



April 20th, 2009

S.C.E.E.P. News

The Glen Ridge Congregational Church has hosted S.C.E.E.P. (Suburban Cultural Education and Enrichment Program) for 18 years. The children begin when they are in 2nd grade and leave at the end of 5th grade. Another 4 – year cycle began last October with a wonderful group of children from Sussex Avenue School in Newark. It has been a busy and successful year due to the involvement of so many:

- 22 adults and high school students met each Thursday to tutor the children. A snack, provided by church members, always awaits.
- The Lou Provost Memorial Fund has twice taken the children to the Essex County Environmental Center and provided take-home books for the children.
- The Girls' Club of the Women's Club hosted the children during the Rummage Sale, has raised money to send S.C.E.E.P. children to sleep-away camp and will provide entertainment at the final picnic.
- Maira Hernandez-Kinloch has shared her music to entertain and educate.
- The Alex Maclean (a former tutor) Memorial Fund will also send S.C.E.E.P. children to camp.
- The Women's Association and the Community Service Committee of the Women's Club have provided funds to run the program.
- MOM has picked up half the cost of transporting the children to the church each week.

Two upcoming dates are very important in the S.C.E.E.P. year:

- Sunday, April 26th is S.C.E.E.P. Sunday, an opportunity for everyone to meet the S.C.E.E.P. families. The families will come for breakfast, share worship and be at coffee hour. May they find a welcoming community!!
- In late May, we have our annual alumni party for all S.C.E.E.P. graduates. This is a tradition that began after David Stinson expressed a concern that our relationships with these children continue even after they have finished the program.

In closing, many thanks to all who have contributed to this successful year. It does indeed "take a village to raise a child."

-Nancy Bigelow

April 25th, 2009



8:15 Chapel Communion Service

10:15am Worship/Church School

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

Sermon: *Witnesses of These Things*
Luke 24: 36b-48



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

Greeting you on Sunday morning will be the Dobbs family. The head usher will be Jim O'Grady, assisted by Tim Delorm, Sharon Harms, John Smalley, Tom Wright

and David Ellertson. The Acolyte will be Will Bartlett. The Videographers will be Bob Hayes. Counters in the Treasurer's Office, David and Kathy Overmyer. Lillian and Horace Ashenfelter will deliver the flowers.

✳ IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ✳

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

Friends & family of our church: John Kingston, 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.

SOULS OF INTEGRITY

We hosted a large crowd Sunday and enjoyed the music of Integrity's Gospel choir. They sang with our choir an anthem arranged by David Kerr!

CONFIRMAND INTERPRETS ACTS 4: 32-35

In this passage it talks about being selfless and sharing. It said the believers shared everything they had. This passage tells us we need to share more often. Sharing is a very simple thing that everyone can and should participate in. There are many ways here at GRCC to help those in need. For instance, you could sign up to help at our local soup kitchen, put some food in the shopping cart at the back of the church, or share our worship with Integrity House. We should give a helping hand to anyone in need.

- John Carter

IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Ruth Payne, a former member of the church, died on April 7th in Laguna Beach, CA. She is survived by her husband Ward. Our sympathy to her family.

LATE DELIVERY OF NEWSLETTER?

The post office now forces our bulk mailings to be posted in Caldwell, not Glen Ridge. Last week was the first attempt and you probably did not receive your newsletter until the following week. It appears we will not have overnight delivery for Glen Ridge addresses. As we try to assess how to deal with this situation, you may choose get the newsletter by e-mail or read it at our church's website: glenridgecong.org. Please send your e-address to Barbara Duym at barbara.duym@glenridgecong.org for e-delivery.

MARK'S GOSPEL

Study Mark at 10am on Wednesday or 9am on Sundays in the Library with Mr. Stinson.

THANK YOU CUB SCOUT PACK 851!

This past Saturday, a group of 45 Cub Scouts and their fathers descended upon the church property for a Spring Clean-up. They raked, mowed, and cleaned up litter. Our thanks to the Scouts and their leader, Mike Brown.

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.

6TH ANNUAL WALK TO END HUNGER

MEND will co-sponsor the walk to end hunger on Friday, May 1st starting with registration at 11:30am from Washington Park in Newark. There is a Kick-Off Rally at noon and the walk begins at 12:20. For more info call (973) 266-7941 or e-mail STobin@ccannj.org. Brochures are available on the table by the Clark St. entrance.

PLEDGE UPDATE

We have 149 pledges in hand for 2009, for a total of \$443,568, compared to 180 pledges for a total of \$524,914 in 2008. Our projected deficit for 2009 has grown to \$150,000. Have you made your pledge yet? Are you in a position to increase your pledge? The mission of this church depends on YOU. Thank you.



HABITAT DEDICATION

Habitat for Humanity Newark invites us to help celebrate their first ABRAHAM HOUSE on Sunday April 26th at 3:00pm. The address is 255 South 6th Street, Newark. For more information, contact Margaret Prentice at (973) 477-9278 or prentice.margaret@gmail.com. Join with faith communities and Rachel Kolu Acquoi and her family.

PEOPLE IN TRANSITION SUPPORT GROUP

The church is thinking of forming a group for people whose lives have been disrupted (or who think they're lives might be disrupted) by job loss. The idea is for folks to gather to discuss both their situations and what strategies might help them out of this situation. Please contact Jonathan Intner via email to gccc.transition.support@gmail.com or by calling 973-743-5596 to find out more about the group or to indicate an interest in participating.

VERIZON SEEKS EASEMENT

Verizon seeks to provide expanded communications service ("FIOS") in Glen Ridge by installing a number of cabinets throughout town. They have offered the church a one time \$20,000 payment for a 10 ft by 20 ft easement about 40 ft back from the Ridgewood Ave. sidewalk on the South lawn in line with the chain link fence that borders the neighbor's property. On this space they will install a 9 ft by 4 ft concrete pad on top of which will be two metal cabinets approx. 3½ ft high by 2 ft wide by 1½ ft deep. Verizon will also pay for a shrub row along the fence line and to surround the cabinets.

Are the cabinets safe? Yes, they contain low voltage phone lines and the doors are locked. They are splice boxes where optic fiber lines from under the street connect to copper lines from the utility pole. All wires are fed in from underground with no external wires to the cabinets. Verizon will indemnify the church against all liabilities.

What is the decision making process? Because this proposal involves the easement of our property, the decision rests with the congregation. The proposal was vetted by the AP&P Ministry and discussed by the Church Council who voted by majority to convey this proposal for a congregational vote. On Thursday, April 30th, at 8:00pm there will be a Q&A session for all in Robinson Hall. On Sunday, May 17th, immediately after the service there will be a congregational meeting for discussion and vote.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, April 26th

- 8:15am Chapel Worship with Communion
- 9:00am Bible Study
- 9:15am Chancel Choir
- 10:15am Worship/ Church School
- 11:30am Fellowship/ YPS Coffee Sale
- 11:30am Adult Ed

Monday, April 27th Pilgrim Closed

- 7:00pm Yoga

Tuesday, April 28th Pilgrim Closed

No Confirmation Class

- 8:00pm AA

Wednesday, April 29th Pilgrim Closed

NO Children's Choirs or Bells

- 10:00am Bible Study
- 6:00pm Robinson Hall Reserved

Thursday, April 30th Pilgrim Closed

- 6:30am Morning Glories
- 3:00pm SCEEP Trip
- 6:00pm Wedding Rehearsal
- 6:45pm Carillon Bellringers
- 8:00pm Chancel Choir
- 8:00pm Q&A Verizon Proposal

Friday, May 1st Pilgrim Closed

- 6:00pm Blue Room Reserved

Saturday, May 2nd

- 10:00am Wedding

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