

Faith Matters

FALL 2009

Pastor Glenn Stone

GIFTED WARTBURG STAFFER – DEDICATED VOLUNTEER

Once in a great while you meet someone whom you admire, someone who selflessly shares their gifts with anyone who has needs or wants. Such a person was Pastor Glenn Stone, who as many of you know died on June 6, 2009.

His passing has left a void at The Wartburg that will be difficult, if not impossible to fill. Pastor Stone's list of life achievements from pulpit to pen are manifold, so I'll just mention his contribution to our Wartburg.

Glenn was the Foundation's editor-in-chief, an assistant chaplain, the Wartburg historian and founding archivist of The Wartburg Museum. He published countless articles and texts on the Wartburg for the press, the greater church and our newsletters for "Friends of The Wartburg". His writings went straight to the heart



Pastor Glenn Stone
1928 – 2009

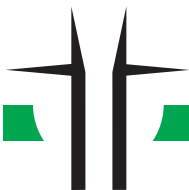
of the many donors and friends of The Wartburg.

One of his greatest gifts was that of storyteller. He could capture the essence of mission at The Wartburg and do it in few words. He was a renowned editor and would review all of our staff's writing "until it was right".

No doubt he'd have a few edits to make on this piece.

Singlehandedly, Glenn saved, preserved and displayed 143 years of Wartburg history and vision of healing and hope. Not a month goes by that requests are received from former orphans and family on their genealogy. It's all there, thousands of categorized records to be found no place else.

Glenn, the man would help all in need, expecting nothing in return, he truly believed God cared for him so he could care for others.



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2009 Bible Camp

at The Wartburg Adult Care Community in Mount Vernon, NY



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“**L**ove to Serve” was the theme for this year’s Bible Camp held at The Wartburg Adult Care Community in Mount Vernon, NY. Under the leadership of Pastor Carol E.A. Fryer, Wartburg Chaplain, children ages 6 through 13 teamed with four counselors for five days of Bible Camp. Through games and structured programs, the children discussed and demonstrated ways in which they could serve others. As they did last year, the children spent time visiting and singing with the residents of The Wartburg Adult Care Community. The week concluded with a closing ceremony presented by the children in The Wartburg Chapel.

Shared Ministry

Worship at Good Samaritan Health Care Center

The Wartburg Adult Care Community and Wartburg Lutheran Services have become partners in-ministry. By combining resources, hundreds of people are now being served from the Capital Region, Hudson Region and Greater New York. Highlighted in this issue is worship at Good Samaritan Lutheran Health Care Center in Delmar, NY, a suburb of Albany.

Good Samaritan Lutheran Health Care Center is a ministry of Wartburg Lutheran Services serving people of all faiths. The Spiritual Care program is under the direction of Deacon Bob Fricke with input from Executive Director Keith Henchey, Department heads and the Resident Council.

Lutheran services are held every Sunday afternoon in The Chapel. The Chapel overflows with residents and families, resulting in some worshippers having to sit in the passageway between the Home and The Chapel.



Deacon Bob Fricke and residents of Good Samaritan Health Care Center, Delmar, NY.

Roman Catholic Mass is celebrated the first Wednesday of every month and Eucharistic Ministers provide the Holy Eucharist every Thursday along with the recitation of The Rosary. A Jewish Chaplain visits the Home regularly and provides dietary guidance on Jewish holidays. Episcopal services are held the second Tuesday of each month with the Holy Eucharist available.

Memorial Services are held six times during the year and are lead by Deacon Bob and the Hospice Chaplain. In addition, special services are held each Wednesday during Advent and Lent, and all holy days are remembered in worship.

The Wartburg Foundation Mission

The Wartburg Foundation's mission is to raise funds from donors, manage our endowment and make grants to assist the Wartburg Community, Lutheran Ministries and other charities so that older adults may live with dignity.

Planned Giving – Bequests

In talking with a number of friends of The Wartburg Foundation, we have discovered that many do not have a Will. Or, their Will has not been updated for a number of years and, therefore, does not reflect their present wishes and circumstances.

Do you need a Will? And is it important that it is current?

The answer is a definite “Yes” if:

- you wish to have what you have accumulated distributed as you desire and not as someone else, usually the state, determines
- you wish to avoid problems for your heirs and to save on costs
- you wish to include a bequest, which has been rightly called “The Last Act of Stewardship”, as a final opportunity to express thanks to a good and loving God for His many gifts

Because it is important for everyone to have a current Will, we are making available, without cost or obligation, an informative brochure entitled “*How to Make a Will that Works*”. You can obtain your free copy by contacting Roger W. Dow, Vice President, directly at 914-513-5355 or by completing and mailing the form below. You’ll be glad you did!

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