



Broadcaster

Glenview Community Church

Pilgrim's Progress

The concerns that have been raised regarding the ministry of GCC and the economic crisis that began a year ago have provided us with an excellent opportunity. What an opportunity this is to center ourselves in the love and grace of God to live out our vision to be a strong community of Christian faith that welcomes and engages all people in personal and spiritual growth. What an opportunity for us to stretch and grow. What an opportunity for all members of GCC to unite in support of the extraordinary ministry of this congregation.

Valuable information regarding three town hall meetings and a congregational meeting was mailed to you last week. Included were the report of the Personnel Task Force and information from members of the congregation with ideas of how to increase our revenue. I wonder what other ideas and alternatives you have. How will each of the various alternatives and ideas help us grow personally and spiritually? How will each help us extend our mission? How will each of the alternatives help us become a better and stronger faith community?

As we participate in the town hall meetings and the Congregational Meeting, the opportunity is here for us to engage in dialogue with each other. What can we do to avoid an either/or dilemma? I wonder if we will be able to suspend judgment long enough to hear what others are thinking and expressing. What if we approach these meetings with a sense of inquiry, sharing ideas, and exploring various alternatives available to us?

We are a diverse congregation with multiple staff. We benefit from and are strengthened by the diverse gifts of members and staff. All contribute to our growth and development as human beings and servants of God. I wonder what impact the various alternatives we identify would have on members and staff. I'm also curious what impact the various options would have on our expanding membership and extending mission. I wonder how all of this will affect our ability to be engaged in the life of GCC.

When Jesus was meeting with the 5000 on the Galilean hillside, it got late in the day. The disciples encouraged Jesus to send the people away because they were going to be hungry. But Jesus' response to them was, "How much bread do you have? Go and see." They discovered one boy who was willing to share his loaves and fish. Apparently, others shared as well. Have you ever wondered what would have happened if the boy had not shared his lunch? Would the others still have shared? What other alternatives were available to the disciples? The result of what the disciples and the people on the hillside did was everyone had enough a surplus left over. The disciples were amazed. I wonder if there are any parallels between what the people on the Galilean hillside experienced and our situation.

We are at a significant juncture in the life of GCC. I wonder what we will see a year from now when we look back on the various alternatives we explored and the direction we moved. Five or ten years from now as others join with us I wonder what they will see as they learn about this time of exploration and discernment.

I hope we will engage in dialogue during the town hall meetings and in the Congregational Meeting on September 27th. Bring your wonder, your curiosity, and your ideas to help us discern what we can do together to serve God best and to bring out the best in us as a congregation. I look forward to seeing you at the town hall meetings and the Congregational Meeting.

Howard

Think of giving not as a duty
but as a privilege.

John D. Rockefeller Jr.



September 16, 2009

SUNDAY SERVICES

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

SEPTEMBER 27, 2009

Music Moment

8:30 a.m.

10:30 a.m. Chancel Choir

Scripture:

Numbers 11:4-18,

Romans 12:9-21

Sermon:

"The Stress Factor"

Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts

OCTOBER 4, 2009

World Communion Sunday Mission Moment Communion

8:30 a.m.

10:30 a.m. Chancel Choir

Scripture:

Matthew 25: 35-40

Sermon:

"We Prepare the Table"

Rev. Sally Iberg

The 2010 Stewardship Campaign Is Now underway

Once a year you have the opportunity as a member of Glenview Community Church to join others in committing your generous financial support to build and grow our church....now is that time!

You will be receiving both mail and e-mail information this week....please return your commitment forms as soon as possible. Your financial support is extremely important to the ministry

of Glenview Community Church....we have ~1,300 adult members....ALL are vital in keeping our church a vibrant, growing institution. ALL must participate!

Important decisions will be made in the coming weeks to determine major programming budgets for the coming year; your collective pledges provide over 85% of the funds for these programs - your generous support is essential. Please return your pledge so that budgeting decisions will be made based on accurate financial information.

Thank you for your support,

The Stewardship Board



FALL SMALL GROUPS

GCC is offering wonderful small groups this fall. Bill Dailey, former chair of the Finance Board will facilitate "Exploring Personal Financial Stewardship" which will address setting financial goals, budgeting, prioritizing commitments, and getting started, on 4 Thursday evenings. Kelly Golding and Nina Fockens will lead a discussion on the book, "Three Cups of Tea" about Greg Mortenson's commitment to bring education to the children of Afghanistan and Pakistan, on 3 Wednesday mornings. Tom and Karen Aldrich will facilitate discussions on the book, "The First Paul," by Marcus Borg and Dom Crossan on 6 Wednesday evenings. And Rev. Sally Iberg will facilitate a small group on the DVD series "First Light: Jesus and the Kingdom of God" on 4 Monday evenings. Information and registration are available in the church office or by calling (847) 724-2210. You may register any time prior to September 27 or until the group is filled. Questions? Contact Rev. Sally Iberg at (847) 724-2210 or sally.iberg@gccucc.org.

Adult Education Seminar IN THE CHAPEL AT 9:30 A.M.

September 20

"The Labor Movement in Story and Song" will be presented by Tom Amos. Using historical film, musical and document resources, there will be an examination of the labor movement, its heroes and villains as well as issues then and now. Come, learn, remember, share, and bring a worker with you.

September 27

Join Rev. Sally Iberg for a presentation and discussion about the time and place of Jesus' ministry and the nature of the Gospels. We will view the first segment of a new DVD series purchased by the Adult Education Board: First Light: Jesus and the Kingdom of God. Theologians Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan are featured on the DVD. Rev. Iberg is offering a small group on Monday evenings using this rich resource.

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 the meeting has been mailed. There will also be informational meetings held at the following times:

SEPTEMBER 20

Sunday evening 7 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 22

Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 p.m.

Please come, listen, and share.

GCC Career Network

Monday, September 28

12:00 p.m. - "COMMUNICATION SKILLS FOR JOB SEEKERS"

Presented by Marianne Rowe-Dimas, image consultant, communication trainer, coach, business owner and author.

7:00 p.m. - THE PHONE INTERVIEW & NEGOTIATION SKILLS"

Presented by Alek Jablonski

If you are unemployed, returning to work, considering a job change or looking to expand your business network please join us! We meet at 12:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. on the last Monday of each month in the Plymouth Room to hear speakers, share experiences, resources, job openings and support one another. Members also have access to a Yahoo! Group to get resources, share information and be alerted of opportunities. Contact Alek Jablonski at 847-486-1920/ajablonski03@hotmail.com or Rev. Pam Keckler at 847-724-2210 for more information and a listing of other local networking group meeting dates and times.

HEIFER HOE-DOWN

Sunday, September 20, 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Wagner Farm. Music, dance, fun and games with prizes. Horse drawn hay rides, animals and stories. FIVE dollars at the entrance, all games and prizes, line dancing, face painting are FREE. BBQ, corn-on-the-cob, cooked and served by the GCC's Men's Club. Drinks and cookies individually priced. Come! Join your friends and have a heifer of a time!!!



CMA

The Chicago Metropolitan Association (CMA) of the United Church of Christ has recently moved its offices and has a

new address:

809 West Roosevelt Road
Chicago, IL 60608

new phone number:

312-733-9310

The Annual Fall CMA Meeting will be held on Saturday, October 17 at First Congregational UCC in Elmhurst.



Helping to Restore Homes in New Orleans

This week, Rev. Sally Iberg is helping to rebuild homes in New Orleans. This reconstruction continues four years after the devastating flooding that accompanied Hurricane Katrina in 2005. Sally has traveled there with a dozen members of area UCC churches. This photo of Sally and her co-worker Robert was taken during their work trip to New Orleans in April 2008.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Joe and Katherine Heller on the birth of Joseph Douglas Heller September 5, 2009. Grandmother is Chris Calandra.



Pastoral Care

Please remember and keep in you prayers the family of Allan Krueger who died on September 1. A committal service was held on September 12 at Ridgewood Cemetery.



SEASONAL Flu and Pneumonia Shots at GCC

Outsmart the flu and receive your seasonal flu shot. On Saturday, October 10 from 12 noon to 3 p.m. we will be offering the flu and pneumonia vaccine.

Register at the WEST ENTRANCE and proceed to the Sanctuary where your number will be called.

Cost: 65 yrs and older – FREE with Medicare Part B

All others: \$30.00 flu; \$45.00 pneumonia

Questions? Call Marilyn Belleau, Advocate Health Care Parish Nurse at 847-724-2210 ext. 30



FLU Pneumonia Shots

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10
12 noon until 3:00 p.m.

Confirmation

Confirmation Classes for 7th and 8th grades began on Rally Day Sunday.

Informational meetings will be held on September 20 for 7th grade students and parents and September 27 for 8th grade students and their parents. We'll begin at 9:30 and conclude at 10:00 a.m. in the Plymouth Room. Please join us.

PYF

9-20

Discussion Topic: Destiny

Fellowship activity: Splatter Paint. Bring shoes, shirts, pants, or a canvas bag to splatter paint.

9-27

Service: Birthday Bags

Please bring items that would be good to help children who utilize the Northfield Food Pantry celebrate birthdays. Cake mix, small toys, games, puzzles, candles, birthday hats, & paper goods. See you then.



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 as we continue the retreat theme allowing for walks and quiet time.

We'll conclude at 3:00 p.m.

Cost, which includes a private room, is \$65.

Registration forms are available in the church office. Please register as soon as possible as space is limited. Questions, see Marilyn Belleau or Rev. Pam Keckler.

Women's Fall Retreat

"From Coffee Cup to Blessing Cup"

Join us at our one-night Women's Retreat which will be held on Friday evening through Saturday afternoon, October 2-3, 2009. We'll be staying at the Cabrini Retreat

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Ministerial Staff

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

Rev. Sally Iberg, *Minister for Mission and Ministry*

Directors:

Marilyn Belleau, *RN, Health Ministry*

Kathy Lifton, *Children's Ministry*

Elizabeth Ciccolini, *Youth Ministry*

Debby Shellard, *Children's Choirs*

Gary Wendt, *Organist, Instrumental Music*

Andrew Lewis, *Adult Choir*

Affiliates:

Marcia Kiraly, *Director, GCC Nursery School*

Barbara Thewis, *Manager, Resale Shop*

At A Glance

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| Thurs | 9:00 am | Resale Shop until 5:00 pm, Plymouth Rm |
| 9-17 | 1:00 pm | Minister's Mentors Meeting, Rm 210 |
| | 7:30 pm | Chancel Choir, Sanctuary & Choir Rm |
| Fri | 9:00 am | Resale Shop until 1:00 pm, Plymouth Rm |
| 9-18 | 6:00 pm | Cub Scout Pack Meeting, Mayflower Rm |
| | 8:00 pm | AA Mtg., Parlor |
| | 8:00 pm | AI - Anon Meeting, Rm 201 |
| Sat | 8:00 am | Troop 156 Scout Master Mtg., Founders Rm |
| 9-19 | 9:00 am | Resale Shop until 1:00 pm, Plymouth Rm |
| | 9:00 am | Heifer Meeting, Mayflower Rm |
| Sun | 9:15 am | Fellowship Hour, Mayflower Rm |
| 9-20 | 9:30 am | Confirmation Opening Prayers, Plymouth Rm |
| | 9:30 am | 7th Grade Confirmation, Library, Parlor, Rm 210 |
| | 9:30 am | 8th Grade Confirmation, Youth Room |
| | 9:30 am | Adult Education, Chapel |
| | 9:45 am | Primary Choir, Rm 201 |
| | 11:30 am | Fellowship Hour, Mayflower Rm |
| | 10:30 am | Sunday School Gathering, Rm 201 |

Sun 9-20 cont.

4:00 pm PYF, Youth Rm, Gym

4:00 pm Voices of GCC, Rm 201

7:00 pm Congregational Informational Meeting, Sanctuary

Mon 7:00 pm Troop 156 Committee Meetings, Founders Rm

9-21 7:00 pm Walking Angels, Sanctuary

8:00 pm Tableau Angels, Sanctuary

Tues 11:00 am WA Chapter 8, Founders Rm

1:00 pm Congregational Informational Meeting, Mayflower Rm

9-22 6:30 pm Hands of Peace Board Meeting, Founders Rm

Wed 9:00 am Resale Shop until 1:00 pm, Plymouth Rm

9-23 7:00 pm BSA Troop 156 Meeting, Gym, Mayflower 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