



March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009

**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING**

**One Great Hour of Sharing** offering to be received on Sunday, March 22, 2009:

**One Great Hour of Sharing** is the relief, refugee and development ministry fund of the United Church of Christ engaged in ministry around the world on behalf of congregations and individuals of the church. Since 1949, **One Great Hour of Sharing** has been helping North Americans share their blessings with our neighbors around the world. Together, our gifts support programs that:

- create sustainable sources of food and water for rural villages
- provide micro-credit for women to start businesses that provide years of income
- teach trades and job skills to people maimed by landmines
- offers children a chance to survive past the age of 5 and attend school
- resettle refugees into new lives
- rebuild communities ravaged by natural disasters
- ...and so much more.

"Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have," says the writer of Hebrews to the community of faith. The call was personal, a reminder that our actions as Christians speak as loudly as our words and worship services. God desires our participation in the lives of others, an expectation made even more pointedly by Jesus when he tells his followers, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." (Matthew 25:40, NRSV) Of course, the 'least of these' don't just live in our community.

God's call to share what we have encompasses people everywhere. The people fleeing violence in Sudan and Kenya, valiantly living with HIV/AIDS in sub-Saharan Africa, seeking education in Afghanistan, planting drought resistant crops in Haiti; training as community social workers in Laos; starting a new life in a new country; and recovering from any number of disasters around the United States - we are called to make a difference in their lives. We can do this through our special offering, **One Great Hour of Sharing**.

Please give as generously as you can to this year's offering - thank you very much!

Blessings,  
Cindy

**The Fourth Sunday of Lent**  
**March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2009**



**8:15 Chapel Communion Service**  
**10:15am Worship/Church School**

**The Rev. Dr. Joseph D. Stinson, Preaching**  
**The Rev. Cynthia F. Reynolds, Presiding**

**Sermon: *The Problem with Judgement***  
**Matthew 7:1-2**



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

Greeting you on Sunday morning will be confirmand Mackenzie Carey, her sponsor, Linda Woodbury, and the Carey family. The head usher will be Gordon Hunziker, assisted by Kevin Johns, Chris Ely, Lynn Oliver and Chris Fletcher. The Acolyte will be Sydney Carey. The Videographer will be Joe Cotrone. Counters in the Treasurer's Office, Tom Agnew and Linda Seyffarth. The flowers in the chancel are given in loving memory of Ruth Runge by her family. Mary Anne Miller will deliver the flowers.

**✳ IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ✳**

- ◇ *At home:* Tom Horton, Lauren Smith, Ruth Payne, Lorraine Rieder, Susan Booth, Karen Augis, Phyllis Domenic, Fred Polixa, Madeline Edgar, Scott Spoerl, Robert Martin Schaeberle, Sandra Lefkovitz, Mary Keller, Bob Runge, Jim O'Brien, Bob Kansky, Barbara Underwood, and Jack Cusick.
- ◇ *In extended care facilities:* Ed Warren (Altera Sterling House, Stuart FL), Lacle Stites, Art and Marilea Schlobohm (Green Hill), Betty Bishop (Carolina Meadows), Don Olson (Job Haines), Ron Goebel (Gates Manor).

Friends & family of our church: Len Calvin, Ruth Mustachio, Andrea Row, Lewis Luring, Neil Connaghan, Maureen 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.

**SPRING CHORAL FESTIVAL**

**Mozart** *Regina Cæli*  
**Beethoven** *Mass in C*  
**Brahms** *Schicksalslied*

**Sunday, March 22, 2009**  
**3:00 P.M.**

*featuring*  
**Glen Ridge Choral Society and Orchestra**

**Thomas Mustachio**  
**MUSIC DIRECTOR**

– TICKETS –

*In Advance:* \$15 • \$12 Seniors • \$6 Students  
(Available through Church Office and at Coffee Hour )  
*At the Door:* \$18 • \$15 • \$8

*Reception following the concert*

**THIS CONCERT IS PART OF THE  
GLEN RIDGE COMMUNITY CONCERTS SERIES**

## RUMMAGE SALE

**We need rummage for the sale!** Please bring your clean, pre-sorted and labeled rummage to the Biddulph room.

The sale is on Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, 6-9pm and Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 10am-1pm. We will be sorting every day next week. Please come and join the rummage camaraderie. Sign up by the kitchen in Robinson Hall or call Tyra Brown at 973-743-7754.

We've received several requests for donations of **unopened** toiletry items (gift soaps, lotions, cologne, etc.). Do not leave rummage outdoors and please – no sporting equipment or furniture.

## NEW MEMBERS CLASS MEETS SUNDAY

Thinking about joining the church? The second session of the spring class meets after the 2<sup>nd</sup> service this Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, and also on the 29<sup>th</sup> until 12:30 to learn about church membership. The group will join on April 5<sup>th</sup>. We hope to see you in the class!

## CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

Students and teachers really enjoyed Mr. Mustachio's visit to children's chapel this past Sunday. YES, IT'S COOL IN THE FURNACE – don't forget to come on Wednesday afternoon to join in the fun and be in the musical!

## DAY CAMP NEWS

Bible Day Camp is scheduled for June 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, and 26<sup>th</sup>. This shorter version is due to the lateness of the end of school. Enrollment forms will be available this Sunday. Children ages 4 (3 yrs. if accompanied by an adult) through 4<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome. Both Junior (5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade) and Senior (9<sup>th</sup> grade – adults) Counselors are needed. Come and join in the fun! Questions? – contact Marty Lacey.

### EASTER MEMORIAL FLOWERS

We welcome your donations for Easter lilies in memory of loved ones. Send your check (payable to the GRCC Flower Fund) and this form to Midge Bourne, 134 Forest Ave., GR.

Forms must be received by **April 5<sup>th</sup>** in order for your loved one's name to appear in the Easter Bulletin.

Your  
Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Flowers in  
memory of \_\_\_\_\_

## TORN BETWEEN CHURCH AND SPORTS?

A petition has been created to be sent to all the travel leagues that Glen Ridge athletes participate in, requesting that they not schedule games on Sunday mornings. Why should our kids have to choose between fulfilling obligations to church and to team members on Sunday mornings? Sign the petition in the narthex or on the table by the Clark Street door and show them how you feel.

## FRIENDLY REMINDER

We want to help the economy, but... Please turn lights off & make sure windows are closed and doors locked.



## 40 DAYS OF LOVE

*"Bear with one another in love, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience."* (Eph. 4:2) Our three groups meet to discuss *The Relationship Principles of Jesus* on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. There is still time to join a group. Call the office for more information. Sermons during Lent are about developing skills as a loving disciple of Jesus. Copies of the sermons are on the table by the Clark St. entrance. *"If we live by the truth and in love, we shall grow in all ways into Christ ... So the church grows until it has built itself up, in love."* (4:15-16)

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>

- 8:15am Chapel Worship with Communion
- 9:00am Bible Study
- 9:15am Chancel Choir
- 10:15am Worship /Church School
- 11:30am Fellowship/ Coffee Sale
- 11:40am New Members Class #2
- 3:00pm Concert

### Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>

- 7:00pm Yoga
- 7:30pm Lenten Home Study Group – Oliver

### Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> JDS USN

- 3:00pm Confirmation
- 8:00pm AA
- 7:30pm Lenten Home Study Group – Stinson

### Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>

- 10:00am Bible Study
- 3:15pm Children's Choirs
- 4:15pm Chapel Bellringers
- 7:30pm Lenten Home Study Group – Watson
- 8:00pm Council

### Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup>

- 6:30am Morning Glories
- 3:00pm SCEEP
- 6:30pm Carillon Bellringers
- 8:00pm Chancel Choir

### Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup> Pilgrim Closed Today

- 6:00pm Rummage Sale
- 9:00pm

### Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>

- 10:00am Rummage Sale
- 1:00pm
- 6:00pm Wedding Rehearsal

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