

On Sunday, May 17, our worship was anchored by and built around Robert Ray's **Gospel Mass**. May 17 was the third time that our Chancel Choir has offered this magnificent choral work at Glenview Community Church; the first time in 1999 and the second time in 2004. So it had been eleven years, and I had never heard it in its entirety live before. Gary Wendt, our Minister for Music, introduced it with this:

Robert Ray began writing **Gospel** Mass in 1979 on the heels of the Black Power Movement. It was the right time and place for this Northwestern University graduate, who went around the country with the Reverend Clarence Rivers advocating the use of jazz and African-American music in Catholic masses. Rivers was a musician and the first black Catholic priest in the archdiocese of Cincinnati. Ray was teaching at the University of Illinois - Urbana when he was asked to compose a Mass in the style of African-American music. It premiered in 1979 at University of Illinois – Urbana with one of Ray's choruses. Said Ray, "God controls everything I do. It was written in about a two-week period. The hard part for me was not being a formally trained composer. The creativity was a result of divine inspiration. (God) was working with me." Indeed, he composed the Hallelujah movement of the mass the night before the premiere. He taught it by rote to the chorus the night of the premiere performance.

Robert Ray knows that God was at work in him when he wrote **Gospel Mass**. The Holy Spirit filled Robert Ray's heart, and head, and used him to produce a masterpiece of inspiration and praise to God. And on Sunday, May 17, our congregation felt the power of God's Holy Spirit speaking through the music that that same Holy Spirit inspired 36 years ago! And you stood, and clapped, and shouted Amen! because you simply couldn't sit still. Gary Wendt tells me that he can't remember that happening before in his years at GCC.

That is Pentecostal power! Sunday, May 24th was Pentecost. On the first Pentecost – fifty days after the first Easter – the Holy Spirit came storming into the lives of Jesus' deflated and dejected disciples. It inspired them to do what you did: to sing, and shout, and dance with joy as they told the story of God's victorious love in Jesus Christ. They were filled with Pentecostal power, and the church was born.

Pentecostal power is the power of the Holy Spirit. They are one and the same. In my growing up years, the Pentecostals were out-of-control Christians who babbled and swooned each week. Church was such an ecstatic, emotional experience that there was no place for critical thinking or intellectual exploration. On the other hand, our tradition has been so circumspectly reserved that we've been afraid of any emotion at all in church...and it's earned us the name *Frozen Chosen*. Well, we are the chosen...but we certainly weren't *frozen* on May 17th! Can I get an *Amen* for that???

True Pentecostal power is the irresistible persuasion of God's love that energizes our deeds of love and mercy; our work for justice and peace. Indeed, the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God's love at work in the world through us.

### **MAY 31, 2015**

#### **YOUTH LED WORSHIP**

10:00 a.m.

#### **Scripture:**

Hebrews 10:24-25, Ephesians 4:15-16 Romans 8:12-17

#### **Beloved Community**

Ms. Elizabeth Hartung-Ciccolini Minister for Youth & Children

### **JUNE 7, 2015**

# BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY CHOIR SUNDAY

10:00 a.m.

#### **Scripture:**

Psalm 150

# **JUNE 14, 2015**

10:00 a.m.

#### **Scripture:**

1 Samuel 15:34-16:13 Mark 4:26-34

#### **Sermon:**

Rev. Dr. Chuck Mize

Redheads and Mustard Seeds



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There are so many signs that Pentecostal power is surging at GCC. So I invite you to be attentive to the Spirit. That means being open to its inspiration and paying attention to its persuasion. Ever since the first Pentecost, we have known that the presence of the Holy Spirit is what makes the church alive. And signs of life are all around us at GCC!

My favorite hymn of the Spirit is **Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart.** It concludes with this verse:

Teach me to love Thee, as Thine angels love, One holy passion filling all my frame; The baptism of the heaven-descended Dove My heart an altar, and Thy love the flame!

When we are open and paying attention to Pentecostal power, our hearts will be the altar, and God's love will be the flame! See you in church!

Chuck Mize



# **CALLING ALL ADULTS!!!**

The Fellowship Board is excited to introduce "First Thursdays." Every first Thursday of each month adults over 21 and their guests are invited to meet out at various establishments in Glenview for fellowship. This June, come out to Grandpa's on Thursday, June 4th at 7:00 p.m.! Contact Ryan Peschke with questions via email <code>peschker@gmail.com</code> or call 773-678-2062. We hope to see you!



# VOLUNTEER WHO INSPIRES PEOPLE

The Membership Board would like to acknowledge the volunteer efforts of people in our church community. So many people volunteer to work behind the scenes as well as in more well-known positions and all of these efforts are needed and appreciated-whether it is 5 minutes tidying up a room, helping plan an activity, stuffing envelopes, or holding a leadership role. This week, we'd like to extend our appreciation to **Pearl and Russell Hiltz and Pieter Fockens.** 

GCC would like to recognize Pearl and Russell Hiltz as Volunteers who Inspire People (VIPs). Russ is a member of the choir and music board, but can also be found doing just about anything he is asked: cleaning choir robes, wiping down chairs, helping setting up/breaking down staging for the church, playing drums, ushering, arranging food for choir events at church. Pearl, a member of Chapter 8, answers the phone on Mondays, ushers and donates to just about every event the church has (canned goods, cookies for night ministry etc.) Thank you, Russ and Pearl, for your tireless support of so many activities that are a part of GCC.

GCC would like to recognize **Pieter Fockens** as a Volunteer who Inspires People (VIP). Pieter has been the librarian of the Chancel Choir for over 30 years, cataloging and organizing almost 100 anthems per year that the choir sings. He also frequently can be heard reading Bible verses from the pulpit and has shared his heritage with the congregation, demonstrating the diverse backgrounds that are part of our community. Thank you, Pieter, for helping to fill our hearts with song and spirit.

# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

What a joy it is to welcome our newest members to Glenview Community Church! These people joined the church on Sunday, May 17, 2015:

Anna Busch, John Busch, Sarah Busch, Jamie Chodoroff, Ginny Hotaling, Borna Bonakdarpour-Jaberg, Leisl Bonakdarpour-Jaberg and Rev. Dr. Bobbie McKay

# CONSTRUCTIVE CONVERSATIONS

Have you heard about the new Constructive Conversations Ministry?

What is it? A confidential process where members of the congregation can ask for help to resolve issues with one another.

Do we have a problem at GCC with conflict? If not, why do we need this ministry? Thankfully, this ministry was not created in response to a specific problem – GCC is a great place to be and we want to keep it that way! Think of this ministry as a tool to help maintain and strengthen the health of our community, like an inoculation you receive to prevent getting sick.

How does it work? Anyone can take advantage of this completely confidential process by contacting a member of the Constructive Conversations Ministry team (Cathy Ach, Leanne Drennan, Debby Fosdick, Kelly Golding, Gretchen Grad, Mary Ellen Johnson, Reverend Chuck Mize, Brad Smith, or C.J. Sultz) to get the tools to try to resolve the issue on their own or take advantage of a trained church facilitator for assistance. What if I have questions? The Constructive Conversations Ministry team is available to address any questions, concerns, comments, etc., so please do not hesitate to reach out to any of them.



The Membership Board is making plans for a new pictorial directory this fall. We are having an organizational meeting on Wednesday, June 10 at 7:00 p.m. with the representative. If you have an interest in being part of this planning event or think you would like to volunteer later, please contact Rev. Pam Keckler.





### **CHICAGO PRIDE PARADE JUNE 28**

Join us for the for this year's Pride Parade. Sign up during coffee or lemonade hour! Bask in the cheers, hugs and high 5's that greeted GCC's marchers last year, and enjoy telling all Chicago that GCC is truly a House for all God's People. What was the best thing about being the 2014 parade? Katherine Hughes said it was "that I was there representing a church which is truly open and affirming!"



#### NEPAL DISASTER RELIEF

On Tuesday, May 12, another massive earthquake struck the foothills of the Himalayas in Nepal, registering 7.3-magnitude according to the U.S. Geological Survey. It is projected that it will take Nepal over a decade to recover from the two earthquakes it experienced in less than one month's time. The Mission Outreach Board would like to share two ways that you can donate that will directly help the people in Nepal. First you can donate to the UCC's International Relief Fund. It is a general fund but you can designate your donation to Nepal Relief. Similarly another Christian organization we work with, Church World Services, has a specific Nepal Relief Fund. You can donate to these organizations by writing a check to GCC and indicate the donation to "Nepal Relief" in the memo section of the check. This can be put in the collection plate or the donation boxes that will be set up in the Narthex and West entrance on Sundays before and after the worship service. Thank you for your generosity and your prayers for Nepal."



## **FAITH IN ACTION IN SPRINGFIELD**

Mickey Safstrom and Nancy Mullarkey posed with State Representative Laura Fine in her Springfield office on May 12. The two were among over 550 people of faith who joined Community Renewal Society's annual Day of Faith in Springfield. The group urged legislators to support legislation to improve job opportunities in education and healthcare for citizens returning from incarceration and reforms to make police more accountable to the communities they serve. They asked officials to adopt a budget that includes revenue enhancements instead of relying solely on cuts that hit the poor the hardest. Fine later tweeted this picture, with the message "Thank you @CRSchicago for visiting Springfield and for your compassionate advocacy against injustice and poverty."



The Simple Gifts Concert Series of the Glenview Community Church presents the North Shore Chapter of the American Guild of Organists in recital on Monday, June 1 at 7:15 p.m. The concert will include arrangements of patriotic songs such as Stars & Stripes Forever, and the Star Spangled Banner. Pieces by American composers John Knowles Paine and Leo Sowerby will be featured. Admission is free.

Performers include Andrea Handley (Trinity United Methodist Church, Wilmette), Jill Hunt (First Presbyterian Church, Lake Forest), Christine Kraemer (St. Luke's Episcopal, Evanston), Derek Nickels (Church of the Holy Comforter, Chicago), Jay Peterson (Christ Church, Winnetka), David Schrader (Roosevelt University, Chicago) and Gary Wendt (Glenview Community Church).















#### A JUST HARVEST NEEDS YOU

If you are a longtime volunteer with this GCC mission or someone who hasn't yet had a chance to serve dinner at the AJH Community Kitchen in Rogers Park, here are several opportunities to participate on one of the 2015 summer dates.

We have many members on our current list that have, from time to time, generously given 3 hours to serve people in need. You just have to go with a group once to see what a rewarding experience it is. Couples, families, singles, Women's' Association chapters, church boards, are all encouraged to participate.

Seven or eight GCC volunteers serve a hearty dinner to one hundred or more people at AJH twice a month, on the first Sunday and third Wednesday. The food is provided. All you have to do is ride with an experienced volunteer to The Community Kitchen and serve it. We leave GCC at 3:30 p.m. on Sundays and 4:00 p.m. on Wednesdays. You'll return in three hours.

We need volunteers on the third Wednesdays: *June 17, August 19 and September 16.* 

Volunteers are needed on the first Sundays: July 5, August 2 and September 6.

Please check your calendars and email <u>Sandra-Frantz@sbcglobal.net</u> if you can help or sign up on the Missions bulletin board outside the church office.

## **CHURCH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS**

The office will begin summer hours on June 22. The office will be open from 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The Memorial Garden will be open during building operational hours.

#### CHURCH BUILDING SUMMER HOURS

The Glenview Community Church is open seven days a week. The regular hours for the church in the summer (excluding special events) are as follows:

Monday-Friday: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



# ADULT EDUCATION

SUNDAYS 9:00 A.M. IN THE CHAPEL

# SUNDAY MAY 31 AND SUNDAY JUNE 7 SPIRITUALITY PART 1 AND PART 2



For the past 20 years, Dr. Bobbie McKay has been talking with people about the presence of God in their lives. Her three research studies have taken her across the United States and in England to talk with over 4000 people about when God became "real" to them. Dr. McKay is an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ, a licensed psychologist, has taught at both Chicago Theological Seminary

and New York School of Ministry. She has published six books, four of them about her research on spiritual life in mainstream religious congregations, Protestant, Catholic, Reform Jewish and Muslim. Her work also appears in "Religion and Healing in America", Oxford University Press, 2005.

But what you may not know about Bobbie is that she began her ministry at the Glenview Community Church when a group of amazing, energetic, unforgettable women decided they needed a woman minister of their own. And God brought these awesome women and Bobbie together in a never-to-be-repeated act (anywhere in the world) that introduced the whole idea of a small group ministry into the UCC. It all began right here in this church.

Bobbie has amazing stories to tell of when God became real to ordinary people, in everyday life situations, and transformed them. And if you think you've never had a God experience, you are in for a big surprise!



### **RAVINIA NIGHT**

Join us for *A Prairie Home Companion with Garrison Keillor - Live National Broadcast* Saturday, June 20. Tickets \$20 - includes lawn admission, food and beverages. Bring a chair and we'll meet on the lawn by the red and white balloons. Get your ticket at Coffee Hour or contact Ryan Peschke at <a href="mailto:peschker@gmail.com">peschker@gmail.com</a> or 773-678-2062. Sponsored by the Fellowship Board.











# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT GCC

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Thursday, 28 May	2015	
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	Youth Sunday Practice	Mayflower
6:15 PM to 7:20 PM	Bell Choir Rehearsal	Bell Room
7:30 PM to 9:30 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Friday, 29 May 20	15	
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7:15 PM to 8:30 PM		Sanctuary
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7:00 PM to 8:00 PM	Constructive Conversations Ministry	Parlor
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# MYRA LORIS IS COMING. WORLD WAR II

Myra Loris will continue her six-part lecture series on World War II on the following Tuesday evenings starting with dessert at 7:00 PM. Ms. Loris will begin at 7:30 PM and speak for an hour.

#### **JUNE 9**

"Production Miracle" looks at the astonishing conversion of America's civilian industry to the most enormous, successful defense Industry that the world has ever seen. Both the major industries involved, and all the social and demographic changes created by this conversion will be explored. Filled with amazing facts, numbers and data!

Tickets, \$15 per lecture and will be available at coffee hour beginning April 13, at the door, or by calling Beryl Bills (847-724-1694). Chapters 8 and 9 of the Glenview Community Church Women's Association are sponsors of the program. All proceeds will benefit social service agencies.

The series will be resumed in the fall, beginning September 15.

September 15: Casualties of Suspicion, October 13: Hollywood Goes to War, November 10: Last Hired, Last Fired.

#### **YOU ARE NEEDED**

#### **NEW MEMORIAL SERVICE USHERS**

Glenview Community Church has been the source of solace and comfort for hundreds of families and individuals who are saying goodbye to their loved ones. Please help continue this holy service by becoming an usher at our Memorials.

Qualifications: daytime availability on rare occasions. Two hour time commitment per occasion on a rotating basis. Training provided.

More details are available when you call Ruth Shultz (847) 729-1381

#### THE NEXT DEADLINE FOR THE BROADCASTER IS JUNE 3, 2015 AT 9:00 AM

Mayflower



7:00 PM to 8:30 PM BSA - Court of Honor









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**PONDERING IN SILENCE...** 

"I remember running over the hills just at dawn one summer morning and, pausing to rest in the silent woods, saw, through an arch of trees, the sun rise over river, hill, and wide green meadows as I never saw it before. Something born of the lovely hour, a happy mood, and the unfolding aspirations of a child's soul seemed to bring me very near to God..."
--- Louisa May Alcott (1832-1888)

