



**CONFIRMATION PRAYERS, 2010**

NICOLE GSELL

Gracious God, we give you thanks for Nicole in our midst. Strengthen her involvement in this, your church, as her faith journey continues. Empower her to share your story with children and help her to nurture her passion for justice and peace here in this church and in the wider community. Amen.

AIDAN CURTIN:

O God, you have reached out to Aidan in so many ways. We ask that your bond be strengthened – through the gift of forgiveness you so freely offer, through your awesome generosity. Bind us together in your family of faith as Aidan seeks to know and do your will. Amen.

CLAIRE CURTIN

Loving God, you have touched Claire in so many ways – by your radical love for her, by your ongoing promise of forgiveness and grace, by your opening her to the needs of others. Empower her on her faith journey that her faith may be deepened and shared, that her experience of you be expanded, and that she always finds a sense of safety, security and hope in your presence. Amen.

ANDREW FILLIATER:

Gracious God, you called Andrew into your church as a baby and now he is ready to affirm those vows his parents made for him. We celebrate this moment on his journey. Help him to take his place in new ways in the life of this, your church, and enable him to lead others to you. Amen.

OLIVIA KINLOCH:

O God, you have touched Olivia in profound ways and we thank you for that. You have given her a joy and strength for her daily living. You have offered her opportunities for new beginnings. You have given her a compassion which is one of her greatest strengths. Bless her as she continues her journey of discipleship; refresh and renew her now and always. Amen.

NIAV O'CONNOR

We give you thanks, O God, for our sister Niav: her honesty, her faith, her questions, her willingness to serve you in both large and seemingly small ways. Strengthen her on her faith journey as she finds new ways to serve you. Empower her passion for justice, help her to expand your welcome to all she meets. Bless her, now and always. Amen.

ROBERT CHIRCO:

Thank you, God, for your hand in bringing Robert to this step on his faith journey. You have touched him, opened him to both the joy and responsibility that comes in serving you. Help him to deepen his faith, further his knowledge and in turn, empower him to help others grow in their knowledge and love for you. May he continue to be a blessing to all those who share his journey. Amen.

JACOB CINOTTI:

Persistent God, we give you thanks that you continue to reach out to Jacob and that you have led him to come to this point in his faith journey. We thank you for his expression of trust amid doubts, for his willingness to experience your guidance. Strengthen him on this life long journey that he comes to know you more deeply and serve you all the days of his life. Amen.

JAMES TRUNLEY:

O God, we give you thanks for Jamie in our midst. We celebrate his commitment to his faith journey and look forward to his participation on our common faith path. Strengthen his connection with you, bless his involvement in your church, and show him new ways to serve you now and always. Amen.

KENDALL SMITH

O God, we give you thanks that you have inspired Kendall into the life of your church. You have shown her the power of your healing presence and have called her to share that good news to future generations. Bless her as she continues her journey, strengthen her in her faith, and empower her to reach out to her brothers and sisters in faith near and far. Amen.

**FABULOUS FIFTH**

*A Hymn Festival: The Writers Tell Their Story*

**SUNDAY, MAY 30, 2010**

**10:15 A.M.**

*NO CHAPEL WORSHIP ON THIS DAY*

Be present as ten hymn writers come alive and share their stories with us – how they contributed to the wealth of Christian hymns we know and love today. From *Of the Father's Love Begotten* to *Lord of the Dance*, there will be many favorites for all to sing and enjoy!

The ushers will be Emily & Daniel Kopec, Ann Bronneck, Grey Waugh and the Krien Family. Videographer will be Joe Cotrone. Counters in the Treasurer's Office will be Jackie Ogilvie and Andy Song. The flowers in the chancel are given in observance of Memorial Day. Phyllis and Joe Connelly will deliver the flowers.

**✠ IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ✠**

- ◇ *At home:* Jean Ost, Al Brown, Linda Woodbury, Betty Sheppard, Bob Kansky, James Hollander, Lauren Smith, Lorraine Rieder, Susan Booth, Karen Augis, Phyllis Domenic, Madeline Edgar, Scott Spoerl, Sandra Lefkovits, Mary Keller, Bob Runge, Jim O'Brien, Bill Wood, and Barbara Underwood
- ◇ *In the hospital.* Richard Discipio (Mountainside)
- ◇ *In extended care facilities:* Bill Luddecke (Van Dyk), Ed Warren (Stuart FL), Art and Marilea Schlobohm (Beaufort, SC), Betty Bishop (King James Care Center), Don Olson (Job Haines), Robert Martin Schaeberle (Ridge at River Woods, Exeter, NH), Peg Carr Waters (North Carolina), Lucy Force (Sunrise, Woodcliff Lake)

Friends & family of our church: Barbara Martindale, Grace Uliano, Bern Sleem, Ruth Mustachio, Eloy & Ofelia Hernandez, Andrei Padlowski, JC Egbert, Alison Krien, Stephen Strickland, Len Calvin, Andrea Row, Bob Sherman, Helen Brabham, George Boltnew, Agnes Joy Busk, Anna Withington, Jill Reintjes, Dan Glitzer, Sue Potter, Merrill Roberts, Joan and Frank Lytle, Barbara Acosta, Thomas Bright, Jim O'Brien, Sr., Amanda Oliver, Jean and Barry Frere, Jim Marturano, Elizabeth Knox, 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. The People of Haiti and all those suffering from natural disasters around the world.

#### FROM THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

One morning the camp counselor took his eight young campers into the woods. When they reached a small clearing, he drew a circle on the ground with a stick and cleared it of leaves and twigs. Then he instructed the campers to search about in the woods until each had found one special object that he wished to share with the others. When they had, they were to return quietly and place the objects in the circle. In a short while the campers were seated in a circle around a feather, a pine cone, a pebble, an acorn, a red berry, a rusty bottle cap, a small blue wildflower and a piece of bone.

The counselor asked them to look closely at the objects without moving them and to think what they would say if asked to describe them to the others. When all of the campers said they were ready to describe the objects, the counselor asked them to stand up and walk around the circle until he told them to stop and sit. The young adventurers discovered that some of the objects looked different from this new vantage point and the patterns they had seen before were no longer there. One noticed that when his object was no longer in the foreground it didn't seem as important or special.

Sometimes a small change in perspective can make the familiar seem new again and invites a fresh reaction. The worship committee invites you to explore the many vantage points our sanctuary has to offer; volunteer to usher or to be a greeter, join the choir or even something as simple as sitting in a different pew and shaking the hands of a different group of friends. --David Ellertson

#### CHURCH SCHOOL CLASS PICTURES

- -may be picked up during the week at the church office or on Sunday at coffee hour.

#### FROM THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP CHAIR

WOW! The winds and flames of Pentecost filled the sanctuary Sunday. Hymns, music, words, and message lifted the congregation's spirits and filled us with fire! Worship was rich with vigor and the youthful confirmands.--Janet Spoerl

#### SUMMER CHILDCARE/CHILDREN'S PROGRAM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

On June 27<sup>th</sup> we will begin our summer worship schedule with one service at 9:30am. Our childcare/church school program will be a little different this summer. Children under the age of three may be left in the childcare room at 9:30am. Older students will receive a Children's bulletin as they enter the sanctuary with a lesson and activities. Children are invited to remain in the sanctuary for the service or young ones (up to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade) may take their bulletins and go to the childcare room during the second hymn.

We will need volunteers to staff the childcare room as well as helpers (high school age and older) to accompany

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/supervise the children who leave during the 2<sup>nd</sup> hymn. No prior planning is needed – just your help for one Sunday during the summer. Check your calendars – I will be at coffee hour, ready to sign up volunteers. You can also e-mail me at [marty.lacey@glenridgecong.org](mailto:marty.lacey@glenridgecong.org). Thanks! Marty L.

#### NEEDS AT INTEGRITY

A student member at Integrity recently obtained her own apartment and needs any of the following items: curtains, pots and pans, silverware, sheet sets & comforter for queen sized beds, and any kitchen appliances. If you have any of these items, please contact Dave Kerr at [dkerr@integrityhouse.org](mailto:dkerr@integrityhouse.org). Thank you!

#### COUNTERS NEEDED

The Ministry of Finance seeks several volunteers to assist in counting the Sunday morning collection. Please speak to Michael Carey or the church office if you can help.

#### C.I.A. BIKE RIDE IS HERE AGAIN!

When: Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup> (We leave the church at 12:30)  
Where: Leisurely ride to Brookdale Park; back to GRCC  
Returning: Approximately 4:00 pm  
We will have a picnic lunch and play kickball, throw a frisbee and/or play wiffle ball. Please call Iryna Carey at 201-970-9616 or email her at [iryana611@comcast.net](mailto:iryana611@comcast.net) with any questions.

#### BIBLE STUDIES

The last session of the Sunday study of Hebrews will be June 6<sup>th</sup>. No class meeting on May 30<sup>th</sup>. The Wednesday study of Luke continues until June 30<sup>th</sup>, with no sessions on June 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>.

#### WEEKLY CALENDAR

<b>SUNDAY 5/30</b>	<b>FABULOUS FIFTH SUNDAY</b>
8:15am	Chapel/Communion
9:00pm	Bible Study
9:00am	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
10:15am	Worship/No Church School
11:30am	Fellowship
<b>MONDAY 5/31</b>	<b>MEMORIAL DAY</b>
<b>TUESDAY 6/01</b>	
8:00pm	AA
<b>WEDNESDAY 6/02</b>	
6:30am	Morning Glories
10:00am	Bible Study
3:15pm	Children's Choirs
4:15pm	Chapel Bellringers
7:00pm	Ministry of Worship
<b>THURSDAY 6/03</b>	
<b>FRIDAY, 6/04</b>	
6:00pm	Montclair Music – BR
<b>SATURDAY, 6/05</b>	
1:00pm	Recital -- RH