



**OPEN DOOR SUNDAY**

I am happy to be back in Glen Ridge and will look forward to seeing many of you this Sunday as we begin our fall schedule at church with "Open Door Sunday." I was amused up in New Hampshire in August to see a sign outside a little country church: "New Members Wanted!" Isn't it the truth?

I will begin my 19<sup>th</sup> year as your minister this Sunday and given my health scare this summer, I am happy to be looking forward to fulfilling ministry and service among you. I wonder what God has in store for me, for you, for us?

Cindy Reynolds, Tom Mustachio, Marty Lacey and I have planned a busy and exciting schedule this fall. Tom's choir will sing again on this Sunday. Marty's church school resumes classes, too. Soon Cindy will gather a new class of confirmands to teach. I will restart my monthly men's group and my Bible Studies. This fall we'll read and learn together about the Gospel of John! After the service on the 12<sup>th</sup> there will be a picnic on the South Lawn (among all the new slates for the new roof!). There will be opportunities to learn about the many ministries and projects of our church at the picnic. We hope you'll find a new way to become active in the work of God through this church.

I am in my last active month in the Navy. A ceremony in Washington is planned the end of the month but we've also invited Rear Admiral Mark Tidd, the new Navy Chief of Chaplains to be at our church on Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, to mark my retirement. Chaplain Tidd wants to thank the church for your sacrifice during my tenure as an admiral and to celebrate my service to the country the last 31 years.

This is God's church. I invite you to put your heart and soul into it!  
~J.D. Stinson

**WORSHIP**

**September 12, 2010  
OPEN DOOR SUNDAY  
The 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
8:15am Chapel/Communion  
The Rev. Joseph David Stinson, *preaching*  
The Rev. Cynthia Reynolds, *presiding*  
Sermon: *The Most Unlikely Christian*  
1Timothy 1:12-17**  
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**10:15am  
Worship/ Fellowship/Fall Picnic  
Child Care for the very young provided**

*Greeting will be the Morning Glories.  
The ushers will be the Zalewski family,  
Jim Waters, Lynn Ritchkoff,  
Nancy Gage and Jill Simmons  
Counters in the treasurer's office will be  
David and Kathy Overmyer  
Jean Ost will deliver the flowers*

**✠ IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ✠**

- ◇ **At home:** John Stevens, 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, Dianne Killeen.
- ◇ **In extended care facilities:** 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.

**THE GOSPEL OF JOHN**

Mr. Stinson begins his study of the Gospel of John at 9am on Sunday, the 12<sup>th</sup>, in the library. This week there will be an introduction to the gospel. New students of scripture are always welcome! The Wednesday Bible Study begins October 6.

**NINTH ANNUAL SEPTEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup> REMEMBRANCE**

"Essex County Remembers", a solemn ceremony at the Essex County Eagle Rock September 11<sup>th</sup> Memorial will mark the ninth anniversary of the tragedies in New York, Washington DC and Pennsylvania.

**Date:** Saturday, September 11, 2010

**Time:** 8:00am

**Place:** Essex County Eagle Rock September 11<sup>th</sup> Memorial  
Essex County Eagle Rock Reservation  
Eagle Rock Avenue; West Orange, NJ

A brief program with family members who lost a loved one and clergy members from diverse religious faiths will be held. Memorial wreaths will be laid at the monument and a new American flag will be raised. A string quartet will perform reverent selections of music at the memorial site from 8:00am to 2:00pm.

**A THANK YOU**

Tia Aery, Executive Director of IHN writes: "Lou Ferrara and his son Max spent close to six hours helping move boxes of donated items from Karma Living out of our storage unit today (Thursday, Sept. 2). What a great team! They were so nice and worked so hard - it was incredible!"



MUSIC MINISTRY READY 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, starting 9/23.

**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. Directed by Mrs. H-K.

**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. Directed by Mrs. Brown.

*\*8<sup>th</sup> 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.*

**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.

**BETHEL LOVE FOOD PANTRY & SOUP KITCHEN**

Our partnership with the Bethel Love ministry enters its 3rd year - members of the congregation have been very generous with their contributions of food to the shopping cart. Hungry neighbors are benefitting from our outreach for sure.

Members of the congregation have also been generous with their time volunteering at the Thursday soup kitchen dates. This year, however, **Bethel Love Soup Kitchen needs our help more than ever before.** Two of the regular Bethel Love volunteers are not available: one is enrolled full time in nursing school, the other helping her daughter and a brand new baby! So, we need 3-4 volunteers on our assigned Thursdays: the first and third Thursday of each month. Time commitment is from about 3:30pm to 7:00pm. You will make a difference in the lives of people who live in senior housing apartments, working families who need help feeding their families, and the homeless guests as well. Please help us! If you can volunteer, please be in touch with Emily Grover-Kopec at [emily.grover-kopec@rms.com](mailto:emily.grover-kopec@rms.com) or at [egroverkopec@gmail.com](mailto:egroverkopec@gmail.com). We recommend volunteers be at least in 8th grade - younger volunteers are welcome if accompanied by a parent. If you have any questions about this, please contact Cindy Reynolds.

Our dates:  
September 16  
October 7 and 21  
November 4 and 18.

There will also be opportunities to help with the Thanksgiving food distribution - watch for dates and times for this project.

**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.

## **MISSION TRIP**

The Ministry of Outreach and Mission is in the very early planning stages for a week long mission trip to South Dakota, working on an Indian reservation, next summer. We expect the trip to be open to families. Marty Watson is working with us – are you interested in knowing more? Contact Cindy Reynolds to express interest or to learn more.

## **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.

## **NEW THIS FALL FOR CHURCH SCHOOL!**

A “One Room Church School Class” will be available at 8:15 a.m. for students in grades 1 – 7.

Children come with their families to chapel and leave for class about 10 minutes into the service. This program is offered for those that are unable to attend the 10:15 church school classes.

## **OUR NEW WEBSITE**

Please check out our new website!!! Still at [glenridgecong.org](http://glenridgecong.org). Thanks to the creative Craig Wood we have a new look and exciting gateway into our congregation and its ministries. Let us know if there is anything you think you would like to see as well.

## **SHARING A STARRY NIGHT!**

Our GRCC fall fundraiser, *A Starry Night*, will be a happy occasion for our church family and friends to gather at the Women's Club of G.R. to enjoy a silent auction, buffet dinner and musical entertainment. Please note the date of November 19th and plan to come to help to bolster up our church coffers and share a festive social scene as well. More details will come, but for now we ask you to circle Nov. 19th and hope for *A Starry Night*.



## **WEEKLY CALENDAR**

### **SUNDAY 9/12**

- 8:15am Chapel/Communion
- 9:00am Bible Study
- 9:15am Chancel Choir
- 10:15am Worship/Church School
- 10:15am Commissioning of Teachers
- 11:30am Fall Picnic
- 6:00pm Council at the Stinsons

### **MONDAY 9/13**

- 7:00pm Yoga

### **TUESDAY 9/14**

- 8:00pm AA

### **WEDNESDAY 9/15**

- 6:30am Morning Glories
- 3:15pm Children's Choirs Begin
- 4:15pm Chapel Bellsingers Begin

### **THURSDAY 9/16**

- 10:00am Bread for the Journey
- 3:30pm Bethel Love Food Pantry
- 8:00pm GRCS/Chancel Choir Begins

### **SATURDAY 9/18**

- 10:00am Women's Association Welcome Back Brunch

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