



**GLEN RIDGE  
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**Newsletter**  
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**Highlights in this week's Newsletter:**

South Africa Wine Tasting Party  
Bible Day Camp Pre-registration  
South Africa Wish List

**A Message from the Minister of Music**

On Sunday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at the 10:15 service, the Carol and Cherub Choirs will present the musical, *Welcome the King* by Hal H. Hopson. It is based on the text from Psalm 24, paraphrased by George Weissel. The historical setting for *Welcome the King* is ancient Israel during the time when pious Jews regularly made pilgrimages to Jerusalem. One of the occasions for such a trip was the enthronement of a new king. The use of the word "king" in this context is consistent with the historical period in which the musical is set. Ancient prophets spoke of a messiah/king that would come to set Israel free. For Christians, this fulfillment is not an earthly king but one realized in Jesus the Christ, the musical ends with that projection.

As we approach the end of the year, I would like to extend my gratitude to all the parents for their support in teaching and encouraging the traditions of church song to our children.

**✦ IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ✦**

- ◇ *At home:* Lorraine Rieder, Susan Booth, Karen Augis, Phyllis Domenic, Doris Ward, Bob Kansky, Fred Polixa, Madeline Edgar, Scott Spoerl, George Kilgen, Martha Hathaway, Robert Martin Schaeberle, Betsie Delorm, Al Brown, Mary Keller, Bob Runge, Jim O'Brien, Danny Harris, and Jack Cusick.
- ◇ *In extended care facilities:* Ed Warren (Altera Sterling House, Stuart FL), Lacelle Stites, Art and Marilea Schlobohm (Green Hill), Mara Shephard (Van Dyk), Don Olson (Job Haines), Ron Goebel (Gates Manor), Barbara Underwood (Van Dyk), Pat Hunsinger (Mountainside).

Friends and family of our church: Tom Horton, Georgianna Booth, Bill Bartlett, Alex Maclean, 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., Wendy Bergstrom, Jean and Barry Frere, Jim Marturano, Elizabeth Knox, Gilda Oliver, Kathleen Quinlan, Pat and Betty Vigliotti, Paula Newman, Frank Pescatore, Mary Embree, Jeff Glock, Walter Arlen, Jr., Bill Phillips, Marjorie Bennett, Loretta Pisano, Helen Boltnew, and Pearl DiCostanzo. UCC Missionaries Jon and Dawn Barnes in South Africa and Back Bay Mission in Biloxi.

**May 11th, 2008**



**8:15am Chapel Communion Service**  
**The Rev. Dr. J.D. Stinson, Preaching**  
**The Rev. Cynthia F. Reynolds, Presiding**

**10:15am Worship & Mother's Day Musical**  
***Welcome the King***



**Child Care for the very young provided.**  
**11:30am Fellowship Hour**

Greeting you on Sunday will be The Simmons-Dik family and Cole Ellertson. The Head Usher will be Craig Wood assisted by Tom Duym, Connie Booth, Tom Coleman and Nancy Bigelow. The Videographer, John Dobbs. Counters in the Treasurer's Office, Jim Bronneck and Roben Dunkin. Flowers will be delivered by Mary Anne Miller.

**FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED!**

We've all read the newspaper articles about the effect of our economy on food banks around the country - please, remember our neighbors who are hungry locally by filling the food collection box in the narthex each week. Non-perishable food is needed by the MEND pantries who are now serving more families than ever. Each time you go to a grocery store, please get ONE THING to share...thank you!

**CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS:** Children's Chapel this past Sunday was the place to be! The eighth graders with their teachers, John Boyd and Evan Petracca, challenged everyone to a game of Jeopardy. Although the "West" team won, the "East" team came very close. It was rewarding to see just how much Biblical knowledge the students had. The Double Jeopardy question was the deciding factor, "Which of the four Gospels tells the story of the birth of Jesus?". A BIG THANK YOU TO THE CONFIRMATION CLASS.

**SOUTH AFRICA MISSION NEWS**

A group of church members will go on a Mission trip to South Africa this August to work with Jon and Dawn Barnes. The mission trip includes a work project at the Newton Primary School in Ft. Beaufort where we will improve and upgrade the Kindergarten playground. We will install new equipment, paint a mural and maybe plant some flowers. The school has 612 children and goes up to grade 9. Through the Sunday School Program, GRCC children will work on some letters and pictures that we will bring over and give to the children when we visit. In addition to our work project, we will visit the Samaritan Care Centre which provides care to HIV/AIDS persons. We will collect supplies for the Centre and hope you will help contribute to their wish list. A list of medical and school supplies will be in Sunday's Church Bulletin.

**South Africa Wish List**

The following list of medical supplies will benefit the patients and families at the Samaritan Care Centre, an AIDS Hospice facility your mission team will visit. Any contribution you can make will help fill our 14 suitcases. If you have any questions see Jenny Ogden or Linda Woodbury. Thank you all for caring and helping.

**Medical supplies:** Band-aids, bandages, gauze, wrapping tape, alcohol, peroxide, iodine, vaseline, neosporin, hand sanitizer, latex gloves, tongue depressors, bed protector pads.

**Personal Care supplies:** soap, tooth brushes and toothpaste, moisturizing lotion, shampoo, razors, shaving cream, feminine hygiene products, cotton balls, medicated powders.

## **CONFIRMAND KHRISTINA SHOVE INTERPRETS**

**ACTS 17:22-31** I believe that the idols that we most often worship now are money, and possessions. Having the things we want becomes more important than anything else. However, you don't need to worship God in a fancy church, or wear any special clothes to find God. God isn't any easier to find if you have a lot of money to give to the church. I can find God in people who are nice to me, in the love of parents, and in myself during quiet times. By recognizing that God lives in everyone, I realize that being kind to people is living my life based on the life of Jesus. Jesus showed us that God can be anywhere.

## **CALLING ALL PILGRIM ALUMNI!**

We are celebrating the teaching career of Marty Lacey on May 31, 2008 (Saturday) from 4-7 pm. Those of you who have had Marty as a teacher, either long ago or more recently, please join us in Robinson Hall for speeches, memories and dinner. Call Mary Duus at 973-743-6274 to RSVP.

## **CHILDREN'S CHOIRS**

Just a reminder the Cherub and Carol Choirs will sing in the children's musical on May 11<sup>th</sup> and again on Youth Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup>.

## **MESSAGE FROM BILL WOOD**

I will be donating a variety of my Giclee prints to **Operation Mustard Seed** for sale at \$20.00 each. All money derived from each sale will go to the campaign. See me in Robinson Hall after each 10:15 service in May and the first week in June.



**BIBLE DAY CAMP NEWS:** Bible Day Camp will take place June 23 – June 27<sup>th</sup>. Enrollment forms are available in the office and on the Clark Street table. This year's theme for camp is "Everything on God's Green Earth." 4 year olds – 4<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to enroll. Adult counselors as well as 5<sup>th</sup> grade and older students are needed to help during the week. The cost of camp is \$60.00 (\$70 if enrolled after June 15<sup>th</sup>) The Directors of the program are Theresa Messineo, Meaghan Taylor and Marty Lacey.

## **REMINDER**

Ballots for the non-binding straw poll on ONA are due by May 17<sup>th</sup>. The ballot box is in the church office.

## **STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH SPECIAL OFFERING**

On Sunday, May 11, Mother's Day and Pentecost Sunday - we will be receiving the Strengthen the Church special mission offering of the United Church of Christ. This offering builds the UCC's future, funding new congregations and renews existing congregations. It supports programs for youth and young adults and nurtures current and future leaders. Gifts to Strengthen the Church are directed to local conferences, local Church Ministries, and the Still Speaking ministry to help create vibrant church communities of extravagant welcome. Grace Church UCC in Flemington, New Jersey, is a beneficiary of this offering. MOM has also supported this young church as it has established its ministry.

## **SOUTH AFRICAN WINE TASTING**

Please come join us for an evening of South African Wine Tasting, Friday May 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at Jenny Ogden's home. We will be sampling some delicious whites and reds. South African Wines are distinct and different. They are full of fruit but structured and elegant. South African wines are as diverse as its people. Come share in the experience. The proceeds from this event will go to support the mission trip to South Africa this summer. The cost is \$20, payable at the door. Please RSVP to Jenny at 973-783-1446 or Jenny218@comcast.net. This event is open to non church members.

## **UPCOMING AT GRCC**

**Sunday, May 11<sup>th</sup>**

**NEW MEMBERS JOIN**

**MOTHER'S DAY MUSICAL**

8:15am Chapel Communion Service

9:15am Chancel Choir

10:15am Mother's Day Musical and Church School

11:30am Fellowship

**Monday, May 12<sup>th</sup> JDS USN**

7:00pm Yoga

**Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> JDS USN**

4:00pm Confirmation

8:00pm AA

8:00pm Ministry of AP&P

**Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>**

9:00am Bible Study

4:00pm Chapel Bells

**Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup>**

6:30am Morning Glories

3:00pm SCEEP

6:30pm Carillon Bells

8:00pm Men's Group

8:00pm Chancel Choir

**Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup>**

6-10pm Blue Room reserved

**Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>**

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