

Broadcaster

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DOORWAYS

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than live in the tents of wickedness.

--Psalm 84:10b

I'm writing this article on Tuesday, January 27th...the 70th anniversary of the liberation of 7,000 sick and dying prisoners from the Auschwitz Concentration Camp by the Soviet army. A facility that was originally built in Nazi-annexed Poland to house Polish political prisoners, Auschwitz became perhaps the most infamous extermination factory of the Holocaust.

Perhaps the most memorable image of Auschwitz is the entrance gate whose wrought iron proclaims: Arbeit Macht Frei, or work makes us free. In reality, this gate welcomed its visitors to slavery, not freedom... to death, not life.

Doorways either welcome or turn away. They either include or exclude. They invite us into new opportunities and possibilities, or they turn us away from places where we do not belong.

My great hope and fervent prayer is that the doorways at Glenview Community Church are always the former: doorways that invite, include and welcome. In the words of St. John in his Revelation:

Look, I have set before you an open door, which no one is able to shut. I know that you have but little power, and yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name.

--Revelation 3:8b

In response to that verse, we have new doors on the West Entrance doorway at GCC! When the West Entrance was built, one of its primary purposes was to make our church building more accessible through the addition of a commercial eleva-

tor. This elevator makes it possible to reach the chapel, sanctuary and lower level for those for whom steps are a barrier. However, the original West Entrance doors could not be operated by those with access challenges. Those doors were equipped with handles that had to be turned and pulled; something difficult to impossible for many. Now, those doors have been replaced and equipped with a power opener. With one touch, square silver buttons inside and out open the door automatically! What a wonderful addition, and what a wonderful way to say with our building: ***no matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you're welcome here!***

While you are being ably led in worship by Elizabeth Hartung-Ciccolini and Pam Keckler on Sunday, February 8, Jeanie and I will be worshipping in Green Bay at Union UCC as that congregation dedicates a new stained glass window in commemoration of our eighteen years there and my service as Senior Minister. That window resides in the transom light above the doorway to the education wing of that church building: a doorway that welcomes God's children to the new opportunities and possibilities of a vibrant and growing faith. Here's the window:



Finally, a new doorway opens for us on February 18. That's the date of Ash Wednesday this year, and the doorway that it opens for us is the doorway into the hope and promise of God's amazing love that transforms us when we set ourselves free from the shackles of our past through repentance and embrace the salvation of our future in

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WORSHIP SERVICES

FEBRUARY 1, 2015

COMMUNION

10:00 a.m.

Scripture:

1 Corinthians 8:1-13,
Mark 1:21-28

Sermon:

Rev. Dr. Charles E. Mize
Love Builds Up

FEBRUARY 8, 2015

10:00 a.m.

Scripture:

Isaiah 40:21-31,
Mark 1:29-39

Sermon:

Elizabeth Hartung-Ciccolini
Ready Set Go

FEBRUARY 15, 2015

TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

10:00 a.m.

Scripture:

Psalm 50,
2 Corinthians 4:3-6,
Mark 9:2-9

Sermon:

Rev. Dr. Charles E. Mize
Jesus Only

forgiveness. Join us as we worship together and pass through this doorway of God's grace at 7:00 a.m. or 7:30 p.m. in our sanctuary.

The theme of our year together at GCC is A House for All God's People. That's a wonderful theme, but it means little unless we tend to our doorways...unless our doorways intentionally invite and encourage all God's people to join the amazing, mysterious adventure of following Jesus and serving God in this world.

The doorway is open. So bring your friends! And let's walk through it together! See you in church!

Chuck Mize

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We wish to welcome our newest members to GCC: Shelley and Eric Reisenbigler and their two sons, Beckett and Soren, and Gwenn O'Malley and Grace O'Malley. We are glad to have you join us!



ADULT EDUCATION

ADULT EDUCATION SUNDAY

The Adult Education topic for **Sunday, February 1** is "Understanding Suicide," to be presented by Dr. Marvin Johnson, who has worked with many persons for whom possible suicide was an issue. Topics to be covered include:

Why do people commit suicide? Should we have the right to die? Is suicide sometimes an acceptable alternative? How can a person who wants to die be helped? Could persons of faith ever have suicidal thoughts? Sharing and discussion will be encouraged and expected.

COMMON GROUND

Common Ground Glenview is hosted by the Glenview Community Church. Lectures are usually held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. \$10.

MARCH 18 • JOHN WASIK

Seven Bad Ideas in Economics

Did you ever wonder why certain toxic economic mantras keep resonating in the media? Based on a new book by Jeff Madrick, John Wasik explores the most dangerous economic ideas and why they are hurting average citizens across the world.

JOINING TOGETHER



HANDS OF PEACE AND MANTANYA'S HOPE

Two ministries sponsored by the GCC Missions Outreach recently partnered to help each other!

Alumni of **Hands of Peace** (including many PYF members) organized a school supply drive for **Matanya's Hope** as their community service project. **Matanya's Hope** provides academic scholarships to deeply impoverished students in Kenya. **Matanya's Hope** founder Michelle Stark stated "These donations from **Hands of Peace** alumni will make a world of difference for many deeply impoverished school children in sub-Saharan Africa."

Hands of Peace alumni collected binders, paper, pencils, pens, crayons, markers, scissors and book bags which will be distributed in Kenya this June. Without such donations, these same children might lack everything including their own pencil.

Matanya's Hope and **Hands of Peace** demonstrate that we can do a lot more collectively than alone. In this case, these two world-changing organizations are making a dynamic impact on the lives of impoverished school children in Kenya AND teens in Israel and Palestine.

Thank you GCC for sponsoring these international missions!

Hymn Fest 8, "God is My Rock!", will be presented on Sunday, February 8 at 4:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. This annual festival, hosted by the Chancel Choir, is a sing-along concert of hymns and inspirational anthems rejoicing and praising God. Accompanied by organ, brass quintet and timpani, Guest Conductor, Paul Leddington Wright (Coventry Cathedral, and the BBC Songs of Praise, England) will lead choir and congregation in an uplifting and ecumenical celebration of music and Christian fellowship.

For information, call the church office at 847-724-2210. This concert is a FREE concert and is part of the Simple Gifts concert program. Bring your family, friends and neighbors to share a warm and wonderful wintry afternoon together!



DEAR CONGREGATION,

We the kids of **FISH** (Faith Imagination Spirit Heart) are hoping you can help us. We are collecting vitamins to have Mrs. Sultz take to Guatemala in March. We want to help the children there be healthier with the vitamins. They need to be chewable (and not the gummy kind). There is a box by the office.

Love, FISH

Please bring chewable (not gummy) children's vitamins for indigenous Guatemalan children!

TWO GREAT OPPORTUNITIES WITH TWO GREAT BOARDS

SOUPER- BOWL SUNDAY

The Mission Outreach Board and the Children's Board are jointly sponsoring two events to continue the awareness of hunger by making a small dent to combat hunger. We researched a dry lentil soup recipe that only requires water to prepare. The lentils provide a needed source of protein but does not require a lengthy cooking process. During Sunday school on February 1, our children will kick us off by starting the process of bagging the soup mix and then we invite everyone to finish the project after the worship service in the Mayflower Room. Our goal is to complete 300 bags of soup mix for the San Lucas Food Pantry.

FOOD ON THE FIRST

A reminder that the youth decorated and handed out bags after the service on Sunday, January 25 for our February 1 **FOOD ON THE FIRST** donation. Please return the bag full. If you did not receive a bag, any bag will do for the collection. Since we expect a sizable donation, we will split it between our two Food on the First recipients: The Northfield Township Food Pantry and San Lucas UCC Food Pantry. We will also have a donation box for monetary donations on the food collection table in the Narthex. Checks should be made payable to GCC with **"FOOD ON THE FIRST"** in the memo line. Cash is also accepted.

MIDWINTER CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Glenview Community Church's Midwinter Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 15, 2015, at 11.15 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Agenda topics for this meeting include the presentation and vote for adoption of the Church Budget for 2015, reports from the Church Clerk, Treasurer and Stewardship Board, the election of the Church Clerk and Church Treasurer, a vote to amend the GCC Constitution to add a new member category, that of Associate Members, and a brief report from the Capital Task Force.



16TH ANNUAL COOKIE DAY

PLEASE REMEMBER TO BAKE COOKIES FOR THE NIGHT MINISTRY

Sunday, February 8 is our SIXTEENTH ANNUAL COOKIE DAY for this great agency. Please have them in the church kitchen by that day. Plainly mark them for the Night Ministry. Please no nuts or peanut butter. After we bake (or buy) them, the 678 Club and PYF package them into packages of 3 cookies and deliver them to Night Ministry headquarters. From there they go out to many homeless teenagers and other folk in distressed circumstances. You can never bake for a more worthy cause. They use over 3,000 cookies a month - let's see if we can give them a full month or more.

PYF FEBRUARY SUNDAYS 4-6 PM

FEBRUARY 1

You can sign up to go the Good News Community Kitchen. We will leave church at 3:00 p.m.

FEBRUARY 8

Mission Project: Packaging cookies for the night ministry.

FEBRUARY 15

Splatter Painting! Bring something to splatter paint.

FEBRUARY 22

Game On! We will play a large group game and other team building activities.

Questions email pyf.gcc@gmail.com - Hope to see you soon! Elizabeth

CHURCH BUILDING HOURS

The Glenview Community Church is open seven days a week. The regular hours for the church (excluding special events) are as follows:

Monday-Friday: 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

THANK YOU!

I wanted to thank everybody for helping me take advantage of the incredible opportunity Chuck provided in challenging me to do something with my "talents." I have made a fabulous new friend, seen incredible generosity, and have been reminded of the terrific feeling that results from helping others. My 100 talents were



doubled by a generous donor. With half of my talents, I was able to plant 100 trees to help preserve wildlife and combat climate change. With the other half, I purchased 100 tubes of M&Ms through Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) to share with you. Each person that took a tube was asked to enjoy the candy, fill the tube with quarters, and return it to me to take back to FMSC. At 22 cents per meal, a full tube of quarters provides 63 meals to malnourished children. My \$100 as a cash donation would have provided 455 meals. Instead, you have helped provide 3,836 meals! And many of you are still filling your tubes!!! We had a return rate of 50% and FMSC generally only sees 10-20% of tubes come back. Keep them coming—I will continue to take tubes of quarters to FMSC as long as people want to fill them. For every tube I turn in, I get a new tube of candy in return, so if you missed out before and want to participate, there is a box of new tubes in the office to the right of the couch.

Thank you so much, Laura Heyser



MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. FAITH IN ACTION ASSEMBLY



Nearly 1,500 people from CRS congregations and neighborhood organizations across the city filled Liberty Baptist Church on Chicago's south side on Monday to take action in the spirit of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community leaders asked pointed questions of Chicago mayoral candidates, Cook County President Toni Preckwinkle, and more than 20 city and state elected officials. And we won commitments for action on issues of police brutality, jobs, community violence prevention, and education funding reform.



Cook County President Toni Preckwinkle committed to the Reclaim Campaign to partner with our organizations, work to increase funding for community based Restorative Justice and work to shut down a unit of the Cook County Jail! — at Liberty Baptist Church of Chicago.



Laura Fine responding "Yes" to a Community Renewal Society (CRS) Commitments to the Community.



STEWARDSHIP 2015 GIFTS MOST RARE

Just as the Bethlehem star led the magi to the manger, God invites us into a transformative personal relationship with Jesus. And as the wise men brought their precious gifts to the Christ child, we have the opportunity to share our precious gifts for God's work in the world.

Our 2015 pledge campaign ends on February 15. Can we reach our \$1.1 million goal and present a balanced budget at the Mid-Winter Meeting for the Message, Ministries and Mission of Glenview Community Church?

Our pledges and gifts pay for maintenance and utilities for our church building, staff salaries, insurance, supplies, programs for worship, music, Christian education for youth and adults, pastoral care, baptisms, weddings, funerals—all the things which GCC provides to touch our lives and raise our spirits as God's People. And 10% of pledged income goes directly to Mission Outreach in Glenview, Chicago and the World.

Please consider prayerfully God's abundant blessings in your life and share them abundantly and joyfully with Gifts Most Rare!

Your Stewardship Board

2015 BUDGET Q&A SESSION

The Spiritual Council (Executive Board) and Finance Board will be hosting a question and answer session on the proposed GCC 2015 Budget in the Parlor at 11:15 a.m. on Sunday, February 8. Please join us for these informational sessions to get any of your questions answered on the 2015 budget prior to the Midwinter meeting on February 15.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT GCC

Event Time	Event Name	Primary Location
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Thursday, 29 January 2015		
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
9:00 AM to 10:00 AM	Yoga Classes	Narthex
7:30 PM to 9:30 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Friday, 30 January 2015		
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
1:00 PM to 3:00 PM	GCC Pickleball	Gym
8:00 PM to 9:00 PM	AA MEETING	Parlor
8:00 PM to 9:00 PM	AL-ANON	Library

Saturday, 31 January 2015		
8:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Men's Open Gym	Gym
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room

Sunday, 01 February 2015		
8:45 AM to 9:50 AM	Confirmation Classes	Plymouth Room
9:00 AM to 10:00 AM	Adult Ed	Chapel
9:15 AM to 9:45 AM	Primary Choir & Voices of GCC Rehearsal	Room 201
10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	Glenview Community Church Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	Sunday School Children Meet in Sanctuary	SanctuaryM
11:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Fellowship and Souper Bowl Sunday	Mayflower
11:30 AM to 12:30 PM	Bell Choir Rehearsal	Bell Room
3:30 PM to 5:30 PM	Voices of GCC Rehearsal	Room 201
4:00 PM to 6:00 PM	PYF	Youth Room

Monday, 02 February 2015		
12:00 PM to 1:30 PM	Called To Care	Founders
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	BSA 156 Committee Mtgs	Founders
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	Capital Task Force Mtg	Parlor
7:00 PM to 8:00 PM	Yoga Class	Room 201

Tuesday, 03 February 2015		
6:00 PM to 8:00 PM	PYF 12th Grade Dinner	Youth Room
6:45 PM to 9:00 PM	Sing To Live Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Wednesday, 04 February 2015		
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
3:00 PM to 4:30 PM	Bible Study	Parlor
4:15 PM to 5:15 PM	FISH	Room 7
5:30 PM to 6:30 PM	Community Dinner	Mayflower
6:00 PM to 8:00 PM	PYF/POW	Youth Room
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	BSA 156 Troop Mtg.	Mayflower
8:00 PM to 9:00 PM	Venturing Crew	Room 5
8:31 PM to 9:00 PM	Venturing Crew	Gym

Thursday, 05 February 2015		
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
9:00 AM to 10:00 AM	Yoga Classes	Narthex
7:30 PM to 9:30 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Friday, 06 February 2015		
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
1:00 PM to 3:00 PM	GCC Pickleball	Gym
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	GCC Adult Volleyball	Gym
8:00 PM to 9:00 PM	AA MEETING	Parlor
8:00 PM to 9:00 PM	AL-ANON	Library

Saturday, 07 February 2015		
8:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Men's Open Gym	Gym
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
10:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal for Hymnfest	Sanctuary
1:00 PM to 5:00 PM	Chicago Bronze Rehearsal	Bell Room
1:00 PM to 4:00 PM	Do New Set Up for Family Fun and Pizza/no Plymouth	Mayflower

Sunday, 08 February 2015		
8:45 AM to 9:50 AM	Confirmation Classes	Plymouth Room
9:00 AM to 10:00 AM	Adult Ed	Chapel
9:15 AM to 9:45 AM	Primary Choir Rehearsal	Room 201
10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	Glenview Community Church Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	Sunday School Children Meet in Sanctuary	SanctuaryM
11:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Fellowship and Refreshments	Founders
11:15 AM to 12:00 PM	Budget Q&A Session (open to congregation)	Parlor
11:15 AM to 12:15 PM	Membership Board Mtg	Library

Event Time	Event Name	Primary Location
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11:30 AM to 12:30 PM	Bell Choir Rehearsal	Bell Room
11:30 AM to 1:30 PM	Family Fun/ Pizza	Mayflower Room A
2:00 PM to 3:30 PM	678 Club	Youth Room
3:00 PM to 4:15 PM	Hymn Fest 8, with Paul Leddington Wright	Sanctuary
3:30 PM to 5:30 PM	Voices of GCC Rehearsal	Room 201
4:00 PM to 6:00 PM	PYF	Youth Room

Monday, 09 February 2015		
9:30 AM to 11:00 AM	Spirit Group	Library
6:30 PM to 7:30 PM	Faith In Action Team	Parlor
6:30 PM to 8:30 PM	Patrol Leaders Council	Founders
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	Cub Scout Committee Mtg	Room 213
7:00 PM to 8:00 PM	Yoga Class	Room 201
7:30 PM to 9:00 PM	Children's Board Meeting	Youth Room
7:31 PM to 9:00 PM	Mission Board Mtg.	Parlor

Tuesday, 10 February 2015		
6:45 PM to 9:00 PM	Sing To Live Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	Adult Ed Mtg	Library
7:00 PM to 8:00 PM	Pastoral Care Mtg	Parlor
7:00 PM to 8:00 PM	Services & Sacraments Bd Mtg	Room 210
7:30 PM to 9:00 PM	Confirmation and Youth Bd Mtg	Youth Room

Wednesday, 11 February 2015		
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
3:00 PM to 4:30 PM	Bible Study	Parlor
4:15 PM to 5:15 PM	FISH	Room 7
6:00 PM to 8:00 PM	Girl Scouts	Room 8
6:00 PM to 8:00 PM	PYF/POW	Youth Room
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	BSA 156 Troop Mtg.	Mayflower
7:00 PM to 8:00 PM	Constructive Conversations	Library
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM	Properties Board Mtg	Room 210
8:00 PM to 9:00 PM	Venturing Crew	Room 5
8:31 PM to 9:00 PM	Venturing Crew	Gym

THE NEXT DEADLINE FOR THE BROADCASTER IS FEBRUARY 4, 2015 AT 9:00 AM

LIFE EVERLASTING

We trust the promise of the resurrection for Sheila O'Brien's father, Thomas O'Brien, who passed away on January 19, 2015 at the age of 98, even as we hold Sheila, Wayne Andersen, and their family in our prayers.



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Rev. Dr. Pamela Keckler, *Pastor*

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PONDERING IN SILENCE...

Discovering vocation does not mean scrambling toward some prize just beyond my reach,
but accepting the treasure of true self I already possess.

Vocation does not come from a voice "out there" calling me to be something I am not.

It comes from a voice "in here" calling me to be the person I was born to be, to fulfill the original selfhood given me at birth by God."

-----Thomas Merton

