



NEWSLETTER

JULY 19, 2010

MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Tents have a very old association with our faith. In the Old Testament, the Tent of Meeting or Tabernacle was carried as the Hebrews journeyed from Egypt to Canaan. An elaborate description of this large Tent for worship is found in Exodus. For several generations after they arrived in the Promised Land, the Tent remained until finally King Solomon built the first permanent Temple on Mt. Zion.

In the New Testament, Paul used the tent as a metaphor of the transitoriness of life. He must have also been thinking of the Tent of Meeting and the Temple when, in 2Corinthians, he wrote: "We know...that if our earthly dwelling were taken down, like a tent, we have a permanent house in Heaven, made, not by humans, but by God. In this present frame we sigh with deep longing for the heavenly house, for we do not want to face utter nakedness when death destroys our present dwelling—these bodies of ours....We want our transitory life to be absorbed into the life that is eternal." (5:1-4).

But Paul had more than a casual association with tents. He supported himself as a tent maker in Ephesus and in Corinth. His Christian partners Prisca and Aquila hired him and perhaps trained him in this craft. Alan Newhall (Jan Spoerl's brother) told me: "Tents in the Middle East are woven from a kind of goat hair that takes in water when it is humid or raining, and swells to become waterproof. In dry weather it loosens up, and will let some air blow through it. The fabric requires special techniques to make and sew." Working to make these tents helped Paul to earn his living so he could practice his real vocation: spreading the Gospel.

American Christians in the 19th and early 20th centuries took to the out of doors in warm weather for tent meetings. Places like Ocean Grove on the New Jersey Shore were part of this tradition. In the evenings they would gather for preaching and singing. If the weather was hot the sides of the tent would be rolled up to let a breeze in.

This spring Tom Mustachio suggested to the Ministry of Worship that we have a few services on our south lawn this summer. As we discussed it, we hoped that these gatherings might draw in passersby who, seeing and hearing us, might want to come join the singing! We found it was cheaper to buy the tents than rent them so we acquired two (20'x40') tents. On the 11th we had our first service outside and had 70 worshippers with us. We will have two more Sunday services this summer in the Tent of Meeting, on July 25th and August 29th. We also plan a movie night in August outside in the tent.

I also invite you to join me on Wednesday night, July 28th, at 7:30. Bring a lawn chair with you and could someone bring thermoses of coffee and lemonade? I will host an informal conversation and we'll see where it goes.

The first Sunday in the Tent, we saw a new side of our organist. Tom Mustachio recruited Andy Ogilvie to help him with the hymns. Tom played an electric keyboard and Andy his guitar. Tom led a number of old gospel hymns in a very jazzy style. While we sang and prayed and listened to the teaching of scripture, some of our children frolicked around the tent in the yard. What a great day! Join us this Sunday on the 25th under the tent. ~ J.D. Stinson

WORSHIP

**July 25, 2010 in the Tent of Meeting
The 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
The Rev. Dr. Joseph David Stinson, preaching
John Flippin, lay leader
Sermon: "Reminding God: A Lesson on Prayer"
Text: Luke 11:1-13**
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9:30am
Worship/ Fellowship
Child Care for the very young provided
Greeting will be Pam Flippin. The ushers will be the Zalewski Family, Jim Waters, Lynn Ritchkoff, Nancy Gage and Jill Simmons
Counters in the Treasurer's Office will be Jackie Ogilvie and Andy Song
Videographer will be Jim O'Brien

✧ 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, Jim O'Brien, Bill Wood, Barbara Underwood, Fred Worth and Syd Metro.
- ◇ **In the hospital:** Bob Runge
- ◇ **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)

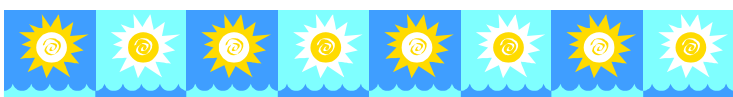
FRIENDS & FAMILY OF OUR CHURCH: Courtney Connolly, Maureen Wetzel, Barbara Martindale, Grace Uliano, Bern Sleem, Ruth Mustachio, Eloy & Ofelia Hernandez, Andrei Padlowski, JC Egbert, Alison Krien, Stephen Strickland, Len Calvin, Andrea Row, Bob Sherman, Helen Brabham, George Boltnew, Agnes Joy Busk, 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 now back in the US and also our friends at Back Bay Mission in Biloxi. The men and women of the Armed Forces serving in harm's way.

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.

THE WALLS OF JERICHO & GRCC

Two weeks ago the workers from BCA (an architectural conservation company) were here with a lift, banging all the mortar and stones of the church building. This is in preparation for repointing work, an Operation Mustard Seed project.



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.

BLESSED ARE THE TENT MAKERS

Julius and Carol Kroener, Sam, John and Janet Dobbs, Tim Delorm, Chris Ely, Lou and Max Ferrara, Mackensie and Michael Carey, Craig Wood, Jim O Grady, Lora Boltnew, David, Andrew and James Dik, Tom Mustachio and David Stinson helped put up the tents on July 8th. On Sunday morning July 11th, arriving early for help with more preparation were the Careys, John Dobbs, the Kroeners and Craig Wood. Jan Spoerl helped set up the worship space! We had such positive response to the service outside we've scheduled another, July 25th.

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 a 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.

WORSHIP SERVICE BROADCASTS

Our Worship Service is broadcast on Channel 36 at 8:00pm on Monday and 10:30am on Tuesday

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 received 15 more jars of peanut butter for the YPS "Going Nuts" challenge - makes a total of 97 jars of peanut butter toward the goal of 100. Thank you!!

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

Congratulations to Mary Anne Miller on the birth of her first grandchild!! Ann Miller Lander, with father Eric, gave birth to Faye Dillon Lander, Friday, July 16 in New York City.

Our sympathy to the family of the Rev. George W. Weber of Winchester Gardens who died last weekend. Mr. Weber once visited our congregation after moving to Maplewood. He was the President of New York Theological Seminary.

Our sympathies also the family of Ruth Joels who passed away on July 17.

August 1st, 2010
The 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
The Rev. Sherry Taylor, *preaching*
The Rev. Cynthia Reynolds, *presiding*



9:30am
Worship/ Fellowship
Child Care for the very young provided

Greeting will be Lynne Palmer and the Dik family.
The ushers will be the O'Grady family, Tim Delorm, Sharon Harms, John Smalley, Tom Wright and David Ellertson
Videographer will be Joe Cotrone
Counters in the Treasurer's Office will be Alden Provost and Jim Watson

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY 7/25	
9:30am	Worship on the South Lawn
10:30am	Fellowship
MONDAY 7/26	
7:00pm	Yoga
TUESDAY 7/27	
8:00pm	AA
WEDNESDAY 7/28	
6:30am	Morning Glories
7:30pm	Evening under the Tent
SUNDAY 8/01	
9:30am	Worship w/Pick up Choir
10:30am	Fellowship
MONDAY 8/02	
7:00pm	Yoga
TUESDAY 8/03	
8:00pm	AA
WEDNESDAY 8/04	
6:30am	Morning Glories
SATURDAY, 8/07	
	Piano Recital -- RH

A Starry Night

...a church fundraising event
with dinner and entertainment

SAVE THE DATE
Friday, November 19

Location: Women's Club of Glen Ridge

