

Broadcaster

May 5, 2010

Pilgrim's Progress

During orientation for chaplaincy positions at Norton Psychiatric Hospital in Louisville, Kentucky, Professor Wayne Oates encouraged us "to make sense out of the nonsense" as we worked with patients. Often statements by patients in a psychiatric hospital sound like nonsense. However, often some trauma has occurred in their lives. What is communicated is their perception of what happened. As a result they look at life through distorted lenses. By seeking to make sense out of the nonsense helps bring the experience into clearer focus and provide understanding and healing.

Luke (8:26-39) tells about Jesus taking a boat ride across the Lake of Galilee toward the community of Gerasa. Apparently the city boat dock was out at the edge of the cemetery. Just as Jesus stepped off the boat, this crazy man approached him. If he weren't crazy, he certainly had some unusual habits. Luke identified him as having demons. On occasion the people of the town tried to keep him restrained with chains. The restraints worked temporarily until the seizures came. They put chains on him but he broke them with ease. He wandered through the hills screaming and cutting himself. He walked around naked. The popular diagnosis in the first century was that he was demon possessed. Abnormal behavior in the first century for which there seemed to be no corrective was diagnosed as demon possession. People, who were mentally challenged, emotionally disturbed, had Alzheimer's disease, and those with epilepsy were identified as being controlled by demons. The man had accepted the community's diagnosis. When Jesus asked him his name, he replied, "My name is Legion because there are many demons in me."

After giving his name, the man begged Jesus not to send the demons out of the region. Why? I think it had to do with the issue of change in the man's life. It is surprising the damaging relationships in which people are engaged but refuse to

do anything differently because they are afraid of the unknown results that will come following the change. Here was a man, crazy as he was, who knew how to function out in the cemetery. He knew that people expected him to scream and mourn, cut himself and walk around naked. Were he to get well, he was not sure if he would know how to act or how people would treat him.

Jesus treated him differently. When he was treated differently, he began to behave differently. Others treated him like an animal and he lived like an animal. Jesus treated him as person, a human being, and he began to act like a human being, dressed and in his right mind. And how did the people respond. They were afraid.

Did they fear that this man in his right mind might now retaliate against them for all they had done to him? Were they afraid that they had related so long to this man while he was sick that they did not know how to relate to him now that he was well? That does happen.

Jesus accepted this brokenhearted man by taking the time to be with him. He showed him it is appropriate to bury the dead, whatever in us is dead, and move on through the darkness to the light on the other side. Presence, support, affirmation, empathy, and love are all gifts that only people can give. Often it is through people giving these gifts to others that people discover and experience the goodness and the healing of God's grace in their lives that changes their lives for the better.

Howard

WORSHIP SERVICES

MAY 9

8:30 a.m.

**10:30 a.m. Children's Chorus
4th Grade Bible Presentation**

Scripture:

Psalm 31:1-5, John 14:1-14

Sermon:

"What's in a Name?"

Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts

MAY 16

YOUTH SUNDAY

8:30 a.m.

PYF Worship Band

10:30 a.m.

PYF Worship Band

Sermon by Seniors

Lisa Ruch and Christine Roenitz

"Moving Towards Our Destiny"

Rev. Dr. Pam Keckler

Elizabeth Hartung-Ciccolini

Director of Youth Ministries and Seminary student at Chicago Theological Seminary

MAY 23

8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.

Scripture:

1 Corinthians 12:4-13, Acts 2:1-21

Chancel Choir Presents

Mass In C Major, K.317

"Coronation"

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

In accordance with the Constitution of the Glenview Community Church and by a vote of the Executive Board, the Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 25, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting will be to receive nominations and elect the Moderator, Vice-Moderator, and board members and receive the annual reports of the leadership. A congregational vote will be taken on whether or not to adopt the proposed GCC Open and Affirming (ONA) statement previously approved by the Executive Board and the UCC and declare our congregation as Open and Affirming.

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

Beryl B. Bills, Church Clerk

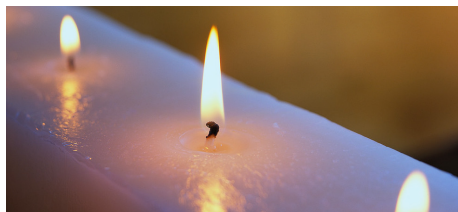
Open and Affirming Congregational Vote

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Ladies Bridge

The GCC Women's Association is announcing the annual Ladies Bridge Marathon end of the year luncheon and awards. It will be held in the Mayflower Room on Thursday, May 13 at 11:30 a.m.

Anyone interested in joining us next year should contact Corinne Spaulding at (847)724-6054.



LECTIO DIVINA

Thursday, May 13, and the second Thursday of each month. Join us for guided prayer. We use Scripture, words and silence to explore God's message in our lives. We meet in Room 5 from 9:30 - 11:00 am. Questions? Call Facilitator Marilyn Belleau, Parish Nurse, (847)724-2210, ext. 30.

LOOKING FOR OPPORTUNITIES TO VOLUNTEER?

CONSIDER JOINING AN USHER TEAM. The Services and Sacraments Board is looking for volunteers to join one of our usher teams. There are openings on teams for either the early or late service. This is a rewarding opportunity where your enthusiasm and helpful attitude will enhance the worship experience of church members as well as visitors. With a five team rotation, your commitment is about once every five weeks. Catch the spirit of volunteering by serving your church as an usher.

To join an usher team or if you have any questions, please email David Aki dave254@comcast.net.

UPDATE THE DIRECTORY

Do you use your cell phone more than your home phone? If you want it in next year's directory, please give us that information. Has your email changed? Please take a minute to give us any changes for the 2010 directory. It will be available to all members at no cost. Please call or email Jane Payne (847)724-2210 or jane.payne@gccucc.org or drop off a form in the office. Forms are available in the office, narthex and pews. Deadline is June 1st.

Attention: All Walkers

Those who have walked with us in the past and anyone who enjoys walking and talking, please join us. We usually walk about 3 miles and there are always several "groups" who are walking at different speeds.

Our FIRST walk of this season will be at the Botanical Gardens on Sunday, May 16. We will meet at the North side church parking lot at 12:45 p.m. and car pool to the Gardens. This time we will do the inside walk, (usually we walk the perimeter) so we can enjoy the beautiful Spring flowers. Hope to see many of you there.

YES, THERE WILL BE



A MITZVAH DAY!

Our Interfaith Day of Service will be held on Sunday, May 16th at the beautiful new BJBE synagogue in Deerfield. All are invited for a different format which will include a brunch with over 20 agencies at booths representing opportunities for helping.

Brunch will be served at 12 Noon, but those who can help prepare the brunch or make the 500 Brown Bag lunches for the Homeless should come at 10:30 a.m. Please express your interest or questions by calling Mary Anne Peruchini (847)251-2604 or Tom Amos (847)724-2259.

Volunteer of the Year

Helping Hands recently announced that Barbara Bond is the recipient of the Helping Hands Volunteer Driver of the Year Award. Barbara has lived in Glenview for 50 years and has been an exemplary Helping Hands driver for 10 years. "Barbara enjoys the opportunity to drive, talk with clients, and renew contacts with former classmates, teachers and friends as well as meeting new friends." Barbara will be recognized at Helping Hands annual meeting May 17 at Patton House.

Congratulations, Barbara!

Looking for more AMBASSADORS

Glenview Community Church appreciates all those who serve as Ambassadors at each of our worship services. If you would like to volunteer to serve and help extend "Radical Hospitality", please call M-J Detwiler at (847) 724-4844 or e-mail mjcd2223@gmail.com. You are scheduled approximately once every 6 weeks. We are always looking for more subs if that's more suitable for you. If you are serving as an Ambassador and want to continue you don't need to do anything, but if you are unable to continue serving as an Ambassador, call or e-mail M-J Detwiler.



GOOD NEWS PARTNERS

"Weaving Hope"

Good News Partners invites you to join us for our 2010 Annual Dinner, "Weaving Hope" on May 7, 2010.

Good News Partners is a ministry in the North of Howard neighborhood of Chicago, providing housing and building community with people who would otherwise be homeless, right in our own backyard. God reminds us in Isaiah 58: 7 "Share your food with the hungry and open your homes to the homeless poor. Give clothes to those who have nothing to wear, and do not refuse help to your own relatives." And, in Isaiah 58:12, "You will be known as the people who rebuilt the walls,



who restored the ruined houses." This is what Good News Partners is about.

This year's exciting event features the Chicago Chamber Choir performing a benefit concert, and we will be announcing new leadership at GNP and an exciting future. The dinner will be held at First Presbyterian Church of Evanston, 1427 Chicago Avenue, Evanston. The reception begins at 6:00 pm, dinner at 6:30. Tickets are \$50 per person. Tables for eight may be purchased for \$400. For more information contact Leah Kranz at (773)764-4998 or at leah@goodnewspartners.org or jan@goodnewspartners.org.

The Flower Hours

Join CHAPTER 3 for a fundraising event for Onward Neighborhood House (ONH) sponsored by Sawbridge Studios and Prufrock Florists at Sawbridge Studios, 1015 Tower Court, Winnetka (847)441-2441 on Wednesday, May 12, 2010 at 3:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Sam McGee, co-owner of Prufrock and renowned floral demonstrator, will teach the how-to's and secrets of professional flower arranging. Arrangements will be created in hand blown glass vases by celebrated glass artist, Simon Pearce of Vermont. The proceeds from each \$10.00 ticket, and 15% of the event's purchases will be donated directly to ONH.

Reservations required. Space is limited. Checks are payable to GCC CHAPTER 3; Please mail the check to Mary Feldmeir, 1342 Pleasant Lane, Glenview, IL 60025. For questions, please contact Mary Feldmeir at (847)724-6943 or wildcatter311@comcast.net or sjstudd@gmail.com.



The Women's Association invites all ladies aged 5 years and older to don their tea party finery and enjoy conversation and a traditional English tea with new and longtime friends on Sunday, May 23rd at 2:30 p.m. in the Mayflower Room. The cost is \$10 per person and reservations will be taken after the 10:30 service on May 9 and 16, or checks can be written and sent to C.J. Sultz, 1570 Bluestem Lane, Glenview, 60026. There will be special entertainment, door prizes, good food, and fellowship, so sign up soon and bring a friend, neighbor, or family member!



Take the night off cooking and let *Goode & Fresh* do the work.

Sponsored by Chapter 11 of the Women's Association. Deadline for orders is May 7th. If you have any questions, email Kim Vanderveen at chicagodutch@yahoo.com

Sunday School

Please join us in recognizing the 2010 class of Bible recipients on Sunday, May 9 during the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Regular Sunday school classes will not be in session and will resume on May 16.

Confirmation

7TH GRADE
Sunday, May 9

There will be opening prayers in the Youth Room and regular class time. Our last class is May 16. Please turn in any worship or service project sheets.

Thank You

Thank you to Allison and Bob Vevang, Elizabeth Ciccolini, and PYF'ers Kevin Barron and Lisa Ruch for their support and help at the 8th grade Confirmation overnight retreat.

Be sure to stop by the bulletin board next to the Youth Room to see pictures of some of the fun we had!

6th Grade Parents

You will be receiving a letter soon about Confirmation classes next fall, along with a registration form to complete. GCC has a two-year Confirmation program which begins in 7th grade and ends in the spring of 8th grade year. We have class each Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. Contact Rev. Keckler if you have any questions or if you do not receive information from us. Phone: (847)724-2210, Ext. 24.

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Marcia Kiraly, *Director, GCC Nursery School*

Barbara Thewis, *Manager, Resale Shop*

At A Glance

Thur	9:00 am	Resale Shop open until 5:00 p.m., Plymouth Rm		
5-6	12:00 pm	HOP Leadership Mtg., Parlor		
	6:00 pm	HOP Mtg, Parlor		
	6:15 pm	Bell Choir, Bell Rm		
	7:00 pm	Troop 156 Patrol Leaders Council, Rm 201		
	7:30 pm	PYF Fellowship Time, Gym		
	7:30 pm	Chancel Choir, Sanctuary		
	7:30 pm	PYF Fellowship Time, Youth Rm		
Fri	9:00 am	Resale Shop open until 1:00 p.m., Plymouth Rm		
5-7	10:00 am	Joyce Schragger Lecture, Mayflower Rm (<i>ticket event</i>)		
	8:00 pm	AA, Parlor		
	8:00 pm	Al-Anon, Rm 201		
Sat	9:00 am	Men's Open Gym, Gym		
5-8	9:00 am	Resale Shop open until 1:00 p.m., Plymouth Rm		
	9:00 am	PMRC, Rm 201		
Sun	8:00 am	Voices of GCC rehearsal, Sanctuary		
5-9	8:30 am	Worship Service, Sanctuary		
	9:15 am	Fellowship, Mayflower Rm		
	9:30 am	Adult Education, Chapel		
	9:30 am	7th Grade Confirmation Class, Various Rms		
	9:30 am	Fellowship Board Mtg., Rm 213		
	9:30 am	Confirmation Opening Prayers, Youth Rm		
			<i>Sunday Continued</i>	
	9:45 am	Primary Choir, Rm 201		
	10:30 am	Worship Service, Sanctuary		
	11:30 am	Fellowship Hour, Mayflower Rm		
	11:30 am	Confirmation/Youth Board, Youth Rm		
	4:00 pm	PYF, Youth Rm		
Mon	9:30 am	Finding My Spirit, Library		
5-10	5:00 pm	Heifer Mtg., Rm 201		
	7:00 pm	Finance Board Mtg., Founders Rm		
	7:00 pm	Service & Sacraments Board Mtg., Parlor		
	7:30 pm	PYF Fellowship, Youth Rm, Gym & Sanctuary		
Tue	7:00 pm	Pastoral Care Board Mtg., Rm 210		
5-11	7:00 pm	Adult Education Board Mtg., Founders Rm		
	7:00 pm	Properties Board Mtg, Library		
	7:00 pm	Stewardship Board Mtg., Rm 7		
	7:30 pm	Cub Scout Committee Mtg., Rm 201		
	7:30 pm	Mission Outreach Board Mtg., Parlor		
Wed	9:00 am	Resale Shop until 1:00 p.m., Plymouth Rm		
5-12	7:00 pm	BSA 156 Troop Mtg., Mayflower & Gym		
	7:00 pm	Music Board Mtg., Rm 201		
	7:30 pm	Confirmation/Youth Board Mtg., Youth Rm		
	8:00 pm	Venture Crew, Rm 210		

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