

Fall Broadcaster

Glenview Community Church

Pilgrim's Progress

The Book of Job is a watershed work on the issues of suffering and unfairness. People have understood God and suffering and unfairness in a completely different light after Job's experience. The character, Job, often is referred to as a person of great patience. That is an erroneous conclusion. Job experienced an unbelievable amount of pain, suffering, and hardship in a relative short period of time, but he did not accept those events and suffering without questions, anger, and struggle. Job was a person willing to say what he thought and felt. Job was willing to confront God with his hurt, anger, and bitterness. Job stood his ground with his friends and his wife, resisting their accusations and advice. He also stood his ground with God, not usually our view of how one is to interact with God but an approach portrayed, described, and supported many places in the Bible and especially in the character of Job.

In a single day Job was wiped out emotionally and nearly physically. The Sabeans ran off with his oxen and slaughtered his hired hands. Lightning struck his sheep barn and burned up the whole flock, not to mention the shepherds. The Chaldeans rustled his camels and made short work of the camel drivers. And a hurricane hit with such devastating effect the house where his seven sons and three daughters were having a party that there were not enough of them left in the wreckage to identify. And then Job came down with leprosy. And that was only Monday. Job could hardly wait for Tuesday!

For Job, the facts simply did not add up. The facts do not add up for us either. Simply plug contemporary illustrations into Job's arguments: "innocent" but starving children in the Third World; justice seeking people imprisoned; people who die in their prime; people who are faithful to God get cancer, experience horrible suffering, and die; loving parents lose children to accidents and disease. Mafia dons and spoiled entertainers profit obscenely from flouting God's rules. Corporate executives

are paid millions of dollars while millions of people are out of work; people in power use power to divide people against each other; random killings; embassies crumpled in rubble; millions who live quiet, happy lives and seem never to give God a thought. Far from fading away, Job's questions about this world's unfairness only grow louder and shriller.

If we can come to the awareness that life is unfair, we may find insight to cope with suffering. Life is not fair, but God is. God is not life. Job's faith in God remained and that sustained him through the awareness, discovery, and acknowledgment that life is unfair.

Just as a cake is not about eggs, flour, milk, and shortening, but uses those ingredients in the process of creating a cake, Job is not "about" suffering; it merely uses such ingredients in its larger story, which is concerned with cosmic questions. Seen as a whole, Job is primarily about faith in its starkest form. What a gift Job gave to all of us who have come after him. Many continue to view the experiences of suffering as coming from God as punishment or to teach people lessons or any number of other ancient views of cause and effect relationship. Job's struggle and approach, however, gives us a fellow seeker who was willing to express a different, healthier, more helpful approach. Thanks Job. And thanks be to God for working through Job to help us discover that often life is unfair but God always is fair.

Howard

The love we give away is
the only love we keep.

Elbert Hubbard



October 21, 2009

SUNDAY SERVICES

OCTOBER 25, 2009

8:30 a.m. Bell Choir

10:30 a.m. Chancel Choir, Bell Choir

Scripture:

Job 42:1-6, 10-17
Mark 10:46-52

Sermon:

"No Explanation for Suffering"
Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts

NOVEMBER 1, 2009

All Saints Day Communion

8:30 a.m.

10:30 a.m. Chancel Choir

Scripture:

Isaiah 25:6-9
Revelation 21:1-6a

Sermon:

"When Saints Go Marching"
Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts

All Church Memorial Service at 3:00 p.m.

NOVEMBER 8, 2009

8:30 a.m.

10:30 a.m. PYF Singers

Scripture:

Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17
Psalm 23

Sermon:

"Risk and Restoration"
Rev. Dr. Pamela Keckler

Leadership is Seeking

The Leadership Committee seeks nominations for volunteers to serve as Church Clerk, Church Treasurer, Vice Moderator and At-Large Members on the Executive Board for the 2010-2011 church year.

Their volunteer responsibilities can be summarized as follows:

Church Clerk-Works with church staff to maintain an accurate and detailed record of the proceedings of the Church, membership rolls and attendance records. The Clerk serves as Secretary of our major meetings and serves on the Executive Board.

Church Treasurer-Works with the Church Business Administrator and the Finance Board to assure that we have accurate record keeping for all financial records for receipts & disbursements, operating and trust accounts, and financial reports. The Treasurer serves on the Executive Board and

is the chief financial officer of the church.

Vice-Moderator-This is the second highest elected lay officer of the Church. This person performs the duties of the Moderator when the Moderator is unable to serve and serves as the Chair of the Leadership Committee.

At-Large Members to the Executive Board:

In addition to your responsibilities as a member of the Executive Board for two years, you will also serve on either the Leadership Committee or Personnel and Ministerial Relations Committee.

If you are interested in one of these positions or want to recommend someone else, please contact Lloyd Bettis, Chair of the Leadership Committee for further information on the responsibilities and requirements. He can be reached by email at lbettis@nationalbureau.com or by phone during the day at 312-861-4272.

BLOOD DRIVE

**Sunday,
November 1**

GCC BLOOD DRIVE NEEDS YOU!

GCC and LifeSource will be holding its annual blood drive on Sunday, November 1st in the Plymouth Room from 7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. If you are at least 17 years old and weigh a minimum of 110 lbs., we are asking for your participation in this lifesaving mission. Donating blood is safe, fast and easy and the benefit to those in need is priceless. Mark your calendars for November 1st and make it your day to donate blood. Sign up sheets will be available the next two weeks during coffee hour for you to reserve your time. You may also sign up to donate by calling Sally Hicks at (847) 729-3162.



Adult Education Seminar

PRESENTS: *Happy Birthday
To our Organ*
In The Chapel at 9:30 a.m.

October 25

A Conversation with John Paul Buzard. The Founder and President of Buzard Pipe Organ Builders talks about his creation of our "heroic" instrument and its role in leading Congregational worship.

November 1

A Conversation with Howard Roberts and Andrew Lewis. GCC's Senior Minister and Director of the Chancel Choir share their thoughts about selection of hymns, collaboration between clergy and music staff, and the role of music in Congregational worship.



November 8

A Conversation with Gary Wendt and Andrew Lewis. Director of Instrumental Music and Organist Gary and Choir Director Andy share their perspectives on music at GCC, the role of the organ, the choir and the Congregation in worship and community outreach.

Dealing with Breast Cancer

Friday, November 6, 11:00 a.m.

There are women in this church dealing with breast cancer. Several have asked that there be a time to gather as a group to share information and converse with one another. A meeting has been scheduled for Friday, November 6 at 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in Room # 5. Questions? Please call Rev. Pam Keckler at (847)724-2210 ext. 24 or Marilyn Belleau, Parish Nurse at (847)724-2210 ext. 30.



GCC Career Network

Monday, October 26 at 12 p.m. and 7 p.m.
Organizing Yourself for A Career Shift
presented by Andrew Olsen.

Make an effective career transition by identifying your skills and clarifying your goals. Bring structure and discipline to your day and gain a sense of accomplishment.

Andrew Olson has helped small and large companies find job candidates and counseled individuals making career transitions for over 25 years. He has worked within the telecommunications, capital goods and equipment, financial services, software, consumer, food, education and leisure products and services industries.

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 p.m. and 7 p.m. on the last Monday of each month to hear speakers, share experiences, resources, job openings and support one another. Members have access to a Yahoo! Group to share information, community meetings dates 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.

Sara Thomsen in Concert

UCC Wellington Ave Church

Saturday, October 24

7:00 p.m.

Sara Thomsen in Concert Benefitting *Voices for Creative Nonviolence and Wellington*
UCC Wellington Avenue
615 W. Wellington, Chicago

Tickets are \$25

No one will be turned away for lack of funds. Tickets are available at Women and Children First, 5233 N Clark St, Chicago IL, online at www.waucc.org or reserve tickets at saralive@vcnv.org or by calling 773-935-0642.

Sara Thomsen is a singer-songwriter with a soulful voice, poetic lyrics, and haunting melodies. Her music comes from the heart, and that's where it takes you.

All Church Memorial Service

If you have lost a loved one in the past you and your family are invited to our annual All Church Memorial Service on Sunday afternoon, November 1 at 3 p.m. in the sanctuary. We offer a quiet service to remember those who have died, by reading their name aloud. Afterwards, the Pastoral Care Board will host a time of fellowship and refreshments in the Narthex. For more information see Marilyn Belleau, Parish Nurse.

CROP Walk Committee

This is Dick Johnson's farewell tour, having served 13 years as Committee Chair. This notice is a want ad for a new Glenview - Northbrook CROP Walk Committee Chairperson. Will you consider volunteering for the Committee? Will you consider volunteering as the Committee Chair? If you are interested, please contact Bill Peden at (847)724-3298 for more details. This is an action with worldwide benefits.



NOVEMBER 13TH

Take the night off cooking and bring home dinner on Friday November 13th.

Sponsored by WA Chapter 11 and catered by Goode & Fresh. Orders can be purchased at the fellowship hour on 10/25 and 11/01. Deadline for orders is November 6th and orders can be turned in at the GCC office. Questions? Please contact Kim Vanderveen 847-730-3335 or email at chicagodutch@yahoo.com.

Holidays
are stressful enough!



Workshop

CARING FOR THE CAREGIVERS:

Tuesday, November 3 at 7-9 p.m.

Creating Caregiver Support Circles for the Holidays

Learn:

- how you can help someone providing long-term care for their loved one,
- how you can "get real" about what you can do and what you can't,
- how you can ask for help to get through this holiday time.

Facilitator: Rev. Dale Susan Edmonds

To register, please call Marilyn Belleau or Rev. Pam Keckler at 847-724-2210. The **free workshop** is offered for both caregivers and those who want to help them but don't know how. This event is sponsored by Marilyn Belleau, Advocate Health Care, Parish Nurse Ministry and Family Home Health and Family Centered Hospice.

Advance Care Planning 101

You may think you have everything prepared for the future, but do you really? If you are married, do you need health care power of attorney? If you have a will, do you need a financial power of attorney? Who would make a decision for you if you're unable to make them? People are often confused by terms and decisions that are required. Make sure you and your loved ones have the answers to these and other questions. Facilitators include Rev. Pam Keckler, Marilyn Belleau, and Rev. Dale Susan Edmonds who have completed training in this subject and who will facilitate this time together. Join us on Monday, November 16 at 7:00 p.m. in the Founder's Room. Bring your questions and concerns.

Turn Back Time



Set your clocks back one hour on November 1 at 2 a.m.

Workcamp Stockholder Brunch

Thanks to all who supported our youth who participated in Workcamp this past summer, helping families on a Native American Reservation. You are invited to a brunch on Sunday, November 1 at noon. The youth and chaperones will share stories and pictures as well as thank you personally. Please let us know if you plan to attend.

Confirmation

October 25

Regular opening prayers at 9:30 a.m. in the Plymouth Room followed by class.

Remember to turn in your CROP walk money to your teacher.

PYF

IN OCTOBER, 4 - 6 p.m.

Youth Room *unless otherwise noted*

October 25th

Small Groups; Topic Self - Esteem. Large Group Fellowship Activity & Open Gym, Open Youth Room.

Youth Christmas Tree Sale



The youth are selling Christmas trees again this year to help fund their retreats, workcamp, scholarships and confirmation Bibles. Green forms are in the office to order your tree in time for Thanksgiving weekend. This is a great fundraiser, as the youth get to keep about 40% of the earnings. So if you're looking for an easy way to find a Christmas tree, this is it! Order deadline is October 30. For more information contact Rev. Keckler.

Pastoral Care

We offer sympathy to Barbara Eich on the death of her husband, Bill. Please keep the Eich family in your prayers.

We offer our sympathy to Sally Thuresson on the death of her mother, October 12. Please keep the Thuresson family in your prayers.

myfaith church commitment

The Stewardship Board continues to be able to report substantial gains as 331 pledges are now in for a total of \$796,061 which is up 11.06 % from the same pledges made in 2009..... that is \$79,219 up from 2009!!

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As you see, we are experiencing a tremendous response to our Stewardship Campaign this year – and regardless of the various pathways we travel, as a congregation we all share the common belief that the work and ministry of this church must go on, and with that common belief, we must all affirm our support for our church and participate in this single, most important fundraising campaign. Sharing your financial gift with GCC is a commitment we thank you for....let all of us unite for growth & renewal.

Pledged commitments constitute more than 85% of Glenview Community Church's operating budget, which is established after the Stewardship Pledge Campaign is completed October 31, 2009. For those who have not yet submitted their pledge we ask that you support the church in renewal and growth as we seek to build for the future.

Pledge forms can be found in the pews, adjacent to the Pledge-o-Meters in the Narthex and Transept, and on-line at the GCC website or our e-mail blast. You can return your pledges by mail, e-mail or place in Dale Wittenberg's mail box in the main office or the Pledge box in the Narthex.

Please respond ASAP. Thank you.
2009-2010 Stewardship Board

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At A Glance

Thurs 9:00 am Resale Shop until 5:00 pm, Plymouth Rm
10-22 1:00 pm Ministers' Mentors Meeting, Rm 210
6:15 pm Bell Choir, Bell Rm & Sanctuary
7:30 pm Chancel Choir, Sanctuary & Choir Rm

Fri 9:00 am Resale Shop until 1:00 pm, Plymouth Rm
10-23 8:00 pm AA Mtg., Parlor
8:00 pm AI - Anon Meeting, Rm 201

Sat 9:00 am Resale Shop until 1:00 pm, Plymouth Rm
10-24 9:00 am Men's Open Gym, Gym

Sun 9:15 am Fellowship Hour, Mayflower Rm
10-25 9:30 am Adult Education, Chapel
9:30 am Confirmation Closing Prayers, Plymouth Rm
9:30 am 7th Grade Confirmation Class, Assigned Rms
9:30 am 8th Grade Confirmation Class, Assigned Rms
9:45 am Primary Choir, Rm 201
10:30 am Sunday School Gathering, Rm 201
11:30 am Fellowship Hour, Mayflower Rm
4:00 pm PFY, Youth Rm

Mon 9:30 am Finding My Spirit, Library
10-26 12:00 pm Career Networking, Plymouth Rm
6:00 pm Pink Angels Rehearsal, Sanctuary
7:00 pm Walking Angels, Sanctuary
7:00 pm Potawatomi District Meeting, Parlor
8:00 pm Tableau Angels Rehearsal, Sanctuary
9:00 pm Dancing Mary Auditions, Sanctuary

Tues 6:30 pm Operating Committee, Mayflower Rm
10-27 7:00 pm Pilates Class, Rm 201
7:00 pm Executive Board Mtg., Mayflower Rm

Wed 9:00 am Resale Shop until 1:00 pm, Plymouth Rm
10-28 7:00 pm BSA 156, Mayflower & Gym
8:00 pm Venture Crew, Rm 210

Broadcaster Deadline

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