

WHAT MAKES YOUR HEART SING?

Broadcaster

Glenview Community Church

What Song Does Your Heart Sing?

A week before I began my sabbatical, a member of the congregation asked me if I would come back and let GCC know the secret of life. The assumption of course is that I might find the secret of life. I replied that of course I would. My time of sabbatical – of rest, renewal, recovery – flew by. As quickly as May 15th arrived, heralding the beginning of time away, August 15th arrived, signaling my return to GCC. On Sunday, August 16, I arrived at GCC at 7:30 in the morning, looking forward to worship at 9:30. I can say with certainty that I did not discover the secret of life. I did, however, recover something much more important to me.

At a leisurely pace I was able to read, reflect, and renew my spirit. I found the Printer's Row Lit Fest the first weekend in June and the Iowa Summer Writing Festival in mid-June to be engaging, fulfilling, and rewarding. I heard Pulitzer Prize winning novelist Elizabeth Strout talk about her newest novel, *Olive Kitteridge*, and the writing process. I wrote nearly 16,000 words in a workshop entitled "10,000 words." It was wonderful to be able to spend so much time on the craft of writing.

There was time to catch up on past issues of *The Christian Century*, to prepare for a small group I will facilitate this fall using the DVD series recently purchased by Adult Ed Board, "First Light: Jesus and the Kingdom of God". I also researched Advent Vespers and planned World Communion Sunday worship.

Time with my family was luxurious. My daughter Jenna and I took a road trip from Washington, DC, to New Orleans, relocating her for graduate school in Public Health at Tulane University. My daughter Kate and I spent some time together at the monastery in Madison. We also had extra time to hang out and enjoy each other's company. That is particularly meaningful since she will be moving to France in the fall to teach English to young French children for 7 months. I enjoyed my granddaughter Alexa's high

school graduation and running into her at the beach and having lunch with her. My grandson Sean and I enjoyed the Botanic Garden, the Zoo, the beach, reading, drawing, coloring. Just being. Jim and I enjoyed theater and music and movies and a trip to Wisconsin.

In an adult education program last January I talked about recent research that indicates that stress leads to higher rates of drug abuse, alcoholism, and suicide among doctors, lawyers, and clergy. Sabbatical can be viewed as a preventive or restorative strategy leading to renewed energy, enthusiasm, creativity and commitment. It certainly was that for me. I was able to recapture the strong sense of call to ministry in the church. I was able to find my center. For that I am deeply grateful.

I thank Glenview Community Church for its visionary understanding of the needs of called clergy and their willingness to support us. And I thank the folks who served on the sabbatical group this past year and a half: Gary Berkenstock, Lloyd Bettis, Don Clark, Amy Davis, Dick Gottfred, Gretchen Grad, Bill Ryan, Jane Sanderson, Tracy Sawires, and Jackie Sefer. I'm happy to share more detail. You can reach me at sally.iberger@gccucc.org or by phone at (847) 722-2210.

Rev. Sally Iberg
Minister for Mission and Ministry

The Joyful Ringers

The Joyful Ringers have begun rehearsing Thursdays from 6:15-7:20 p.m. We are currently looking for one "full time" ringer to join us. Contact Gary Wendt at X51 or email at gary.wendt@gccucc.org for more details.

September 9, 2009

SUNDAY SERVICES

SEPTEMBER 13, 2009

RALLY DAY

Don't forget to send in your RSVP

9:30 a.m. Children's Choir,
Chancel Choir and
Handbell Choir

Scripture:

Psalm 119:33-40
Galatians 6:1-10

Sermon:

"Living in the Complementary Mood"
Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts

SEPTEMBER 20, 2009

Stewardship Sunday Mission Moment

8:30 a.m.

10:30 a.m. Chancel Choir

Scripture:

Mark 12:41-44

Sermon:

"Where Love Meets"
Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts

Women's Fall Retreat

Registration forms now available! Our annual women's fall retreat will be held on Friday evening through Saturday afternoon, October 2-3, 2009. This year we'll be staying at the Cabrini Retreat Center on Golf Road in Des Plaines, Illinois. Friday night's program will begin at 7:00 p.m. followed by a hospitality time together. Saturday will include breakfast and lunch and the program. We will conclude at 3:00 p.m. Cost, which includes a private room, is \$65. Please register as soon as possible. There is space for 18 women. Questions, see Marilyn Belleau or Rev. Pam Keckler

The Time is NOW!



Many of you are aware of the congregational meeting that is being planned for September 27 to bring to the congregation the recommendation of the Personnel Task Force (PTF) to eliminate the position of Minister for Mission & Ministry at GCC – Sally Iberg’s position. This committee was formed last spring to research ways to cut expenses from our budget for 2010 due to the Finance Board’s prediction that we may be facing a \$131,000 shortfall for the 2010 budget based on current expenses. The PTF met from March through August and reviewed major expenditures in our budget and after review pinpointed a ministerial position for elimination. The Executive Board met on Saturday, August 29th and voted to take this recommendation to the congregation to vote.

The Stewardship Board, along with many other leaders in our church, feel that the PTF has only looked at one side of the situation.....while they have recommended cutbacks and withdrawal of funds, we feel there is a more positive action that can be taken by this congregation.....a renewal of commitment...with ongoing financial support....it’s happened over and over again in the past 112 year history of this church....members stepping up and pledging support during times of need. We have approximately 1,300 active adult members to support this congregation....everyone is instrumental in growing and expanding this church...each making a difference.

To illustrate the extent of support this church needs from its membership...here

is some ‘Did You Know’ information to consider:



This church has a current budget of \$1,156,000 in expenses – if you consider our active adult membership is the main source of revenue for these services, that’s an average of ~\$890.00 services provided per member; even without any ministerial staff, the average service provided per member is ~\$600.00.



Here’s a breakdown of some of these major services provided which our adult membership funds if broken down per member on an annual basis:

- o Property Upkeep: \$ 208.25
- o Mission Outreach: 89.90
- o Music Program: 53.42
- o Children/Youth: 52.89
- o Pastoral Care: 41.05

These are numbers to keep in mind when you look at the opportunity to help finance these services provided to our wider church community which includes children and youth and those in need.

You will be receiving your pledge commitment mailing the week of September 13th - make pledging a positive way to show support for GCC and a positive way to take action to grow this church. Before we cut important ministerial positions, we need to first let us as a congregation pull together and unite forces with our collective financial support.

Look for the ‘My Faith – My Church – My Commitment’ mailing. Make your commitment NOW! Your support is essential to this church.

The Stewardship Board
Sally Thuesson, Chair

Special CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

By a vote of the Executive Board, a Special Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, September 27, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting will be to hear and vote upon acceptance of the recommendation of the 2010 Personnel Task Force to vacate the position of Minister for Mission and Ministry.

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

Beryl B. Bills,
Church Clerk

Congregational Meetings:

An important Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, September 27 at 7:00 p.m. in the Mayflower Room. Information regarding that meeting will be forthcoming in the mail. There will also be informational meetings held at the following times:

SEPTEMBER 14
Monday evening at 7 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 20
Sunday evening 7 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 22
Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 p.m.

Please come, listen, and share.

Financial Summary

A Year-to-Date summary as of August 31, 2009:

Pledges Received to date:	
Pledges Made -	\$978,521
Payments received against the Pledges made:	
Pledges Paid -	\$573,504
Total Revenues received (including Pledges Paid):	
Total Revenues -	\$721,733
Total Actual Expenses paid:	
Total Expenditures -	\$721,488

Respectfully submitted
Rob Hevey, *Treasurer*

FALL SMALL GROUPS AT GCC

Do yourself a favor this fall and sign up for a small group discussion. Participating in small groups is a great way to get to know others better. Discussions focus on a particular topic of interest, such as Bible study, faith exploration, book discussion, meditation. It’s easy to participate. Just sign up for the small group of your choice, attend the sessions, participate in great conversation, and get to know yourself and others better. Look for information and registration material in the narthex and the church office. You may register any time prior to September 27 or until the group is filled. Registration is available in the church office or by calling(847)724-2210. Questions? Contact Rev. Sally Iberg at sally.iber@gccucc.org or (847) 724-2210.

Women's Association CHAPTER 20

Wed, Sept. 16th Chapter 20 will meet in the Chapel at 9:30 a.m. After a short business meeting, we will hear Tom Amos give a history of Heifer International, that was started by Don West of Indiana. Come and hear this inspiring story on the power of this man's change for the world. All are welcome. Contact Barb Pollak with any questions (847-729-1030).

KNITTERS

Tuesday, September 15, noon in Room 5
Share any summer projects, prayer shawls, baby blankets and new ideas.

Questions, call Nan Hinchsliff (847)724-4836 or nhinchslif@aol.com.

ATTENTION!!!

Adult Education will begin on September 20 with our own Tom Amos presenting a discussion of unions in America.

Please join us at 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel for this thought-provoking presentation.

Also, if you have comments or suggestions for future Adult Ed programming, or you would like to be added to our e-mail blast address list, please contact Chris Calandra at ccalandra4@comcast.net. We will be sending weekly Adult Ed updates as well as a schedule of our first few months of programming, shortly.

We are looking for several folks to join our board. The only requirements are in interest in programming for our adult audience and membership in GCC. Please consider board membership--it's a great way to meet people and be involved in an important ministry of education at our church. Thanks!

Welcome Back 60 Plus!!

Another season of fun begins for all those 60 and over! You are invited to taste the special treats at our monthly 60 Plus Luncheon, scheduled for Tuesday, September 15 at 12 noon in the Mayflower Room. Again, we will feature the delicious soup, bread and desserts of our famous chef, Barbara Thewis.

If you need a ride, please call Marilyn Belleau, Parish Nurse at 847-724-2210 ext. 30.

Pageant Time is coming

Sunday, December 6

With the cold fall weather approaching it must be time to start Pageant rehearsals.

New to the Pageant

Freshman and Sophomore girls meet on Monday, September 14 at 7:00 p.m.

There is also a parent meeting for all new parents on September 14 at 7:00 p.m.

Returning to the Pageant

Sophomores start on Monday, September 21 at 7:00 p.m. Come ready to learn!

Junior and Senior Girls start on Monday, September 14 at 8:00 p.m. Remember we have 10 dances to learn in 12 weeks!

If you have not received any information or have any questions please call Melissa Miller (847)486-0205 or Beth Raebel (847)657-7876.

Mother Loss and Adult Daughters

A group for women of all ages whose mothers have died.

Glenview Community Church

Thursday Evenings
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
September 17 thru
October 22, 2009

Facilitator

Barbe Creagh, Ph.D., FAMI, CT

Fee: \$90.00 (six sessions).

If you are unable to pay this amount, we ask that you pay an amount which does not cause a hardship for you.

This group is also for GCC members and others. If your loved one was a Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care patient, the fee is waived.

Registration: Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care Bereavement Services at (847) 692-8884 or e-mail to bcreagh@rainbowhospice.org

Co-sponsored by Marilyn Belleau, Advocate Health Care Parish Nurse

Bridge Anyone?

The GCC Women's Association is once again sponsoring the GCC WA Bridge marathon for the ladies of the church and friends. It begins in October and goes til May. If interested please contact Corinne Spaulding for details, (847)724-6054 or rinniespaulding@yahoo.com

Sunday School Program

The 2009 - 2010 Sunday school program begins on Sunday, September 13. Children will join their parents in the Sanctuary to begin the 9:30 a.m. worship service. Early in the service, the Sunday school teachers will be introduced and the students will follow them to class. Parents will be instructed as to where to pick up their children after the service. Please plan on remaining for the Rally Day festivities. Beginning on Sunday, September 20, Sunday school classes will be held at 10:30.

Thanks to Becky Lothian and Chris Calandra for updating registration. If you have not registered your children, please do so. Many thanks to the Children's Board for collaborating and planning interesting and appropriate activities to supplement the Sunday school curriculum. Most of all, thank you to those who volunteered to teach the children.

We are still in need of a kindergarten teacher.

Confirmation

Confirmation Classes begin on Sunday, September 13 at 9:30 a.m. Come to the Sanctuary first where you will be dismissed to your classrooms. Parents are asked to attend a brief parent's meeting on Sunday, September 20 for 7th grade parents and September 27 for 8th grade parents. We will begin at 9:30 and conclude at 10:00 a.m. in the Plymouth Room.

PYFF

On August 30, parents of high school students had the privilege of hearing guest speaker, Dr. Cass Friedman talk on "Raising Drug-Free Teens." Rev. Keckler has extra handouts available for those who would like a copy. Both teens and parents shared in an informal worship service and communion together, followed by dinner and program. The youth had discussion and games in the gym.

The next PYFF gathering is December 13.

Kids Fun Run

Saturday, September 12 at 8 a.m.

Glenview Community Church Nursery School will hold its annual Kids Fun Run, open to children of crawling age up to age 10. Distances will range from the Diaper Dash for crawlers all the way up to a ¼ mile for 8 - 10 year olds. Registration fees are \$15 and \$5 for Diaper Dash crawlers only. For more information, call the Glenview Community Church Nursery School at (847)729-1440.

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Marcia Kiraly, *Director, GCC Nursery School*

Barbara Thewis, *Manager, Resale Shop*

At A Glance

Thurs	9:00 am	Resale Shop until 5:00 pm, Plymouth Rm	Mon	9:30 am	Finding My Spirit, Library
9-10	12:30 pm	Music Review Rehearsal, Mayflower Rm	9-14	7:00 pm	Finance Board, Founders Rm
	6:00 pm	Hands of Peace Meeting, Parlor		7:00 pm	Walking Angels, Sanctuary
	7:30 pm	Chancel Choir, Sanctuary & Choir Rm		8:00 pm	Tableau Angels, Sanctuary
Fri	9:00 am	Resale Shop until 1:00 pm, Plymouth Rm	Tues	12:00 pm	60 Plus, Mayflower Rm
9-11	8:00 pm	AA Mtg., Parlor	9-15	7:00 pm	Properties Board, Library
	8:00 pm	AI - Anon Meeting, Rm 201		7:00 pm	WA EX Board, Parlor
Sat	9:00 am	Resale Shop until 1:00 pm, Plymouth Rm	Wed	9:00 am	Resale Shop until 1:00 pm, Plymouth Rm
9-12			9-16	9:15 am	WA Chapter 11, Parlor, Cradle/Todd. Rm
Sun	9:30 am	Worship Service, Sanctuary		9:15 am	WA Chapter 20, Chapel
	9:30 am	7th Grade Confirmation, Library, Parlor, Rm 210		1:00 pm	Good News Kitchen Cooking, Kitchen
	9:30 am	8th Grade Confirmation, Rm 8		7:00 pm	BSA Troop 156 Meeting, Gym, Mayflower Rm
9-13	10:30 am	Fellowship Hour, Rally Day Festivities		7:00 pm	Music Board, Rm 201
	4:00 pm	PYF, Youth Rm, Gym		8:00 pm	Venture Crew, Rm 210
	4:00 pm	Voices of GCC, Rm 201			

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