

B Glenview Community Church Broadcaster



September 22, 2010

A Pilgrim's Progress

My reading rhythm seems to go in spurts and jags. In the course of a few weeks I may consume several books and then not complete a book for several months. This seems especially to have been my pattern this year. However, the books I have read have been stimulating, enlightening, and challenging. They also have contributed substance to many of my sermons. Dan Fergus mentioned recently his enjoyment of my summer sermons and thought it would be helpful to know a book or books that informed a particular sermon. This was a very helpful suggestion.

I'm mentioning a couple of books here and may do a similar thing in future articles. I also will explore a way of posting a "reading list" on the website. Perhaps that would be useful.

One book that I read last spring that I found especially valuable is *Saving Jesus from the Church*. It was written by Robin Myers and was especially helpful in informing the sermon, "Jesus: Model for Living," that I delivered on August 8.

Here are the opening paragraphs of that sermon:

I have spent an amazing amount of my life attempting to understand the meaning and importance of Jesus' life. The majority of the sermons I have prepared over the last forty-eight years have focused on something attributed to Jesus—either something he said, something he did, or both. I've written four books that explored the importance and significance of Jesus. Why have I had this fascination and preoccupation with Jesus?

It started early in my life because my family of origin was involved in a church and I heard Jesus referred to in sermons. Jesus was the focus of Sunday school lessons. We sang hymns often addressed

to Jesus and hymns that called for commitment to Jesus. Prayers were often addressed to Jesus. It seemed fairly clear that the anticipated response was veneration of Jesus. I was being encouraged to worship Jesus.

Several assertions were made about Jesus, all of which were offered as proof of his divine status, fundamentally different from us, therefore meriting our worship. These included his divine origins, his ability to perform miracles, and his sinless nature. Long before I understood human reproduction, I was told Jesus was born of a virgin. Because I lacked scientific knowledge and trusted the persons telling me this, I believed it was true.

As I grew older and learned more, such a claim seemed irrational. However, to question a claim about Jesus' birth was to invite damnation. So at times out of fear and other times from the instruction "there are just some things you aren't supposed to question," it took a long time for me to get the courage to begin questioning things about Jesus that I had simply accepted because "I was supposed to accept them." This kind of hands off approach tended to elevate Jesus to a place of importance and reverence. Robin Myers has been pastor of Mayflower Congregational Church in Oklahoma City and professor in the philosophy department at Oklahoma City University. Myers expresses very clearly and succinctly my understanding of Jesus as it has evolved and developed through the years. Myers expresses clear understanding that much that is said about Jesus and attributed to Jesus occurred years, even centuries after the life and ministry of Jesus. The result of this approach is what is said about Jesus and attributed to Jesus has been reinforced by interpretations that support conventional wisdom rather than the wisdom and guidance of God. Chapter titles of *Saving Jesus from the Church* will give

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SUNDAY SERVICES

SEPTEMBER 26, 2010

9:30 a.m.

Scripture:

Exodus 32:30-34, Revelation 3:1-6

Sermon:

"The Sleeping Congregation"

Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts

OCTOBER 3, 2010

World Communion Sunday

9:30 a.m.

Scripture:

Proverbs 3:11-18, Revelation 3:1-6

Sermon:

"The Indifferent Congregation"

Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts

OCTOBER 10, 2010

9:30 a.m.

Scripture:

Psalms 66:1-12, Luke 17:11-19

Sermon:

"No Thanks!"

Rev. Dr. Pam Keckler

Confirmants will join us in worship.

OCTOBER 17, 2010

9:30 a.m.

Scripture:

Exodus 32:1-14, Philippians 4:1-9

Sermon:

"Peace Beyond Understanding"

Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts

you some strong hints of what you will find in this book. These may entice you to pick up the book or download it to your Kindle or IBook. Here are the chapters: Jesus the Teacher, Not the Savior; Faith as Being, Not Belief; The Cross as Futility, Not Forgiveness; Easter as Presence, Not Proof; Original Blessing, Not Original Sin; Christianity as Compassion, Not Condemnation; Discipleship as Obedience, Not Observance; Justice as Covenant, Not Control; Prosperity as Dangerous, Not Divine; Religion as Relationship, Not Righteousness.

Perhaps Myer's book will help you explore your understanding of Jesus and the role he plays in your life. Ongoing reflection on the life and ministry of Jesus will contribute to your personal and spiritual growth and to your pilgrim's progress.

Howard

GCC Career Network

Our next career network meeting is on Monday, September 27 at noon. We will meet in the Founder's Room. Come to hear a professional speaker who may help with transitions in career moves and job searches.

Outsmart the Flu and Receive a Flu Shot!

OCTOBER 9, 2010

Flu Shots and Pneumonia Shots will be given from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. in the Sanctuary. This year the Seasonal Flu and H1N1 Immunization will be combined into one injection. Registration will take place at the WEST ENTRANCE of Church. We have been assured that there is plenty of vaccine available so you don't need to worry.

We will also be offering the pneumonia vaccination.

COST:

65 yrs and older: FREE Flu/H1N1 Shot with Medicare Part B

All others: \$30.00 for Flu and H1N1, \$50.00 for Pneumonia.

(9yrs – 18 yrs old must be accompanied by a parent)

Please call Marilyn Belleau, Parish Nurse with questions or concerns at (847)724-2210 ext. 30

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION CLASS

OCTOBER 17, 2010

The fall New Member Orientation Class is scheduled for Sunday afternoon, October 17 from 3-6 p.m. and includes dinner. Now may be the time for you to join Glenview Community Church or at least explore membership. Please join us in the class. If you are interested, please call Jane Payne at (847)724-2210 ext. 25 or email her at jane.payne@gccucc.org and she will gladly send you information about the class along with a registration form.

GCC Career Network

The GCC Career Network has been active for several months now and has offered job help and education. Thanks to Alek and Renee Jablonski for the idea to begin this ministry here and for their leadership. They are now unable to continue in this role. We are looking for someone who would like to coordinate the speaker for the month (last Monday of each month at noon) and also to work with Rev. Keckler on any new ideas for this outreach. If you are interested in talking about this endeavor, please contact Pam Keckler at (847)724-2210, Ext. 24 or pam.keckler@gccucc.org. We meet again on Monday, September 27 at noon.

Financial Summary

A Year-to-Date (YTD) summary as of August 31, 2010:

Pledges received to date (through August 2010): Pledges Made - \$971,284
Payments received against the Pledges made: Pledges Paid - \$545,911

Total Revenues received (including Pledges Paid): Total Revenues - \$672,028
Total Actual Expenses paid: Total Expenditures - \$704,013

The staff continues to manage expenses well this year. As of August 31, expenses were \$33,563 under budget YTD. It has been most helpful that expenses have been under budget this year because revenues are also under budget YTD by \$42,007; pledges are under budget by \$49,089.

Respectfully submitted,
Rob Hevey,
Treasurer

Quilts! Video! Animals! O'My!

Yes, You Can Still Help With the Heifer Quilt Auction!



Please let Beryl Bills or Tom Amos know if you can:

- (1) Donate to help sponsor a quilt or a craft (\$30-\$3,000)
- (2) Donate a well-made quilt or a fine craft.
- (3) Buy a personal ad or a business ad in the Auction Booklet.



We need your help now. You have our thanks.

ADULT EDUCATION

**10:45 a.m. in the Chapel
Sunday, September 26**

A Faith Journey, by Mark Brown

Can a diagnosis of cancer bring about a positive life change? GCC member Mark Brown was diagnosed with Chronic Myeloid Leukemia in February, 2004 and then with lung cancer in April, 2009. Mark will share his story and answer questions about his illness, recovery, and reconnecting with God.

Thank You For Your Patience

Thank you in advance for your patience during our temporary technical computer issues. The Broadcaster may be a day late and have a bit of a different appearance to it. Our GCC website may not be updated immediately. We are striving to resolve these issues as quickly as possible.

ANGELS ARE GATHERING.

Pageant season is upon us. The Tableau Angels have started rehearsals. It is not too late to join in. Walking Angels will start on September 27, 2010 at 7:00 pm. The first rehearsal is only for freshman. Parents are asked to attend a brief informational meeting at the beginning of the rehearsal. Sophomores will join us the following week, Oct 4, 2010 at 7:00 pm. If you have any questions please feel free to call Melissa Miller Kopera at (847)890-1813 or Beth Raebel at (847)630-5442.

CHICAGO METROPOLITAN ASSOCIATION ANNUAL FALL MEETING

October 16, 2010 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Trinity United Church of Christ
400 West 95th Street
Chicago, Illinois 60028-1120

The theme of this year's Fall Meeting is "Igniting Congregational Vitality" which is an appropriate theme for our gathering. In recent years, our churches have experienced some challenges that may leave us discouraged about the future. We look forward to enjoying a word from our keynote speaker, Ms. Vertie Powers, a nationally known speaker on church revitalization and evangelism and current Associate Conference Minister of the Southern Conference.

All are welcome at the meeting, which will begin with registration (fee \$15.00; \$5.00 for those "In-Care" with CMA). Fee includes breakfast and lunch.

Registration deadline is October 6, 2010. You can register online at www.emaucc.org or contact CMA's Administrative Assistant, Bertha Condra at (773)324-7650.

Forms are also available in the church office.

Do, Ray, Me, Fa, So La, Ti, Do

Does your child like to sing? Would you like to expose them to musical concepts while providing them with the opportunity to get to know other kids at GCC? Have them join a children's choir! It is not too late!

Primary Choir is for children in Kindergarten - 2nd grade this year. We meet every Sunday morning in room #201 from 8:45 - 9:15. Just bring your child the first time to sign up and get a calendar of rehearsals. Primary choir will sing in church on October 10th.

Voices of GCC is for children in 3rd - 8th grade. They are preparing to sing for Pageant Sunday on Dec. 5th. We meet in room #201 from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. on Sunday afternoon. If you have additional questions, please call Debby Shellard at 847-657-1202.

On The Road To "NOW Here"

Where have we come from and what do we need to do to become relevant and remain faithful? CMA Cluster One announces an unusual opportunity for clergy and laity to spend time with Rev. Dr. John Thomas, formerly the President and General Minister of the United Church of Christ.

On Tuesday, October 12, 2010 hosted by The First Congregational Church of Des Plaines, 766 Graceland Avenue, Des Plaines 60016

For Laity and Clergy:

5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Dinner at the Silver Stallion (individual checks)

Worship 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Rev. Dr. John Thomas, preaching

Open Conversation with Rev. Thomas
8:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Registration closes October 8, 2010. You can register by sending an email to Rev. Co DuToit at: kelkou@hotmail.com. Registration is \$10.00. Your check made payable to First Congregational of Des Plaine.

Parking is available on the street, in the parking lot, and at the funeral home across from the church. Come and bring a friend for a spirit-filled evening.

You're Invited!

American Girl Fashion Show invitations have arrived in your mailbox. We hope to have you join us as this will be a fun-filled event at the Marriott Lincolnshire Resort to benefit outstanding organizations helping kids in Chicago and Northshore area including benefits to our children's outreach within GCC. Choose a 10 am brunch or 2 pm tea on Saturday, Oct. 16 or Sunday, Oct. 17 to share the fun with a neighbor, niece, daughter, or granddaughter. Tickets are \$40 and can be ordered through www.americangirl-fashionshownorthshore.org or call (877) 402 4679 for information.

Confirmation

Each Sunday morning the confirmands are to go directly to their classrooms at 9:30 a.m. unless otherwise scheduled. We will end the session with closing prayers and announcements at 10:20 in the youth room.

ON SEPTEMBER 26, confirmands will meet in the youth room at 9:00 a.m. with Dr. Roberts and Elizabeth Ciccolini for the start of Confirmation Chaos. Refreshments will be available. They will conclude at 10:30. This is a time for team building, fellowship and devotions. Parents will meet at 9:00 a.m. in the Mayflower Room with Dr. Keckler and the confirmation teachers. We are looking forward to working with all of you this year.

PYF Upcoming Events

October 17th:

Great America. Cost \$30 if you turn in your money by October 10th. Otherwise standard rates apply

November 2:

PYF Mission In & Out
Night Ministry Health Bus
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Hot meal assembly & Open Gym/ Youth Room. We will make a hot meal to serve along side the Night Ministry Health Bus. Everyone is welcome to assemble the hot meal. The Night Ministry Health Bus ride is limited to 5 people.

November 5 -7:

Pilgrim Park. Cost \$135 for juniors and seniors; \$80 for freshman and sophomores; juniors and seniors will go up right after school on Friday and the freshman and sophomores will go Saturday morning. Time TBD. Drivers needed. Deposit \$50

January 21-22:

Winter Trip Kalahari & Cascade: Cost about \$125 depending on if you ski and how long, etc. More details to follow. Deposit \$50

March 11-12:

Lock-In: Regular Attendance to PYF required.

June 12th - 18:

Mission Trip: Logan, WV: Deposit \$75 www.youthworks.com for more info and more info to follow.

If you wish to bring a friend on a trip with you they need to have come to PYF a few times. See Elizabeth for more details.

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday

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

MINISTERIAL STAFF

Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts, *Senior Minister*

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

DIRECTORS:

Marilyn Belleau, *RN, Health Ministry*

Kathy Lifton, *Children's Ministry*

Elizabeth Hartung-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*

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At A Glance

THRS	9/23	9:00 am	Resale Shop, Plymouth Rm Until 5:00 pm
		7:30 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
FRI	9/24	9:00 am	Resale Shop, Plymouth Room Until 1:00 pm
		8:00 pm	AA Meeting, Parlor
		8:00 pm	Al-Anon Meeting, Room 201
SAT	9/25	9:00 am	Resale Shop, Plymouth Room Until 1:00 pm
SUN	9/26	9:00 am	Confirmation Chaos, Youth Rm
		9:30 am	Worship, Sanctuary
		9:30 am	Sunday School, Rm 201
		10:20 am	Confirmation Closing Prayers, Youth Rm
		10:30 am	Fellowship Hour, Mayflower Rm
		10:45 am	Adult Ed, Chapel
		10:45 am	Joyful Ringers Rehearsal, Bell Rm
		10:45 am	Annual Usher Mtg., Sanctuary
		4:00 pm	Voices of GCC Rehearsal, Room 201
		4:00 pm	PYF Gathering, Youth Room, Gym
MON	9/27	9:30 am	Finding My Spirit, Library
		12:00 pm	GCC Career Network, Founders Rm
		7:00 pm	Tableau Angels, Sanctuary
		8:00 pm	Walking Angels, Sanctuary

TUE	9/28	11:30 am	WA Chapter 8, Founders Rm
		7:00 pm	Executive Board Mtg., Mayflower Rm
WED	9/29	9:00 am	Resale Shop until 1:00 pm, Plymouth Rm
		7:00 pm	BSA Troop 156, Gym & Mayflower Rm
		8:00 pm	Venturing Crew, Rm 210

Pastoral Care

Our sympathy are prayers to the family of Alan and Marion Brown. Alan's father died September 18 in Boston.

Broadcaster Deadlines:

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