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A LOVE STORY

What is the bible? That sounds like a simple enough question, but there really are many answers, and some of them are at odds with others.

Most of us would say that the bible is a book; after all, it's a collection of pages bound between two covers. But, in reality, the bible is many books. In fact, the word bible literally means library. For Protestants, the bible is a library that contains sixty-six books, from Genesis to Revelation. This library is divided into two sections: the Hebrew scripture (Old Testament) with thirty-nine books, and the Christian scripture (New Testament) with twenty-seven books. But the Roman Catholic bible counts six more books in the Old Testament. These are later books of the Old Testament. Because they were written in Greek rather than Hebrew, Martin Luther judged them unworthy and removed them. We now call them the Apocrypha, or obscure books. So, for us, they are are more of an appendix than a third section.

Technically, this is what the bible is. But what purpose does it serve, and what does it mean? Some read it naively as a contemporary account of fact with modern understandings of the world (the scientific method, cause and effect, etc.) In this approach, the bible becomes a science book, and we get caught up in arguments about when the world was created and how long that creation took. Some also read it as a rule book for living. And some treasure it as divine in itself.

What is our tradition's approach to the bible? We understand that the bible is ancient, not contemporary...that it is more interested in meaning rather than mechanics, persuasion rather than proof...that it is not holy in itself, but is a faithful witness to

the holiness of our God...that it is not a rule book, but a love story.

And that's where I invite you to invest your hearts in the coming weeks. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 18th. Join us for worship at GCC; either at 7:00 a.m. or 7:30 p.m. in our sanctuary. The word *Lent* really means *lengthen*, because the days are growing longer in this season. So Lent is just another name for Spring. Spiritually, Lent is also a time for lengthening...for lengthening our time with God in worship, contemplation, study and prayer.

That means that it's a time to read the bible as a story...as a love story...as the story of God's love for each and all of us that never fails. What does it mean for us that God loves us? What does it mean for us that God makes love perfect in the humanity of Jesus? What does it mean for us to become human as Jesus is human?

Join us at GCC as we plumb the depths... as we lengthen our time with God in this Lent. It is a beautiful, gentle season. It is an irreversible journey that takes us to the devastation of the cross and the magnificence of Easter morning. We have much to welcome and learn together of God's love. We have much to offer and share of God's love for others.

See you in church!

Chuck Mize

WORSHIP SERVICES

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

FEBRUARY 18, 2015

ASH WEDNESDAY

7:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY 22, 2015

10:00 a.m.

Scripture:

Psalm 25, 1 Peter 3:18-22, Mark 1:9-15

Sermon:

Rev. Dr. Charles E. Mize *Repent!*

MARCH 1, 2015

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT COMMUNION

10:00 a.m.

Scripture:

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Romans 4:13-25

Sermon:

Rev. Dr. Pam Keckler

A New Name

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.



MEMORIAL SERVICE

As a reminder, there will be a memorial service held for Maggie Bemm on Saturday, February 14 at 2:00 p.m. at the church. A reception will follow in the Mayflower Room.



ADULT EDUCATION

ADULT EDUCATION SUNDAY
Adult Education in February: "Southern
Trails to Social Justice"

Late in 2013, Allan Ruter drove a 2300-mile route from Glenview through Mississippi and Alabama to visit seminal sites in the Civil Rights Movement from 1955 to 1965. On both major thoroughfares and backcountry roads he visited cities, towns, and hamlets as well as homes, businesses, and churches where history literally happened and a generation of heroes emerged.

Join Allan for "Southern Trails to Social Justice," a pair of Sunday morning multimedia seminars at 9 a.m. in The Chapel, offered in conjunction with 2015 Black History Month. On February 15, "Civil Rights Highways and Byways, Fifty Years Later" will take you to Oxford, the Delta region, and Jackson, Mississippi, and from there on to Alabama's Selma-to-Montgomery road—locales which intersected with the lives of James Meredith, Fannie Lou Hamer, Emmett Till, Medgar Evers, Rosa Parks, and Martin Luther King, Jr.

On February 22, "What Happened in Birmingham" will focus on those six months in 1963 when, as one commentator put it, "Hell broke loose in America's most segregated city." Out of violent Lenten protests and Good Friday arrests, Martin Luther King wrote his landmark "Letter from Birmingham Jail"; five months later, four young girls were killed in the Sunday bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church.

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. in the Founders Room. \$10.

MARCH 18 • JOHN WASIK Seven Bad Ideas in Economics

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HOMETOWN AUCTION & CHILI COOKOFF

Mark your calendars for the *Hometown Auction and Homemade Chili Cookoff* on Sunday, April 12 from 5-8:00 p.m. in the Mayflower Room. A professional auctioneer will lead us in the fun of bidding for homemade and other down-right valuable items. Taste and vote for your favorite homemade chili concoction at our Chili Cookoff! Salad, Cornbread and Pasta will also be served by our youth!

Bidder registration begins at 5:00 p.m. Chili tasting begins at 5:30 p.m. Auction begins promptly at 6:00 p.m.

It is sure to be a night filled with food, fellowship and fun!

We are looking for the following: donations of homemade and other valuable auction items, chili cookoff contestants to showcase their talents and people like YOU to come and enjoy the festivities and support our cause! If bidding isn't your thing, you can still join us for the fun - cash donations are welcomed and appreciated!

\$5 per person, maximum \$20 per family.
Sign up at Coffee Hour starting March

For more information or to register as a chili contestant, contact Ellen Dean at <u>ellen.dean@earthlink.net</u> or Stephen Isaacs at <u>cathyshapiro@wowway.com</u>. Sponsored by the Youth and Confirmation Board along with the Fellowship Board.

MISSION MOMENT

Sol Flores, Executive Director of La Casa Norte will be providing our Mission Moment for February 15, 2015. Humboldt Park based La Casa Norte, serves youth and families confronted by homelessness. La Casa Norte provides access to stable housing and comprehensive services that act as a catalyst to transform individual lives and communities.



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!

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE -WHAT IS IT? -FIND OUT MORE ON MARCH 1

Restorative Justice is a growing social movement to institutionalize peaceful approaches to harm, problem-solving and violations of legal and human rights. These range from international peacemaking tribunals to local innovations within the criminal and juvenile justice systems, schools, social services and communities. On Sunday, March 1, Adult Ed and the Faith in Action Team are hosting Michelle Day, current Program Administrator for the Juvenile Justice and Child Protection Department of the Circuit Court of Cook County. Come at 9 am to the chapel to hear how Restorative Justice is being used in Chicago Schools, the Cook County justice system, and community Restorative Justice Hubs for conflict transformation. Ms. Day will also lead a demonstration of peace circle - restorative justice practices after church at 11:30 a.m. in the Founders Room for those who want to experience how restorative justice works.

Save the date of March 1st and come to one or both programs. For more information, contact Betsy Martin at 847-657-7595 or betsywisemartin@att.net.



FAIR TRADE

Fair Trade empowers farmers and farm workers to lift themselves out of poverty by investing in their farms and communities, protecting the environment, and developing the business skills necessary to compete in the global marketplace.

Fair trade products will be available for purchase on Sunday, February 22 during Fellowship. Stop by to see what's new!

ADULT EDUCATION

The Adult Education Board is looking for folks interested in joining the board. We plan presentations for the adult members (generally people over 18 years) of our congregation and attempt to provide varied and interesting subjects from both religious and secular fields and a variety of points of view. We are looking for members who are interested in engaging our adults in continued education about our church and the world in which we live. We strive to provide topics of interest to all age groups and encourage participation of younger members by providing child care on Sunday mornings.

Our typical programming occurs on Sunday from 9-10:00 a.m. in the Chapel at church. From time to time we schedule special speakers on Wednesday evenings and have sponsored the group Common Ground for the past several years. Traditionally, Adult Education plans occasional book study groups and an Advent and/or Lenten study. We also help to maintain the church library by providing funds for the purchase of new books and audio-visual materials by the church librarian.

If you would like more information about what we do and how we do it, please contact our current chair, Mike Rapp at rappm@comcast.net or 847-486-1406. We also welcome suggestions for programs and volunteers willing to make presentations

FRIDAY NIGHT VOLLEY-BALL AT GCC

Are you interested in meeting other GCC members, getting a little exercise, and socializing during the winter and early spring months? The Friday night (every 2 weeks) volleyball group could be your answer. We meet in the church gym at 7:00, play several informal non-competitive games, and adjourn to a member's home for conversation and refreshments. Further information is available from Barb and Douglas Heurich, 847-729-3552 or heurichdr@comcast.net.

STEWARDSHIP 2015 GIFTS MOST RARE

GCC's 2015 Stewardship Campaign ends on Sunday, February 15! It's your last chance to make a difference with your financial commitment toward our \$ 1.1 million goal. We are a Church on the Move striving through our MESSAGE, MINISTRIES and MISSION to be a CHURCH FOR ALL GOD'S PEOPLE! Don't Be Left Behind!

BLESSINGS AND THANKS TO ALL WHO HAVE MADE YOUR COMMITMENT OR INCREASED YOUR ORIGINAL PLEDGE! AMEN!

Your Stewardship Board

PYF FEBRUARY SUNDAYS 4-6 PM

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.

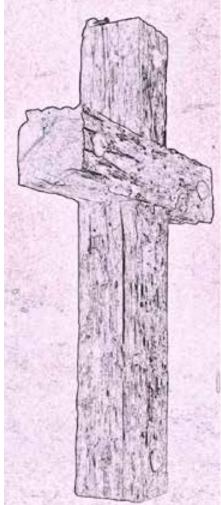
Questions email pyf.gcc@gmail.com - Hope to see you soon! Elizabeth

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.

Lenten Calendar 2015



SUNDAY LENTEN SERMONS A HOUSE FOR ALL GOD'S PEOPLE

During Lent we'll strive to grow personally and spiritually by exploring the theme A House of Humanity. Each Sunday at our 10:00 a.m. Worship we will examine an element of this theme to help us grow our relationships with God and with one another.

INDIVIDUAL MEDITATION AND PRAYERS

The Chapel will be open during Lent for your spiritual quiet time and reflection Monday through Friday from Noon to 5:00 p.m. beginning February 18, 2015.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDIES

Join Chuck Mize at 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Parlor for an enlightening focus on the upcoming Sunday's sermon topic with an indepth look at the scripture, the sermon, and their relevance to our daily lives.

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS SACRED JOURNEYS: A PBS Series with AUTHOR, BRUCE FEILER

Join some modern sojourners from America of all faiths as they undertake pilgrimages to sacred sites. Travel to Islam and go behind closed doors of the Hajj, with people making the trip of a lifetime. In Jerusalem, follow the trail of pilgrims from the three Abrahamic traditions as they ground their faith in one of the holiest cities on Earth. Hear from our own GCC members who traveled last fall on their own sacred journey.

FEBRUARY 25, MARCH 4, AND MARCH 11 IN THE CHAPEL 7:00-8:30 PM ON WEDNESDAY EVENING.

LENTEN MEAL AND WORSHIP

A simple supper of soup and bread (sponsored by the Adult Education Board) and informal worship will take place on Thursday, March 19, 6-7:30 p.m. in the Mayflower Room.

ADULT EDUCATION SESSIONS

FEBRUARY 15

Join Allan Ruter for a bit of Geography, history, and politics from "Southern Trails to Social Justice: Civil Rights Highways and Byways, Fifty Years Later," at 9 a.m. in The Chapel. Allan will offer images, anecdotes, and insights from his 2300-mile roadtrip to see firsthand where the momentous events of 1955-1965 occurred.

FEBRUARY 22

Geography, history, and politics collide in "Southern Trails to Social Justice: What Happened in Birmingham" at 9 a.m. in The Chapel. From April through September in 1963, the epic struggles of the Civil Rights Movement were centered in Birmingham, Alabama, otherwise known as "America's Most Segregated City." Out of violent

Lenten protests and Good Friday arrests, Martin Luther King wrote his landmark "Letter from Birmingham Jail." Five months later, four young girls were killed in the Sunday bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church. Join Allan Ruter for a multimedia consideration of what happened then and what it means now.

COMMON GROUND THIS MARCH 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. From 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the Founders Room. \$10.

WORSHIP

together.

ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18 7:00 A.M. & 7:30 P.M. IN THE SANCTUARY Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion We will celebrate the release of repentance and the hope of forgiveness in this contemplative time

PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 29 10:00 a.m. IN THE SANCTUARY

Join the Palm Processional as we remember Jesus' entry into Jerusalem long ago and as we welcome in our lives today.

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 2 7:30 P.M. In The Sanctuary with Holy Communion

Jesus invites us to come and sup with Him in a meal where He feeds us with His own life and love.

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 3

7:30 P.M. IN THE SANCTUARY

Words fail us as we come to the cross where Jesus gave Himself completely for us. Join us in worship and adoration there.

HOLY SATURDAY - EASTER VIGIL, APRIL 4 7:30 P.M. IN THE CHAPEL

Come, wait and watch as we prepare ourselves for the glory of Easter.

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL S 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

In The Sanctuary with Holy Communion Christ the Lord is risen today! We will join the victory of God's love in the glory of Easter as we celebrate our Lord who no tomb could hold.

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL BOOKS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE. THE BOOK OFFERS A DAILY DEVOTION BY THE UCC STILL SPEAKING WRITERS. THE THEME THIS YEAR IS: "RE-LENT."

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT GCC

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Event Time	Event Name	Primary Location
Thursday, 12 Februa	arv 2015	•
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
9:00 AM to 10:00 AM	Yoga Classes	Narthex
7:00 PM to 8:00 PM	Finance Bd Mtg	Parlor
7:30 PM to 9:30 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Friday, 13 February	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, 14 Februa	rv 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
2:00 PM to 3:00 PM	Maggie Bemm Memorial	Sanctuary
3:00 PM to 4:00 PM	Maggie Bemm Reception	Mayflower
Sunday, 15 Februar		,
8:45 AM to 9:50 AM	Confirmation Classes	Plymouth Room
9:00 AM to 10:00 AM	Adult Ed	Chapel
9:00 AM to 9:45 AM	Fellowship Mtg	Founders
10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	Glenview Community Church Worship	Sanctuary
	Service	·
10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	Sunday School Children Meet in Sanctuary	SanctuaryM
11:15 AM to 12:15 PM	Mid-Winter Congregational Meeting	Sanctuary
12:15 PM to 1:30 PM	Congregational Pot Luck	Mayflower
4:00 PM to 6:00 PM	PYF	Youth Room
Monday, 16 Februar	y 2015	
3:00 PM to 9:00 PM	set up for 60 plus	Mayflower
7:00 PM to 8:00 PM	Yoga Class	Room 201
Tuesday, 17 Februa	ry 2015	
12:00 PM to 1:30 PM	60 Plus Luncheon	Mayflower
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
7:00 PM to 8:00 PM	Spiritual Council Mtg	Mayflower
Wednesday, 18 Feb	ruary 2015	
7:00 AM to 8:00 AM	Ash Wednesday Worship	Sanctuary
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	Chapter 20 Meeting	Chapel
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	PYF/POW	Youth Room
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	BSA 156 Troop Mtg	Gym
7:30 PM to 8:30 PM	Ash Worship Service	Sanctuary
8:31 PM to 9:00 PM	Venturing Crew	Gym
Thursday, 19 February 2015		
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
9:00 AM to 10:00 AM	Yoga Classes	Narthex
6:15 PM to 7:20 PM	Bell Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:30 PM to 7:30 PM	Tiger Cubs 156	Gym
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM	North Suburban Family Day Care Assoc.	Mayflower
7:30 PM to 9:30 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Friday, 20 February		
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
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	Pinewood Derby Check in	Mayflower
8:00 PM to 9:00 PM	AA MEETING	Parlor
8:00 PM to 9:00 PM	AL-ANON	Library
Saturday, 21 Februa	•	
8:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Men's Open Gym	Gym
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Cub 156 Pinewood Derby	Mayflower
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room

Event Time	Event Name	Primary Location
Sunday, 22 Febru	ary 2015	<u> </u>
8:45 AM to 9:50 AM	Confirmation Classes	Plymouth Room
9:00 AM to 10:00 AM	/I 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	M Sunday School Children Meet in Sanctuary	SanctuaryM
11:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Fellowship and Refreshments	Mayflower
11:00 AM to 12:00 PM	M Leadership Mtg.	Founders
11:30 AM to 12:30 PM	M 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	M PYF	Youth Room
Monday, 23 Febru	ıary 2015	
9:30 AM to 11:00 AM	M Spirit Group	Library
7:00 PM to 8:00 PM	M Yoga Class	Room 201
Tuesday, 24 Febr	uary 2015	
11:00 AM to 1:30 PM	Chapter 8 Mtg.	Founders
6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	M Finance Committee Mtg	Room 210
6:45 PM to 9:00 PM	M Sing To Live Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Wednesday, 25 Fe	ebruary 2015	
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	M Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
3:00 PM to 4:30 PM	M Bible Study	Parlor
4:15 PM to 5:15 PM	1 FISH	Room 7
6:00 PM to 8:00 PM	M Girl Scouts	Room 8
6:00 PM to 8:00 PM	M PYF/POW	Youth Room
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	M BSA 156 Troop Mtg.	Mayflower
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	Mid-Week Lenten Series	Chapel
8:00 PM to 9:00 PM	M BSA 156	Room 5
8:31 PM to 9:00 PM	Venturing Crew	Gym

YOU'RE INVITED TO A CELEBRATION LUNCH ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15!

Please join us in the Mayflower Room after the Mid-Winter Congregational Meeting for a lunch celebrating the culmination of the 2015 Stewardship Campaign and the adoption of the 2015 budget. All are welcome! No reservations necessary!

PRAYERS FOR OUR MEMBERS IN THE ARMED SERVICES

Prayer is an important part of our faith community. We pray for one another and offer requests and thanksgiving each week in worship with our Prayer Cards and silent offerings to God. Please pray for John Kim, recently deployed to Iraq and his sister, Josephine, stationed at Fort Leonard Wood. Please also keep in your prayers Michael McCarthy stationed at Great Lakes, BUDS prep. If you have additional names that we should remember, please give those names to any member of the pastoral staff.

BE PREPARED FOR ALL YOU CAN EAT

Join the Boy Scout Troop 156 for an "All You Can Eat" Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, March 7 between 7:30 – 11:30 a.m. in the Mayflower Room. A donation of \$5 is suggested and tickets are available from any Boy Scout or at the door.

Boy Scout Troop 156 has been chartered by Glenview Community Church since 1955 and is among the largest and most active units in Glenview. This year there are 85 registered Boy Scouts and 40 trained adult leaders, as well as a busy Cub Scout Pack and Venturing Crew.

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