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Glenview Community Church



November 18, 2009

Pam's Sabbatical

For those of you who have been in my office, you've seen the many pictures of family and grandchildren that adorn my walls and windows. These faces inspire and energize me. One of my favorite pictures is that of the three little girls standing on a fence, their backs to us, looking out over a field and farm yard with nothing there but blue sky, trees and grass. Wait, that's just what I see. I'm sure these pre-school children are seeing cotton candy clouds, frogs jumping, trees dancing. They are doing what children do: taking time to explore, listen, play and learn. When I think about my upcoming sabbatical, I picture myself climbing on the fence and looking through a different lens of what's out there for me to explore and learn as I take time for growth and renewal.

I received approval a year ago from the Executive Board to take my three month sabbatical during the months of December, 2009 through February 2010. An odd time, you may say. Perhaps – but it's a good time for me as I review my major planning months of programs and confirmation curriculum writing, which are normally done in the spring and summer time. Although I didn't expect us to have one less minister next year, I do have volunteers and staff people in place to make sure the programs and work continue during my absence. It will be different than I might do it, but that's good, too. The author of *Clergy Renewal* says that "...one of the blessings of sabbaticals is that they force clergy and lay leadership to re-think how ministry is done while they are gone" and that "lay ministry and leadership are often able to emerge in more new and creative ways..." *Clergy Renewal – The Alban Guide to Sabbatical Planning by Bullock and Bruesehoff.*

So what am I planning to do while I'm on sabbatical? I hope to participate in various retreats and workshops for my *personal and spiritual growth*. These may include a "Soul Care Retreat" which will offer time for prayer and listening. Others are a self-directed retreat; Advent Day of Reflection; Winter Pastor's School with various theologians

and authors; Spirituality Practice with Joyce Rupp through "E-courses" online.

I am yearning to return to my piano playing. I realize I have not sat down and played the piano for weeks, maybe months. So I want to spend time with *music*. I hope to visit a recording studio, take music theory classes, attend a congregational song seminar for church leaders. I want to spend hours playing the piano without interruptions, meetings, or following a schedule or answering emails and phone calls.

Finally, I hope to research the various *career networking* that is happening in other churches, etc. for people who are in career transitions or looking for jobs. We've begun a good work here at GCC and in the community, but I think we can offer more programs and help for individuals. Now I will have time and space to do that.

Of course, many sabbatical books say that it's important to "maintain flexibility and a sense of expectancy" and not to be too rigid. So I'm always open to see what other paths may open this winter. Who knows what may lie beyond the fence.

Pam

Thanksgiving Offering

The season of Thanksgiving gives us an opportunity to pause and reflect on our blessings. Please consider contributing to the GCC Thanksgiving offering that will be split between Northfield Food Pantry (NFP) and Good News Community Kitchen (GNCK). GCC has strong partnerships with both organizations and provides ongoing hands-on support through the monthly food collections for NFP and twice a month meal preparation and service at GNCK. By working together, we can help these agencies continue to effectively meet the needs of our metro Chicago neighbors! Only donations in the specially marked Thanksgiving envelopes or checks marked "Thanksgiving" in the memo section will go towards this special offering. Thank you from your friends on the GCC Missions Outreach Board.

SUNDAY SERVICES

NOVEMBER 22, 2009

Thanksgiving Sunday

8:30 a.m. Chancel Choir
 10:30 a.m. Chancel Choir

Scripture:

Genesis 33:1-11
 Matthew 14:13-21

Sermon:

"Never Enough"
 Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts

Community Thanksgiving Service

Glenview New Church will host the Community Thanksgiving Service on Wednesday evening, November 25, at 7:30 p.m. Those interested in singing in the community choir are invited to be at the church at 6:30 p.m. to rehearse.

NOVEMBER 29, 2009

First Sunday of Advent

(One Service Only)

9:30 a.m. Pilgrim Wind Ensemble

Scripture:

Jeremiah 33:14-16
 Luke 21:25-36

Sermon:

"Good News"
 Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts

PAGEANT SUNDAY

December 6, 2009

10:30 a.m.
 1:30 p.m.
 4:00 p.m.

Spiritual Formation and Health Ministries

Caregivers Group

Several caregivers met together for a workshop on how to get through the holidays. We'll be offering another gathering sometime in the winter or spring. If you would like to have future information please let Marilyn Belleau or Rev. Keckler know.

Breast Cancer Group

A group of women who are dealing with breast cancer met recently to offer support to one another and to share their stories. Marilyn Belleau, our Parish Nurse had information available from Cancer Wellness Centers. We'll be meeting quarterly and keeping in touch by e-mail. If you were unable to attend but would like to be part of the e-mail list, please notify Marilyn or Rev. Keckler. It helps to be connected with one another.

Health Screening

Glenview Community Church is pleased to offer a preventive health event. Life Line Screening, the nation's leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will host their affordable, noninvasive, painless health screenings on Tuesday, January 12, 2010. Screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries, which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms, which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs, which is a strong predictor of heart disease; and atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat, which is closely tied to stroke risk. Register for the Stroke, Vascular Disease and Heart Rhythm Package for \$139. All four screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. Your Health is in Your Hands, so call 1-888-653-6441 for more information or to pre-register.



GCC CAREER NETWORK

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30

12:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Leveraging LinkedIn with John Jameson

LinkedIn is a popular and powerful business networking tool. John will show you key features to keep you up to date on the latest industry information, make your profile stand out, and help you with your job search and research including:

- ◆ Business Networking Basics
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John is an independent consultant with a background in corporate recruiting and career management. He is the founder of Connected Insights ([http://connectingin-](http://connectingin-sights.net)

Prayer Shawl Ministry

We continue to have beautiful prayer shawls made by girls, women and friends of GCC, which now total almost 40 knitters. These are then delivered by Rev. Keckler and Marilyn Belleau, Parish Nurse to members of the church. Several of the prayer shawls were displayed on the altar recently. The group is also working on various other "small" projects such as "Hot Heads" which are warm beanie caps for babies born in rural Rwanda. A knitting group is meeting on December 1 at noon in Room 5. Please join us for fun and fellowship. Bring your lunch if you wish. For questions, contact Nan Hinchsliff or Barbara Schwarting.

sights.net) whose mission is "to empower clients to achieve their career goals through effective interviewing and networking skills development."

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 at Glenview Community Church to hear speakers, share experiences, resources, job openings and support one another. Members have access to a Yahoo! Group to share information, community meeting dates, and be alerted of opportunities. Contact Alek Jablonski at 847-922-6870/ajablonski03@hotmail.com or Rev. Pam Keckler at 847-724-2210 for more information.

Women's Winter Retreat

Mark your calendar now for January 30-31, 2010 for the Women's Winter Retreat. We're returning to the Deerfield Marriott Hotel again.

Registration is from 8-9 a.m. on Saturday and the program begins at 9:15 a.m. We'll conclude by noon on Sunday. Our speaker is Jo Giarrante who spoke to our Called to Care leaders at GCC. Her theme will be "Sanctuary of the Heart." Registration forms and information are available in the Narthex and church office.

PYF NOVEMBER, 4 – 6 p.m.
Youth Room unless otherwise noted

NOVEMBER 22
4 – 8:30 p.m. Movie night
We will watch a movie and enjoy other fun large group games.



A Big Thank You

We would like to thank the adults who have helped get this year off to a great start: Chris Clark, Christine Foley, Bob McGee, & Karen Ornduff being youth sponsors; Kim Yagelski for her leadership with the PYF Singers; Deanne Frank and Sue Ryan for their organizational gifts!

PYF & 678 Club



Recap by Danny

Service, discussions and a few different games have highlighted the early months of the 2009-2010 year for Pilgrim Youth Fellowship.

We have been graced with the presence of plenty of new faces, as well as, quite a few familiar ones. So far, we have taken part in the assembling of things like birthday bags, sack lunches, hygiene kits and various other projects in an effort to give a little back to the community.

In addition to the service projects, we have taken part in both small and large group discussions pertaining to the year's theme, "Moving Toward Our Destiny".

We always make time for play as well. So far, we have taken part in a wide range of activities from speed dating to floor hockey and many things in between. In the coming weeks we are looking forward to some more small group discussions, as well as, our annual movie night.

-Danny



Interfaith Connections Meeting

You Are Invited to join others at our GCC Interfaith Connections Meeting on Saturday morning, November 21st, at 9:30 a.m. to plan our 2010 activities to be held with our Jewish, Muslim, and Bahai neighbors. Join us in the Parlor and BYO coffee.

Advent Family Time

Family Worship and Wreath Making Join Rev. Keckler and the children and families on Sunday, November 29 at 9:30 for the First Sunday of Advent. We will have informal worship and communion and then make our Advent wreaths. We'll see you in the Plymouth Room!

Sunday School

The gold treasure chest on the altar in Room 201, brimming with stuffed animals, books, and toys for toddlers and gift cards for teenagers, has been filled by enthusiastic Sunday school students. The gifts will soon be forwarded to the Pediatric Oncology Treasure Chest Foundation which supports children undergoing cancer treatment. It's not too late to contribute. The collection will end on November 22.

my faith church commitment

Stewardship Campaign Officially Ends, But Is Not Over

It was 9 weeks ago when this campaign, our major fundraiser for GCC, was launched, and it has been quite a run to date. In 9 weeks we have received 443 pledges for a total of \$940,191. That's an increase of 9.3% from 2009....and we're not finished yet – we have approximately 120 of our members to hear from and with those important outstanding pledges we hope to surpass our goal of \$1,050,000. It is truly remarkable what we are accomplishing.....many said it couldn't be done in these economic times, but collectively we as a congregation are once again joining forces as we have done for over 112 years to rally around this church. We,

through the outpouring of generosity, have shown we still have faith in this church and have provided a means for it to remain firm and committed to growing a strong faith community.

We understand you pledge for two basic reasons – one out of love and one out of responsibility as an active member of this church. We thank you for both....but especially for the gift out of love and the sharing of your faith journey here at Glenview Community Church. This truly has been all about your faith and your church and we thank you for your commitment. We also welcome

those of you who have not responded yet to this campaign and look forward to hearing from you.

It has been a privilege to be a part of this journey with all of you so far this year – and we thank you for the trust and confidence you have given our board in carrying out this important campaign for our church. We look forward to communicating to you as a congregation throughout the rest of this church year with exciting new ways you can participate in stewardship at GCC....stay tuned!

- The 2010 Stewardship Board

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At A Glance

Thurs	9:00 am	Resale Shop until 5:00 pm, Plymouth Rm	Mon	9:30 am	Finding My Spirit, Library
11-19	6:15 pm	Bell Choir, Bell Rm & Sanctuary	11-23	12:00 pm	WA Basket Making Day, Founders Rm
	6:30 pm	North Suburban Family Day Care., Rm 201		6:20 pm	Walking Angels Rehearsal, Sanctuary
	7:30 pm	Chancel Choir, Sanctuary & Choir Rm		6:30 pm	Pink Angels, Sanctuary
Fri	8:00 am	American Guild of Organist, Sanctuary		7:00 pm	BSA 156 Troop Committee, Parlor
11-20	9:00 am	Resale Shop until 1:00 pm, Plymouth Rm	Tues	7:30 pm	Tableau Angels Rehearsal, Sanctuary
	8:00 pm	AA Mtg., Parlor	11-24	11:00 am	WA Chapter 8, Founders Rm
	8:00 pm	AI - Anon Meeting, Rm 201			
Sat	9:00 am	Resale Shop until 1:00 pm, Plymouth Rm	Wed		No Meetings scheduled
11-21	9:00 am	Men's Open Gym, Gym	11-25		
Sun	9:15 am	Fellowship Hour, Mayflower Rm	Thu		Happy Thanksgiving
11-22	9:30 am	Adult Education, Chapel	11-26		Building Closed
	9:30 am	Confirmation Opening Prayers, Plymouth Rm			
	9:30 am	7th Grade Confirmation Class, Assigned Rms	Fri		Building Closed
	9:30 am	8th Grade Confirmation Class, Assigned Rms	11-27		
	10:30 am	Sunday School Gathering, Rm 201			
	11:30 am	Fellowship Hour, Mayflower Rm			
	2:00 pm	Pageant Cast Rehearsal, Sanctuary			
	4:00 pm	PYF, Youth Rm			
	4:00 pm	Voices of GCC, Rm 201			

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