



**GLEN RIDGE
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United Church of Christ

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Central Atlantic Conference

"Save the Rock! Lord lead us to greener pastures."

Larry Rasmussen, retired professor from Union Theological Seminary challenged us at the Annual Meeting at the University of Delaware two weeks ago with his keynote address. It is something we all really know (but sort of don't really want to know- it will cause us to change things with which we are comfortable.)

We live in a time of accelerated climate change. An awareness of the earth's vulnerability is growing, but perhaps not fast enough to combat environmental decline.

The history of earth/human relationships has changed, ever since the Industrial revolution in 1750, but rapidly so since 1950.

He showed us pictures of graphs that all moved dramatically upward since that time: Population growth, number of cars, consumption of oil; pollution by industry; global consumerism, to name a few.

He tried to make very clear the basic relationship of humans to the rest of the planet. Nature groans in bondage to the decay of our making.

Therefore Rasmussen said, the works that created this set of unsustainable relationships must be done over, or at least revised in profound ways.

Unfortunately he went on to say we have developed theological bad habits. What kind of faith is good for the planet? There are many questions; we will have to revisit them later.

It is also important to understand that there is a growing conviction of environmentalists and many scientists and policy makers. While science and policy are necessary, "they are not sufficient to do the job of transforming human consciousness and behavior for a sustainable future. Values and ethics, religion and spirituality, are important factors in this transformation." So we, as church, are called to a faith that inspires participation and action, rather than one that frightens or disempowers people; a dream and a faith that says, "Yes, We Can!"

The Conference modeled this for us- it used recycled paper for our worship materials and for the conference program! We here in this church are already on the way- we have taken some first steps to be good stewards-- we use mugs for coffee not plastic cups for coffee hour, we recycle paper, we promote the use of Equal Exchange coffee, tea and chocolate, etc.

Your delegates (Doris Anne Younger, Jim O'Brien, Sherry Brabham, and Bart Brown) returned with even more resources and ideas and invite you to call on us to share them later. *-Doris Anne Younger*

June 28, 2009



9:30am Worship and One Room Church School
The Rev. Dr. Joseph David Stinson, Preaching
The Rev. Cynthia F. Reynolds, Presiding

"A Stewardship Sermon for Summer?"
2Corinthians 8:7-15



Child Care for the very young provided.
10:30am Lemonade on the Lawn

The head usher this Sunday will be Craig Wood assisted by Tom Duym, Connie Booth, Nancy Bigelow and Mary Curtin. The One-Room Schoolhouse teacher will be Lizzie O'Brien. Childcare attendant will be Betty Sheppard. Counters in the Treasurer's Office, Jackie Ogilvie and Andy Song. Joan Donnelly will deliver the flowers.

July 5, 2009



9:30am Worship and Holy Communion
One Room Church School
The Rev. Dr. Joseph David Stinson, Preaching

"The Thorn"
2Corinthians 12:2-10



Child Care for the very young provided.
10:30am Lemonade on the Lawn

The head usher this Sunday will be Ken Underwood, assisted by Paul Brewster, Elizabeth Brewster, Samantha Finneran, Jim O'Brien and Michael Brandell. The One-Room Schoolhouse teacher will be Barbara Stevens. The Childcare attendant will be Betty Sheppard. Counters in the Treasurer's Office, Alden Provost and Jim Watson. Lynne Palmer will deliver the flowers.



Last Sunday 6/21 was our Chancel Choir's last Sunday of ministry for the season...Sing? Play an instrument? We still have several openings for music presenters this Summer as part of SUMMERMUSIC 2009 – see Mr. Mustachio if you are willing to share your musical gifts...We will have a Summer Choir in worship on 7/12 & 8/16 – anyone wishing to sing should come to the loft at 8:45 to learn the music for that morning's service... Parents – keep Wednesday afternoons free in the Fall for choir (Joyful Noise, Cherubs, Carol & Chapel Bells)...See you in church this Sunday!

PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOOD PANTRY
Please remember that we have a shopping cart in the narthex to donate for Bethel Love Food Pantry. Let's keep it filled each week. The next time you go to the grocery store please remember and buy a little extra. Thanks!

✱ 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 (Juniper Village), Don Olson (Job Haines), Ron Goebel (Gates Manor), Robert Martin Schaeberle (Ridge at River Woods, Exeter, NH) and Trudy Budelman (RIM in Morristown).

Friends & family of our church: William Bennett, John Kingston, Stephen Strickland, Len Calvin, 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.

THE GREAT BAKE OFF

Congratulations to James Dik and Andrew Dik , first and second prize winners!! Thanks too, to the entire Bartlett Family for setting up and running the spring picnic last Sunday!

BIBLE STUDY

Mr. Stinson's Wednesday morning Bible Study met for the last time on June 24th. Classes will resume in September.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

During the summer, the church office is open from 8:30am to 12:30pm, Monday through Friday.

SUMMER SCHEDULE

Starting June 28th, there will be only one Sunday service at 9:30am. The One Room Church School begins as well.

CONGRATULATIONS TO NATALIE & ARIEL

Ariel Lefkovits & Natalie Ruiz broke a GRHS record at the state track meet on June 4th. The 4x400 relay team's time of 4:03:94 for the broke a 30 year school record.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO TOM MUSTACHIO WHO CELEBRATES HIS BIG DAY ON JULY 4TH!!!

PROPOSED LOCATION CHANGE OF VERIZON CABINETS

The initial proposed location for the two Verizon cabinets was along the south lawn property line that divides the church property and the neighbors. The neighbors are strongly opposed to this location due to the aesthetics and concern over the potential impact on the value of their property given the close proximity of the cabinets even with a fence or shrub row. They asked us to reconsider. After surveying the property, the Church Council identified a more suitable location. The new location is on the Clark St. side of the building. The cabinets would be located alongside the back wall of the Blue room where it meets the wall of Robinson Hall. It is a recessed corner at a relatively low elevation. The cabinets will be tucked in tight to the corner and surrounded by shrubs. We believe that they will be virtually out of site due to the shrubs and lower elevation. We have placed a marker stick in the area so you can see the spot. This solution remedies the issue with the neighbors and any potential impact on their property value, as well as the value of the church property. The Church Council supports this new location. It was also reviewed and approved by Verizon, Peter Hughes, the Mayor and Michael Rohal, the Town Administrator, pending review of the completed plan drawings. We have a letter from the Town stating that they will not require a hearing or formal administrative approval with the new location. The lines from the cabinet will go underground about ten feet directly to the telephone pole on the church property and the lines will run overhead from existing poles to Ridgewood Ave and then down, meeting with the underground optic fiber lines underneath Ridgewood Ave. If any member of the congregation feels strongly against this change we ask that you contact Tom Duym at 973-748-1057 or John Flippin at 973-743-4738.

THE NEXT TWO WEEKS AT GRCC

Sunday, June 28	
9:30am	Worship/One Room Church School
10:30am	Lemonade on the Lawn
Tuesday, June 30	
8:00pm	AA
Thursday, July 1	
6:30am	Morning Glories

Sunday, July 5	
9:30am	Worship with communion/ One Room Church School
10:30am	Lemonade on the Lawn
Monday, July 6	
Tuesday, July 7	
8:00pm	AA
Thursday, July 8	
6:30am	Morning Glories

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