



NEWSLETTER

November 2, 2009



Our Chancel Choir, accompanied by trumpets and cello presented all 9 movements of the *Requiem* by Maurice Duruflé on Sunday morning during a very stirring All Saints' worship service...Over 225 people poured into our sanctuary on Friday night to enjoy the Halloween Pipe Organ Spooktacular – the silent film, *The Phantom of the Opera*, with Tom Mustachio improvising the score on the spot – a good time was had by all...*Dracula* or *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* next year?...Be sure to be with us for special musical treats in worship during the upcoming Sundays: 11/8 - our Carol Choir and Chapel Bellringers help lead worship; 11/15 – we all get to take part in *The Big Parade* (don't worry, you don't have to march!); 11/22 – the *Men of God* choir joins us for worship, presenting music in their inimitable style; 11/29 – the First Sunday in Advent, and our first *Fabulous Fifth*, where we participate in a truly unique worship experience on the fifth Sunday of the month – a Taizé style service of prayer, chant, and meditation...See you in church on Sunday!
Tom Mustachio

LOOKING AHEAD.....

November 15, 2009
CONSECRATION SUNDAY

No Chapel Service
10:15am Worship/Church School
The Rev. Dr. Joseph David Stinson, Preaching
The Rev. Cynthia F. Reynolds, Presiding
Sermon: *A Sacrifice and a Promise*
Text: 1Samuel 1:4-20

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Child Care for the very young provided.
11:30am Fellowship with light lunch

Greeting you on the 15th will be the Dickson Family and Tyra Brown with the Joyful Noise Choir. The ushers will be Gordon Hunziker, Kevin Johns, Chris Ely, Lynn Oliver, Chris Fletcher and Lou Ferrara. The Acolyte will be Eilis Stoner. The Videographer will be John Dobbs. Counters in the Treasurer's Office, Sherry Brabham and Craig Wood. Barbara Stevens and Nancy Bigelow will deliver the flowers.

✦ IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ✦

- ◇ *At home:* Bob Kansky, 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:* Ed Warren (Stuart FL), Laclelle Stites, Art and Marilea Schlobohm (Green Hill), Betty Bishop (Juniper Village, Chatham), Don Olson (Job Haines), Robert Martin Schaeberle (Ridge at River Woods, Exeter, NH), Peg Carr Waters (North Carolina), Lucy Force (Sunrise, Willowlake).

Friends & family of our church: Ryan Munson, Eloy & Ofelia Hernandez, Andrei Padlowski, JC Egbert, Alison Krien, William Bennett, Stephen Strickland, Len Calvin, Andrea Row, 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.

NEWSLETTER SHAKEUP

Starting January 1, 2010 the newsletter will no longer be sent out Bulk Mail. Because delivery time is unreliable and production is labor intensive, the Council voted to make a change. It is on the church's website, available by e-mail, or, if you prefer, by 1st class mail for which we suggest a donation of \$20 per year to cover the cost of postage. There will also be copies at the church Clark Street Action Table for you to pick up if you prefer a hard copy. Please let the church office know what your preference of delivery will be.

BIBLE INTERPRETATION

Brenner Bodell read Psalm 34:1-8 on October 25th and his interpretation was: "This is a very positive message that reinforces God's power. If you worship God, good things occur. People in bad situations who praise God are given hope. God helps those who are sad and makes them happy. God listens to you. He saves you, helps you and protects you. We are challenged to find out how good God is for us. This passage reassures us we will be happier if we praise God."

MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Every Sunday the congregation gathers to "look and listen" to God. Opportunities abound through the Worship Ministry for service. Ushers, greeters, stewards, videographers, communion servers, lay leaders ~ each one falls under the auspices of the Ministry of Worship. The Ministry plans, suggests, and recruits members of the congregation to assist in the services where we come closer to God. Volunteer for this service ministry. We currently have an opening on this ministry and are looking for several more members for next year as well. If you would like to serve on or have questions about this ministry please contact Courtney Bartlett at 973-743-6469 or cbartlett@bartlett-research.com

BLEST BE THE "THAI" THAT BINDS

The Women's Association invites you to come together Friday November 13, 6:30pm for an evening of good food and fellowship. Chefs Jesse Stinson, Khairul Muhamad, and Syafiq Zane will demonstrate and prepare traditional Southeast Asian foods from Thailand, Malaysia and Singapore for us to enjoy. Men are invited. So make it a date! The cost is \$10.00 per person. RSVP to the church office at 973 743-5596 by Wednesday November 11.

CHURCH SCHOOL

Students will meet in Robinson Hall at 10 a.m. on Nov. 15th to get ready for the BIG PARADE. (3's and 4's remain with families and Joyful Noise Choir sits up front with Mrs. Brown). All students are included in this special presentation directed by Mr. Mustachio. PLEASE ARRIVE PROMPTLY AT 10 A.M. TO PARTICIPATE.

IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

We send our sympathies to Sandra Lefkovits and her family over the loss of her grandmother, Frances Caines who died at the age of 99 in St. Christopher's Island.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

There are two opportunities to contribute food for Thanksgiving baskets this fall. The Rotary Club will gather frozen turkeys at the Train Station on Sat., Nov. 21st from 9am to 1pm. You may also contribute items for the Bethel Love Pantry through our shopping basket in the narthex. Bethel Love seeks helpers for distribution of their baskets. Contact Cindy Reynolds if you'd like to help in this way.

CONSECRATION SUNDAY~NOV. 15TH

Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend a special service on Sunday, Nov. 15th. There will be only one service that morning so we can all be together. Our children have prepared a dramatic presentation about our congregation, "The Great Parade." At the conclusion of worship we will present our pledges of support for next year and then enjoy a light luncheon prepared and served by the Women's Association. Look for your invitation this week in the mail. "From his fullness we have all received grace upon grace."

ADVENT WORKSHOP

The ADVENT WORKSHOP is a month away (Nov. 29th) and the Ministry of Children and Youth is already busy planning. All generations have an opportunity to participate in the workshop. The theme is "Christmas Legends and Traditions." Please submit a favorite Advent/Christmas tradition you and your family have enjoyed over the years. A booklet will be compiled and we will make sure all who contribute will receive a copy. Please mail or e-mail marty.lacey@glenridgecong.org and be sure to include your address with your family's tradition. We'd love to hear from old friends who have moved away as well as from our present church family.

CIA LOCK-IN

Friday, November 20 will be the annual CIA lock-in. Be at the church at 7pm. Pickup should be at 8am Saturday morning. Dinner will not be served but light snacks will be offered and bagels for breakfast. Call Iryna Carey with any questions at 973 743-0554 or 201 970-9616.

GARDEN OF MEMORY

If you are interested in purchasing a space in the Garden, now is a good time to do so as the rates will increase at the end of the year from \$300 to \$400 per plot.

DOORKEEPERS IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD

The doors to the meetinghouse are getting refurbished with Operation Mustard Seed funds. See Ps. 84:10.

ARISE! CRY OUT! DAY OF PRAYER

Our children need our prayers. Will you join with women from around the world as we pour out our hearts to the Lord for the lives of the children in our communities and around the world? *Moms In Touch International* will host *Arise! Cry Out!*, a worldwide day of extraordinary prayer for children and schools on Saturday, November 14. Join us at GRCC from 9am to 1pm as we participate in this worldwide event. Register at www.MomsInTouch.org. For more information contact Angel Schade.

TALLMADGE CHEESE SHOP CONTRIBUTES!

Allin Tallmadge will help the church by offering a special for church members at his cheese shop in Upper Montclair. Any purchase between now and Consecration Sunday will come with a 10% discount. Bring an offering envelope and he'll fill it with your savings and donate it back to the church!

THE NEXT WEEK AT GRCC

SUNDAY 11/08	
8:15am	Chapel Communion Service
9:00am	Ministry of Children & Youth
9:00am	Bible Study
9:15am	Chancel Choir
10:15am	Worship/Church School
11:30am	Fellowship/YPS Coffee Sale
11:40am	Music Committee
7:00pm	YPS
MONDAY 11/09	JDS USN
7:00pm	Yoga
8:00pm	Men's Group
TUESDAY 11/10	JDS USN
3:00pm	Confirmation
8:00pm	AA
WEDNESDAY 11/11	
10:00am	Bible Study
3:15pm	Children's Choirs
4:15pm	Chapel Bellringers
THURSDAY 11/12	
6:30am	Morning Glories
10:00am	Bread for the Journey
3:00pm	SCEEP
6:45pm	Carillon Bellringers
8:00pm	Glen Ridge Choral Society
9:00pm	Chancel Choir
FRIDAY 11/13	
6:30pm	Women's Association Event
SATURDAY 11/14	
9:00am -1:00pm	Arise, Cry Out
SUNDAY 11/15	CONSECRATION SUNDAY
9:00am	Bible Study
9:15am	Chancel Choir
10:15am	Worship/Church School in Worship
11:30am	Fellowship
7:00pm	YPS

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