

#### **TELLING THE STORY**

We visited Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp in Oranienburg (a little more than twenty miles north of Berlin) when we were in Germany last summer. Though not as well-known as Auschwitz, Dachau, and even Flossenburg, Sachsenhausen was the first concentration camp that the Nazis built, and Oranienburg was home to the headquarters for all of the concentration camps of the Third Reich, as well as the training facility for the Schulzstaffel (SS).

Though concentration camps are most infamous because of the Jewish holocaust, many other groups were incarcerated and executed by the Nazis. Built in 1936, Sachsenhausen's first prisoners were people who had been identified as political dissidents and enemies of the Third Reich. Most of the buildings have been removed, but the gate still stands, proclaiming in wrought iron with terrifying words, *Arbeit Macht Frei* (work sets us free).

Though we might think that Germany would want to expunge these heinous reminders from its landscape and national awareness, the opposite is true. The day we were there, Sachsenhausen was crowded with school children for whom the camp tour is mandatory. Germany believes that this horrific chapter in its history must be obsessively remembered, so that it is never repeated. Sachsenhausen and the other concentration camp memorials do that, and perpetuate a presence and a humility in the German people that keeps this sobering reality alive.

Remembering: we do that by telling the story. As I write this there is one Sunday left in Lent before we begin the Holy Week journey on Palm Sunday...the journey that leads us to Calvary and then to Easter's

empty tomb. It's the most significant week of the year for those who follow Jesus. Yet, between the festival Sundays that bookend it, participation in the worship services that mark Jesus' path to the cross has waned. And, when our participation wanes, we forget. It's kind of like two pieces of bread. Only when we put meat, and cheese, and veggies and condiments in between does it become a sandwich. Only then is it sustenance and nourishment...in this case, for our souls.

Please prayerfully consider joining your fellow followers of Jesus at GCC this Holy Week. We will remember Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. We will remember the Passover for the Israelites that led them from slavery to freedom and the Passover for us as we follow Jesus from death to life in a Seder Meal in the Mayflower Room on Maundy Thursday. We will remember Jesus' crucifixion and death as our children expand our experience of Jesus' stories in their musical **Once Upon a Parable.** We will wait and watch through the empty quiet of Holy Saturday in an Easter Vigil in the chapel with the style of Taizé. And we will rejoice in the resurrection on Easter Sunday.

It's all about remembering ...remembering...remembering who God is...who we are...remembering how much God loves us...and remembering how patiently God waits for us to love others in return. That's why we tell the story: stories that we can remember...stories that change us...stories that guide us as we follow Jesus. Let's remember...let's tell the story together! It's a love story. Let's tell it to the world. See you in church!

Chuck Mize

# Worship 10:00 a.m. APRIL

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT In Parables: Little Treasures of Light and Love

Scripture: Matthew 25:14-30

**Sermon: The Parable of the Talents**Rev. Dr. Chuck Mize

PALM SUNDAY
Processional with Palms

**Scripture:** Philippians 2:5-11 Matthew 21:1-11

**Sermon: Two-Donkeys for Jesus**Rev. Dr. Chuck Mize

#### **APRIL**

MAUNDY THURSDAY SEDER WORSHIP, MEAL AND COMMUNION

Reservations Required 6:30 p.m.

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## **Alive Together With Christ**



APRIL 13, 2017 6:30-8:00 PM MAYFLOWER ROOM

Sponsored and led by 8th Grade Confirmands, Teachers and Pastors

Reservations Required: call 847-724-2210 or sign up in the church office. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Service begins promptly at 6:30 p.m. Children are included in the Passover Seder liturgy, meal of lamb/chicken stew, followed by Holy Communion. Free Will Offering – suggested donation \$9 adults \$5 children (4-12).

### **KNITTER'S NEWS**

GOT YARN? We need yarn! As the GCC Women's Association Knitting Project continues, we are again looking for yarn for our projects. If you have some unused, unneeded yarn sitting around at home, it could have a new home in the GCC Yarn Box. Knitters and crocheters feel free to take some of the yarn to knit for the knitting projects. We are knitting hats, scarves, and mittens in any size for A Just Harvest and 8" squares, hats and hand warmers for the Knit-A-Square project. Patterns are on the Knit-A-Square website at *knit-a-square*. *com*. The knit-a-square project is for AIDS Orphans in South Africa. The website will give you a lot of information about the project.

If you are not a knitter, and would like to learn to knit, we are meeting at church in the Library on the first Wednesday of the month. The next knitting session will be on Wednesday, April 5, 4:00 p.m. This is open to knitters and learners alike! In the meantime, keep knitting and crocheting!



The Hands of Peace Alumni Delegation to Israel-Palestine will share their experiences with the greater HOP and GCC community on Wednesday evening, April 5, 6 - 8 p.m. in the multi-purpose room at Glenview Public Library. Please join them for this Report Back and hear how Hands of Peace is making a difference in the lives of young people both here and in Israel-Palestine.

# Tethered To God

Who in our very precious, very fragile life will stand with us to the end? Who will see to our needs, our desires, our preferences, our care, our everything? Be it spouse or partner or friend, Be it aunt, cousin, neighbor,

There is one constant on which we can depend.

The faithfulness of our God...the hope of eternal life... the steadfastness of His love.

In that life altering moment, we are alone with our hurt, our fears. But we are never truly alone.

We are offered peace – which surpasses human understanding.

We are offered a gift of love – from Who knew us before our first breath,

And will walk beside us until our last.

For these heartfelt beliefs I am truly grateful.

At the core of life and death

Is the irrefutable proof of our unseen tether to God,

Our faith.





#### **FEBRUARY 2017**

The Message, Ministries and Mission of Glenview Community Church thrive because you fulfill your stewardship commitments and make faithful contributions. It is essential that we remain current in our giving. In the midst of our busy lives, we offer you this update reminder to keep in focus our progress on completing our financial commitments to GCC. This Giving Glimpse will be updated monthly and included in the worship bulletin and Broadcaster.

	Amount Received	Amount* Pledged	Over/ Under	
February	\$ 45,964	\$ 90,401	- \$44,437	
YTD	\$192,465	\$238,095	-\$45,630	

**NOTE:** \* The Amount Pledged will be the monthly and YTD pledges budgeted for 2016 until the 2017 budget has been approved by the GCC congregation.

**Alive Together With Christ** 

Lent is the season of preparation for Holy Week and Easter. We prepare our hearts and minds through faith disciplines of worship, prayer, study, fasting, and deeds of justice and mercy. Lent is forty days long because Jesus spent forty days in the wilderness before He began His public ministry. Lent's forty days exclude Sundays because, for Christians, Sunday is always a celebration of the resurrection. Daily UCC Lenten devotional guides are available in the church office and in the narthex for your use. Please take one! May the Holy Spirit be at work in your life this Lent as you find your way closer to God.

#### **SUNDAYS DURING LENT**

Through the Sundays in Lent we will focus on five parables of Jesus that are only told in the pages of Matthew's gospel. The Theme is In Parables: Little Treasures of Light and Love. Worship 10:00 a.m.

APRIL 2 - Fifth Sunday in Lent
The Parable of the Talents
(Matthew 25:14-30)
Organ/Piano Duets: Gary Wendt and
Elaine Moss, Guest Pianist

## **HOLY WEEK**APRIL 9- PALM SUNDAY

**10:00 a.m. worship** Palm Sunday Processional with palms.

# **APRIL 13- MAUNDY THURSDAY 6:30 p.m. Seder Meal and worship**Sponsored by the 8th grade Confirmation Class in the Mayflower Room.

# **APRIL 14 - GOOD FRIDAY 7:30 p.m. - Once Upon A Parable**by Pote and Long. Worship service in song and story.

APRIL 15 - HOLY SATURDAY EASTER VIGIL - in the style of Taiaé 7:30 p.m. in the Chapel.

#### APRIL 16 - EASTER SUNDAY 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Festival Easter Worship with Holy Communion.

**EASTER EGG HUNT** - On the east lawn after the 9:00 a.m. worship.



#### **LENTEN BIBLE STUDY**

On Wednesday afternoons Rev. Chuck Mize will offer a study of Jesus' parables from 3:00-4:00 p.m. If you're interested please contact Chuck at <a href="mailto:chuck.mize@gccucc.org">chuck.mize@gccucc.org</a>, or at 847-724-2210, ext. 222.

#### **CONTEMPLATING LENT...**

During the past few weeks of Lent, over 70 people in the congregation have been reading *When Breath Becomes Air*, a New York Times bestseller. The book deals with issues of life and death, but especially gives us the opportunity to look deeply at the meaning and purpose of each of our lives. Three groups met in church or homes and various small groups shared their thoughts at the annual Women's Retreat held recently.

### "When Breath Becomes Air"

Some of the book groups are still meeting. Out of our conversation has come ideas for programs/seminars that will be offered in the future. Thank you to the leaders and hosts, and to all who chose to read this special book. There are a handful of books left, so if you would like a copy, please check in the church office.

#### **LOVE MESSAGE IN LENT**

When I go around to other churches to talk about the Spiritual Life Team Program, I am always filled with gratitude for the multiple ways OUR CHURCH provides for our spiritual needs and growth.

GCC is unique in the spiritual "feast" of worship, music, programs and learning opportunities it provides for all of us. Having visited over 150 other UCC churches around the country, I can speak with authority and love.

### THERE IS SIMPLY NO OTHER CHURCH LIKE OUR CHURCH...ANYWHERE!

I can also add my gratitude for returning to this church, after thirty-five years of learning and growing, to bring the Spiritual Life Team program to the place where it all began. Special thanks to Chuck Mize for welcoming me "home."

This amazing church of ours is a powerful and unique expression of God's love in the world. We need to make sure that its message continues to be heard through our financial contributions as well as the ways in which we bring heart, mind and spirit to be the body of Christ at GCC and beyond.

THIS CHURCH IS A SPECIAL LIGHT IN A CONFUSING AND DARK WORLD. YOU AND I ARE THE MATCH THAT CAN LIGHT IT! LET'S DO IT TOGETHER!

With Love and Prayers, Bobbie McKay



## PYF MARCH/APRIL

#### 4:00-6:00

**Questions:** contact Rev. Elizabeth Hartung-Ciccolini, email <u>elizabeth.ciccooini@</u> <u>gccucc.org</u>, call or text 708-228-4304.

#### **APRIL 2**

PYF cooks and eats together.

#### **APRIL 9**

**GAME ON!** We will play a large group game together.

#### **APRIL 16**

**EASTER!** Worship at 9:00 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. Enjoy with your family.

#### **APRIL 23**

**AUCTION** There will be a sign up sheet for time slots.

## POW-PYF ON WEDNESDAYS 7/8 CLUB

We are working on "Tough Stuff". Dinner will be at 5:30 p.m. followed by fellowship time and ending with some fun Bible discussions.

## MUSIC AND MOVEMENT CLASSES – SPRING 2017

If you are looking for something for your younger child/children to do while the older child/children are in preschool, then Music and Movement classes are for you. This is also a class where both your younger children can attend together no matter what their ages.

Our very own GCCNS music teacher, Debbie Berg, will be offering Music and Movement classes beginning the week of April 3 for children ages 9 months – 4 years. Classes will be offered on Tuesdays 9:15-10, 10:15-11 and Wednesdays 9:15-10, 10:15-11, and 11-11:45. Classes will be of mixed age and parents or caregivers are required to stay with the child/children. The spring session will last for 6 weeks and end the week of May 22.

Registration forms can be found on the GCCNS website. Non-GCC families are welcome as well, so share the information with your friends from play groups, library story time, or neighbors. If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Berg at <a href="https://debbieberg23@gmail.com">debbieberg23@gmail.com</a>

#### **CONFIRMATION NEWS**

No confirmation class on April 2 because of spring break.

8th grade will meet on April 9 at 8:45 a.m.. (No class for 7th graders because of school trip to Springfield).

No class on Easter Sunday, April 16. Worship at 9:00 or 11:00.

Thanks to everyone for their great support of "Love for Luke" bake sale, sponsored by the 8th grade confirmation classes.



#### **ARTIFICIALLY HIP**

As part of the community's ongoing support for Luke Gregory and his battle with Alveolar Rhabdomyosarcoma, a benefit concert will take place on Friday, April 21 at the New Church in Glenview from 7 - 11 p.m. The event features Artificially Hip, a local rock cover band made up of gracefully aging Glenview residents, and several of Luke's favorite food vendors. Ticket price is \$100/person, which includes food, drinks (wine/beer/bourbon bar) and a great evening of entertainment. Proceeds from the concert will help defray medical expenses incurred by the Gregory family during Luke's multi-year battle with cancer. To learn more about the event and how to purchase tickets, please contact Jenny Burrowes via email *jburr20@gmail.com*.

#### **SPRING INTO YOGA**

Monday nights, 7-8 p.m., Room 201: 5 sessions, April 10-May 22, no class April 17 (Easter Monday) and May 8.
Thursday mornings, 9-10 a.m., Narthex: 6 sessions, April 13-May 25, no class May 4.

Please register by April 7 by contacting Kelly Golding 847-657-1314 or <u>kellygolding@</u>
<u>comcast.net</u>



Calling all chili cooks - do you have a great chili recipe? Or just a competitive streak? Contact <a href="mailto:susan.shute@gmail.com">susan.shute@gmail.com</a> and provide your name and phone number to enter the chili cook-off.

#### **HOMETOWN AUCTION**

The "Hometown" Auction and Chili Cook-off is right around the corner on Sunday, April 23, from 5-8 p.m. Mark your calendar now for a night of food, fellowship, and fun (chili tasting and voting for your favorite!), all to help raise money for this summer's mission trip to Leech Lake, MN. An auctioneer will lead us in the fun of bidding – we already have Cubs tickets, Bears tickets, and "A Day at the Chicago Botanic Gardens"! It's not too late to donate new items for the auction, and cash donations are always welcome. Donation forms available in the church office. Contact <a href="mailto:karen.ornduff@gmail.com">karen.ornduff@gmail.com</a> for questions about donations or the event.



#### Read the following to learn how.

"Kajoina Jenifer and her family have been farming tea since 1999. She has 7 children and all of them are in school except for the youngest who will attend when old enough. She hopes that the additional income from selling tea on Fair Trade terms will enable all of her children to attend university. She also hopes to improve the community women's farming project in order to create better food security and provide additional sustainable income."

Learn more about Fair Trade Certified at <u>FairTradeCertified.org</u> or stop by our table on Sunday, April 9 during Fellowship!

Event Time	Event Name	Primary Location	Event Time	Event Name	Primary Location
Thursday, 30 March	2017		Sunday, 09 April 2	2017	
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room	8:30 AM to 9:30 AM	Stewardship Board Meeting	Room 210
7:30 PM to 9:00 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary	8:45 AM to 9:45 AM	Fellowship Board Meeting	Founders
Friday, 31 March 2017			9:15 AM to 9:45 AM	Primary Choir Rehearsal	Room 201
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room	10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	Church School Children Meet in Sanctuary	SanctuaryM
8:00 PM to 9:00 PM	AA Meeting	Parlor	10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	Palm Sunday Worship Service	Sanctuary
8:00 PM to 9:00 PM	AL-ANON	Library	11:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Fellowship and Refreshments	Mayflower
Saturday, 01 April 2017			11:15 AM to 12:15 PM	Leadership Committee Meeting	Founders
8:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Mens Open Gym	Gym	3:00 PM to 5:00 PM	Mission Trip Parent Meeting	Mayflower
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room	4:00 PM to 6:00 PM	PYF	Youth Room
Sunday, 02 April 2017		,	5:30 PM to 7:30 PM	Childrens Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
•		SanctuaryM	Monday, 10 April 2017		
10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	Glenview Community Church Worship	Sanctuary	3:30 PM to 6:00 PM	Confirmation Make Ups	Room 32
	Service Service		6:00 PM to 8:00 PM	Voices of GCC Rehearsal	Sanctuary
11:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Fellowship and Refreshments	Mayflower	7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	156 Committee Mtg	Founders
4:00 PM to 6:00 PM	PYF	Youth Room	7:00 PM to 9:00 PM	HOPEducation and Movie Night	Mayflower
Monday, 03 April 2017			7:00 PM to 8:00 PM	Yoga	Room 201
12:00 PM to 1:30 PM	Called to Care	Founders	7:31 PM to 8:30 PM	Mission Board Meeting	Parlor
Tuesday, 04 April 20	)17		Tuesday, 11 April	2017	
7:30 PM to 8:30 PM	Childrens Board Meeting	Youth Room	3:30 PM to 6:00 PM	Confirmation Make Ups	Room 32
Wednesday, 05 April 2017			5:00 PM to 7:30 PM	Voices Rehearsal	SanctuaryB
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room	5:30 PM to 6:30 PM	Voices of GCC Rehearsal	Sanctuary
3:00 PM to 4:00 PM	Lenten Bible Study	Parlor	6:30 PM to 7:30 PM	FIAT Meeting	Room 32
4:00 PM to 5:15 PM	FISH	Mayflower	7:00 PM to 9:00 PM	Adult Ed Board Meeting	Library
4:00 PM to 5:00 PM	Knitters/Crocheters	Library	7:00 PM to 9:00 PM	Pastoral Care Meeting	Parlor
5:30 PM to 7:30 PM	7/8 Club & POW	Mayflower	7:00 PM to 8:00 PM	Services & Sacraments Meeting	Room 210
6:00 PM to 7:15 PM	Bible Study	Parlor	7:30 PM to 8:30 PM	CSA 156	Room 213
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	Properties Board Meeting	Room 210	Wednesday, 12 April 2017		
Thursday, 06 April 2017			8:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room	3:00 PM to 4:00 PM	Lenten Bible Study	Parlor
10:00 AM to 11:30 AM	Morning Lenten Book Group	Parlor	4:00 PM to 5:15 PM	FISH	Mayflower
5:30 PM to 6:55 PM	12th Grade Dinner	Youth Room	5:30 PM to 7:30 PM	7/8 Club & POW	Youth Room
6:15 PM to 7:20 PM	Joyful Ringer Rehearsal	Bell Room	5:30 PM to 6:30 PM	Community Dinner	Mayflower
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	BSA 156 Troop Mtg	Mayflower	5:30 PM to 8:30 PM	,	SanctuaryB
7:00 PM to 8:00 PM	PYF Singers	Youth Room		Choir	
7:30 PM to 9:00 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary	6:00 PM to 7:15 PM	•	Parlor
Friday, 07 April 2017		oundida.	7:00 PM to 8:00 PM	Music Board Meeting	Music Office
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room	The next Deadlin	ne for the Broadcaster is April 5, 201	17 at 9·00 AM
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Mayflower

Sanctuary

Plymouth Room

Gym

## **FOOD WITH FRIENDS**

Sing to Live Concert - "On Broadway"

Enjoy a hot meal provided by Glenbrook High School Interact Club in partnership with St. David's Episcopal Church. There is no cost for this meal. It is an opportunity to join your friends and neighbors at St. David's on every third Tuesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. for dinner and fellowship. It is a chance to meet some amazing young people, break bread with your neighbors and feed your body.

## Join us on April 18.

Resale Shop Open

St. David's Episcopal Church,

8:00 AM to 12:30 PM CRS Cluster

9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

7:30 PM to 9:00 PM

8:00 AM to 12:00 PM Mens Open Gym

2410 Glenview Road, Glenview, IL (corner of Glenview Road and Shermer Road)



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past, Chapter 1 of the Women's Associahaving its annual plant sale this spring. are due by Easter Sunday, April 16 and available for delivery or pick up on Satur-

day, May 13, from 9 to noon. Please consider placing an order for your garden flowers, pots, hanging baskets as well as some herbs and vegetables. The quality of the plants is excellent and, most importantly, proceeds from the sale go directly to beautifying the GCC grounds. Plant forms are available in the church office and online at *gccucc.org*. If you have any questions, please contact Jill Ruter at 847-814-4156 or *jill.ruter@gmail.com*.

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**PASTORS** 

Rev. Dr. Charles E. Mize, Senior Pastor Rev. Dr. Pamela Keckler, Pastor Rev. Elizabeth Hartung-Ciccolini, Associate Pastor for Children and Youth

#### **OFFICE HOURS**

Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Nonprofit Organization

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