

Broadcaster

GLENVIEW COMMUNITY CHURCH

September 21, 2011

Living and Breathing Theology

As I sat focused in my office thinking about the curricular and other needs of our youth and the energy and interest of this year's youth group, I noticed Pam at my door. She said she almost didn't come in because she could see my mind fast at work on my face. She asked me to write this week's article and I thought it might help get some of those swirling thoughts about theology, youth and my current studies at CTS out of my head. I can now say for the next several months, I am living and breathing theology.

This is how it began. A little over four years ago I applied for the position I currently occupy here at Glenview Community Church, as Director of Youth Ministries. I had always thought about ministry, youth ministry in particular. It is hard to believe it has already been four years. In that four years the youth and I have regularly journeyed on what it means to serve God and "do" theology. Seminary seemed like the next logical step and now I have started the middle portion of my education at Chicago Theological Seminary. As I describe the types of trips, activities, faith experiences that the youth, the adult helpers, and I participate in at GCC, people are interested and many times impressed.

Chicago Theological Seminary is a diverse learning community that helps me to develop the tools I need to evaluate youth ministry books and curriculum. The breadth and depth of questions and topics that interest our teens are not those of standard youth curriculum. Our middle school students are taught in Confirmation to question and engage their faith. They live interfaith dialogue in a multi-religious school. Our high school youth program at GCC provides an opportunity for youth to develop their theological perspectives on issues important to them while at the same time eating Cheetos and playing basketball.

The youths' faith drives the focus and

activities of the program, which I review with the youth leaders annually, asking: What did we like? What did we not like? What do we want to do differently? What do we want to discuss? This past spring the youth asked for more mission projects and to discuss the concept of "Story" on our spiritual journey.

On Rally Day we assembled 400 sack dinners for the Night Ministry. One of the adult leaders said Henry Ford would have been proud. In that 120 minutes we gathered, took pause for 9-11, broke up into groups to discuss a Bible verse, talked about the week's events, assembled over 400 sandwiches and 400 bags of goodies to go with them, played basketball, hung out, caught up and then reflected on the story of a Palestinian, Christian, Quaker and the role of labels. This came from a book I read last year for an ethics course. When we were done, someone said "Is it really only 6 p.m.?" I said "Yes." In writing this I have realized in the past four years we have made over 1,800 sack dinners for the Night Ministry, 300 birthday bags for the Northfield Food Pantry, 100 new mother kits for the Night Ministry - and the list goes on.

So, as I start this semester of active learning at CTS, the youth and I have started our year of discussing this year's theme: "Our Story." We will also go on retreats, ski, play team building games and assemble more mission projects than one might imagine. Know that if I seem to be deep in thought, I'm living and breathing theology, while enjoying my work with the youth of our church.

Elizabeth Hartung-Ciccolini

WORSHIP SERVICES

SEPTEMBER 25, 2011

8:00 a.m. *A Time for Reflection*

10:00 a.m. *Community Worship*

Scripture:

Isaiah 41:17-20, Revelation 22:1-5

Sermon:

"River of Life"

Rev. Dr. Douglas Busby

OCTOBER 2, 2011

World Communion Sunday

8:00 a.m. *A Time for Reflection*

10:00 a.m. *Community and Family Worship*

Scripture:

Psalms 98:1-6; Philippians 3:12b-14

Sermon:

"Run On!"

Rev. Dr. Pam Keckler

OCTOBER 9, 2011

8:00 a.m. *A Time for Reflection*

10:00 a.m. *Community Worship*

Scripture:

Leviticus 16:29-34, Hebrews 5:1-3; 5; 7-9

Sermon:

"Yom Kippur: Christian Perspective"

Rev. Dr. Douglas Busby

4:00 p.m. *2nd Sunday Informal Worship*

Scripture:

Exodus 3:1-14

Sermon:

"I Am"

Rev. Dr. Pam Keckler

ATTENTION GCC Members

PLEASE NOTE that Prairie Street will be blocked off on Sunday, September 25, 2011 from approximately 7:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m. The **OLPHun Run 5k run/walk** is taking place that morning in the Swainwood neighborhood. If you are going to be arriving at the church during these hours, please remember to enter from Glenview Road. If you have any questions, please email Kerri Noard at kerrinoard@hotmail.com. Thank you.



2012 Stewardship

Did you receive your 2012 Stewardship Campaign pledge package? You should have it by now, so if you have not received it yet, please let us know. Responses are rolling in quickly—thank you! A special thanks to all the early birds who responded so promptly (and will be receiving a special gift!!). We'll be reporting results soon so keep watching this space and listen for our reports on Sundays during the next couple weeks. If you need to discuss your pledge, feel free to contact Moderator Bill Dailey, Reverend Doug Busby or Stewardship chair John Tillman. John can be reached via email at johnmtillman@gmail.com or by cell at (773)294-5081. Thank you for supporting GCC!

Adult Education Class

Sunday In The Chapel
8:50 a.m. - 9:50 a.m.

SEPTEMBER 25

The Human Subtle Energy Field and Healing. Doug Busby leads us on a tour of our human energy field and its extraordinary communicative powers.

OCTOBER 2

Healing Touch, Reiki and Acupuncture. Ancient healers from Eastern cultures and modern healing techniques have much in common. Doug Busby discusses how each of these therapies is used to promote healing today.

SAVE THE DATE

Make sure you save the date of October 26 for a Breakfast with Myra Loris, humorist and storyteller, who will bring to life, *The Good, The Bad & The Ugly*. A Chicago Story, focusing on three key events from 1909 through 1931.

- *The Good* created by architect, Daniel Burnham
- *The Bad* murder of 14 year-old "Bobby" Franks in 1924
- *The Ugly* acts of syndicate Boss Al Capone.

Join us in the Mayflower Room on Wednesday, October 26.

9:00 a.m. Breakfast
10:15 a.m. -11:30 a.m. Speaker

Tickets are \$15 and will be available at Fellowship Hour on October 2, 9, 16, & 23. Sponsored by Chapter 8 Members of the Women's Association.

Sweet Honey in the Rock

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20

Concert starts at 8:00 p.m. in the Rockefeller Chapel in Chicago. Sponsored by Chicago Theological Seminary to Benefit CTS Scholarships.

Let's get a GCC group together to attend the CTS Scholarship Concert with Sweet Honey in the Rock. Discounted concert tickets are available for groups of 10 and more (10% discount) and 20 and more (20% discount) off general admission of \$40 per person. All proceeds of this concert will support scholarships for current and future students of Chicago Theological Seminary. Contact Rev. Keckler if you are interested in ordering tickets.

New Member Sessions

Have you been attending GCC for some time and want to find out more about how to become a member? Doug and Pam will be leading two new member classes (Part I and Part II) on Sunday afternoons October 16 and 23 from 3:00 p.m -5:00 p.m. Childcare is provided for those who make a reservation. We will then receive new members into the church during the 10:00 a.m. Community Worship on October 30. Please call the church office if you would like to be part of these sessions or if you have questions at (847)724-2210.

BE READY



FOR FLU SEASON

Seasonal Flu/H1N1 and Pneumonia Shots will be available at GCC

Outsmart the flu and receive your flu and/or pneumonia shot on Saturday, October 8, 2011. Flu Shots and Pneumonia Shots will be given from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon in the Sanctuary.

Registration will take place at the West Entrance of the church where you will also receive a number.

COST: 65 years and older
FREE Flu Shot with Medicare Part B

All others:

\$27.00 – Seasonal Flu/H1N1
\$65.00 –Pneumonia

Questions? Call Marilyn Belleau, Advocate Health Care Parish Nurse, at (847)724-2210 ext. 230.



Satisfy your SWEET Tooth

SUPPORT A GREAT CAUSE.

Stop by the Chapter 7 Bake Sale at the Glenview Farmer's Market September 24 between 8:00 a.m. and 12 noon. Stock up on delicious goodies including pies, breads and cookies. Proceeds go to help Glenview/Northbrook Youth Services. The Farmer's Market is located at: Wagner Farm, 1510 Wagner Road, Glenview, IL



Ideas to Share for 2nd Sunday Worship

When the Worship Brainstorming Conversations took place in May, there was interest in offering a more informal worship service perhaps once a month. After further dialogue at Board meetings, we are trying a 4:00 worship service on the 2nd Sunday of the month, to run through most of this program year. Because this worship opportunity is to involve the congregation—all ages – as not only participants but also as leaders, we need and want your input if this is a service for you.

Our first meeting will be on Wednesday evening, September 28 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor. Come with your thoughts and ideas to share in more depth. For questions, see Rev. Pam Keckler.

Common Ground is Coming to GCC!

On Friday, September 23 at 7:00 p.m. in the Founders Room, Jim Kenney will be presenting "**Ten Reasons for Global Hope**". For many, ours is a time of despair. Where are the sources of global hope? This lecture will explore the very strong arguments for a more positive global outlook. Is there reason for hope in our time? Yes, indeed. Join Jim to find out why.

This lecture will be the first of one each month of September, October, and November - each on a different topic.

Friday, September 23

Jim Kenney will present "**Ten Reasons for Global Hope**"

Friday, October 28

John Wasik will present "**Federal Budget Blues - What Congress is Doing To Your Future**"

Friday, November 18

Jim Kenney will present "**Water and Humankind**"

Please mark these dates on your calendars and join friends for an intriguing evening with thoughtful narratives, refreshments, and discussion.

Neighbors in Need

Special Offering - October 2
Neighbors in Need Special Offering envelopes will be in the GCC pews on October 2. Please give generously. Neighbors in Need is a special mission offering of the UCC that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry(CAIM). Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries(JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects. To find out about some of the agencies that have received grants through Neighbors in Need, check out the following web site (<http://www.ucc.org/nin/stories.html>) All donations to this special offering must be placed in the marked NIN envelopes or otherwise marked for the NIN collection. Thank you from your friends on the Missions Outreach Board.

Chapter 20

Chapter 20 of the Woman's Association will be meeting in the Chapel September 21 at 9:30 a.m. Bring your summer stories to share with the group.



WOMEN'S FALL RETREAT

October 21-22
Maria House – Techny

Theme: Be Still

Registration Forms are available in the office. There is room for 15 people. Each woman will have her individual bedroom. We'll meet Friday evening through Saturday afternoon. Take some time out for YOU and join us! If you have any questions, please call or see Marilyn (847)724-2210 ext 230 or Pam (847)724-2210 ext 224

Resale Shop DROP-OFF

The Women's Association Resale Shop will have a Drop-off day on Sunday, September 25th, before and after the church service. Please leave donations at the door of the Plymouth Room on the west side lower level. Please check our website at www.theresaleshopglenview.com for information about what the shop will and will not accept.

Thank you.

Sunday School

Approximately 200 students in preschool through sixth grade rallied together on September 11 to begin the Sunday school year under the leadership of: Denise Morgan nursery coordinator and preschool teacher, Diane Christiansen fourth grade teacher, Karen Ornduff, fifth grade teacher, Steve Lochen, sixth grade teacher, Jim and Kim Yagelski children's worship leaders. Parents of students in kindergarten through third grade will share the teaching responsibility.

All members of the congregation are welcome to pass on their faith to our children by assisting in the Sunday school program. Please contact Kathy Lifton to help at kathy.lifton@gccucc.org.

Confirmation Parents

We are excited about our 7th grade confirmation class with over 40 Confirmands. Welcome back 8th graders as well. Parents are invited to an information parent meeting Sunday, Sept. 25 at 9:00 a.m. Please meet in Mayflower Room. Confirmands will join us at this meeting.

PYF September

The youth have selected their theme this year to be "Our Stories." We will spend time discussing stories and the different stories we have to tell. Each week we will touch on a different part of this theme.

SEPTEMBER 25

Youth Room 4-6 p.m.

We will package up Birthday Bags for the Northfield Township Food Pantry. Please bring a few things from the following list. Small toys, coloring books, markers or crayons, cake mix, frosting, bags, paper products, candles, balloons, and other party favors. There will also be a bin outside the youth room for donations.



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OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday

8:30 am - 4:30 p.m.

MINISTERIAL STAFF

Rev. Dr. Douglas Busby, MD, *Transitional Senior Minister*

Rev. Dr. Pamela Keckler, *Minister for Spiritual Formation & Church Operations*

DIRECTORS:

Marilyn Belleau, RN, *Health Ministry*

Kathy Lifton, *Children's Ministry*

Elizabeth Hartung-Ciccolini, *Youth Ministry*

Debby Shellard, *Children's Choirs*

Gary Wendt, *Music & Organist*

Jim Winfield, *Interim Adult Choir*

AFFILIATES:

Marcia Kiraly, *Director, GCC Nursery School*

Barbara Thewis, *Manager, Resale Shop*

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At A Glance

THUR	MON
9/22	9/26
9:00 AM	9:30 AM
Resale Shop Open til 5:00 p.m., Plymouth Rm	Finding My Spirit, Library
7:30 PM	7:00 PM
Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary	Walking Marys Rehearsal, Sanctuary
FRI	8:00 PM
9/23	9:00 PM
9:00 AM	Tableau Angels Rehearsal, Sanctuary
7:00 PM	Dancing Marys Rehearsal, Sanctuary
8:00 PM	TUES
8:00 PM	9/27
AA Meeting, Parlor	11:30 AM
8:00 PM	WA Chapter 8 Meeting, Founders Rm
AI-Anon Meeting, Rm 201	6:30 PM
SAT	7:00 PM
9/24	Executive Board Mtg., Mayflower Rm
9:00 AM	WED
Resale Shop Open til 1:00 p.m., Plymouth Rm	9/28
SUN	9:00 AM
9/25	Resale Shop Open til 1:00 p.m., Plymouth Rm
8:00 AM	6:30 PM
Worship Service, Sanctuary	BSA Troop 156 Meetings, Gym
8:50 AM	7:00 PM
Adult Education, Chapel	2nd Sunday Worship Idea Meeting, Parlor
9:00 AM	8:00 PM
Confirmation Parent Mtg., Mayflower Rm	BSA Venture Crew, Rm 210 & Gym
9:15 AM	
Confirmation Classes, Various Rms	
9:15 AM	
Primary Chior Rehearsal, Rm 201	
10:00 AM	
Sunday School, Various Rms	
10:00 AM	
Community Worship, Sanctuary	
11:15 AM	
Joyful Ringers Rehearsal, Bell Rm	
4:00 PM	
PYF, Youth Rm	
4:00 PM	
Voices of GCC Rehearsal, Rm 201	

Pastoral Care

Violet Bubnovich, Mother of GCC member Nick Bubnovich, passed away in Munster, IN last week. She was a member of the Plymouth Congregational Church in Whiting, IN.

Broadcaster Deadlines

Please submit articles by 9:00 a.m., Wednesday to Tania McCarthy via e-mail at tania.mccarthy@gccucc.org.