



MINISTER'S MESSAGE

It is commonplace today to observe how things have changed for the church in the last two generations. After World War II when many young families were getting started in Glen Ridge and this church built an education wing, enlarged the fellowship hall and built the chapel, during the ministry of Charles Copenhaver, things were different. People felt the need to be part of the church and to give their children training in the values of Christianity. If you lived in a town like this you felt you had to join a church like this. That is no longer the case. That generation had seen two world wars and was determined to change the world for the better. You now have people—many of our neighbors—who like having a church in the community but feel no obligation to support it, attend its services, much less to join it and pray for it. I am sad to say that many members of our congregation are just as lackadaisical about working for the church as the non members. Increasingly, however, those who join and form the core of the church have not done so out of a sense of social responsibility but because of 'a call.' We are in here because we believe what the church stands for and teaches.

Two of Jesus' first disciples were James and John, the Zebedee brothers, fishermen. You remember the story, how Jesus found them in their boats and called them. *"Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."* And, the Gospel tells us, immediately, they dropped their nets and followed him.

Do you know there are many people in our town and the towns around us like James and John? They work hard at jobs but sense something is missing from their lives. If a figure like Jesus appeared and asked them to follow him, many of them would drop their nets just as quickly as the Zebedees did and join him. They want to be part of something bigger than themselves, but not just to have another membership card in their pocket or connect to another organization. They may not think they want to become church members but they do want to become disciples.

I said, *"if a figure like Jesus appeared"* and asked them to be part of his community and movement. Guess what? Jesus has appeared and still calls people to be part of something beyond their cramped, unfulfilling lives. He called us and through us he wants to call more.

The difference in our generation and that one in the 1950s? They knew that without God, the world was going to hell—they had lived through the war. Our generation has forgotten that truth. Things are not really better but we persist in the view that we humans can solve our own problems, no matter how much evidence there is to the contrary. We tinker around the edges politically and think we have accomplished something. What is needed, however, is transformation much deeper, more personal, spiritual. We need a makeover, inside-out. We need Jesus and we need to invite him into our lives and to decide to follow him. Just as James and John had to make an intentional decision to leave their boats, so must we decide to follow Jesus.

What's stopping you? What's stopping us? Isn't it time we all came back to him and his fellowship of disciples?

~ J.D. Stinson



WORSHIP

July 11, 2010

The 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**The Rev. Dr. Joseph David Stinson, *preaching*
Craig Wood, *lay leader***

Sermon: "Desiring to Justify Himself"

Text: Luke 10:38-42



9:30am

Worship/ Fellowship

Child Care for the very young provided

*Greeting will be Craig Wood and the Dobbs family. The ushers will be the Dobbs Family, Andy Song, the Shove/Rowan Family and Jon Intner
Counters in the Treasurer's Office will be Debbie Cusik and Mendy Overmyer
Sherry Brabham will deliver the flowers*

✦ IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ✦

- ◇ **At home:** 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:** Ruth McManamey (Arbor Glen Center) 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), 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.

OUTSIDE THIS SUNDAY!

WORSHIP continues ~ enriching our lives and souls. June 27 there were twins who joined our church family. On July 4th, the joy of learning to live "lightly," relying on God, brought us into a summer season. Music through hymns, songs, and improvisation fostered remembering and creativity. July 11th ~ who knows what will happen. The service at 9:30 is a "tent" experience ~ on the lawn, in the shade ~ reviving our spirits and sending us forth into the community. Did you know that St. Paul was a tent maker? Look what happened to him. Come prepared for a unique worship service at 9:30 a.m. If you are traveling, remember to bring back bulletins and newsletters to help us learn how other churches are worshipping in 2010. Thank you! We invite you to worship in many ways! Janet Spoerl, chair.

SUMMER OFFICE SCHEDULE

The office is open daily in the summer from 8:30 to 12:30 and other times by appointment. The newsletter will be published every other week.

SUMMER CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

You will find Children's Worship Bulletins with activities 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 is available at 9:30 a.m. for the very little ones.

SHOW WE CARE

Events in the lives of members of our church family often warrant a personally written note. These notes may be for congratulations, for sympathy, to say we're thinking of you or we're proud of you. The Care Committee checks weekly in the newsletter or bulletin, or through the office, to see if there is someone who will benefit from a personal note of care. We have an need for volunteers. If you can help by being responsible for one month of the year, please call Barbara Duym in the office or Lynn Ritchkoff at home (973-744-1885). The Women's Association has found that a brief and thoughtful note offers a warm and personal connection to those who receive our extended care. Thank you.

FOOD PANTRY CHALLENGE!

The Ministry of Mission and Outreach (MOM) challenges the congregation to bring food during the summer. For every grocery item the congregation donates for the pantry before the end of August, MOM will donate an additional \$1 worth of groceries to the cause, up to \$500. Last week we delivered 108 items to the Food Bank, including 12 more jars of peanut butter for the YPS "Going Nuts" challenge - makes a total of 82 jars of peanut butter toward the goal of 100. Thank you!! Our next date to serve at Bethel Love is Thursday, July 15, 3:30 - 7:00 pm. Contact Emily Grover-Kopec at egroverkopec@gmail.com to volunteer to serve.



Thanks to the fine folks who came out to enhance our Fourth of July worship by participating in **SummerChoir!** They presented a medley of two Irving Berlin tunes, "Give Me Your Tired, Your Poor" & "God Bless America," and a lovely setting of "What Wondrous Love is This" by David H. Williams. Our next **SummerChoir** opportunity will be August 22nd. Rehearsal at 8:45am for the 9:30 service. All are welcome.

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.

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IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

- Peg Carr Waters died on Sunday, June 27th. Her Memorial Service will be Sunday, July 11th at 3pm at GRCC.
- Don Olson had his 91st birthday on June 23rd.
- Congratulations to Marty & Jim Lacey who celebrated a 55th wedding anniversary and to Horace & Lillian Ashenfelter who celebrated a 65th anniversary on June 25th.

July 18th, 2010

The 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
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WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY 7/11	9:30am	Worship: Outdoors
	10:30am	Fellowship
	3:00pm	Peg Waters Memorial Service
MONDAY 7/12	7:00pm	Yoga
TUESDAY 7/13	8:00pm	AA
WEDNESDAY 7/14	6:30am	JDS USN Morning Glories
THURSDAY, 7/15	3:30pm	JDS USN Bethel Love
SUNDAY 7/18	9:30am	Worship
	10:30am	Fellowship
MONDAY 7/19	7:00pm	Yoga
TUESDAY 7/20	8:00pm	JDS USN AA
WEDNESDAY 7/21	6:30am	JDS USN Morning Glories
THURSDAY, 7/22		JDS USN
SUNDAY 7/25	9:30am	Worship
	10:30am	Fellowship

A Starry Night

...a church fundraising event
with dinner and entertainment

SAVE THE DATE
Friday, November 19

Location: Women's Club of Glen Ridge

