

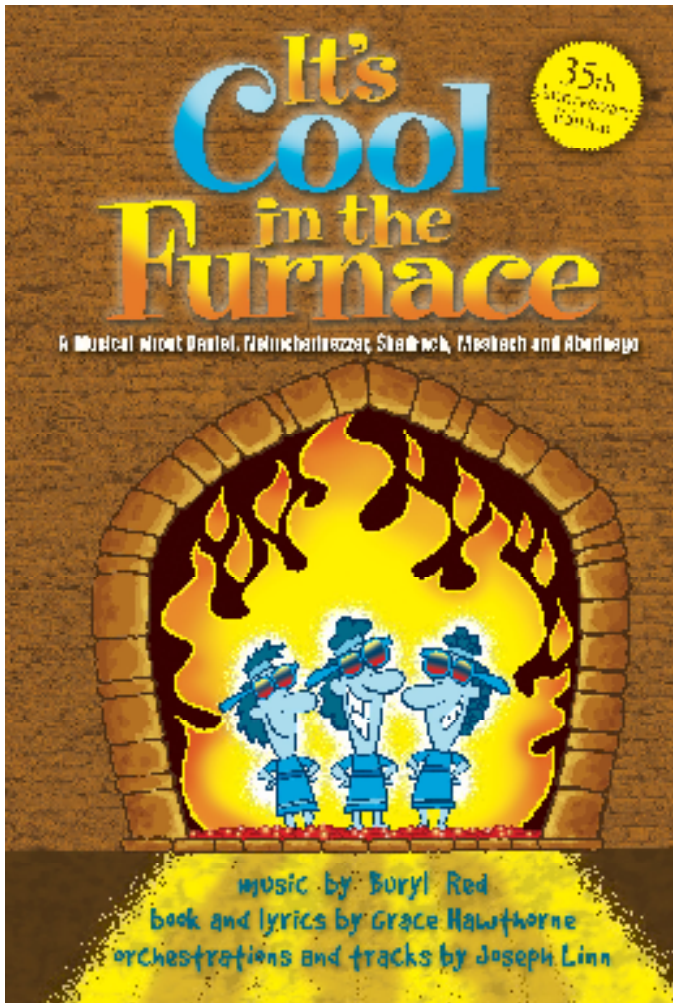


**GLEN RIDGE  
CONGREGATIONAL  
CHURCH**  
United Church of Christ

**Newsletter**  
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April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2009

**GRCC Ministry of Music presents**



*featuring*

*The Carol Choir*

*The Cherub Choir • Joyful Noise*

**Mother's Day**

**Sunday, May 10, 2009 – 10:15 a.m.**

May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009



**8:15 Chapel Communion Service**

**10:15am Worship w/Communion/Church School**  
**The Rev. Dr. Joseph D. Stinson, Preaching**  
**The Rev. Cynthia F. Reynolds, Presiding**

**Sermon: *Not the Hired Hand***  
**John 10:11-18**



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

The head usher will be Gordon Hunziker, assisted by Kevin Johns, Chris Ely, Lynn Oliver, and Chris Fletcher. The Communion Servers will be Dorothy Waldt, Lynne Palmer, Tom Agnew, Pat Currie, Kim Patterson, Jim O'Brien, Patrick O'Grady, and Frances Starnes. The Acolyte will be Andrew Dik. The Videographer will be Ed Harris. Counters in the Treasurer's Office, Jackie Ogilvie and Andy Song. Lisa Cinotti will deliver the flowers.

**✦ IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ✦**

- ◇ *At home:* 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, 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), Robert Martin Schaeberle (Ridge at River Woods, Exeter, NH).

Friends & family of our church: William Bennett, 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.

**LATE DELIVERY OF NEWSLETTER?**

The post office now forces our bulk mailings to be posted in Caldwell, not Glen Ridge. Last week was the second attempt and Glen Ridge addresses were delivered by Friday, not overnight delivery. 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](http://glenridgecong.org). Please send your e-address to Barbara Duym at [barbara.duym@glenridgecong.org](mailto:barbara.duym@glenridgecong.org) for e-delivery.

**CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS**

Church School Students go directly to class this Sunday, May 3rd. The 8th Grade class, under the leadership of John Boyd and Evan Petracca, has prepared a game of *Jeopardy* for Children's Chapel. This is always a favorite event so be sure to be at church school this week.

It's time to begin planning for volunteers for the ONE ROOM CHURCH SCHOOL this summer. Adults and high school students please check your schedules and see if you can sign up for ONE Sunday to be a teacher or help in childcare. The lesson will be planned for you! I will have a sign-up sheet at coffee hour. THANK YOU. Marty Lacey

## DAY CAMP NEWS

Bible Day Camp: 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 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.

## 6<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL WALK TO END HUNGER

MEND will co-sponsor the walk to end hunger on Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

## 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](mailto: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.

## OPERATION MUSTARD SEED

One of the capital projects at the parsonage was completed this month: a new roof over the kitchen and downstairs bath. This roof began leaking five years ago. The Stinsons are happy to report the completion of this project! Thank you to all who have contributed to Operation Mustard Seed.

## CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Statements of contributions received through March 31 were mailed early last week. Please review your statement and notify the church office of any discrepancies.

## MISSION CONFERENCE

Ms Reynolds spoke at the Mission Conference of the Bethel Church of Love and Praise in Bloomfield on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Bethel Church is the church which distributes our food offerings each week. Cole Ellertson also attended and spoke of the YPS' trips into NYC each year. Copies of Ms Reynolds' message are available on the table by the Clark Street entrance.

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## MARK'S GOSPEL

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

## ONE STEP AT A TIME

The steps outside the Clark St. entrance were rebuilt last week. "When you walk your step will not be hampered; and if you run, you will not stumble." Proverbs 4:12.

## MEN'S GROUPS

Both groups will meet together, once in May, on Thursday the 21<sup>st</sup>, at 8pm in Mr. Stinson's office.

## 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.

Congregational Meeting to discuss and vote the proposal: On Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, immediately after the service there will be a congregational meeting for discussion and vote.

## GRCC RECOGNIZED AS 5 FOR 5!

At the Annual Meeting of the New Jersey Association, United Church of Christ, on Saturday, Glen Ridge Congregational Church was recognized for the 2008 OCWM (Our Church's Wider Mission) contribution as well as, for the first time, our designation as a 5 for 5 Church. This designation is for those churches who made contributions to all 5 denominational offerings: OCWNM, Neighbors in Need, One Great Hour of Sharing, the Christmas Fund, and Strengthen the Church. Check out the certificates on the Clark Street bulletin board! Thank you all for your generosity!

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