



B Glenview Community Church Broadcaster



January 14, 2009

The Pilgrim's Progress

In mid December we received a letter from our moderator, Tom Amos, and the Finance Board outlining the economic challenge we face as a congregation. At the time of the letter the Finance Board was projecting a \$63,000 deficit in receipts for 2008 and approximately \$150,000 deficit for the proposed 2009 budget. The good news is that we closed the deficit for 2008 under \$26,000. The challenging news is that reduced projected revenue and additional expenses have raised the budget deficit to \$167,000 for 2009 despite measures such as reducing the business administrator to a half time position and receipt of a generous donation to underwrite some of our leadership expenses.

The Executive Board will recommend a budget for a congregational decision at the mid-winter congregational meeting on Sunday, February 8. Whatever can we do? Two essential steps will erase the deficit in the proposed budget.

One step is increased revenue. The quickest and best guaranteed way for us to increase our revenue is for all members and friends of GCC to increase our financial commitment for 2009. There also is the opportunity for those who have not pledged to do so now and assist us in raising the necessary revenue to continue our ministry at its current level. To all of the 482 households who have pledged, thank you for your generous pledges that total over \$943,000. Now, is it possible for each of you to be a bit more generous and increase your pledge by \$346 or more? If all who pledged will increase their pledges by \$346, (that's \$6.65 per week - 2 lattes or 1 Big Mac Super Size meal per week) we'll erase the deficit in the proposed budget. Peggy and I pledged \$14,000 for 2009. We are striving to do our part by increasing our pledge for 2009 to \$14,500. Of course, if additional households pledge, not only will more people help us erase the deficit but also it will reduce the additional amount needed from those who have already pledged. If you will increase your

pledge for 2009 or have not pledged for 2009 and will do so, please let Dale Wittenberg, our Church Business Administrator, or me know by January 22, 2009.

Another step to a proposed budget is to reduce spending. If we receive less than \$5,000 in additional pledges, we will have to take one or more of the following steps to arrive at our budget for 2009.

1. \$14,000 from Nutting Fund for music budget \$14,000
2. Request an additional \$915 per month from the Nursery School for copier expenses for 10 months \$ 9,150
3. Request a 33% increase from the Resale Shop \$ 1,000
4. Request Pageant expenses from Patrons of Pageant Fund \$ 1,500
5. Reduce all program budgets by 10% \$ 2,341
6. Eliminate printing and mailing Broadcaster \$ 4,000
7. Eliminate the recommended increase for all staff-there's been no increase for the ministers in 2008 or 2009 \$16,000
8. Reduce the hours the church building is open \$ 5,000
9. Eliminate contribution to the capital reserve fund \$20,000
10. Eliminate replenishment of our General Fund \$20,000
11. Eliminate staff positions \$150,000

Due to the current economic climate, people in our community are in greater need of the ministry of GCC. Yet, we are

SUNDAY SERVICES

JANUARY 18, 2009

Mission Moment

8:30 a.m. Bell Choir
10:30 a.m. Chancel Choir

Scripture:

1 Samuel 3: 1-10, 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Sermon:

"Church Can Be Dangerous"
Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts

Blessing of prayer shawls made by members.

4:00 Concert Series

JANUARY 25, 2009

"PATHS TOWARD PEACE"

Interfaith Sunday

9:30 a.m.

The service will include participants from the Jewish, Muslim, Bahai, and Buddhist faiths.

FEBRUARY 1, 2009

8:30 a.m. Vocal Solo/Ensemble
10:30 a.m. PYF Singers

Scripture:

Psalms 62: 5-12; Mark 1:14-20

Sermon:

"No Way To Run A Revolution"
Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts

in the position of considering drastic actions that will have a severe impact on the ministry and service of Glenview Community Church to the congregation and the community. I'm urging each of you to give serious, prayerful consideration to how generous you can be at this time. With your great generosity we can fully fund the ministry to which we have committed ourselves. I eagerly await news of your generous responses.

Howard

From the Office

If you haven't yet picked up your 2009 offering envelopes, please stop in the office at your earliest convenience and pick them up. If you pre-ordered envelopes your box will have your name on it. If you did not pre-order, extra boxes of envelopes are available. Due to high postage costs offering envelopes will not be mailed.

Thanks and Happy New Year!

Dale Wittenberg, Business Administrator

GCCNS

Glenview Community Church Nursery School is enrolling students for the 2009-2010 school year. Classes are offered for 2, 3 and 4 year old children.

OPEN HOUSE for prospective families is Wednesday, January 21 from 11:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m.

OPEN REGISTRATION lottery deadline is Wednesday, February 4 at 9:00 a.m. Applications and more information are available by calling Marcia Kiraly at 847-729-1440 and at www.gccns.com.

Small Group Ministries

Do yourself a favor and register for a small group. We have some great topics and excellent facilitators. Howard Roberts will offer several small group Bible studies including a Lenten series. Pam Keckler and Marilyn Belleau will offer a small group to discuss women in the Bible. Pam and Elizabeth Ciccolini are offering a small group for 8th, 9th, and 10th graders and/or their parents, talking about how we handle stress. Elizabeth will offer a small group for high school juniors and seniors to talk about what comes after high school. Sally Iberg will lead a discussion of Robert Schnase's book, "Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations." You may register at Fellowship Hour following worship. You may also register by stopping by or calling the office at 847 724-2210 or going to our website: www.gccucc.org.

Two Services

After considering the varied views of various members of the Congregation, the Executive Board has voted to continue the practice of offering two Worship Services on most Sundays. Those who took part in the discussions are appreciated.

Tom Amos, Moderator

First Class Mail

We are offering first class mail service for the Broadcaster again for 2009. If you would like to receive it by first class mail, please send a check in the amount of \$22.00 to the church office. Please make sure that "first class mail" is marked somewhere on the check or a note with the check. You can make the check payable to Glenview Community Church.

The deadline is January 15. If we do not receive a check from you, then you will automatically receive the Broadcaster via bulk mail.

Women's Association

The membership committee of the Women's Association is going to start a new chapter or two! Noting that there is a need for another group of young moms, the co-chairs will be contacting new GCC members from the past year to assess their interest. Other groups could also be formed around special interests.

Chapters are a great way to be a part of a small group within the larger church. Chapters usually meet monthly to study, work together on outreach projects and to have fun. The meeting time and place will be selected by the group. Several experienced chapter members will help get the new group started.

Chapter membership is not restricted to recent new members; any woman interested in knowing more about the Women's Association and its 10 existing chapters, as well as the possible new chapter, can call CJ Sultz, 724-657-7079. A February start-up meeting is being planned.

Pastoral Care

We offer our sympathy to Widick Schroeder on the death of his wife, Gayle, on December 23. Please keep the Schroeder family in your prayers.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Harry Nelson, on the death of his wife, Florence, who died on December 27. Please keep the Nelson family in your prayers.

Altar Flowers for 2009

There are still dates open for altar flowers for 2009. If you would like to purchase flowers, the cost is \$50.00 and forms are available in the Narthex and Church Office.

Chapter 20

Our next meeting is Wednesday, January 21 at 10:00 a.m. Please join us for a wonderful presentation about an exciting hiking trip in Bhutan, in the Himalayan Mountains. Presented by Ann Deakyne, Rosalie Amos and Mary Ann Peruchini. The program will begin at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel. Guests are welcome.

A short meeting for Chapter 20 members begins at 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel.

It Can't Be Lent Already!

Well, not yet, but Lent begins Feb. 25. We would like to once again collect brief devotions from our GCC friends and members for our Lenten Booklet. Each writer will have a scripture or theme to follow. We will then print the devotions from each writer in a special booklet, which will be available on Ash Wednesday. Do you like to write? Do you have something to share about your spiritual journey and "obstacles" along the way? If so, please contact Rev. Pam Keckler at pam.keckler@gccucc.org or call 847-724-2210, Ext. 24. We need 40 people!

SAVE THE DATE

Adult Education

January 18, 2008

9:30 in the Chapel

Presented by: Rev. Sally Iberg

What will make your heart sing? That is the question that the Lily Endowment uses to begin the proposal process for those seeking support for clergy renewal or sabbatical programs. It's a great question that any of us can use to explore how we might create sabbatical time or Sabbath time for ourselves.

From May 15 to August 15, 2009, Rev. Sally Iberg will be on sabbatical – defined by Webster as "a break or change from normal routine." It is time that Glenview Community Church provides to each of its called ministers after five years of service to the church.

On Sunday, January 18, at 9:30 a.m. in the chapel, Rev. Iberg will talk about the concept of sabbatical in general, discuss plans for her sabbatical later this year, and engage participants in a conversation about what it means to take Sabbath time. Join her and others for this discussion.

Glenview Community Church Nursery School

WINTER FAMILY CONCERT

Saturday, January 24
10:00 a.m., Mayflower Room

It's time to sing and dance at the GCCNS Winter Family Concert! Bring the whole family and your friends to this rockin' good time with "Karen for Kids Band".

TICKETS: \$5.00, plus bring a new or slightly used book to donate to the **Reach out for Reading** program. (under 2yrs old are free)

FAITH IN ACTION

Paths toward Peace

INTERFAITH SUNDAY

Interfaith Sunday will be offered on Sunday, January 25 at 9:30 a.m. and will be followed by a number of Seminars. This family service will be of interest to children and young adults and one of the Seminars will be specially designed for families. The theme will be "Paths toward Peace" and will include participants from the Jewish, Muslim, Bahai, and Buddhist faiths.

All are welcome, and be sure to invite your neighbors and friends.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

One verse in Acts 16:14 was written about an extraordinary woman named Lydia. This verse describes Lydia as "*worshiper of God, listener, dealer in purple cloth.*" God opened her heart and she and her household were baptized. Lydia offered hospitality and opened her home to others.

A tiny verse – a big ministry. One woman – who decided to be faithful to God and to share with others the gifts given to her by God.

This is what could happen to our Prayer Shawl Ministry at Glenview Community Church as we continue to multiply our efforts and our ministry and outreach to those in need of pastoral care and love. We now have 18 women who are either knitting or crocheting prayer shawls. You will be able to view some of these shawls at our worship service on Sunday, January 18. We will place several of the prayer shawls on the altar and dedicate this ministry and these volunteers who are sharing their gifts and skills. The women offer prayers at home as they do their work. When finished, Rev. Dr. Pam Keckler or Parish Nurse Marilyn Belleau will distribute the shawls, as they "wrap the recipients in God's love and our prayers for their wellbeing."

HISTORY OF PRAYER SHAWL

The original Jewish prayer shawl was worn by Jewish men all the time. They would pull it over their heads when it was time to pray, when they recited their morning prayers – like having "wings" of the garment surrounding them. The hem of the garment has fringes on it and a certain order of the tied knot which is symbolic of healing power.

The Jewish word for the prayer shawl is tallit (or talith), which mean little tent. Not everyone could fit into the small temple to pray, so all had their little tent of privacy for praying.

When Jesus was healing the woman in Luke 8:43-44, she said if only she could touch the hem of Jesus' garment she would be healed. Guess what Jesus was wearing? A prayer shawl. She touched the fringes and was indeed healed.

God bless those who create their prayer shawl and may they feel the strength of one another, and God's healing love and power in their own life as they dwell under God's wings.

PYF

Sunday, January 18

4:00 -6:00 p.m., Youth Room

Topic-Discussion & Fellowship: Prejudice.

Remember PYF-Subscribe@gccucc.org for the latest details

A Big Thank You To All

We would like to thank all of you who volunteered to deliver Christmas poinsettias to members and friends of GCC. The response we have received from the recipients is one of joy and gratitude. An extra "thank you" is expressed to those of you who donated the plants for this wonderful holiday expression of love and caring. The Sanctuary looked beautiful during Christmas Eve services with the abundance of poinsettias decorating the altar and aisles. Your kindness is very much appreciated.

Poinsettia Committee, Pastoral Care Board

Thanks to those who have made a difference in the lives of others here and around the world. By buying third world crafts from around the world, you have promoted small home based industry for those in need of economic security. We sold over \$1,500.00 of crafts. Through individual contributions to Heifer International during the holiday season, we have been able to contribute over \$1,000.00 to buy animals for rural families making sustainable live styles possible.

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday
8:30 am - 4:30 p.m.

MINISTERIAL STAFF

Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts, *Senior Minister*
Rev. Dr. Pamela Keckler, *Minister for
Spiritual Formation*
Rev. Sally Iberg, *Minister for Mission
and Ministry*

DIRECTORS:

Marilyn Belleau, *RN, Health Ministry*
Kathy Lifton, *Children's Ministry*
Elizabeth Ciccolini, *Youth Ministry*
Linda Binaei, *Member Engagement*
Debby Shellard, *Children's Choirs*
Gary Wendt, *Organist, Instrumental Music*
Andrew Lewis, *Adult Choir*

AFFILIATES:

Marcia Kiraly, *Director, GCC Nursery School*
Barbara Thewis, *Manager, Resale Shop*

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At A Glance

THRS 1/15 9:00 am ReSale Shop, Plymouth Rm until 5:00 pm
12:30 pm Musical Review Rehearsal, Choir Rm
6:15 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Bell Rm
7:00 pm BSA Troop 156 Patrol Leaders, Founders Rm
7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Rm

FRI 1/16 9:00 am ReSale Shop, Plymouth Rm until 1:00 pm
8:00 pm Al-Anon Meeting, Rm 201
8:00 pm AA Meeting, Parlor

SAT 1/17 9:00 am ReSale Shop, Plymouth Rm until 1:00 pm
9:00 am Men's Open Gym, Gym
9:15 am Interfaith Meeting, Parlor

SUN 1/18 8:30 am Sunday School, Rm 105
9:15 am Fellowship Hour, Mayflower Rm
9:30 am 7th Grade Confirmation Class, Plymouth Rm
9:30 am Adult Education, Chapel
9:45 am Primary Choir Rehearsal, Rm 201
9:45 am Mission Moment Meeting, Rm 5
10:15 am Confirmation Closing Prayers, Plymouth Rm
10:30 am Sunday School Gathering, Rm 201
10:30 am Sunday School, Various Rms
11:30 am Fellowship Hour, Mayflower Rm
4:00 pm Voices of GCC Rehearsal, Rm 201
4:00 pm PYF Gathering, Youth Rm
4:00 pm Midwinter Jazz Concert, Sanctuary

MON 1/19 9:30 am Finding My Spirit, Library
7:00 pm BSA Troop 156 Com. Mtg., Founders Rm
6:15 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Bell Rm

TUES 1/20 12:00 am 60 Plus Luncheon, Mayflower Rm
7:30 pm WA Board Mtg., Parlor

WED 1/21 9:00 am ReSale Shop, Plymouth Rm until 1:00 pm
9:15 am WA Chapter 11, Parlor & Cradle /Toddler Rm
9:30 am Chapter 20 Mtg., Chapel
6:30 pm BSA 156 Troop Mtg., Gym, Mayflower Rm
6:30 pm CEMC Rehearsal, Parlor
7:00 pm Venturing Crew, Rm 210
7:00 pm Planned Giving Com. Mtg., Library

Broadcaster Deadline

Please submit all articles by 9:00 a.m., Wednesday to Tania McCarthy via e-mail at tania.mccarthy@gccucc.org.