



**NEWSLETTER**

**November 9, 2009**

**MINISTER'S MESSAGE**

**GOODWILL RESCUE MISSION**

Founded in 1896 with the help of Robert F. Ballantine, Goodwill Rescue Mission began its operation as Industrial Home For Men, a reflection of the founder's conviction that a positive work experience is a key to successfully restructuring lives. GRM's founding board of directors included both local pastors and concerned laypeople.

Today our nation has revived its interest in the use of faith-based institutions to address social problems. Reliance on the power of faith is nothing new at Goodwill Rescue Mission. From our founding we have operated on the conviction that only the power of God realized through personal faith in Jesus Christ can truly transform the life of the whole person.

The Mission's priority was — and is today — to share the love of God in Jesus Christ with needy of northern New Jersey by providing food, clothing, shelter, spiritual guidance and instruction to those whose lives have been almost destroyed by alcohol, lack of work and other circumstances. Other early innovations included medical care and extensive outreach to families.

Though Goodwill Rescue Mission has seen many changes in the last century, one thing remains the same — humanity's need to experience the love of God in Jesus Christ, and to live lives that please God. Now we look forward to another century of challenge and blessing ... the challenge to take advantage of opportunities for ministry God sends our way, and the assurance that if we are faithful to Him, He will bless us and those we serve more than we can even ask or imagine.

On Sunday, November 22 the Goodwill Rescue Mission Men of God Choir will join us in worship. We will hear a testimony from one of the residents: you will be moved and inspired by the story. We will also receive a special Thanksgiving offering for the benefit of the Goodwill Rescue Mission; in addition, the Ministry of Outreach and Mission will match the offering up to \$1,000. Please join us in this extraordinary opportunity to worship with our neighbors from Newark.

See you in worship!

**Cindy**

**THIS WEEK.....**

**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**



**Child Care for the very young provided.**

**11:30am Fellowship with light lunch**

Greeting you this week 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 Ellis 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), Lacelle 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.

**CONSECRATION SUNDAY~NOV. 15<sup>TH</sup>**

Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend a special service on Sunday, Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>. 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.*"

**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**CHURCH SCHOOL**

Students will meet in Robinson Hall at 10am on Nov. 15th to get ready for "*The Great 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 10AM TO PARTICIPATE.

**PARISH LIFE –**

Do you like to plan celebrations for people who have accomplished great things? Many folks involved with Parish Life appreciate the spirit of the ministry as the

embodiment of the Life of the Church. Their hands-on work supports and strengthens our fellowship as a church family through enhancements to its membership and service functions. It oversees publicity and public relations efforts and coordinates the activities of the various groups concerned with caring for the congregation. The scope of this caring is wide and embraces the many ways we gather at picnics, receptions and special events. The committee is an energetic and welcoming one, happily guiding some of the social aspects of the membership as they reach out to its many families.

**FLOWERS FOR THE COMMUNION TABLE**

Would you like to memorialize a loved one in a very special way? Numerous members of the church do so by donating the flowers for our Sunday services, after which the flowers are distributed to some of our members who are in our thoughts and prayers. If you would like to honor a loved one, please contact Joanne Meeker by telephone: 973-748-9581 or e-mail: [tandjmeeker@verizon.net](mailto:tandjmeeker@verizon.net).

**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.

**IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

We send our sympathies to Tom and David Allin and their families over the loss of their mother, Betty Allin, who died last week. Betty and her late husband, Eldon, were very active in the church for many years.

We also send our sympathies to the family of Carl Hostnik who passed away over the weekend. He was a teacher at Glen Ridge High School for many years and he and his wife, Shirley, were life-long members.

**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. 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

**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](mailto: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.

**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](http://www.MomsInTouch.org). For more information contact Angel Schade.

**THE NEXT WEEK AT GRCC**

<b>SUNDAY 11/15</b>	<b>CONSECRATION SUNDAY</b>
9:00am	Bible Study
9:15am	Chancel Choir
10:15am	Worship/Church School in Worship
11:30am	Fellowship
7:00pm	YPS
<b>MONDAY 11/16</b>	
7:00pm	Yoga
<b>TUESDAY 11/17</b>	<b>JDS USN</b>
3:00pm	Confirmation
8:00pm	AA
<b>WEDNESDAY 11/18</b>	<b>JDS USN</b>
3:15pm	Children's Choirs
4:15pm	Chapel Bellringers
8:00pm	Church Council
<b>THURSDAY 11/19</b>	<b>JDS USN</b>
6:30am	Morning Glories
3:00pm	NO SCEEP
3:30pm	Bethel Love
6:45pm	Carillon Bellringers
8:00pm	Glen Ridge Choral Society
9:00pm	Chancel Choir
<b>FRIDAY 11/20</b>	
6:30pm	CIA Lock-In
<b>SATURDAY 11/21</b>	
10:00am	Bethel Food Distribution
<b>SUNDAY 11/22</b>	<b>THANKSGIVING SUNDAY</b>
8:15am	Chapel with communion
9:00am	Bible Study
9:15am	Chancel Choir
10:15am	Worship/Baptism/Church School
11:30am	Fellowship/YPS Coffee Sales

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