



March 23rd, 2009

Morning Glories

If you've seen the entry on the church calendar "6:30 Morning Glories" each Thursday and wondered, 'who- or what- ARE the Morning Glories?' here is your answer.

Back in 1989 a group of GRCC women decided to meet for an hour of prayer and support before heading out to work, and on March 7th of that year, we officially became "Morning Glories". We have been meeting ever since. The days have changed, first Tuesdays, then Wednesdays, and for several years now it has been Thursday. The membership has ebbed and flowed, although it is usually around half a dozen, and we have been enriched by women from other churches joining us. Two of our current members travel from West Orange and Maplewood. Joan Donnelly and Lynne Palmer have remained active over the twenty year history of the group.

Each session, we read the Bible selections from the church lectionary and then follow with a study guide from the Upper Room, called Disciplines. There is time for personal reflection and sharing. The group is open, fun, and George Haug, who arrives each morning to keep the church premises in shape, often is greeted by the sound of laughter coming from the Library. We close with prayer promptly at 7:30 for those who have to leave for their jobs.

For the retirees (now the larger number as time has moved us along in life), we continue our conversation over eggs at a local diner.

So if you have the urge to start the day with a positive and thankful attitude, join us in the church Library- you will be welcome!

Joan Donnelly and Lynne Palmer

**The Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 29th, 2009**



8:15 Chapel Communion Service
The Rev. Cynthia F. Reynolds, Preaching
The Sacrament of Baptism
Confirmation Class and Sponsors

10:15am Worship/Church School

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

Sermon: *Humility and Living for Others*
Matthew 23:11-12



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

The head usher will be Craig Wood, assisted by Tom Duym, Connie Booth, Nancy Bigelow and Mary Curtin. The Acolyte will be Andrew Waugh. The Videographer will be Walt Oliver. Counters in the Treasurer's Office, Art Dawson and Bob Kansky. Cheryl and Kevin Filliater will deliver the flowers.

✂ IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ✂

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

Friends & family of our church: Stephen Strickland, 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.

RUMMAGE!

The sale is on Friday, March 27th, 6-9pm and Saturday, March 28th, 10am-1pm. We will sort the rummage every morning this week. Please come and join the rummage camaraderie. Sign up by the kitchen in Robinson Hall to work at sale or call Tyra Brown at 973-743-7754.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday, April 5th
Communion Services at 8:15 & 10:15am
Maundy Thursday, April 9th
Dinner, 6:15-7:30pm
Office of Tenebrae and Communion, 8pm
Good Friday, April 10th
Way to the Cross, 9:30am
Good Friday Dramatic Worship, 7:30pm
Easter, April 12th
Two Services at 8:15 and 10:15am

WEDNESDAY BIBLE CLASS TO STUDY MARK

Mr. Stinson announced his Wednesday class will read Mark following the completion of its study of Ephesians. The class seeks new members. How about you? Join us in the library, starting April 8th, at 10am.

THE RESULTS ARE IN.....

Proceeds from the 2009 Antiques Show totaled \$12,500! Our first donation of \$1,000 will go to Integrity House – the Women’s and Children’s Initiative. The Women’s Association meets twice a year, May and November, to distribute monies raised from the Antiques Show and Rummage Sales. Thanks again to everyone for help in making these events happen.

CHILDCARE HELP NEEDED

A volunteer is needed for this Sunday morning, March 29th. Help is also needed on April 5th, April 12th (Easter), April 19th, and April 26th. Please call Marty Lacey at (973)743-5596 if you can help. Thank you.

CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

Church School students in the 3’s, 4’s, Kindergarten and 1st grade classes will color eggs for the Easter egg tree this Sunday. Children are invited to wear “old” clothes.

BIRTHDAY BANK

We will recognize March birthdays on Sunday. The Birthday Bank will be available during the 2nd hymn for you to put your money in and receive a birthday pencil. This is for adults as well as children. Happy Birthday!

DAY CAMP NEWS

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

SPRING CONCERT A SUCCESS!

Mr. Mustachio’s first concert was enjoyed by over 100 last Sunday. A reception in the Blue Room followed for choristers and orchestra members.

APRIL IS ORGAN/TISSUE DONATION MONTH

New Jersey has 4,400 people waiting for donations every day. Talk to your family about this important issue. You can indicate your wish to be a donor on your driver’s license. The NJ tax form has a check off for donations. There are flyers on the Clark Street table with information. For more information, check out [www. Sharenj.org](http://www.Sharenj.org) or call 1-800-Share NJ.

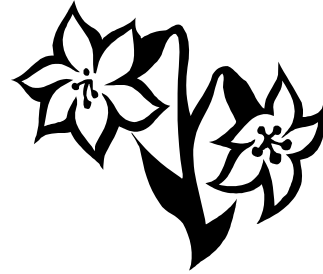
MAUNDY THURSDAY DINNER

The Ministry of Worship will serve a light dinner before the Maundy Thursday service. Please come before worship, have a bite to eat, and be part of the worshipping community of GRCC. Choir members will be served at 6:15 prior to rehearsal at 7:00. Congregants will be served from 6:45-7:30. Find new ways to join your church family in worship and fellowship.

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PLEDGE UPDATE

We have 148 pledges in hand for 2009, for a total of \$428,568. Are you in a position to raise your pledge or make an extra Sunday’s payment as a special Easter gift to the church?



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 5th** 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.

40 DAYS OF LOVE

“*Love keeps no record of wrongs.*” (1Cor. 13:5) 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. “*You are the people of God; God loved you and chose you for his own....You must forgive one another just at the Lord has forgiven you. And to all these...add love, which binds all things together in perfect unity.*” (Col. 3:12, 13b-14)

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