



MINISTER'S MESSAGE

The late Rev. John Gaynor Banks was an Episcopal clergyman who helped found the *Order of St. Luke*, an organization in his church which promotes and teaches about healing prayer. I recently read an article by Mr. Banks about intercessory prayer. It is a form of prayer which Jesus encouraged all of his disciples to practice, but it is an odd thing. How do you pray for someone who is ill or who has been in an automobile accident or who is serving in the military in a dangerous place? Banks wrote, "Stop for a moment and ask yourself just what you are going to say to God." Are you going to tell God about each of these persons and their problems? God already knows! How can you speak to God in prayer about these persons and their needs in a way that will be helpful to them? Banks recommended,

First, get quiet. This might take two or three minutes. Rushing into God's presence is not the ideal way. Say something like this to [God]: "O God, take these few minutes of my time and accept my desire to help these, thy servants." The keynote of prayer is this opening quietness: "Speak, Lord, for Thy servant heareth." We reverse the order many times and say, "Listen, Lord, for Thy servant speaketh." Offer your love, your will, your time..., your imagination to God on behalf of those for whom you pray. Put some sacrifice into it.

Banks said the next step is to think about God as light. Focus your attention Godward and think about God in terms of light. 1John 1:5 teaches, "*God is light and in him is no darkness at all.*" Try to imagine your friends for whom you are praying in that light. "Don't ask God anything; don't tell [God] anything; don't beg ... for anything. Just bring the person in thought and imagination and lift him [or her] into that light. You are looking away from self and into the Love of God."

One more interesting thing Banks taught: the tendency to focus on the sickness or trouble--but that is the wrong approach. "Look away from the disease of the problem and look up to God." He quoted the Lord's Prayer: "Thy will be done on earth--here and now--as it is in heaven." The point is 'to bring your friend by your prayer into the presence of Jesus' that God may take care of him or her.

He concluded by recommending we start with a few people to pray for and as we 'grow in intercession,' we can add more. I love the way Banks concluded his article: "Just learn to keep looking Godward and taking people with you."

~ J.D. Stinson

WORSHIP

June 27, 2010

The 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Rev. Cynthia F. Reynolds, *preaching*

The Rev. Dr. Joseph David Stinson, *presiding*

Sermon: "Live by the Spirit"

Text: Galatians 5:1,1-13



9:30am

Worship/ Fellowship

Child Care for the very young provided

Greeting will be Lynn Ritchkoff. The ushers will be Craig Wood, Connie Booth, Nancy Bigelow and the Carey Family.

Counters in the Treasurer's Office will be

Sherry Brabham and Craig Wood

Joan Donnelly will deliver the flowers

✦ IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ✦

- ◇ **At home:** Jean Ost, 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 extended care facilities:** Bill Luddecke (Van Dyk), Ed Warren (Stuart FL), Frank Watson (Crane's Mill), 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.

CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

SUMMER SCHEDULE FOR CHURCH SCHOOL:

Children's Worship Bulletins with activities are available every Sunday in the narthex. Please pick one up as you enter. Students may remain in worship or young children age 3 to 3rd grade may go to the childcare room during the second hymn. Take your bulletin with you and a helper will meet you downstairs. Childcare will be available at 9:30 a.m. for the very little ones.

WORSHIP BROADCASTS

Broadcast of our services on Channel 36 is at 10:30 on Monday and 8pm on Tuesday.

SUMMER EXCITEMENT!

Sunday, July 4: Summer Choir – Join us for this pick-up choir. It doesn't matter if you're a seasoned choral singer or a newbie; young or old. **ALL** are welcome. We'll do one special patriotic piece and a sacred anthem.

Sunday, July 11: Outdoor Worship – Dress comfortably, bring a lawn chair, water, and enjoy the Summer breeze as we worship directly below God's great heaven. We'll hold the service under the trees on the South Lawn. We'll worship inside if we have inclement weather or if it's too warm. We plan to do a 2nd outdoor service in August. We hope you'll give it a try!

BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND

We will baptize on Sunday twins Paul Fletcher and Preston Cynthia Wiley, children of Paul and Megan Wiley, grandchildren of Joanne Borden.

THE LAST OF LUKE

Our last Bible Studies on Luke will be on Wednesdays June 23rd and 30th in the Library at 10am.

SUMMER OFFICE SCHEDULE

The office is open daily in the summer from 8:30 to 12:30 and other times by appointment. Beginning with this edition of the newsletter, we will publish every other week.

THE FOOD PANTRY CHALLENGE!

The Ministry of Mission and Outreach (MOM) challenges the congregation to heighten our food pantry collection during the summer. For every grocery item the congregation donates for the food pantry before the end of August, MOM will donate an additional \$1 worth of groceries to the cause, up to \$500. We are happy to report that the YPS received 60 jars of peanut butter at the Youth Sunday Service this past week. They hope for a hundred jars and I bet they make it! Remember that the church office is open 8:30-12:30 during the week over the summer, so your donated food items may still find their way to our grocery cart at the back of the sanctuary even if you cannot be in church on Sunday. Take the Food Pantry Challenge, grab a few extra items when you go to the grocery and help us support our neighbors in need!

RECOGNIZING OUR GRADUATES

We congratulate and recognize our graduates, both from High School as well as from College.

High School: Alexa Astarita, Kristin Cousins, James Dik (will attend Ramapo College in fall), Alex Ely (will attend University of Richmond), Claire Fletcher, Carey Gsell, Rebecca Jorgensen, Kelly Overmyer (will attend Northeastern University), Bobby Panza (will attend Farleigh Dickinson), John Panza (will attend The Phoenix Center), Elena Ruiz (will attend St. Lawrence University), Jordan Smith (will attend Bowdoin College), Cole Younger (will attend Boston College).

College: MaryAnna Coleman from Gettysburg College, Millicent Younger from Harvard University.



SHARING A STARRY NIGHT!

Our GRCC fall fundraiser, A Starry Night, will be a happy occasion for our church family and friends to gather at the Women's Club of G.R. to enjoy a silent auction, buffet dinner and musical entertainment. Please note the date of November 19th and plan to come to help to bolster up our church coffers and share a festive social scene as well. More details will come, but for now we ask you to circle Nov. 19th and hope for A Starry Night.

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Art Schlobohm, died Friday, June 18. A memorial service will be scheduled in September. If you'd like to send Marilea a card, the office has her address in Beaufort, SC.

Mike and Marie Zolcinski have reached their new home safely. If you would like their new address, please call the office.

PILGRIM IN THE P.M.

Pilgrim Nursery School will offer afternoon enrichment classes starting in the fall on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. They are open to 3/4 and 4/5 year olds. Please call Mary Duus at 973 743-5596 x13 for details.

July 4th, 2010

The 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Rev. Dr. Joseph David Stinson, *preaching*

Sermon: "A Mighty General's Healing"

Text: 2Kings 5:1-14



9:30am

Worship/ Fellowship

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Greeting will be the O'Grady Family.

The ushers will be Ken Underwood, Paul & Liz Brewster,

Samantha Finneran and Jim O'Brien

Counters in the Treasurer's Office will be

Jim Bronneck and Roben Dunkin

Lynne Palmer will deliver the flowers

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY 6/27

9:30am Worship/Baptism

10:30am Fellowship

2:00pm Recital -- BR

MONDAY 6/28

7:00pm Yoga

TUESDAY 6/29

8:00pm AA

WEDNESDAY 6/30

10:00am Bible Study

THURSDAY, 7/01

3:30pm Bethel Love

SUNDAY 7/04

9:30am Worship

10:30am Fellowship

MONDAY 7/05

OFFICE CLOSED

7:00pm Yoga

TUESDAY 7/06

8:00pm AA

A letter from Jon and Dawn Barnes: "We have shared together the blessings of God"

Dear friends at the Glen Ridge Congregational Church:

Greetings to you all! As we go about our work here in the USA, we think of you!

We would like to say thank you for your continued support in our work with the UCSA in South Africa. It is because of your love, support, and prayers that enable us to be your Global Ministries Missionaries. And we are so thankful!

Blessings to you all as you journey on your ministries both locally and globally.

Peace,

Dawn and Jon Barnes

Ministry of Outreach and Mission – contributions year to date:

OCWM		\$35,000
NJA allocation	(535 members @ \$6)	3,210
Haiti disaster contribution		1,000
IHN expenses		50
SCEEP		5,000
Discretionary Fund		1,500
YSOP trip		500
Goodwill Rescue Mission		3,600
IHN		1,000
MEND		2,000
NJA meeting expense		150
Covenant House		1,200
Nancy's Place		300
Meals on Wheels (Chrill)		1,000
Glen Ridge Ambulance		500
Senior Transportation GR Red Cross		500
Summer food match (reserve)		500
IHN reserve for supplies		500
MSU chaplaincy		500
YPS match – famine lock-in Easter weekend		1,000

If any member of the congregation has suggestions for the Ministry of Outreach and Mission we're happy to hear from you!

Members of MOM: Todd Travia, Mary Anne Miller, Emily Grover-Kopec, Susan Griffith, Francie Starnes, Marsha Watson