomes "full time" this year. Singing, playing handbells, instruments and Orff instruments, this group rehearses each Sunday morning, immediately following worship, in the music room. Rehearsals begin Sunday 9/19.

CAROL CHOIR *Grades 4-8**

Singing, playing instruments, Christmas Concert, Spring musical, our wonderful Carol Choir sings in worship approximately once per month. We begin with gathering/snack time for all children's choirs on Wednesdays at 3:15pm in Robinson Hall. The children then move to their individual rehearsals. Carol Choir rehearses Wednesdays: 3:15-4:15pm, starting 9/15.

CHAPEL BELLS

*Grades 4-8**

An introduction to handbells and choir chimes, focusing on technique and music reading. Rings in worship about every 6 weeks. Rehearses Wednesdays: 4:15-5:00pm, immediately following Carol Choir, starting 9/15.

CHERUB CHOIR

Grades 1-3

Singing, crafts, choir chimes, games and fun. Sings in worship approx. every 6 weeks. Rehearses Wednesdays: 3:15-4:15pm, starting 9/15.

JOYFUL NOISE

Ages 3 through Kindergarten

Introduction to music and worship in a fun, supportive, nurturing environment. Children participate in rather than perform music. Rehearses Wednesdays: 3:15-4:00pm, starting 9/15.

**8th Graders are welcome to participate in Carol Choir, Chapel Bells and/or Cantorei. Young men with changed voices should opt for Cantorei rather than Carol Choir.*

THANK YOU !!

Thank you to Lynn Ritchkoff, Maira Hernandez-Kinloch, Olivia Kinloch, Matthew Kinloch, Grant Naylor and Julie Duus for their help in getting the Fall Brochure ready for mailing!

PLEASE JOIN THE WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION 'CARE COMMITTEE'

Each week, an event in the life of a member of our church family warrants a brief, personally written note. The Women's Association indeed cares, and feels a great purpose in reaching out to send such notes. We want your help to do so. These notes might be for congratulations, for sympathy, to say we're thinking of you, we're proud of you, or other feelings.. Because the W.A. wants to sustain these gestures of caring it needs volunteers to capture each month of the year. Right now we have 8 volunteers. Will you join them?

A member of this Care Committee would need to check weekly in the newsletter or bulletin - or speak with Betsie, Barbara, David or Cindy - to see if there is someone who would benefit from such a personal note of care. The notes, if any that week, could be written conveniently on a Sunday after worship, or at home during the week. Note cards would be available in the church work room. They are kept in the tall metal cabinet in a basket on the bottom shelf. There will be a notebook in which to record the people you contact each month. If you could help by being responsible for one month of the year, please call Barbara Duym in the office or Lynn Ritchkoff at home (973-744-1885). At present, we have an urgent need for volunteers for July through December.

The Women's Association members have found over many past years that a brief and thoughtful note offers warm and personal connection to those who receive our extended care. Thank you from your Women's Association for your help.

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Congratulations to Linda and Bill Potter on the birth of their second grandson, John Alexander (Alex) Oster, born on Grandpa Bill's birthday, August 11 weighing 10lbs, 3oz!!! Parents Lisa (Potter) and Andrew are also thrilled as is little brother Nate!

OFFICE SCHEDULE

The office will go back to the regular schedule of 8:30am to 4:00pm starting September 7th. The newsletter will also resume weekly the first week of September. Please let us know if you would like to receive it by e-mail which is a big savings for the church!

A CALL TO THE CONGREGATION

As summer draws to a close, and we look forward to a new year of opportunities, I think we all need to reflect upon how central Christ and our active faith is to everything we know and believe. "In Him, we live and move and have our being." With these words of St. Paul in mind, I ask you to consider again whether you can support the President's Challenge to the shortfall in our budget. Through July, we have received contributions in excess of \$8,000 that have supplemented the regular pledge donations of our members. These generous gifts have been extended to the GRCC in an effort to avoid losing many of the essential services we provide for the congregation and our neighbors in the community. Won't you consider responding to the need in any way you can? Our church, the work that it does and the love that it shares, is so important to a great many people. Thank you. - John Flippin

SCEEP

S.C.E.E.P. needs you!! Make a difference. Be a tutor; Thursdays 3:30pm-5:00pm. Interested? Call the church office or Nancy Bigelow at 973 228-1247.

PILGRIM IN THE P.M.

Pilgrim Nursery School will offer afternoon enrichment classes starting in the fall on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. They are open to 3/4 and 4/5 year olds. Please call Mary Duus at 973 743-5596 x13 for details.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY 9/05

9:30am Worship

10:30am Fellowship

MONDAY 9/06

LABOR DAY

OFFICE CLOSED

7:00pm Yoga

TUESDAY 9/07

OFFICE RESUMES REGULAR HOURS

8:00pm AA

WEDNESDAY 9/08

6:30am Morning Glories

7:30pm Women's Association Board Meeting

UCC Issues \$300,000 Appeal for Pakistan Flood Relief

Today the United Church of Christ issued a special disaster appeal seeking \$300,000 to support the emergency relief and long-term rehabilitation initiatives of Church World Service in Pakistan.

Situation

The torrential rains and flooding that have affected Pakistan in recent weeks continue, with at an estimated 1,600 dead and 17.2 million affected. Some 1.5 million people are now homeless.

The floods which began in the northern parts of country have spread to four provinces covering over 132,000 square kilometers, or about 82,000 square miles. (Pakistan's total square miles: 340,132.)

As the rains continue, the waters are moving downstream like a rolling earthquake affecting Punjab and Sindh provinces further south. In Sindh, villages in the area of Dadu and Mehar Taluka have been flooded. Thus far, some 186 villages in Sindh have been affected in seven local municipalities, affecting 38,656 individuals, according to CWS staff in Pakistan.

You Can Help Now

1. Pray for the people of Pakistan, their leaders, and all emergency response workers.
2. Please help the people of Pakistan by sending gifts payable to your congregation marked for "Pakistan Flood Relief" with the request they be sent through your Conference office on to Wider Church Ministries.

Thank you for your compassion and support.

***OPEN DOOR SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 12, 2010
ALL ARE WELCOME
SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS
8:15 CHAPEL/COMMUNION
10:15 WORSHIP
FALL PICNIC ON THE LAWN
GAMES FOR CHILDREN
SIGN UPS FOR OUR VARIOUS
MINISTRIES & VOLUNTEERS
FOR BETHEL LOVE***

A Starry Night

...a church fundraising event
with dinner and entertainment

SAVE THE DATE
Friday, November 19

Location: Women's Club of Glen Ridge

