



February 1, 2012



I never thought I would be having end-of-life conversations about my cat. But I did last weekend. My almost 21 year old cat, Brandi has not had the best quality of life the past few months. I found myself compromising every thing I said "I would never do" and tried to make her days comfortable. Miss Brandi held a special place in my heart. I found her the spring I graduated from seminary in 1991. My 17-year marriage had ended, both my grandmother and father had died and I was beginning my first church in historic York, Pennsylvania. Indeed I was starting a brand new life and was excited! So I went to the pet store and saw this tiny kitten that wasn't quite big enough to leave. But I paid for her and named her Brandi for my new adventures to come.

We moved this cat five times, including a 12-hour car trip from Lancaster to Glenview where none of the meds worked to hold sleeping cats. The only thing to quiet Brandi was a Hostess Twinkie (she loved angel food cake and this was a close second.) She was a lap cat, a comforter, later chased by the younger boy cats up and down the steps. And now she had become a very elderly cat with many health issues. The time had come to say goodbye.

There was discussion on calling in a cat hospice team (which do exist!) or just go-

ing to the emergency room with strange people. But then I thought, "Don't we want to be with the team at the animal hospital who love her and took care of her? Don't we want to be around this "family" of people who also love and support us? And so the decision was made. We would travel to the clinic the next morning and say goodbye to our beloved pet.

That evening the two other cats knew something was different. And both of them came over to where Brandi lay on the couch and sat next to her for over an hour. It was unreal to watch since this had never ever happened in the past. It was like having our own wake. We talked about the good times, the funny times, and how there would be no more suffering. And now my special cat is at peace. We are grateful for a life well lived with so much unconditional love.

I've been talking about a cat, but it could easily be about a person you love. Is it a fun topic? Of course not! Is it a difficult topic? You bet! But it's absolutely essential that we take the courage this year and begin the conversation with our family and loved ones on what we would like for the end of our life. If the conversation can take place while everyone is healthy and rational, so much the better. The hardest conversation I have with those planning a funeral is when I hear "I have no idea what he wanted. She refused to have that conversation." And the family has to struggle with what to do.

Doug and Marilyn and I are here to help the conversation move to a different level if you need help or encouragement. There are forms to fill out, books you can read, documentaries you can view. But it really needs to begin with a conversation.

I encourage you to go to someone you love in the new month of February and say "I love you. Let's talk..."

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WORSHIP SERVICES

FEBRUARY 5, 2012

COMMUNION BOY SCOUT SUNDAY

8:00 a.m. *A Time for Reflection*

10:00 a.m. *Community Worship*

Scripture:

Psalms 147:1-11, 20c
Isaiah 40:21-31

Sermon:

"Time Out...For Rest"
Rev. Dr. Pamela Keckler

FEBRUARY 12, 2012

8:00 a.m. *A Time for Reflection*

10:00 a.m. *Community Worship*

Scripture:

Psalms 30
Mark 1:40-45

Sermon:

"Divine Healing"
Rev. Dr. Douglas Busby

FEBRUARY 19, 2012

8:00 a.m. *A Time for Reflection*

10:00 a.m. *Community Worship*

Scripture:

Psalms 50:1-6
Mark 9:2-9

Sermon:

"Divine Glory"
Rev. Dr. Douglas Busby

SENIOR MINISTER SEARCH COMMITTEE

PLEASE MAIL YOUR MEMBER SURVEYS
BY FEBRUARY 14, 2012.

CHECK YOUR MAIL or EMAIL

The Member Surveys asking for input into the posting of the GCC Senior Minister position were mailed or emailed the week of January 22 to all members! **PLEASE RESPOND AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**, the deadline is **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14**. The Search Committee is looking for vital input from our congregation as we finalize our Church Profile and posting of our Senior Minister position. If you are a GCC member and did not receive either an email or a mailing, please contact Sally Thuresson at (847)724-2366 and a survey will be either mailed or emailed to you. On Sundays, February 5 and February 12, the Search Committee will be available at the coffee hours after church to collect surveys or answer questions.

We hope to hear from you soon so that we can complete our Church Profile and begin the next important phase of the search process for our next Senior Minister.

Thank you all,

The Senior Minister Search Committee

*Tom Aldrich, Mike Lauesen, Steve Brown,
Michael McGuire, Kara Clark, Pam Reidy
Ed Detwiler, Brad Smith, Jane Hund, Sally
Thuresson, Chair*

MID-WINTER CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Glenview Community Church's Mid-Winter Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 12, 2012, 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 2012, reports from the Church Clerk, Treasurer and Stewardship Board, and the election of the Church Clerk and Church Treasurer. There will also be an update from the Senior Minister Search Committee.

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

BROADCASTER SCHEDULE

After examining the costs and needs of publishing the Broadcaster on a weekly basis, we have decided to reduce publication to a twice a month schedule. The costs of publishing and mailing the Broadcaster are significant, and your leadership is very concerned about our costs. We are also concerned about getting information to all congregation members on an efficient and prompt basis. This change will allow the church staff to focus on other matters of communications and support to the congregation members. We will be working to improve the inclusion of more current information on the web site. Therefore, effective February 22nd, we will begin to publish the Broadcaster on a twice a month schedule. The publication schedule for the remainder of the year will be issued for the congregation to be very clear about the deadlines for submission of materials to be published. If you have any questions or comments, you can contact me at (847)724-3563 or billcdaley@comcast.net. Thank You,

Bill Dailey, Moderator

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION CLASSES

Want to find out more about GCC and how to become a member? There will be a two-session class on Sunday afternoon, February 26 and March 4 from 3-5 p.m. Our new members will have a special invitation to attend the St. Patrick's Potluck Supper on March 4 after our last class and then will join the church formally on Sunday, March 11 at the 10:00 Community Worship service. Childcare will be provided for the two sessions if a reservation is made ahead of time. Please tell one of the ministers or call the church office if you would like more information or are interested in attending.

SPRING INTO ACTION

Many adult members of our community need help improving basic reading, writing or speaking skills. Spring into action!! The VITA Program of Oakton Community College in Skokie needs tutors. A three-part training will be held on March 13, 15 and April 21. For more information, call (847)635-1426.

COMMON GROUND IN GLENVIEW

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2012

Jerrold Leitner presents "I Ate the World - Emerson's Spirituality".

FRIDAY, MARCH 23, 2012

Jim Kenney presents "2012 Campaign Snapshot".

Programs are held in the Founders Room at 7:00 PM. There will be a \$10 donation per person each night with refreshments being served.

COMMON GROUND IN DEERFIELD

Thursday, February 16, 2012 at 7:00 PM

HOP Israel/Palestine Trip Presentation

Hands of Peace, a local non-profit that brings together American, Israeli and Palestinian teenagers for dialogue and learning together about peace, recently sponsored a dual-narrative trip to Israel/Palestine.

This is a presentation of a unique and powerful journey which took the 36 participants to many places throughout both Israel and the West Bank accompanied by both an Israeli and a Palestinian tour guide.

Free will donations to Common Ground will be gratefully accepted! For further information, please contact Laura Bernstein at (847)443-4529.

**Common Ground, 815 Rosemary Terrace,
Deerfield, IL.**

ADULT EDUCATION

FEBRUARY 5 AND 12, 2012 AT 8:50 A.M.

Pilgrimage to Israel and Palestine—Kelly Golding, Lloyd Bettis, Gretchen Grad and other GCC pilgrims share the historical, cultural, political, and spiritual insights they experienced while touring ancient and modern-day Israel and Palestine.

FEBRUARY 19

A Just Harvest—Join Rev. Marilyn Pagan Banks of A Just Harvest as she describes the vital work which this Chicago charity performs with help from GCC and other local churches.



**a small effort
of cookies
can go a
long way**

COOKIE DAY FEBRUARY 12

This is our 13th year for baking or donating cookies for the Night Ministry! Please bring your cookies to the kitchen by Sunday, February 12. Plainly mark them Night Ministry.

The Night Ministry is a very worthy agency that GCC helps support. In addition to providing shelters for teen-agers, they have a bus out on the streets 6 nights a week to serve homeless people. They come into the bus for warmth, counseling, HIV testing, to visit with a nurse and are always given a hot beverage. As they leave the bus, they are given a package of 3 cookies, cookies show love - and for some it might be their

only food for the next day.

Our cookie gifts mean a great deal to the people who receive them. Our church members provide the cookies and the PYF and 678 Club package them and deliver them to the Night Ministry office. This is truly an All church hands-on mission project.

You can never bake for a more worthy cause. Home-made are always greatly appreciated, but if you buy cookies, OREOS are preferred. If you have questions, please call Elizabeth Ciccolini at church (847)724-2210 ext. 233.



GCC Food Collection

Don't forget to bring your non-perishable food or paper products donation to church on the 1st Sunday of each month. The next collection date is Sunday, February 5, 2012

HOT ITEMS NEEDED INCLUDE: paper towels, toilet paper, rice, canned vegetables and fruit, cereal, juice, boxed meals, beans, peanut butter, jelly, and snacks. Don't forget - you can also turn in used eyeglasses and Campbell soup labels during the **Food on the 1st** by putting them in the baskets on each collection table in the upper level west entrance and Narthex.

Thank you from your friends on the Missions Outreach Board.

BREAST CANCER GROUP

If you or someone you love has experienced the daily challenges of living with breast cancer, you are invited to join our GCC group of women who meet once in a while to talk, share stories, and be available to one another as desired. We plan to meet on Monday evening, February 13 at 6:30 p.m. Contact Marilyn Belleau or Rev. Keckler for more details or questions.



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

It is winter and a great time to get those knitting needles out again! We need to replenish our prayer shawls so the pastoral team may deliver them to various men and women of the congregation. Questions - contact Nan Hinchsliff or Marilyn Belleau, Parish Nurse.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

HOME IS WHERE THE HEART IS

Sunday schools students, their families, and the congregation are invited to worship in Room 201 on Sunday, February 5 at 10:00. Following the brief service, the children's board invites us to the Founders Room to kickoff our outreach efforts in support of the Heartland Animal Shelter. Regular Sunday school classes will not be in session. Childcare will be available

678 CLUB

The next 678 Club will meet on Sunday, February 12. We will be bagging cookies for the Night Ministry. Thanks for all who helped with the blankets for our last service/ mission project.

CONFIRMATION

8TH GRADERS

You have 10 classes left before you are confirmed! Let's wrap up your worship sheets and service projects.

Make sure you mark your calendar with our overnight retreat on May 4-5 and Confirmation Sunday on May 6 at 10:00 a.m. worship. More details will be forthcoming for parents.

7TH GRADERS

Each 7th grade Confirmand will receive a "Teen Bible" in February to use for class, make ups, devotions or study.

PYF WINTER FUN

SUNDAYS, 4:00 - 6:00 P.M.

FEBRUARY 5

Just Harvest Community Kitchen

We will meet at church at 3:00 p.m. and be home about 8:00 p.m. We will make our traditional stop for good food on the way back. Please let Elizabeth know if you are interested in attending.

FEBRUARY 12

PYF MISSION PROJECT

Night Ministry Cookies: Join us for this great tradition of packaging cookies that are made by the members of the congregation!

GCC 2012 Proposed Budget

	2011		2012
	Budget	Actual	Budget
Revenues			
105 Current Pledge Contributions	868,652	883,515	779,727
107 Non-Pledge Contributions	60,000	51,112	60,000
109 Pledge Overage	35,000	32,038	35,000
110 Prior Year Pledge	10,000	8,190	13,000
115 Loose Offering	7,000	7,345	7,000
124 Church School Offering	250	0	0
130 Women's Association	10,000	12,500	10,000
135 Building Fees	8,000	7,305	8,000
142 Nursery School	32,844	33,688	30,182
145 Interest Income	100	5,159	4,000
147 Housing Trust Income	8,500	11,998	11,500
155 Endowment Income	7,750	3,792	4,000
157 Endowment Income II	9,500	16,484	15,000
169 Mission Offering	22,500	18,624	22,500
199 Special Events	10,000	692	0
Total Revenues	\$1,090,096	\$1,092,441	\$999,909
Expenses			
Total Pastoral Expenses	254,928	241,313	223,941
Total Missions	110,365	106,486	111,670
Total Children's Ministry	36,158	36,646	37,062
Total Confirmation & Youth	34,598	35,332	36,014
Total Pastoral Care	55,041	54,986	56,327
Total Membership	1,300	2,032	1,100
Total Adult Education	2,050	1,060	1,550
Total Services & Sacraments	490	81	250
Total Fellowship	750	246	450
Total Music	94,088	105,631	110,887
Total Stewardship	4,200	1,367	2,075
Total General & Administrative	199,583	215,567	222,367
Total Church Properties	267,378	266,225	274,659
Total Pageant	1,600	1,592	0
Total Capital Reserve Fund	0	0	0
2011 Salary Adjustment Pool	26,817	0	0
Total Expenses	\$1,089,347	\$1,068,564	\$1,078,351
Net (Deficit)	\$749	\$23,876	\$(78,442)
2010 Budget Surplus		\$13,209	
Application of Prior Two Years Surplus		\$37,085	\$37,085
Net Surplus (Deficit) after Application of Prior Years Surplus			\$(41,357)

2ND ANNUAL VOLUNTEER SUNDAY ON FEBRUARY 26TH

Come one, come all to the Mayflower Room after the service on February 26th. You will have a chance to see what our GCC boards are doing. Check out the many activities that occur during the year. Find out how you can help out. Come join the fun!

Doug Morgan, *Membership Board*

HERE ARE JUST SOME OF THE AREAS FOR VOLUNTEERING:

Adult Education Board
Children's Board
Confirmation & Youth Board
Fellowship Board
Finance Board
Membership Board
Mission Outreach Board
Music Board
Pastoral Care Board
Services & Sacraments Board
Stewardship Board

Rainbow Garden
Voices of GCC
Primary Choir
Sunday School
Resale Shop
Ushers
A Just Harvest

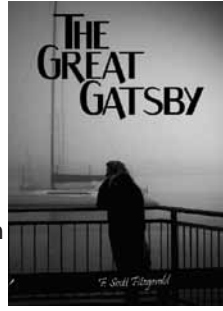
Men's Ministry
Prayer Chain
Joyful Ringers
Ambassadors
Chancel Choir
Women's Association

END OF LIFE DOCUMENTARY

We now have two copies of the film "*Consider the Conversatio*" which was shown at a recent Adult Education forum by Rev. Dale Susan Edmonds, Hospice Chaplain as well as to the Called to Care leaders – a part of our pastoral ministry. Then at one of the women's Chapter meetings, speaker Steve Smith mentioned the documentary again. We do have two copies in the library, and are planning to order a couple more copies because of many requests. This film was shown on PBS last year and tells of real people sharing the struggles and joys of having end of life conversations with those we love. For more information contact Rev. Pam Keckler or Marilyn Belleau, Parish Nurse.

THE GREAT GATSBY 2012 GREAT BOOKS OF WINTER

On two successive Wednesday evenings, **February 1 and 8**, from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. in the Founders Room, GCC's "**2012 Great Books of Winter**" series—sponsored by the Board of Adult Education and led by veteran teacher Allan Ruter—will gather readers for camaraderie and discussion of the book that, more than any other, is labeled "The Great American Novel."



Brimming with cocktails and conversation, romance and roses, F. Scott Fitzgerald's masterpiece, *The Great Gatsby*, is certainly the great tale of the 1920s "Jazz Age." But it is also a fooler: Though its plot, setting, and character quickly absorb readers, its imagery is often elusive and its themes are dipped in darkness.

Mention "GCC Book Club" at the Book Bin, 1151 Church Street, Northbrook, and you can purchase *Gatsby* at a 20% discount. For more information, visit www.gccucc.org or contact Allan at aruter@comcast.net.

DAILY DEVOTIONS

If you would like to begin your day with some words of inspiration here are some options. Go to www.ucc.org and read faith stories from other UCC members or find a daily devotional written by our UCC writing team. You can also receive a daily devotional to your email from dailydevotional@ucc.org. There are regular print and large print Upper Room devotional books that are placed around the church and near the front office. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, February 22 and we will have special Lenten devotional booklets available in the church. There are also many books in our newly organized church library which you may check out and read at home.

WHAT IS HOLOCAUST CANTATA: SONGS FROM THE CAMPS?

Holocaust Cantata: Songs from the Camps, is being performed on the 70th anniversary of the beginning of the implementation of the Final Solution, the genocide directed against European Jewry by Nazi Germany, as a reminder to be ever aware of the evil potential in humankind and to be ever aware of humankind's potential to resist this evil. The systematic and rationalized annihilation of millions of innocent Jewish men, women and children was on the road to realization. Holocaust Cantata: Songs from the Camps, was composed to ensure that the victims of this diabolical plan would not be forgotten. The music, which emerged from concentration camps, demonstrates their spiritual resistance and reminds us of their voices crying out to be heard and remembered and summoning us to resist and combat those forces that make genocide possible.

On Sunday, February 19, 2012, at 4:00 PM the Musical Arts Indiana Vesper Chorale of South Bend, Indiana, under the direction of Dr. Wishart Bell will present Holocaust Cantata: Songs from the Camps at Temple Jeremiah, 937 Happ Road, Northfield, IL. In addition, Ms. Magda Brown, a Holocaust survivor will share her experiences.

For information call Beryl Bills 1-847-724-1694. Advance tickets are \$20 and \$15 for children and seniors. Tickets will be available in the Mayflower Room following the 10:00 AM Sunday morning service.

PASTORAL CARE

We hold the following families in our prayers who have recently lost loved ones:

Carolyn Peters died January 18– wife of Jim Peters.

Beverley Boyer died January 18 – wife of Richard Boyer; step mother to Susan Woodsome and Tracy Sawires

Harry Morgan – died January 20 - husband of Rachel Morgan. There will be a memorial service for Harry on February 25 at 11:00 a.m. at GCC.

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OFFICE HOURS
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8:30 am - 4:30 p.m.

MINISTERIAL STAFF
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Rev. Dr. Pamela Keckler, Minister for Spiritual Formation & Church Operations

DIRECTORS:
Marilyn Belleau, RN, Health Ministry
Kathy Lifton, Children's Ministry
Elizabeth Hartung-Ciccolini, Youth Ministry
Debby Shellard, Children's Choirs
Gary Wendt, Music & Organist

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

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AT A GLANCE

THUR

2/2	9:00 AM	Resale Shop until 5:00 PM, Plymouth Rm
	9:00 AM	GCC Yoga, Narthex
	11:00 AM	Countdown to Fitness, Founders Rm
	4:30 PM	HOP Leadership Committee, Parlor
	7:00 PM	HOP Operating Committee, Parlor
	7:00 PM	BSA 156 Patrol Leaders Council, Founders Rm
	7:30 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Rm & Sanctuary

FRI

2/3	9:00 AM	Resale Shop open until 1:00 PM, Plymouth Rm
	1:00 PM	GCC Historical Project, Parlor
	1:30 PM	GCC Pickleball, Gym
	7:00 PM	Volleyball, Gym
	8:00 PM	AA Meeting, Parlor
	8:00 PM	Al-Anon, Rm 201

SAT

2/4	9:00 AM	Men's Open Gym, Gym
	9:00 AM	Resale Shop open until 1:00 PM, Plymouth Rm
	2:00 PM	Memorial for Nancy Klinka, Sanctuary

SUN

2/5	8:00 AM	Reflective Worship Service, Transept
	8:50 AM	Adult Education, Chapel
	9:00 AM	Confirmation Opening Prayers, Youth Rm
	9:15 AM	Confirmation Classes, Various Rms
	10:00 AM	Community Worship, Sanctuary
	10:00 AM	Sunday School Classes, Rm 201 & Founders Rm
	11:00 AM	Fellowship Hour, Mayflower Rm

Sunday Continued

11:15 AM	Joyful Ringers Rehearsal, Bell Rm
4:00 PM	PYF, Youth Rm

MON

2/6	1:30 PM	Pickleball, Gym
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TUES

2/7	6:30 PM	Sing to Live Rehearsal, Sanctuary
	7:00 PM	Adult Education Board, Founders Rm
	7:00 PM	Children's Board, Rm 201
	7:30 PM	Pack 156 Committee Mtg., Rm 213

WED

2/8	9:00 AM	Resale Shop open until 1:00 PM, Plymouth Rm
	1:30 PM	Pickleball, Gym
	6:30 PM	BSA 156 Mtg., Gym
	7:00 PM	Music Board, Rm 201
	7:00 PM	Property Board, Library
	7:00 PM	Great Books with Allan Ruter, Founders Rm
	7:00 PM	Venture Crew, Rm 210 & Gym