RAINBOW SUNDAY

Several years ago in Green Bay I made the mistake of mentioning in a sermon that my favorite Easter candy is Peeps. That one throw away remark began an ongoing cascade of those too-sweet treats of marshmallow and sugar. And I discovered that Peeps aren't just for Easter anymore. Besides the traditional multi-colored chicks and bunnies. there are snowmen, turkeys, Santas, jack o lanterns – you name it. And, with that cascade came the realization that my adult taste preferences no longer include Peeps. Nevertheless, I am the proud owner of a Peeps T-shirt, of a Peeps towel, of Peeps toys, of a pair of Peeps sunglasses (for my peepers!), and of several pieces of Peeps art. I'm even a member of the Peeps Fan Club.

And the Peeps parade has followed me to Glenview. This Easter the pulpit was well stocked with five boxes of Peeps. I seriously considered revealing my secret Easter blessing to the congregation in the sermon, but the explanation just seemed too complicated!

Fittingly this Easter season, a Peeps post made its way around Facebook. This post is a picture of three pairs of Peeps: a pink bunny and a yellow chick...two yellow chicks...and two pink bunnies. The text for the picture reads: Love is Love: Equal Rights for all Peeps.

What a great way for Peeps to express the commitment of the Glenview Community Church to an inclusive faith that treasures each child of God as equally precious. Four years ago this congregation voted to make that inclusivity intentional and official by becoming an Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ. Like the contrasting and complimentary colors of Peeps, our Open and Affirming commitment understands the unique differences of

our common humanity as God's beautiful diversity rather than as sinful deviance. For this reason, the rainbow has become a ubiquitous symbol for openness and affirmation of the human spectrum in our contemporary culture.

On Sunday, May 18th the Glenview Community Church's Faith in Action Team will lead our congregation in a celebration of our Open and Affirming Commitment as we live into the words of our statement through how we live and witness to our faith in this church and beyond, dignifying and healing those who have too often been diminished and wounded in the name of religion.

One other Facebook post caught my eye in this Easter season. It's from an organization named Rainbow Over Wisconsin. Against a rainbow backdrop it offers these powerful words:

"Gay Pride was not born of a need to celebrate being gay, but our need to exist without persecution.

So instead of wondering why there isn't a Straight Pride movement, be thankful you don't need one."

The month of May is filled with very special Sundays:

MAY 4TH

Confirmation Sunday and the joy of celebrating with 25 of our Eighth Graders as they confirm their baptismal vows and become official members of GCC.

MAY 11TH

PYF Sunday and the joy of celebrating the faith of the Senior High School members of our Pilgrim Youth Fellowship.

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WORSHIP SERVICES

MAY 4, 2014 A DISCIPLING CHURCH

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY COMMUNION

10:00 a.m.

Scripture: Luke 24:13-35

Sermon: *Now We Know*Rev. Dr. Pam Keckler

MAY 11, 2014
A ROOTED CHURCH
YOUTH SUNDAY

10:00 a.m.

Scripture: Ezekiel 17:6-8

Matthew 13:1-23

Senior SermonsAly Ford

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MAY 18, 2014

A HOMEMAKING CHURCH

10:00 a.m.

Scripture: John 14:1-14 Sermon:

Rev. Dr. Chuck Mize

Annual Meeting following worship

MAY 18TH

Rainbow Sunday and the joy of celebrating our inclusive faith for all God's people...as well as gathering for the Annual

Meeting of GCC following worship to place a benediction on a year of ministry and mission and to chart our future of ministry and mission in the year to come.

Yes, all of it is joy...joy because each Sunday celebrates the power and promise of victorious love that is ours through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. See you in church!

Chuck Mize

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Glenview Community Church's Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, May 18, 2014, at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. The purpose of the meeting will be to receive nominations and elect the Moderator, Vice-Moderator, and board members and to receive the annual reports of the leadership. In addition, there will be a presentation about, and a vote to approve, a proposed \$557,000 Storm Water Drainage and Parking Lot Renewal project.

This notice constitutes the official call to meeting. All members of the church are urged to be present.

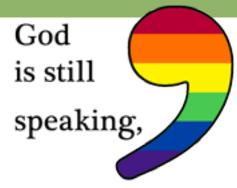
STORM WATER DRAINAGE AND PARKING LOT RENEWAL INFO SESSION

The committee working on the important major project to address our remaining water incursion issues and parking lot safety concerns will be holding an information session on the proposed plans for this effort on Sunday, May 4, at 11:15 a.m. in the Parlor. This will be your opportunity to learn about and ask any questions regarding this proposed \$557,000 project in advance of the presentation and vote at the Annual Meeting on May 18.



PEOPLE WITH A PASSION FOR DIVERSITY NEEDED!

In order to realize the vision expressed by GCC's Open and Affirming (ONA) statement adopted in 2010, the Spiritual Council has created a Diversity Committee. Volunteers with a passion for making all God's children feel His love at GCC are encouraged to become the shapers of the policies and practices that will lead our church to continue its growth as an Open and Affirming congregation. Members will develop a charter for the Committee to address diversity of all types in our church. The Committee will be responsible for identifying and implementing best practices for creating an extravagant welcome to all and for promoting a positive image of GCC's Open and Affirming environment in the larger community. Resources will include, but are not limited to, contacts within the UCC and the hopes and prayers of church members. If you are interested in serving on this new Committee, please contact Kristine Voelker at kristinev818@gmail.com or any member of the Faith in Action Team before May 15.



OPEN AND AFFIRMING

Statement adopted May 25, 2010

Glenview Community Church, United Church of Christ, embraces diversity in our congregation and community, and affirms that every person has worth as a unique creation made in the image of God. As we seek to live out our mission to live Christ's compassion and promote justice, healing and wholeness of life, we welcome into our community persons of every gender, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, mental and physical ability, age, race, nationality, economic and social status and faith background. We welcome all people to participate and share their time, talents and energy in worship, sacraments, leadership positions, fellowship, mission and the blessings and joys of our congregation.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Several of our church boards are looking for volunteers to join them in serving their important ministries for GCC. The following boards have e opportunities for your help in continuing the many ministries of GCC:

Adult Education Children's Confirmation and Youth Fellowship Membership Music Pastroal Care Services and Sacrements Stewardship



LIFE EVERLASTING

We trust the promise of the resurrection for Ralph Norberg, who died on April 9, 2014 even as we hold his daughter Janice Duncan and family in our prayers; also for Lillian "Goldie" Decker, who died on April 9, 2014, even as we hold her son Fred Stewart and family in our prayers. May God's peace be with all.



The Resale Shop is having a Welcome to Spring yard sale on Friday, May 16 from 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. (weather permitting). It is the start of our year-end sale. Everything will be 20% off. We will be bringing a wide variety of items out to the south lawn area as well as having the shop in the Plymouth Room open with the try-on room available. We're hoping to continue to introduce new people to our shop. Stop by and see us and please tell your friends and neighbors.











WORDS THAT MADE AMERICA

MYRA LORIS, A HUMORIST AND OUTSTANDING STORYTELLER, WILL BRING THESE MESMERIZING TALES TO LIFE.

May 6: "AND AIN'T I A WOMAN" which looks at the more than 100 year struggle for women's suffrage in the US, beginning with the Seneca Falls Convention in 1848 with Elizabeth Cady Stanton, and following through Susan B. Anthony into the 20th century struggle for suffrage culminating in the 1920's passage of the 19th Amendment.

May 27: "WITH MALICE TOWARDS NONE" looks at the power of Abraham Lincoln's speeches and writings in changing the course of the nation's history, focusing on the Emancipation Proclamation, the Gettysburg Address, and the struggle to pass the 13th Amendment which freed the slaves.

June 17: "HUMOR AND COMEDY in AMERICAN CULTURE" looks at the effects of the nations humorists, in words and writings, to shape the destiny of the country and to both create and reflect significant social changes. It includes an in depth look at Mark Twain, Will Rogers, Steven Colbert and others as both entertainers and social critics.

Join us on Tuesdays, May 6, May 27 and June 17 for a dessert at 7:00 p.m. and lecture by Myra Loris at 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Tickets can be purchased during coffee hour after worship on Sunday or in the church office during the week. You can also call Beryl Bills to make a reservation, (847)241-1694. TICKETS: \$15 per lecture or \$35 for the three lecture series.









PLANT SALE TO BENEFIT A JUST HARVEST

MAY 17th 2014 - Start time: 10:30 AM - WINNETKA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Proceeds are used to further A Just Harvest's "Genesis Project" and AGUA program. The AGUA program is a rotating apprenticeship urban agriculture program for young people, focused on community gardening and aquaponics. AGUA provides hands-on, experiential learning and fosters transitional employment skills.

Plant sales not only help to raise the funds needed to purchase garden materials, but also act as a source for social development. The interactions during these plant sales have proved invaluable to the social transformation that takes place with young people!





OPEN CONVERSATION

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP CIRCLE of the First Congregational Church of La Grange is holding an open conversation about Youth and the Sextrade on Saturday, May 17 from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. in their Founders Room.

Do you know that over 10,000 young people are homeless in Chicago over the course of a year? The youth come from all types of families and social economic groups, even suburban areas with loving

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parents. Homeless youth face several obstacles toward stable and

safe lives. Access to education and healthcare, addiction and mental illness are all factors in both creating and perpetuating homelessness and poverty. Homeless youth can also fall victim to sex trafficking and "survival" sex. This conversation will focus on the systemic nature of poverty and the complex factors that lead to sexual exploitation and trafficking of youth. We will also discuss current interventions and actions being taken from direct work with individuals to policy work at local, state and national levels. This conversation will be brought to us by Aidan McCormack, Community and Congregational Relations Coordinator, The Night Ministry. Please join us. Admission is free. First Congregational Church of Lagrange, Cossett & 6th Ave, LaGrange, Il 60525. Contact Betsy Martin, GCC Faith in Action Team, if you are interested in attending, please call 847-657-7595 or email betsywisemartin@att.net.

SOCIAL JUSTICE FILM SCREENINGS

Are you interested in learning more about social justice issues? There are some upcoming screenings of films that address current social justice issues. Many of the films will also be accompanied by a discussion/lecture series.

The Next Movement, which focuses on the injustice of the prison industrial complex, is sponsoring an "Injustice for All Film Festival" through May 3 at various city locations. The films will highlight many current social justice issues, including human trafficking, which is on the rise in the U.S. See the link to a website that gives the dates, times and locations of screenings as well as synopses of the films. You need to make reservations on the web site for seats at the screenings, but the films are free. For complete information about each film in the series, go the following website: www.injusticeforallff.com





FAIR HOUSING DISCUSSION

Glenview's Fair Housing Ordinance will be the subject of a discussion sponsored by the Faith in Action Team and Adult Ed Board on May 7, at 7:30 p.m in the Founders Room. Brendan Saunders, 2014 recipient of the **National Low Income Housing Coalition Organizer of the Year Award**, will give a brief background on fair housing, the Cook County Ordinance prohibiting discrimination based on "source of income," and the Glenview Fair Housing Ordinance.

In August, 2013, the Glenview Village Board passed the Glenview Fair Housing Ordinance, intended to permit landlords to refuse to rent to people whose rent is, in part, paid by Section 8 Housing Vouchers. In practice, this allows landlords in Glenview to refuse to rent to people with low incomes.

Following Brendan's presentation, there will be time to discuss the details of the ordinance and the implications of Christian values on fair housing. Brendan is the Director of Advocacy and Organizing at *Open Communities* in Winnetka.

Open Communities is a leading voice for housing, economic and social justice in north suburban Chicago, working to promote inclusive communities that are welcoming to all.

The organization works with current and prospective residents and local groups to promote economically and culturally diverse communities in north suburban Chicago. They provide fair and affordable housing counseling services, community education, advocacy, and organizing for welcoming communities.

ADULT EDUCATION

Adult Education Board concludes its schedule for this church year with the following Sunday morning presentations at 9:00 a.m. in the Founders' Room. Please join us!

MAY 4

Erika Grad shares her life changing experience of travel, mission and ministry during her gap year before heading to college.

MAY 18

Donald Clark, Jr., GCC member and general counsel of the UCC, will share the "just released" news story of the UCC lawsuit that challenges North Carolina Gay-Marriage Ban.

MAY YOU COME TO SIXTY PLUS? OF COURSE!

Mark your calendars now for the final event of the season. We will host the luncheon from 12-1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 20, 2014. We will have a presentation by special guests to get you ready for summer.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY FISH IN MAY

Join us for after school faith and fun, "FISH", on May 1, and May 8 and May 15. We will meet after school and enjoy a snack, a short Bible lesson, complete one part of a three week service project, and have time for gym games or other games. This is for K-5th grade. We will split up into age appropriate groups. We are asking that you sign up in advance by sending an email to elizabeth. ciccolini@gccucc.org. There will be a snack sign up. Please list the names and ages of the children and the dates your children can attend in the email. All three days would work out best but we understand schedules.



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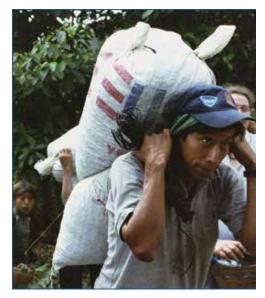
The Confirmation and Youth Board and the 2014 Mission Trip Crew would like to thank everyone who donated items for our recent auction, as well as those who made monetary donations. We would also like to thank all those who attended our first Youth "Hometown" Auction and made it such a great success! Thanks to all of you we raised \$5,500 which will help us pay for vans, gas, food, and scholarships. We look forward to sponsoring this event again next year and hope you can join us!

GCC YOGA

Yoga class will be on summer break after Memorial Day. The last Monday night class is May 19. The last Thursday morning class is May 22. Have a great summer and see you in the fall.

I WANT YOUR BLOOD...

No, we have not been overtaken by vampires, but GCC has been approached by LifeSource to participate in the community blood drive. Our church will have a two-week period in May to visit the Glenview Donor Center (located at Waukegan and Willow, in the same plaza as Jewel-Osco). Look for more information to come, the opportunity to understand the need, and the importance of your gift. You'll be able to sign up for specific appointments here at the church. If only one more percent of all Americans would give blood, blood shortages would disappear for the foreseeable future...



FAIR TRADE

Are you getting together with your family for Mother's Day? Don't go empty handed! Fair Trade Products will be available on Sunday, May 11th. This will be our last sale until the Fall. Stop by to fill your supply!

ATTENTION ALL SEWING ENTHUSIASTS!

Do you like to sew, iron, or roll fabric? Do you have scraps of fabric lying around the house that you'd like to get rid of? Are you interested in helping the youth of our church prior to the mission trip? Then the Confirmation and Youth Board has a project for YOU! We are looking for volunteers to help us with our pillowcase project. Please contact Debbie Berg, abcdberg@yahoo.com, if you are interested in learning more about this service opportunity.





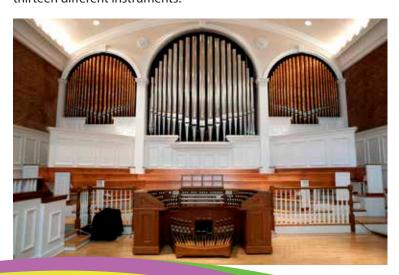


A POSTLUDE MINI-SERIES ORGAN CONCERT

FEATURING: GARY WENDT SUNDAY, MAY 4 AT 3:00 PM

Celebrate the art of the postlude with Glenview Community Church's Minister of Music, Gary Wendt, as he explores favorite organ pieces that send our congregation forward into their week from our sanctuary. Mr. Wendt will be playing a varied program, including J.S. Bach, "Rhosymedre" by Vaughan Williams, a spiritual set and a French set.

During the past eight years, Gary Wendt has served as organist, Children's Choir director, and now Minister of Music and Organist at Glenview Community Church. He has taught music at Lyons School in Glenview for the past ten years. A graduate of University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire with a degree in Music Education, Gary has done post graduate work at DePaul University. He is an active member of the North Shore chapter of the American Guild of Organists. The Glenview Community Church's Buzard Opus 21 pipe organ was completed in 1999 over a seven week period. It was built with 3865 pipes, 49 straight-speaking stops, and 69 ranks across three manuals and pedal. The organ was the largest installation on the North Shore of Chicago in decades and today is recognized as one of the finest musical instruments in the area. A thirteenth stop, Harp/ Celeste, was added last fall and now it can reproduce the sounds of thirteen different instruments.



CHICAGO SWEDISH MALE CHORUS SATURDAY, MAY 10 AT 3:00 PM



The 16 member Chicago Swedish Male Chorus will present a concert of songs in English and Swedish. Directed by Jeff Delay, the Chicago Swedish Male Chorus is one of the few Swedish Male Choruses in the Chicago area.

The Chicago Swedish Male Chorus is a part of the American Union of Swedish Singers. The American Union of Swedish Singers (AUSS) was organized over 120 years ago at the height of the immigration years. Swedes formed choruses here in America to sing the songs that they remembered and loved from their homeland. These individual choruses came together in 1892 to form the AUSS. Their first public appearance was at the World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago in 1893. Over the years the Union has performed for kings and presidents, and sung in the major opera houses of New York, Chicago and San Francisco, as well as Carnegie Hall, New York,

Orchestra Hall and Auditorium, Chicago, and the Mormon Tabernacle in Salt Lake City. Today, there are about 500 members in 24 choruses from coast to coast.

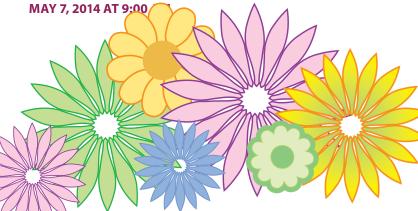
Members participate in singing tours of Sweden. The most recent trip was in 2005, when members traveled from Gothenburg to Stockholm, with detours to Dalarna (the most traditional of the provinces), beautiful Värmland, Hälsingland, and a flight to Piteå to renew acquaintances with local choruses.

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THUR	9:00 AM	Resale Shop, Plymouth Rm
05/01	9:00 AM	GCC Yoga, Narthex
	4:00 PM	FISH, Rm 7
	7:00 PM	HOP Operating Committee, Rm 213
	7:30 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
	7:45 PM	PYF Dance Practice, Gym
FRI	9:00 AM	Resale Shop, Plymouth Rm
05/02	8:00 PM	AA Meeting, Parlor
	8:00 PM	Al-Anon, Library
SAT	8:00 AM	Men's Open Gym, Gym
05/03	9:00 AM	Resale Shop, Plymouth Rm
	1:00 PM	BSA 156 Pow Wow Planning, Founders Rm
SUN	8:00 AM	Stewardship Board Mtg., Upper Rm
05/04	9:00 AM	Adult Education, Founders Rm
	10:00 AM	Confirmation Sunday Worship, Sanctuary
	10:00 AM	Sunday School, Sanctuary
	11:00 AM	Fellowship Hour, Mayflower Rm
	11:15 AM	Bell Choir Rehearsal, Bell Rm
	11:15 AM	Storm/Parking Lot Renewal Mtg., Parlor
	3:00 PM	Organ Concert with Gary Wendt, Sanctuary
	3:00 PM	PYF Mission Trip Parent/Youth Mtg., Mayflower Rm
	4:00 PM	Pre-Mission Youth Trip Mtg., Youth Rm
	5:00 PM	PYF, Youth Rm
MON	12:00 PM	Called To Care, Founders Rm
05/05	7:00 PM	BSA 156 Patrol Leasdership Mtg., Founders Rm
	7:00 PM	GCC Yoga, Rm 201
TUE	8:30 AM	GCC Music and Movement, Cradle Toddler Rm
05/06	7: 00 PM	Myra Loris Event, Mayflower Rm
	7:00 PM	Pastoral Care Board Mtg., Parlor
WED	9:00 AM	GCC Music and Movement, Cradle Toddler Rm
05/07	9:00 AM	Resale Shop, Plymouth Rm
	1:00 PM	Weekly Bible Study, Parlor
	6:00 PM	PYF Wednesdays, Youth Rm
	7:00 PM	BSA 156 Troop Mtg., Gym
	7:00 PM	Brendan Saunders "Open Communities", Founders Rm
	7:00 PM	Wednesday Night Bible Study, Parlor
	7:30 PM	PYF Singers, Rm 201
	8:00 PM	Venture Crew, Rm 5 and Gym
THU	9:00 AM	GCC Yoga, Narthex
05/08	9:00 AM	Resale Shop, Plymouth Rm
	9:00 AM	Working Out With Weights, Mayflower Rm
	4:00 PM	FISH, Rm 7
	7:30 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
FRI	9:00 AM	Resale Shop, Plymouth Rm
05/09	5:00 PM 8:00 PM	Youth Sunday Practice, Sanctuary
	8:00 PM 8:00 PM	AA Meeting, Parlor Al-Anon Meeting, Library
SAT	8:00 AM	Men's Open Gym, Gym
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SUN	8:30 AM	Leadership Mtg., Parlor
	9:00 AM	Adult Ed Seminars, Founders Rm
	10:00 AM	Youth Sunday Worship, Sanctuary
	10:00 AM	Sunday School Begins In Worship, Sanctuary
	11:15 AM	Fellowship Time, Mayflower Rm
	11:15 AM	Fellowship Board Mtg., Rm 213
05/11	11:15 AM	Bell Choir Rehearsal, Bell Rm
MON	9:30 AM	Finding My Spirit, Library
05/12	6:30 PM	Faith In Action Team, Parlor
	7:00 PM	Children's Board Mtg., Youth Rm
	7:00 PM	BSA 156 Patrol Leaders Mtg., Founders Rm
	7:00 PM	GCC Yoga, Rm 201
	7:30 PM	Mission Outreach Board, Parlor
TUE	8:30 AM	GCC Music and Movement, Cradle Toddler Rm
05/13	9:30 AM	WA Mtg., Parlor
	7:00 PM	Adult Education Board Mtg., Founders Rm
	7:00 PM	Services and Sacraments Board Mtg., Rm 210
	7:00 PM	Spiritual Council Mtg., Mayflower Rm
	7:30 PM	Confirmation and Youth Board Mtg., Youth Rm
WED	8:30 AM	GCC Music and Movement Class, Cradle/Toddler Rm
05/14	9:00 AM	Resale Shop, Plymouth Rm
	1:00 PM	Weekly Bible Study, Parlor
	6:00 PM	PYF Wednesdays, Youth Rm
	7:00 PM	BSA 156 Troop Mtg., Mayflower Rm
	7:00 PM	Wednesday Night Bible Study, Parlor
	8:00 PM	Venture Crew, Rm 5 & Gym

THE NEXT DEADLINE FOR THE BROADCASTER IS



FIND YOUR HEART'S DESIRE... IN THE GCC PARKING LOT

On Saturday, May 17, between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Chapter 3 of the Women's Association will hold their very first garage sale. Come rain or shine, you will be able to find treasures including antiques, collectibles, seasonal decorations, accessories, sporting goods, and household items. Unbelievable prices. All proceeds from the sale will support Youth Services, Onward House, Hands of Peace, Northfield Food Pantry, and other charities the Chapter supports.



Resale Shop, Plymouth Rm

05/10

9:00 AM



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