

# Broadcaster

September 10, 2014

## BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING



This was the *Summer of Sabrina*. Sabrina came to us on January 15, 1999. At the Bay Area Humane Society in Green Bay, she was the jet black kitten who nuzzled our necks and stole our hearts. Always the shy kitty, she disappeared for most of the day, taking shelter under the living room sofa. When the doorbell rang, she disappeared into the bowels of the basement, coming out for food only when she was certain that the house was rid of the threat of visiting humans. She was never quite certain about me, and nearly always ran away when I approached her during the day. But, when night came and I was safely horizontal under the covers, she'd grace me with a visit, cuddling in the crook of my elbow. There was never any naughtiness from this midnight feline, save her passion for bread. Unless the bread was locked away in the microwave or the refrigerator, she'd find it and chew her way through the bag to satisfy her craving.

A year or more ago Sabrina began to suffer with kidney failure. She needed supplemental fluids, and we learned how to administer them. When we were on our way to the annual meeting of the UCC Illinois Conference in June, our pet sitter summoned us home. Sabrina was limp and lethargic, falling asleep with her head in her water bowl. The next morning we took her to the vet. We were nearly certain that she'd never come home again, but the vet

was more optimistic. She gave Sabrina a shot of vitamins, and Sabrina responded. But the shadow-black cat who was afraid of her own shadow was afraid no more. She greeted us at the door...and guests as well. She befriended the Hands of Peace Israeli young man who we hosted in July. Every ten days or so she'd begin to fade, but another booster shot would perk her up. Sabrina was a cat transformed. It was almost as if she was saying, "I know my time is short, so I'm going to live every moment to its fullest."

The vet cautioned us that this revitalization wouldn't last forever...that it was the last of Sabrina's nine lives. "When she stops eating, that's the end," she said.

She stopped on Sunday, August 31st. No amount of coaxing or variety of delectable delicacies could make her change her mind. She was done. So, on Thursday, September 4th, Sabrina left our house for the last time, but she will never leave our hearts.

For us, this was the *Summer of Sabrina*. We cancelled our plan to be away for 2½ weeks in August. We just couldn't leave Sabrina for that long. Instead, we made three short trips, with the last one cut short by a fractured toilet tank that flooded our house...a toilet that Sabrina led our pet sitter to as soon as she walked through the door. We had 2½ months of grace with Sabrina this summer, and each day was a blessing. What a gift!

So here's the lesson of Sabrina: recognize the blessings in your lives...and then be a blessing in the lives of others. This summer, Sabrina seemed to know what we can easily forget: each day is grace...each day is a blessing.

This year, our stewardship theme is **Blessed to be a Blessing**. What a great theme for

## WORSHIP SERVICES

SEPTEMBER 14, 2014

COMMUNION

10:00 a.m.

**Scripture:**

Psalm 103

Matthew 18:21-35

**Sermon:**

*Free To Forgive*

Rev. Dr. Chuck Mize

SEPTEMBER 21, 2014

10:00 a.m.

**Scripture:**

Ruth 1:1-18

Mark 4:30-32

**Sermon:**

*It's the Journey*

Worship Leader

Elizabeth Hartung-Ciccolini

SEPTEMBER 28, 2014

10:00 a.m.

**Scripture:**

Psalm 25:1-9, Exodus 17:1-7

Philippians 2:1-13, Matthew 21:23-32

**Sermon:**

*Standing on the Promises*

Rev. Dr. Chuck Mize

4:00 PM

Westend Gospel Singers



we who are so richly blessed. What a challenging theme as we both comprehend the magnitude of our blessings and commit to growing in the way we bless others – both personally and through the Glenview Community Church – each day.

One of the ways that Jeanie and I have been amazingly blessed is through the **Westend Gospelsingers** from Eberswalde, Germany. As members of the Wisconsin Gossellers, we toured Germany and Poland in 2012, singing fourteen concerts. The **Westend Gospelsingers** were our hosts. We have never experienced such wonderfully gracious hospitality. The **Westend Gospelsingers** are coming to Wisconsin and Illinois this month! **On Sunday, September 28 at 4 p.m., they will be in concert at the Glenview Community Church, and they will be joined by the Wisconsin Gossellers and the members of GCC's Chancel Choir.** Our Eberswalde guests will be spending the night of the 28th with host families in Glenview, and we still need more hosts. If you'd like to do that, please contact Gary Wendt at [gary.wendt@gccucc.org](mailto:gary.wendt@gccucc.org). If you host...or if you just come to the concert, I guarantee that it will be a blessing!

**Blessed to be a blessing:** a gentle cat...a German gospel choir...and countless ways that God graces us with love that fills our hearts. Yes, we are blessed. May we have the sensitivity to know just how much...and the generosity to share our blessings to bless God's children. See you in church!

*Chuck Mize*

## A CONVERSATION CONCERNING THE CALLING OF ELIZABETH HARTUNG-CICCOLINI

Following the worship service on Sunday, September 14, please join us for a conversation in the Parlor hosted by the Elizabeth Hartung-Ciccolini In Care Committee regarding the proposal to make Elizabeth's current position an ordained position of Associate Pastor for Youth and Children and to extend a call to Elizabeth to fill that position commencing with her ordination to the Christian ministry.

## NEW MEMBER CLASS

Have you been attending GCC and thinking about becoming a member? Would you like to know more about our ministry and what we believe? Our first New Member Class will be held on Thursday evening, September 25 from 7:00-8:15 p.m. Childcare is available if requested ahead of time. Please join us for an informal discussion about Glenview Community Church. New members will be received into the church during worship on Sunday, September 28. Contact the Church Office or Dr. Mize or Dr. Keckler if you would like to attend or if you have questions.

## WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT...?

Many of us have had that question...what the Bible says about some topic or issue that we're not certain about...or what the Bible really says an issue or topic that others have offered you definite convictions about. We will meet in the church's Parlor on Wednesday afternoons from 3:00-4:30 p.m., beginning on September 17th. You will determine the topics! So please come with the topics and issues that you want to discuss. We will begin with What does the Bible say about Homosexuality? I look forward to these opportunities for learning and growth together. Please join us!

Chuck Mize

## LIFE EVERLASTING

We trust the promise of the resurrection for our longtime member, Frances Ford who passed away on September 3rd, even as we hold her daughters Mary, Beth, Nancy and their families in our prayers...for M-J Detwiler's brother, Ken Carlson, who passed away unexpectedly at his home in Omaha, Nebraska on July 21st, even as we hold M-J, Ed and their family in our prayers. Mr. Carlson was an active friend of GCC for a number of years...and for Edith Alward, the wife of our former Senior Minister, Robert Alward, who passed away in Avondale, Arizona on Sunday, August 24th, even as we hold her children Pam and David, and their family in our prayers. Mrs. Alward will be laid to rest in a private committal service in Summit Lake, Wisconsin.

## UNIQUELY AMERICAN BY MYRA LORIS

"Uniquely American" is an in-depth look at buildings and structures that are exclusively American and their significance.

### SEPTEMBER 16:

"The White House: Beyond the Oval Office" looks at the history, changes and major personalities connected to this "home of the American people."

### OCTOBER 14:

"Long, Tall and Strong" reflects on the history of the construction and importance of the Brooklyn and Golden Gate Bridges as marvels of American technology and ingenuity.

### NOVEMBER 12:

"Freedom's Tower" is an in-depth look at the 13-year process of the re-building of the World Trade Center, including the new 9/11 Memorial and Museum and the new 5 building office complex. Full of interesting anecdotes, details and powerful stories of triumph over tragedy.

**DESSERT 7:00 p.m.**  
**PROGRAM 7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**  
**TICKETS: \$15 per lecture**  
**\$35 for three lecture series**

Tickets can be purchased following worship on Sunday, or call Beryl Bills (847)724-1694.

## SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A Special Congregational Meeting has been called on Sunday, September 21, following the worship service in the sanctuary. The purpose of this meeting is to vote on establishing an ordained position of Associate Pastor for Youth and Children and extending a call to Elizabeth Hartung-Ciccolini to be our Associate Pastor for Youth and Children.

## IT'S TIME FOR 60 PLUS! BACK TO SCHOOL!

We will have our first fall luncheon and program on Tuesday, September 16, 2014, 12:00-1:30 p.m. in the Mayflower Room. All are invited to attend.





## FALL MUSIC AND MOVEMENT CLASSES

Fall Music and Movement Classes for Infants, Toddlers and Preschoolers: GCCNS' music teacher, Debbie Berg, will be offering music and movement classes for children ages 6 months – 4 years. Classes will be offered on Tuesdays at 9:15 and 10:15 and Wednesdays at 9:15, 10:15, and 11:15. Parents or caregivers will stay with the child and siblings are welcome. Classes will begin the week of September 15 and will continue for 12 weeks. Non-GCCNS families are welcome as well. Registration forms can be found on the GCCNS website [www.gccns.org](http://www.gccns.org). Please contact Debbie at [debbieberg23@gmail.com](mailto:debbieberg23@gmail.com) with any questions you might have.

# Chicken Soup for the Soul®

Our topic for our first fall Adult Education Program on September 14 at 9:00 a.m. is **Chicken Soup for The Soul**. We will be in our newly renovated Chapel. Storytelling and videos will be used to inspire a variety of topics. Led by Tom Amos, this "kick-off" presentation will be special and will include a preview of our other programming plans.



## SHARE THE VISION

Please join the Good News Partners for their Annual Community Dinner on Friday, October 10, at 6:00 p.m. It will be an evening of dinner and inspirational speakers at The First Presbyterian Church of Evanston, 1427 Chicago Avenue, Evanston, IL. Tickets are \$60.00. Please contact [shawnte@good-newspartners.org](mailto:shawnte@good-newspartners.org) for more information.

## CONFIRMATION

Confirmation classes began on Rally Day Sunday for both 7th and 8th grades. We are excited that 67 young teens in 7th and 8th grade are learning and growing in their faith. And we are grateful for the 10 teachers who help Rev. Keckler with this important ministry in the life of the church.

### Upcoming Parent Meetings:

7th Grade parents on September 14 and 8th grade parents on September 21. We'll begin in the Plymouth Room at 8:45 a.m.



## PILGRIM YOUTH FELLOWSHIP 4-6 PM "BELOVED COMMUNITY" 2014-2015 THEME

### SEPTEMBER 14

*Being a Community:* Fear Factor

### SEPTEMBER 21

*Building Community:* Scavenger Hunt

### SEPTEMBER 28

*Creating Community:* Cooking in the kitchen

## POW (PYF on Wednesdays)

Each Wednesday night from 6:00 -8:00 p.m. starting August 27, Bible Study.

The first unit will run 10 weeks and we will cover Revelations. POW will utilize a curriculum, short video clips, and current events to aid in the discussion.



## HOMESTAYS NEEDED FOR VISITING GERMAN CHOIR

We are thrilled to welcome the Westend Gospel Singers from Eberwalde, Germany for a concert in our sanctuary on Sunday, September 28th at 4:00 PM. This adult choir is in need of Glenview homes to stay in on the evening of Sept. 28th. If you are interested and available to host, please contact Gary Wendt for further information. Thank you!  
[gary.wendt@gccucc.org](mailto:gary.wendt@gccucc.org) or 847.724.2210 X251

# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT GCC

THUR	9:15 AM	Music & Movement Class, Cradle /Toddler Rm
09/18	11:00 AM	Working Out With Weights, Mayflower Rm
	7:30 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
FRI	9:00 AM	Resale Shop Open Until 1:00 p.m., Plymouth Rm
09/19	8:00 PM	Al-Anon, Library
	8:00 PM	AA Meeting, Parlor
SAT	8:00 AM	Men's Open Gym, Gym
09/20	9:00 AM	Resale Shop Open Until 1:00 p.m., Plymouth Rm
SUN	8:45 AM	Confirmation Classes, Plymouth Rm
09/21	9:00 AM	8th Grade Parent Mtg., Mayflower R m
	9:00 AM	Adult Education, Chapel
	9:15 AM	Primary Choir Rehearsal, Rm 201
	10:00 AM	Worship Service, Sanctuary
	10:00 AM	Church School begins in Worship, Sanctuary
	11:00 AM	Fellowship and Refreshments, Mayflower Rm
	11:15 AM	Leadership Committee Mtg., Founders Rm
	11:15 AM	Special Congregational Meeting, Sanctuary
	4:00 PM	PYF, Youth Rm
	4:00 PM	Voices of GCC, Rm 201
MON	7:00 PM	Tableau Angels, Sanctuary
09/22		
TUE	6:45 PM	Sing To Live Rehearsal, Sanctuary
09/23	7:00 PM	Spiritual Council Mtg., Mayflower Rm
WED	9:00 AM	Resale Shop Open Until 1:00 p.m., Plymouth Rm
09/24	3:00 PM	Bible Study, Parlor
	4:15 PM	FISH, Rm 7
	6:00 PM	PYF/POW, Youth Rm
	7:00 AM	BSA 156 Troop Mtg., Mayflower Rm
	8:00 PM	Venture Crew, Rm 5 & Gym
THU	9:00 AM	Resale Shop Open Until 5:00 p.m., Plymouth Rm
09/25	7:00 PM	New Member Classes, Parlor
09/04	7:30 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
FRI	9:00 AM	Resale Shop Open Until 1:00 p.m., Plymouth Rm
09/26	8:00 PM	Al-Anon Meeting, Library
	8:00 PM	AA Meeting, Parlor
SAT	8:00 AM	Men's Open Gym, Gym
09/27	9:00 AM	Resale Shop Open Until 1:00 p.m., Plymouth Rm
SUN	8:45 AM	Confirmation Open Prayers, Plymouth Rm
09/28	9:00 AM	Adult Education, Chapel
	9:15 AM	Primary Choir Rehearsal, Rm 201
	10:00 AM	Worship Service, Sanctuary
	10:00 AM	Church School begins in Worship, Sanctuary
	11:15 AM	Fellowship & Refreshments, Mayflower Rm
	11:30 AM	Bell Choir Rehearsal, Bell Rm
	4:00 PM	Voices of GCC, Rm 201
	4:00 PM	Westend Gospel Singers , Sanctuary
	4:00 PM	PYF, Youth Rm
MON	9:30 AM	Spirit Group, Library

09/29	7:00 PM	Tableau Angels, Sanctuary
TUE	6:45 PM	Sing To Live Rehearsal, Sanctuary
09/30		
WED	9:00 PM	Resale Shop Open Until 1:00 p.m., Plymouth Rm
10/01	3:00 PM	Bible Study, Parlor
	4:00 PM	FISH, Rm 7
	5:30 PM	Community Dinner, Mayflower Rm
	6:00 PM	PYF/POW, Youth Rm
	7:00 PM	BSA 156 Troop Mtg., Mayflower Rm
	8:00 PM	Venture Crew, Rm 5 & Gym

**THE NEXT DEADLINE FOR THE BROADCASTER IS SEPTEMBER 17, 2014 AT 9:00 AM**

## GLENVIEW VILLAGE BOARD ON FAIR HOUSING

On September 18, the Glenview Board of Trustees will hold a workshop on the fair housing provisions of the Cook County Human Rights Ordinance. The workshop will begin at 7:00 P.M. in the downstairs Board meeting room of the Glenview Village Hall, 1225 Waukegan Road.

Speakers from the Housing Authority of Cook County and Cook County Planning and Development will discuss the Housing Choice Voucher program, and the Trustees and public will have time for questions and comments.

In August, 2013, the County Board amended its Human Rights Ordinance to prohibit landlord discrimination against people whose rent is partially paid with housing choice vouchers. The Village of Glenview continues to promulgate the false concept that this amendment requires all landlords to accept vouchers. Glenview is the only entity in the county to have responded to this amendment by passing a village ordinance specifically permitting discrimination against people with vouchers, making it more difficult for low-income people to rent in Glenview than in other locations in the County.

Delegates from the Faith in Action Team plan to attend the meeting to show their opposition to discrimination based on source of income (vouchers.) We hope that more members of the congregation will join us there. For more information about the meeting, please contact Sarah Kuechler, Assistant to the Village Manager, at (847) 904-4372.

If you are interested but unable to attend the meeting, it will be broadcast live on GVTV and streamed live at [glenview.il/government/Page/Watch-Live.aspx](http://glenview.il/government/Page/Watch-Live.aspx) or viewed later through the archives.

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

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Rev. Dr. Charles E. Mize, *Senior Pastor*  
Rev. Dr. Pamela Keckler, *Pastor*

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Elizabeth Hartung-Ciccolini, *Youth & Children's Ministry*  
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