



September 14, 2009

**MINISTER'S MESSAGE**

This is a great season to make good your intentions to get involved in a ministry at the church. Why not join in *immediately*. If you hear a call to become re-involved or if you have a good intention to join the choir, come to church, start reading the Bible, or volunteer for a mission, why not do it *immediately*?

In the call of the disciples in Matthew 4, *immediately* is used twice to express how quickly they followed him. We have all known times when we should do something but do not, or we procrastinate and hold off doing what we know we must. These fellows were different, and Jesus was different, too. There is something compelling about his call. When it is the Lord, you do not put it off.

Years ago when AIDS was new and a frightening sickness, I heard this story. A young man was dying of the disease in an Atlanta hospital. The fellow was not a member of any church but a family member was a Christian and called a church near the hospital and asked for one of the ministers to come say a prayer for him as he lay dying. The minister reluctantly agreed to come and went to the room where the fellow was. He opened the door—not really going in—stood in the threshold and flung in a spoken prayer and left quickly, without so much as going to the bedside or introducing himself. Another minister in Atlanta heard the story from one of the nurses who witnessed it. She *rushed* to the hospital, hoping she wouldn't be too late. When she got to the room, she went in and sat on the bed, cradling the young man's head to her breast. She sang to him some old hymns her grandmother used to sing to her when she was little and afraid at night. She said a prayer or two. She recited some scripture from her heart: "*The Lord is my shepherd.*" In less than an hour he died, in her arms.

A few months later she told this story to a group of seminarians who listened, quietly impressed. "Weren't you scared you'd get AIDS?" one asked her. "Well, yes," she replied. "Whatever made you go and get so close to a man dying of AIDS?" they wanted to know. She said, "I just imagined if Jesus had gotten the call, what he would've done. I had to go."

When Jesus calls you this fall, I hope you will *immediately* say yes. ~J.D. Stinson

**AN OPEN DOOR SUNDAY SUCCESS**

It was great to see everyone back in a pew this past Sunday and to have such a wonderful choir in the loft again! The picnic was a huge success thanks to Caroline Bartlett and her Ministry of Parish Life. We had information on our choir programs, church school, Women's Association, CIA, Pilgrim Nursery School and MOM, in addition to the hot dogs and hamburgers!

**NEW BIBLE STUDY BEGINS**

The Wednesday and Sunday Bible classes are taking up a new topic this fall. We will read and discuss the prophet Isaiah. We last read Isaiah in the fall of 2001. How much has changed since then! Join us in the library at either 9am on Sundays or at 10am on Wednesdays. Copies of the syllabus are on the *Action Table*—formerly the table by the Clark St. entrance.

September 20, 2009



**8:15 Chapel Communion Service**  
**10:15am Worship/Church School**  
**The Rev. Cynthia F. Reynolds, Preaching**  
**The Rev. Dr. Joseph D. Stinson, Presiding**

*"Welcoming Jesus"* Mark 9:30-37



**Child Care for the very young provided.**  
**11:30am Fellowship**

Greeters will be the Schade Family and Dan and Emily Kopec. The ushers will be the O'Grady family, Sharon Harms, John Smalley, Tom Wright and David Ellertson. The Acolyte will be Matthew Buchmann. The Videographer will be John Dobbs. Counters in the Treasurer's Office, Sherry Brabham and Craig Wood. The flowers are given in loving memory of Charles G. Herbstreith by his wife and family. Linda and Dave Kerr will deliver the flowers.

September 27, 2009



**8:15 Chapel Communion Service**  
**10:15am Worship/Church School**  
**The Rev. Dr. Joseph D. Stinson, Preaching**  
**The Rev. Cynthia F. Reynolds, Presiding**

*"For Us or Against Us?"* Mark 9:38-50



**Child Care for the very young provided.**  
**11:30am Fellowship**

Greeters will be the Overmyer Family and Nadine Burnett. The ushers will be Gordon Hunziker, Kevin Johns, Chris Ely, Lynn Oliver, Chris Fletcher and Lou Ferrara. The Acolyte will be Charlie Bodell. The Videographer will be Jim O'Brien. Counters in the Treasurer's Office, Jim Bronneck and Roben Dunkin. Jim Waters will deliver the flowers.

**✦ IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ✦**

- ◇ *At home:* James Hollander, 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, Walter Williams and Jack Cusick.
- ◇ *In extended care facilities:* Barbara Underwood, (Van Dyk), Ed Warren (Stuart FL), Laclelle Stites, Art and Marilea Schlobohm (Green Hill), Betty Bishop (Juniper Village), Don Olson (Job Haines), Robert Martin Schaeberle (Ridge at River Woods, Exeter, NH), Peg Carr Waters (North Carolina).

Friends & family of our church: Alison Krien, William Bennett, John Kingston, Stephen Strickland, Len Calvin, Andrea Row, Lewis Luring, Neil Connaghan, Bob 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.

**MUSIC NOTES**

We're busy planning an exciting year for our music ministry, with choirs for all ages. Here is a list of the various musical opportunities, and start up information. New members are welcome in all choirs!

**CHANCEL CHOIR** (H.S. & Adults)

Rehearses Thursdays 8-10 pm. Starts 9/10.

**CARILLON BELLS** (H.S. & Adults)

Rehearses Thursdays 6:45-7:50 pm. Starts 9/17.

**CANTOREI** (Grades 9-12 & 7-8)

First service commitment 10/25. Watch for news of the start date and rehearsal days/times.

**CAROL CHOIR** (Grades 3-8)

Rehearses Wednesdays 3:15-4:15 pm. Starts 9/16.

**CHAPEL BELLS** (Grades 3-8)

Rehearses Wednesdays 4:15-5:00 pm. Starts 9/16.

**CHERUB CHOIR** (Grades 1-2)

Rehearses Wednesdays 3:15-4:15 pm. Starts 9/16.

**JOYFUL NOISE** (Ages 3-5 & Kindergarten)

Rehearses Wednesdays 3:15-4:15 pm. Starts 9/16.

For further information contact Tom Mustachio at ext. 19 or by email – tom.mustachio@glenridgecong.org.

**IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

We welcome the birth of John Henry Cusick, son of Brock and Wendy Chang Cusick, grandson of Debbie Cusick and great-grandson of Jack Cusick.

**FROM THE PARISH NURSES**

**Two flu shot clinics:** Oct 15<sup>th</sup> at Montclair Municipal Bldg, 9:30am-noon and Oct 21<sup>st</sup> at GR Train Station, 2-4pm. Shots are \$20, except for Medicare D participants.

**H1N1 Flu education** event at Mountainside Hospital on Tuesday, Sept 29<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm. To register call 888-973-4MSH. **Smoking Cessation Program**, for 7 weeks, Monday nights at St. Al's on Bloomfield Ave. in Caldwell. Starts first Monday of October. Call Janet Dickinson for information, 973-748-1509.

**CONFIRMATION CLASSES:**

Classes are open to all who have not been confirmed and are held on Tuesday afternoons right after school, lasting until about 4:15. Participants are also expected to attend Sunday church school class. Tuesday classes will begin in October following an introductory dinner on Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>. For more information contact Ms Reynolds at the church.

**THIRD GRADE BIBLES**

Third Graders will be invited to come forward during worship on Sept. 27 to receive their Good News Bibles.

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**Glen Ridge Congregational Church**  
**195 Ridgewood Avenue**  
**Glen Ridge, New Jersey 07028**  
**Dated Material - Please Deliver by September 18, 2009**  
**(Return Service Requested)**

Also that morning the Minasian Bible Award will be presented to a Church School Teacher.

**UPCOMING RUMMAGE SALE**

All aboard the Rummage Sale train-We now will accept rummage for the sale on October 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. Here are the kinds of rummage we want: *clean, presorted, and labeled*. *Clean* means please wash all clothes before you bring them to the sale and if you have had something in your garage for the past few years and it is moldy and smells, just throw it away-do not bring it to us! *Presorted* means put all women's clothes together in a bag and *label* it 'women's clothes' and house wares such as kitchen stuff together and label it 'kitchen'. It will be a huge help to our volunteers.

Please take your rummage through the Robinson Hall door to the Biddolph room—just follow the rummage signs. Do not leave the rummage outside the church. We do not take furniture or suitcases or large sports equipment such as skis.

The sorting process will begin on Mondays beginning September 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:30am. We encourage anyone who is interested in helping to come any week you are free and help with this fun, easy and social process.

We also collect gently used children's books and children's raincoats and rain boots for a school of 200 boys and girls close to New Delhi, India. To contribute please label with the word *India*.

**THE NEXT WEEK AT GRCC**

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**SUNDAY 9/20**

- 8:15am Chapel Communion Service
- 9:00am Bible Study
- 9:15am Chancel Choir
- 10:15am Worship/Church School
- 11:30am Fellowship
- 11:40am Music Committee

**MONDAY 9/21**

- 7:00pm Yoga

**TUESDAY 9/22**

- 8:00pm AA
- 8:00pm Endowment

**WEDNESDAY 9/23**

- 10:00am Bible Study
- 3:15pm Children's Choirs
- 4:15am Bellringers
- 7:00pm Pilgrim Back to School Night
- 8:00pm Council Meeting

**THURSDAY 9/24**

- JDS USN**
- 6:30am Morning Glories
- 10:00am Bread for the Journey
- 8:00pm Chancel Choir

**SATURDAY 9/26**

- 11:00am Chapel and Robinson Hall in Use

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