



Broadcaster

March 31, 2010

A Pilgrim's Progress

It's the strangest phrase, Good Friday. Who came up with that term? Is it an oxymoron? Literary oxymorons are carefully crafted to reveal a paradox and usually are adjective-noun combinations of contradictory terms. Good Friday fits that definition but it remains a strange phrase to identify the day of Jesus' death as Good Friday. What was good about it?

Capital punishment was slow and painful in Jesus' day. The idea was to make certain that everyone standing around got the message: break the law and this could be you. There was a major problem, however. They killed an innocent man. That's what makes it so tragic. He was no criminal. He got caught in the bitter politics between Jerusalem and Rome, neither of which could afford to have an extra king walking around. How tragic! The solution for their mutual problem was to put him to death, although each went to great lengths, worked extremely hard to blame the other for his death and make certain everyone knew it was their fault, the other group's fault. They, like we, were masters of the blame game. The ones doing the talking said of course they didn't mean for him to die. It was the others; it's always the other who went to the extreme in their solution to what they saw as a problem. Whatever. It happened. Jesus died. Tragic. His friends scattered, he was buried, and as far as we know there was never a funeral.

Good Friday, then, is a memorial service for Jesus. We've turned it into an annual memorial service perhaps to keep us from dismissing too quickly and too easily what should shock us but doesn't seem to shock us at all. As British writer, Dorothy Sayers, noted, "It is curious that people who are filled with horrified indignation whenever a cat kills a sparrow can hear the story of the killing of Jesus told Sunday after Sunday and not experience any shock at all." (God in Pain, Barbara Brown Taylor, p. 125)

This story about Jesus' death doesn't shock us. It is an old, old story. We are so

familiar with it. We have heard the words so often and in so many ways that we aren't shocked. We've tamed the language by reducing it to catch phrases, sound bites, and rhyming lines. Then, we set the phrases and lines to music and before long we can sing the words and the story without even thinking. And we do, sing the story without thinking, and it's so familiar that it's contemptible. Try now to hear the story as if you have never heard it before. Maybe it will shock you.

Here's the story. Love comes into the world like a little child, fresh from God. When love grows up, love feeds people, love heals people, love turns things upside down. This does not sit well with the people in charge. They warn love to leave well enough alone. Love meets hate, meets politics, meets fear. Love goes on loving, which gets love killed—not by villains in black hats but by people like us: clergy, patriots, God-fearing folk. What brought them together was their rage at him, for being less than they wanted him to be—or for being more than they wanted him to be—but in any case for not being who they wanted him to be, and they killed him for it. It happened on a Friday. If there is any goodness, it is the discovery of how unconditionally God loves us. Even with that, Good Friday is still a strange phrase, an oxymoron.

Howard

Help Share the Joy of Easter!

You can help share the joy of Easter by delivering an Easter Lily to someone who is unable to enjoy these plants in person. We need many people to sign up and help with this wonderful Easter tradition. The lilies may be picked up after the 11:00 a.m. service on Easter morning. To volunteer, please call Betsy Martin at 847-657-7595 or Carolyn Keller at 847-577-5115.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

APRIL 1, 2010

Maundy Thursday

Communion

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Meditation:

"Loved to the End"
Rev. Dr. Pamela Keckler

APRIL 2, 2010

Good Friday

12:00 p.m. until 1:00 p.m. Sanctuary open for prayer and meditation.

7:30 p.m. Pilgrim Wind Ensemble

Meditation:

"A Tragic Death"
Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts

APRIL 4, 2010
EASTER

9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Bells & Chancel Choir at both services

Scripture:

John 11:17-27, John 20:1-10

Sermon:

"God said, 'No!'"
Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts

The office will be closed on Monday, April 5, 2010.



SIGN CHI DO

The Art of Moving Prayer

April is here and around the corner is the 1st FREE session of a new program, Sign Chi Do. Joann Kress, RN and Bachelor completion student with NIU will be leading this unique, spiritual-based program. A combination of deep breathing, tai chi type movement, sign language and prayer to promote total body health and wellness. The practice of Sign Chi Do has been shown to reduce blood pressure, improve memory, increase concentration, improve muscle coordination and improve balance. People with all levels of physical abilities can participate!

All classes will be held in the Mayflower room or room 201 and preceded by a short discussion on the affects that stress has on our health. Please come dressed in comfortable clothing that allows movement. Contact Marilyn Belleau, Advocate Health Care Parish Nurse at 847-724-2210 x 30 for more details.

Dates and Times:

Tuesday, April 13 & 27
9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday, April 20 & 27
7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.



NORMAL AGING versus Dementia

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7

7:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. in Room 201

All are invited to a special program sponsored by the Called to Care Ministry. Tammy Newman, Marketing Director for Arden Courts Alzheimer's Assisted Living Facility in Northbrook will present information on normal aging versus dementia. Don't miss this chance to become better informed and have the opportunity to ask questions.

Volunteers Needed!

The Resource Development Committee (RDC), which has been organized to benefit all of GCC's people, programs and missions by raising incremental money beyond the pledge drive, is now recruiting volunteers. We have a number of events coming up this year including the first Pancake Breakfast, our inaugural Rummage Sale in June, our American Girl Fashion Show this fall and more. Each of these events will be filled with fun, fellowship and faith and we need you to help make these a success for GCC. If you would like to get involved, either a lot or just a little, please send John Tillman an email at michman@earthlink.net or call 847-724-7523. Thanks!

Inaugural GCC Rummage Sale

Spring is here and that means spring cleaning is under way! Please plan on donating clothes, furniture, sporting equipment, toys, books, bikes and other household products to the inaugural GCC Rummage Sale. Make sure the items are in good condition. We will not be accepting donations of electronic equipment (TV's, computers, etc.), certain baby products (strollers, cribs and high chairs), luggage or upholstered furniture. Please bring your donated items to the metal storage container in the parking lot between 9:30 and noon on Sunday, April 11th. Alternatively, call Steve Brown at 847-729-4766 to schedule a pick-up at your home. The GCC Rummage Sale will be on June 19th and 20th and is sponsored by the Resource Development Committee to benefit all of GCC's people, programs, and missions.

Breakfast with a Musical

Sunday, April 18 @ 8:00 a.m. – Noon

Sponsored by Resource Development Committee (RDC) supporting GCC programs through faith, fellowship & fun!

Our 7th Grade Confirmation Class and the GCC Men's Ministry will host a pancake breakfast on Sunday April 18.

For \$5, you receive sausage, a beverage and all the pancakes you can eat. Breakfast will be served before and after the 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. performance of "Rescue in the Night" brought to you by Voices of GCC.



Monthly Food Drive

We will be collecting food for San Lucas Church and the Northfield Food Pantry on Easter Sunday, April 4, at both services. We'll also be collecting food at both services on April 11. Please bring your non-perishable food offerings and leave them in the narthex or west entrance lobby. Thank you for your generosity in helping those struggling to make ends meet during these tough economic times.



Plant Sale

Spring is just around the corner so it's time to start thinking about your garden! Order forms for the annual Women's Association Plant Sale are now available at church and online at www.gccucc.org. A wide variety of high quality plants are available.

Deadline for order:

Sunday, April 18

Pickup/Delivery *

Saturday, May 15

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Please give June Mussay (729-0021) or Jill Ruter (729-2368) a call if you have any questions.

As always, the proceeds from this event will be used to beautify the church grounds.

* Delivery available for \$10/address



SAVE THE DATE

Friday May 7 at 10:00 a.m.

SCHRAGER TO SPEAK ON

"POLICY AND POLITICS: ONE YEAR LATER"

Chapter 8 of the Women's Association will again host a program and luncheon featuring popular lecturer, Joyce Schragger, on Friday, May 7, in the Mayflower Room. Ms Schragger is a dynamic and highly respected speaker on domestic and international affairs. The event will begin at 10 a.m. with a buffet lunch to follow. Tickets for the program and luncheon are \$15 or \$10 for the program only and may be purchased in the church office from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and during fellowship hours in April. Watch for more detail.



SAVE THE DATE!

GCCNS 2010 SPRING BOUTIQUE

Wednesday, April 21

9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Please join us for the 5th annual GCCNS Spring Boutique. Over 20 vendors, most of them new to our boutique, will be selling everything from jewelry, handbags and women's workout wear to home decor, personalized stationery and children's toys.

NEW THIS YEAR...

Free Starbucks Coffee

Coffee will be served throughout the morning compliments of the Starbucks at Lake and Waukegan!

Win a Manicure

Shop from 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. for a chance to win a free manicure. We will be raffling off 5 manicures each hour!

Visit www.gccns.com/springboutique for a list of our wonderful vendors or contact Julie Loeber at (847)998-8803.

Sunday School

Regular Sunday school classes will not be in session on Easter Sunday so that families may worship together at the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services.

Confirmation

APRIL 4

No classes

Regular classes will resume on April 11.

All service projects and worship reflections are due April 11.

We Need Wii

PYF and 678 Club Looking for a Wii

Do you have a Wii that is no longer being used? The PYF and 678 Club can put it to good use. The Confirmation & Youth Board is looking to acquire a Wii gaming system. Because Wii games are popular with youth, and encourage positive interaction, a Wii would be a great addition for the programs.

Contact Elizabeth Ciccolini, Director of Youth Ministries at 847-724-2210, x33 or email Elizabeth.Ciccolini@gccucc.org if yours is looking for a new home.

A Special Thank You

Special thanks to Tom Amos and various groups and individuals who organized the Lenten soup/bread and program/worship series.

Meditation in the Chapel

During the Lenten season the chapel will be open Monday through Friday from Noon to 6:00 p.m. for individual prayers and meditation. Enter through the West Entrance.

LECTIO DIVINA

Please join us on Thursday, April 8 and the second Thursday of each month. Lectio Divina is a traditional way of praying meditatively with the Bible so that the Word of God can reach our minds and hearts. Take this opportunity to bring the Risen Christ into your life. Join us from 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. in Room 5.

Facilitator: Parish Nurse, Marilyn Belleau, ext. 30.

PYF April & May

April 9-10

Lock - In:

Information has been sent home. If you have not received it please let Elizabeth know.

April 11

No PYF due to Lock In

April 18

Service to the Church: *This year we will be helping the church with a much needed project; Cleaning out McGee's Closet (a catch all storage closet). We will need a few parents as well as many youth to help sort, pitch and toss. A Grand Prize will be awarded for best "treasure" found. We will also have a Wii tournament.*

April 25

Small Group: Destiny. *We will create the year and make a tool kit to use to help keep us on track. Please RSVP, it will be helpful so enough supplies can be purchased.*

May 2

Boat Ride and Navy Pier: *Join us for this fun trip to the city. We will be taking the train downtown and taking the boat to and from Navy Pier. We will leave at 1:00 p.m. and return at 6:15 p.m.*

PYF Work Camp Stock Sales

Fifteen PYF youth and four adults will be traveling to Booneville Arkansas in June to participate in Youthworks work camp. The group will spend time working with children at Kids Club and doing house painting and home improvements for local community members. The youth will also have the opportunity to get to know some other youth groups from around the country and learn about local culture. To support this faith building mission experience, you may purchase stock for \$10 a share at the coffee hour on April 11, or by mailing or dropping off a donation at Church C/O Elizabeth Ciccolini. Your prayers and support are greatly appreciated.

**The return value
of PYF stock is
UP
Time to buy is
NOW!**

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Ministerial Staff

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Rev. Dr. Pamela Keckler, *Minister for Spiritual Formation*

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Marilyn Belleau, *RN, Health Ministry*
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Andrew Lewis, *Adult Choir*

Affiliates:

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

At A Glance

Thur 4-1	12:00 pm 6:00 pm 6:15 pm 7:30 pm	Meditation & Prayer, Chapel Hands of Peace Mtg., Parlor Bell Choir, Bell Rm Maundy Thursday, Sanctuary	Mon 4-5		Office Closed
Fri 4-2	9:30 am 12:00 pm 12:00 pm 7:30 pm 8:00 pm 8:00 pm	Pray Group, Rm 5 Meditation & Prayer, Chapel Good Friday Meditation; Open until 1:00 p.m., Sanctuary Good Friday Evening Service, Sanctuary AA, Parlor Al-Anon, Rm 201	Tue 4-6	6:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Girl Scout Mtg., Parlor Book Club, Library Children's Board Mtg., Rm 201 Planning Committee Mtg., Rm 210 Cub Scout Committee Mtg., Founders Rm
Sat 4-3	9:00 am	Men's Open Gym, Gym	Wed 4-7	9:00 am 9:00 am 7:00 pm 7:00 pm 8:00 pm	WA Chapter 19, Parlor ReSale Shop until 1:00 p.m., Plymouth Rm BSA 156 Mtg., Gym, Mayflower, Founders & Rm 5 Called to Care, Rms 210, 213, 201 and Upper Rm Venture Crew, Parlor
Sun 4-4	9:00 am 11:00 am	Easter Worship Service, Sanctuary Easter Worship Service, Sanctuary			

**Resale Shop will be closed
until April 7, 2010.**

Broadcaster Deadline

Please submit all articles by 9:00 am, Wednesday, one week in advance to publishing via e-mail at tania.mccarthy@gccucc.org