

# Worship in May

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 2**

**FIRST WEDNESDAY**

Supper

6:30 P.M.

Taizé Prayer Service

7:35 P.M.

**MAY 6**

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Church Music Sunday

10:00 A.M.

Sermon in Song: Old Fashioned Hymn Sing

Music by the Chancel Choir and Carillon Bells

**MAY 13**

**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Worship: Mother's Day Musical

10:00 A.M.

Dorothy Waldt, Lay Leader

Music by the Carol & Cherub Choirs

**MAY 20**

**PENTECOST SUNDAY**

Worship with Communion: Confirmation

10:00 A.M.

Rev. Damien J. Lake, Preacher

Gary Martin, Lay Leader

Music by the Chancel Choir

**MAY 27**

**TRINITY SUNDAY**

Worship

10:00 A.M.

Rev. Damien J. Lake, Preacher

Lynne Oliver, Lay Leader

Music by the Chancel Choir

From Damien J. Lake,  
*Interim Minister*  
*Pastor's Ponderings...*



A Promising View...There have been several periods of time over my life when I have enjoyed the view while walking along the sidewalk or driving down the road. I have been truly blessed to have seen the many sights and to take photos or keep images in my memory of those places. Whether it was the view from the top of Acadia National Park in Maine, flying over the mountains in Denver, or standing below the Eiffel Tower in Paris, I am always thankful for these precious views that God has given to me.

This got me wondering about what gifts you have been given over your lifetime. Have you seen an incredible place or stood below a sky scraper that reminded you of how small you are as a human? God blesses all of us with many things from the smile on a little girl's face while eating ice cream to the waterfall that pops out from behind the trees in Pictured Rocks, Michigan. But sometimes we may forget to say thanks to God for those many blessings

In the Gospel of Luke, Jesus reminds us to take time every day for prayer, to not only lift up our worries and doubts but to also

share our thanks for the gifts that God has given to us. My hope for each of you reading this today is that you take the time to give God thanks and recognize the wonderful gift that has been given called life.

Peace and Blessings  
Pastor Damien



Do you have questions about God, your faith, and what is happening in the world? Come join Damien for some great conversation and food at The Town Pub in Bloomfield on Sunday, May 29th at 7:00pm.

*This is a place where theology is always on Tap!*

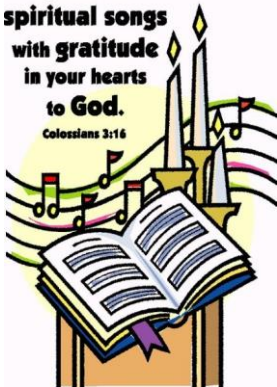
From Thomas A. Mustachio,  
*Minister of Music*



**CHURCH MUSIC SUNDAY**  
May 6, 2018 • 10:00 A.M.

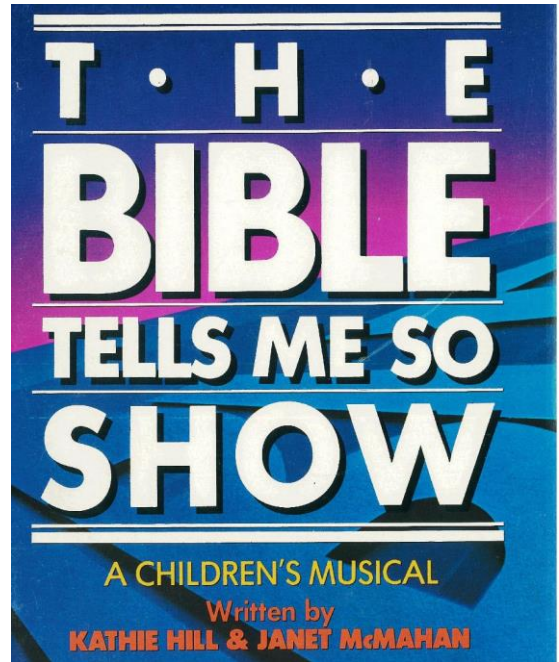
Be with us for this special service honoring God's wonderful gift of music in worship. We will have a sermon in song in the form of an old-fashioned hymn sing, where *you* choose the hymns we sing.

...sing psalms,  
hymns and  
spiritual songs  
with gratitude  
in your hearts  
to God.  
Colossians 3:16



There will be special musical offerings by our Chancel Choir, Carillon Bells, and instrumentalists.

**MOTHER'S DAY MUSICAL**



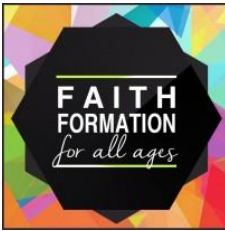
*Featuring*

**THE CAROL and  
CHERUB CHOIRS**

*with special guests!*

**SUNDAY, MAY 13, 2018**  
during the 10:00 A.M. service

## Children & Youth



### *Church School* ~~

The season between Easter and Pentecost is filled with **Movement!** The Holy Spirit **moved** people of long ago who were Disciples and **moves** those people of today who are disciples ~~ known as church people. People continue to **move** out into the world led by the Holy Spirit. People and nature become symbols of Christianity leading and **moving** goodness forward. Butterflies transform, seeds bloom, winds / fire blow / burn (Pentecost), and humans act. The Word spreads. Love, justice, and responsibility **move** together in learning and actions. In church school through age-appropriate classes, students join in a study called The Whole People of God. Each lesson in this unit is packed with how to **ACT** (scripture lessons from Acts in the Bible) and **MOVE** in 2018. Great stories and activities are used with all age levels. Childcare is provided from 9:00 a.m. Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, is **Mother's Day!** Everyone is invited to attend the Children's Musical, "The Bible Tells Me So Show". Join us in learning more about the Bible, Jesus' ministry through music, song, and movement. It is GRCC kids teaching us. There will be no church school classes.

Plan ahead ~~ June is C & Y month at GRCC. Especially, save Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup> as a special day recognizing all levels of church school students! It will be another notable event.

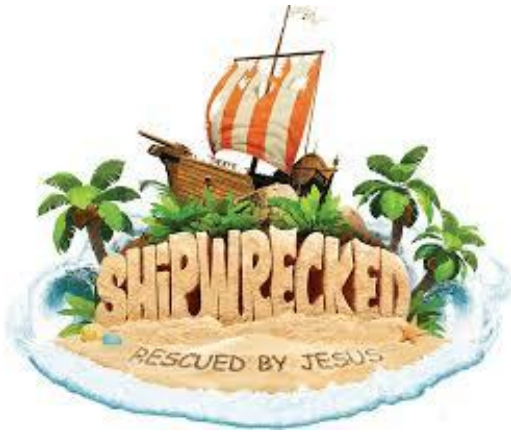
### *Confirmation* ~~

Confirmation is part of C & Y. Our Confirmands have been working hard all year with their teachers (Rev. Lake, Mr. Wood and Mr. Mustachio) as well as their parents and sponsors. The Confirmation dinner is Sunday, May 6, at 4:30; Confirmation Sunday is May 20<sup>th</sup> ~~

**Pentecost Sunday.** Plan to join in the celebration. There will be church school classes.

### *Family Faith* ~~

Family Faith continues their study of the **3 GLs** of the United Church of Christ. The focus in May is ~~**Love of Creation!** That is the third great love. This month Family Faith promotes **L & I** That is "L" for limiting the use of plastic products and "I" for increasing re-using items. Think about ~~ using stainless / glass water bottles and stainless / reusable straws rather than the often used plastic bottle. There are many ways to L and I. Family faith invites all members to concentrate on this project. What was done or in process will be shared at the May gathering: Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at noon. It is a plastic free potluck picnic on the playground or . . . Room 6 if the weather is inclement. All are welcome!



## Vacation Bible School

Our 2018 Vacation Bible School for children ages 4 and older will run from Monday, June 25 through Thursday, June 28, 9:00am-12:00pm. The cost is \$50 per child and includes a snack

This year's theme is "Shipwrecked, rescued by Jesus."

Flyers may be found on the Clark Street Action Table.

For those receiving this newsletter electronically, sign up can be done by clicking the link:  
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSep2W01i4nQb06FfDRCsIL1RUQ7BZUHwDPoiluwnM6FeuZ9A/viewform>

## Wanted: Gardening Lovers



We will be getting annuals from Project Graduation on May 12.

We would like help planting them in front of the church during the week after this.

Please let Sharon Harms know if you are interested.

[sharonharms@comcast.net](mailto:sharonharms@comcast.net).

---

## A GRCC Fundraiser!!!

When: May 19th, 7:30pm

Where: Robinson Hall

What: A dinner hosted by the GRCC, featuring fabulous food (prepared by the Syria Supper Club Chefs), marvelous music, mocktails and more!

Come join us for a festive, multi-denominational dinner celebrating Pentecost, Shavuot and Ramadan; holidays wrapped in God's love and devotion to God.

Proceeds go to the Glen Ridge Congregational Church and The United Tastes of America (aka The Syria Supper Club). (continued next page)

Help support our church, newly settled refugee families and the GRCC tradition of welcoming all to our church.

For reservations, go to [www.unitedtastesofamerica.com](http://www.unitedtastesofamerica.com). For senior and children: please contact Dorothy Waldt for pricing.



## GRCC BUTTERFLY PROJECT

SATURDAY MAY 12

10 - 3 at the Eco Fair

Calling all Church members to help out with this important community outreach event!

Sign up to work:

Carol Harpster at [charpsie@gmail.com](mailto:charpsie@gmail.com)  
Nadine Pappas-Wilkes  
at [npapwilkes@yahoo.com](mailto:npapwilkes@yahoo.com)



## Lenten Actions....

Thank you to all who participated in the Lenten Actions leading up to Easter this year. Together, your sacrifices helped feed, clothe, and lift the spirits of hundreds of our fellow brothers and sisters during the Lenten Season. More food was sent to the Bloomfield Presbyterian Church on the Green Pantry than ever before. \$745 was donated to Serve Haiti to provide rural Haitians with clean drinking water. Well over \$500 in clothing was donated to Integrity House, 57 cards to ICE detainees were written, and likely many calls and cards were sent to the sick and homebound among us. Small sacrifices by a few = huge blessings for many. Alleluia!



Thank you to CubScout Pack 851 for the Spring Clean Up done to the grounds of the Church. This was all done on a volunteer basis and they did a GREAT job.





**May 2, 2018**  
**Food is provided.**  
*All are welcome!*

6:30pm..... Supper (Robinson Hall)

7:35pm..... Taizé Prayer Service



**Roger Nelson**

Our condolences to the Nelson family on the death of Roger Nelson. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

**Faith, Food, Fellowship**

May 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm-Location TBD  
Discussion Topic: NY Times Article:  
*Agony of Faith*

Open Church Every Tuesday  
5:30-7:30pm

First Tuesday 6:30-7:00 pm  
Litany for Addictions

---

**Ministry of the Month**

Thank you to the **Ministry of Finance and AP&P** this month for assisting with fellowship treats, greeting and the many other things they do throughout the year. Take some time to thank these members for the great job they do!

---

**Food of the Month**

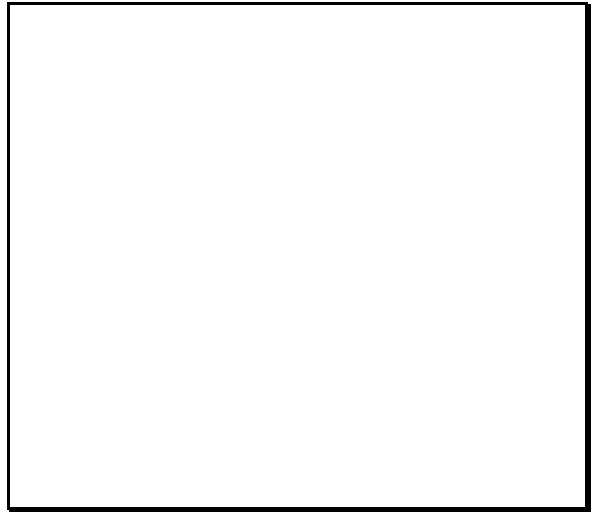
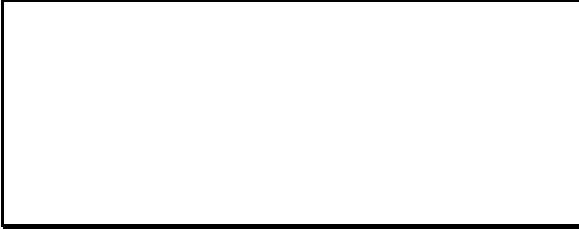


We support the MEND pantry at the Church of the Green. In May please fill the shopping cart in the narthex with tuna and canned meats.

---

**A NOTE FROM YOUR CHURCH COUNCIL**

The Church Council has been discussing permitting beer and wine on the church premises on a limited basis (i.e. for wedding receptions, church fund raising events, etc.) Neither the current church bylaws, nor the UCC prohibit the consumption of alcohol on church grounds, and our insurance policy would cover it. We would like to know your thoughts. Please reach out to any member of the Church Council with your comment.



---

**AT HOME**

Sylvia Caldwell, Phyllis Domenic, Fred Worth, Sue Watson.

*Our thoughts  
And prayers  
Are with you.*

**IN EXTENDED CARE FACILITIES**

Lucy Force (Sunrise, Woodcliff Lake), Irene Stevens Heun (Job Haines), Doris Hollander (BayPass Nursing Center, Duxbury, MA), Jean Lancaster (Sunrise, Marlboro), Barbara Underwood (Van Dyk, Montclair), Theodora Wilcox (Van Dyk, Montclair), Dale Litvany (Daughters of Israel, West Orange)

**FRIENDS & FAMILY OF OUR CHURCH**

Mary Jones (on the passing of her Aunt Ruth Tracey), Nancy Bigelow, Jennifer (a friend of Bonnie Schmidt), George Haug, Mindy Lytle, Karen Marshall, Erika Lomaga, Peter Bartlett, Meghann Marturano, Jeff Domenic, Jean Sparks, Marie O'Grady, Cheryl Vivona, Becky Bodnar, Courtney Connolly, Grace Uliano, JC Egbert, Stephen Strickland, Len Calvin, Andrea Row, George Boltnew, Anna Withington, Jill Reintjes, Dan Glitzer, Merrill Roberts, Joan Lytle, Barbara Acosta, Thomas Bright, Sr., Jean and Barry Frere, Jim Marturano, Elizabeth Knox, Carolyn Pescatore, Bill Phillips, Brad Turner, Christina Hepp, LeWanda Pleasant, Margot Priest, Sally Calhoun, Pamela Jeffery, Dennis Sinclair, Cathy Rohling, Dorothy Lefkovits, Billy Martin, Xavier Ross.