



September 21, 2009

**MESSAGE**

The **Neighbors In Need** offering will be received on Sunday, October 4. Theme this year is: ***Imagine: Another world is possible!***

This annual denominational offering supports the UCC's ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries to fund a wide array of local and national justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects. Through UCCTakeAction.org, our national Justice and Witness Ministries office offers resources, news updates, and action alerts on a broad spectrum of justice issues.

Working with members of the UCC Justice and Peace Action Network, Justice and Witness continues its strong policy advocacy work on issues such as the federal budget, voting rights, immigration, health care, hate crimes, civil liberties, and environmental justice.

*Neighbors in Need* also supports our American Indian neighbors in the UCC. One-third of the offering supports the UCC's Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM). Historically, forebears of the UCC established churches and worked with Lakota, Dakota, Nakota, Mandan, Hidatsa, Arickara, and Hocak in North and South Dakota, Wisconsin, and northern Nebraska tribes. Today there are 20 UCC congregations on reservations and one urban, multi-tribal UCC congregation in Minneapolis, Minnesota. These churches and their pastors are supported by CAIM. CAIM is also an invaluable resource for more than 1,000 individuals from dozens of other tribes and nations who are members of other UCC congregations in the U.S.

Thank you for your generous support!  
~Ministry of Outreach and Mission

**October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009**  
**World Communion Sunday**  
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**8:15 Chapel Communion Service**

**10:15am Worship/Church School**  
**Confirmation Class Commissioning**  
**The Rev. Dr. Joseph D. Stinson, Preaching**  
**The Rev. Cynthia F. Reynolds, Presiding**

**“How Majestic Is Your Name” Psalm 8**  
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**Child Care for the very young provided.**  
**11:30am Fellowship**

Greeting will be the Nancy Bigelow. The ushers will be Craig Wood, Connie Booth, Nancy Bigelow and The Carey Family. The Acolyte will be Carter Crutchfield. The Videographer will be David Overmyer. Counters in the Treasurer's Office, Debbie Cusick and Mendy Overmyer. Sue and John Callaghan will deliver the flowers.

**✠ IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ✠**

◇ *At home:* 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, Walter Williams, Jack Cusick and Barbara Underwood.

◇ *In extended care facilities:* Bob Kansky (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: JC Egbert, Alison Krien, 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.

**MUSIC NEWS**

We have an exciting year planned for our music ministry, with choirs for all ages. Rehearsals have started but **new members are welcome in all choirs!** For further information contact Tom Mustachio at ext. 19 or by email – [tom.mustachio@glenridgecong.org](mailto:tom.mustachio@glenridgecong.org)

Watch your mail for the 2009-2010 concert series brochure!

**AFTERNOON ENGLISH TEA**

The Women's Fellowship of the Bloomfield Presbyterian Church on the Green invites all GRCC women to an Afternoon English Tea, Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 2:00-4:30pm. Suggested donation is \$10 with proceeds benefiting Presbyterian Disaster Relief. To attend or for information contact Cyndi Stinson at [cynthiaah.stinson2@verizon.net](mailto:cynthiaah.stinson2@verizon.net).

**FAIR TRADE COFFEE? YSOP? SHUFFLE YOUR BUNS? YPS -- YES!**

The first YPS meeting for the 2009-2010 year will be Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 - 8:30 in Robinson Hall. All high school students—members and non-members of GRCC— are welcome. We will get to know each other a little bit, talk about our plans for the rest of the year, play some games, sing some songs, and have refreshments. Ben Woodworth, Jim O'Brien, and Sherry Brabham are the YPS adult leaders. Questions? Speak to one of them. Also Tom Mustachio is enthusiastic about involving the YPS more in the music program of the church and will work with us throughout the year. We look forward to a great year starting the 27<sup>th</sup>! Come—and bring a friend!

**IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

We welcome the birth of Alexis Jeanette Figlar, daughter of Brian and Kristy Figlar, granddaughter of Pam Figlar. Also next week Bob Runge will celebrate his 97<sup>th</sup> birthday and Jim Waters his 91<sup>st</sup>.

**BIRTHDAY BANK**

The birthday bank will be available during the 2<sup>nd</sup> hymn on September 27<sup>th</sup> for anyone who had a summer birthday or a September one. We are looking to using birthday bank money to fund a new acolyte's robe this fall.

#### **FIRE DRILL AFTER SERVICE SEPT. 27**

To test our system we have an annual fire drill after the second service. Parents will meet their church school students on the South Lawn.

#### **BRIGHTENING THE SANCTUARY**

If you noticed that it was a little hard to read your bulletin this past Sunday it is due to the church's ongoing Mustard Seed projects. The 10 sconces that line the walls are being cleaned and re-wired. After they are done we will move on to the main chandeliers. Looking forward to a brighter place of worship soon!!

#### **ASSOCIATION MEETING Oct 17<sup>th</sup>**

The Rev. Gordon Dragt, the minister of the Middle Collegiate Church in Manhattan is the guest speaker for the fall NJA meeting at the Community Church of Short Hills. He will offer a program on revitalizing the church, beginning 8:45am to 1pm. Because lunch is served, please RSVP by Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>. Going from our church are our delegates, the O'Briens and Doris Younger. Would you like to go as well?

#### **MENS GROUP OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup>**

The first session of the Men's group will be Thursday night, Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>, at 8pm in Mr. Stinson's office.



#### **THE BETHEL LOVE FOOD PANTRY**

The pantry is in special need of the following items: peanut butter & jelly, soups, cereals, Ramen noodles, and juice boxes. Recent changes in families served also bring a need for baby good, wipes, diapers (sizes 2 & 3) and Similac Sensitive. Please remember our hungry neighbors as you do grocery shopping. Donations of large packages of instant mashed potatoes, canned gravy, and punch mix (just add water) will also be used by the soup kitchen in the weekly meal distribution.

GRCC is committed to prepare and serve meals twice a month—on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays from 3:30 - 7:00pm. Also, help is needed on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays for food distribution to assist clients by carrying heavy grocery bags to their cars. Please sign up on the poster on the Clark Street bulletin board or call Cindy Reynolds to help. You'll be glad you did!

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#### **NEW MEMBERS FALL CLASS**

The class for persons considering membership in our church will begin Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>. Do you know someone we should invite?

#### **UPCOMING RUMMAGE SALE**

We are accepting rummage for the sale on October 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. Please take your rummage through the Robinson Hall door to the Biddulph room. Do not leave the rummage outside the church. We do not take furniture or suitcases or large sports equipment such as skis. There will be a sign-up sheet for workers in Robinson Hall by the kitchen the beginning of October. Please save these dates as we need people to make this sale a success. The sorting process began Monday on September 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:30am. We encourage anyone who is interested in helping to come any week you are free and help with this fun, easy and social process. We also collect gently used children's books and children's raincoats and rain boots for a school of 200 boys and girls close to New Delhi, India. To contribute please label with the word *India*. Any questions about the sale or sorting please call Tyra Brown at (973)743-7754.

#### **THE NEXT WEEK AT GRCC**

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##### **SUNDAY 9/27**

8:15am Chapel Communion Service  
9:00am Bible Study  
9:15am Chancel Choir  
10:15am Worship/Church School  
11:30am Fellowship  
5:00pm Confirmation Dinner

##### **MONDAY 9/28**

7:00pm Yoga

##### **TUESDAY 9/29**

8:00pm AA  
8:00pm Endowment

##### **WEDNESDAY 9/30**

10:00am Bible Study  
3:15pm Children's Choirs  
4:15pm Bellringers

##### **THURSDAY 10/01**

6:30am Morning Glories  
8:00pm Chancel Choir  
8:00pm Men's Group

##### **SATURDAY 10/03**

11:00am Chapel and Robinson Hall in Use

##### **SUNDAY 10/04**

**WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY**  
8:15am Chapel Communion Service  
9:00am Bible Study  
9:15am Chancel Choir  
10:15am Worship/Church School  
Commission Confirmands  
11:30am Fellowship

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