



NOVEMBER 22, 2017

WORSHIP 10:00 AM

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**REIGN OF CHRIST SUNDAY
HOLY COMMUNION**

Scripture:
Ephesians 1:15-23
Matthew 25:31-46

Sermon:
Seeing with our Hearts
Rev. Dr. Charles E. Mize

DECEMBER

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The Nativity

10:00 AM and 1:00 PM

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ADVENT 1: GOD IS FAITHFUL

Scripture:
I Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13:24-37

Sermon:
Wake Up!
Rev. Dr. Charles E. Mize

A few weeks ago, I sat on the altar steps to talk to the younger kids about the Pageant during a **For Children Mostly** session. I started off talking about traditions in general and asked them to think about traditions that are special to them, like eating a special meal on their birthday or going on summer vacation with all their cousins, and then I segued into how the Pageant has been a very special tradition in the church for over 65 years, and that I hoped they would make it a tradition in their lives. But what's the big deal about the "tradition" aspect of the Pageant?

Heidi Stevens, who writes a weekly column in the Sunday Chicago Tribune, recently penned an article called **The Beauty of Tradition – Even in a Mall** which summed up the importance of traditions for both children and parents. For kids, traditions bring predictability, "a sense of belonging and safety. They know what to expect and can lean on it when life feels unpredictable."

We all know the Pageant pretty much stays the same year after year - after all, there aren't a lot of changes to the story of Jesus' birth! The kids know that they will get to play a different part each year from the time they are in kindergarten to being seniors in high school. If they stick with it, they get excited about which costumes they get to wear for Children of All Nations, they know the cymbal crash of the soldiers is coming but it still makes them jump, and they think about what roles they want to play when they "grow up" (to be 17 or 18). When I was rehearsing roles with some high school kids last week, and was reading through the narration of the Pageant, they could practically recite it word for word along with me. I also know several high school

boys who can do many of the tableau angel moves, having watched the performances for so many years! And lest you think these are the ramblings of a 51-year-old who is waxing nostalgic about her own experience in the Pageant 30+ years ago, let me share the words of two girls who are high school seniors this year:

- "I have been in the Pageant from being one of many little kids in pillow cases crowded around Jesus' cradle to now one of the two Gabriels. I have participated every year between, because I love the atmosphere - being around kids for so many weeks at a time brings us all closer together as a group, and as we got older and into PYF (our youth group), it became even more important in forming relationships. Also, putting on a production for the community to show them what we have been working so hard on is awesome, too!" (Kala Jablonski)
- "I love Pageant because it has provided me with an excellent group of friends and a community that transcends generational boundaries. Also, it is a great way to give back to the church, as well as a chance to perform on stage, growing into roles that I looked up to as a younger performer. The competitive nature of senior roles speaks to the enthusiasm that all performers feel for this annual tradition." (Kathryn Heyser)

For parents, Ms. Stevens describes how annual traditions (such as her children wanting to celebrate their birthdays at the Mall of America) "place your loved ones in front of a backdrop that doesn't change much, and

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suddenly your loved ones' changes jump into stark relief." I immediately thought of the Pageant scrapbook I made for my high school senior daughter for Christmas last year, where I had a picture or two of every year she was in the Pageant, starting with being in our Zum Gali family when she was in pre-school to her role as Gabriel as a senior. Anyone who flips through it will see the changes as well as the similarities in her as the years progressed. "You think you'll slow down enough to observe and savor all the ways your kids are evolving into new people each day. But sometimes it's tough. Sometimes you're too busy buying laundry detergent and registering for camp and scheduling dentist appointments to take notice of all the big and little changes. Traditions, by their very nature, press pause on all of that."

When I agreed to take over being the Pageant director three years ago, my main reason was because I wanted to have today's children experience the same magic and wonder of the Pageant that I, and thousands of children for the last 60+ years, have experienced. In a world where things seem to be changing at an every-increasing pace, the Pageant offers all of us, but especially our children, the opportunity to be a part of a timeless and memorable tradition. Not only is it our annual gift to the community, but a joyous celebration of "the reason for the season" which sets the mood for Christmas in a very meaningful way. Let this be the year your family starts or continues a cherished Pageant tradition.

C.J. Sultz



GENEROSITY CAMPAIGN UPDATE HELP US MEET OUR CHALLENGE!

This Thanksgiving we are thankful to be a part of such a generous community. As of November 13 we have received 226 pledges that total \$661,239. Pledges received to date show an increase by 11% over amounts pledged last year – outstanding! If you have not pledged yet, please help us meet our ONE MILLION dollar challenge. Thank you all. Happy Thanksgiving!

THE LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

The committee is seeking nominations for volunteers to serve as Vice Moderator and At-Large Spiritual Council Members for the 2018-2019 church year beginning June 1, 2018. The responsibilities of these roles are:

Vice Moderator-This is a two year term and will ordinarily be followed by nomination for a two-year term as Moderator. The Vice Moderator performs the duties of the moderator when the Moderator is unable to serve and is the Chair of the Leadership Committee. The Vice Moderator is an Officer of the Church and serves on the Executive Committee and Spiritual Council.

At-Large Members-There are three At-Large Members of Spiritual Council. These are two year positions. At-Large members ensure that there is good two-way communication between the Spiritual Council and the Congregation. At-Large members serve as a Spiritual Council liaison on one of the Administrative committees.

Please contact Leadership Committee Chair Jane Hund (jhund1964@gmail.com or 847-977-2806) if you would like more information or want to nominate yourself or another church member for one of these positions.



THANKSGIVING OFFERING

In this season of giving thanks, please remember those who are hurting and need our support. The Thanksgiving offering will go to San Lucas and La Casa Norte this year.

San Lucas United Church of Christ is a Humboldt Park church committed in the struggle for justice, peace, and the liberation of all people. They provide the hot meals every Tuesday, the Food Pantry provides community residents with groceries and the Produce Mobile Program provides fresh fruits and vegetables. Their Thrift Store provides residents with clothing/shoes, household needs, and assistance energy bills during the winter months.

The mission of La Casa Norte is to serve youth and families confronting homelessness. We provide access to stable housing and deliver comprehensive services that act as a catalyst to transform lives and communities.

PAGEANT REMINDER!

The 66th annual Pageant is two weeks away on Sunday, December 3 at 10:00 AM and 1:00 PM! As a reminder, for most grade school children, there are rehearsals at 12:30 - 2:15 PM on Saturday, December 2 for the 10:00 service (for last names N-Z) and 2:00 - 3:45 PM for the 1:00 service (for last names A-M) and additional rehearsals between now and then for Voices kids, 8th graders and high schoolers with parts. All kids should meet in the Sanctuary and it is preferred if parents pick them up in order to receive any last minute instructions. Please invite your friends, family, neighbors, kids' friends, etc. to our special holiday tradition! Any questions, contact C.J. Sultz (cjsultz@comcast.net or 312-933-0413).

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS

The 2017 Advent devotionals are now available. Pick up your copy of Watch, written by the UCC Still Speaking Writer's Group. Each devotional includes a scripture verse and prayer for each day. "Watch, pay attention, stay wide awake, for the hour is coming" is the theme from Mark 13:35. Advent begins on December 3 and concludes on Christmas day. If you would like a copy mailed to you, please contact Rev. Keckler.

WHAT'S A CHURCH TO DO?

Should churches take a stand on...

- ...**gun safety regulations?**
- ...**low income housing?**
- ...**immigration?**
- ...**healthcare policy?**
- ...**climate change?**
- ...**racism?**

No matter your answer to these questions, you will find the JUSTIFYING JUSTICE seminar an interesting opportunity to explore the theological foundation for how justice work relates to Christian life. The seminar will be presented in successive two-hour sessions in the Chapel at 6:45 p.m. on Wednesdays January 10 and February 7, after the community dinner. A respectful exchange of ideas and opinions will enliven the discussion; so come and bring someone who disagrees with you!

Our leader will be Rev. Saeed Richardson, who was ordained by the African American Episcopal Church and has served congregations in North Carolina, Virginia, and Illinois, including the Faith Community of St. Sabina and as Staff Chaplain at the Cook County Jail. Rev. Richardson holds a Bachelor's degree in Statistics and Leadership from Virginia Tech and two Masters degrees, from the University of Chicago schools of Divinity and Social Service Administration, where he also serves as an instructor. He currently serves as the Director of Policy at Community Renewal Society.

Questions? Contact Nancy Mullarkey at 847.412.9796

GCC YOGA

Increase your balance, strength, and flexibility, and decrease your stress level!

8 WEEKS

Thursday mornings

9-10 a.m., November 9-January 18
(no class November 23, November 30, December 7)

Monday evenings

7-8 p.m., November 13-January 29
(no class December 4, December 25, January 1, January 15)

For questions or to register: kellygolding@comcast.net or 847-657-1314

PYF

We continue to explore what it means to be open to new ideas, to question our assumptions, and to learn about being an open community. All activities will begin and end in the Youth Room unless otherwise noted.

NOVEMBER 26

PYF pizza snack and games.

DECEMBER 10

Help us decorate the church on December 17 for Christmas. PYF Christmas Party! Please bring a wrapped gift that costs no more than \$15 for our gift exchange.

EVENING OF UNITY FAITH IN ACTION OPPORTUNITY FOR THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30

Join us for an Evening of Unity, Thursday, November 30 at 6:30 p.m. at the Illinois Holocaust Museum. This event is an open discussion on inclusion and how communities can work together, sponsored by IL State Senator Julie Morrison. The event features experts on Jewish, LGBTQ, and women's rights; Syrian refugee advocacy; champion for individuals with intellectual disabilities; Minister advocate for better race relations; activist for mental health; homelessness causes. The event is free, but you must register at www.ilholocaustmuseum.org/events or call 847-945-5200 to register.

For more details and information about GCC car pools to the event, contact Betsy Martin, 847-657-7595 or betsywisemartin@att.net.



SENIOR CHRISTMAS FEST

All seniors are invited to a Christmas celebration, complete with carols and a meal on Tuesday, December 19 from noon until 1:30 in the Mayflower Room. RSVP to Rev. Dale Susan Edmonds at dalesusan.edmonds@gccucc.org or call 847-724-2210 ext 230

CHRISTMAS ISN'T CHRISTMAS

All former graduates of Voices of GCC are invited to return to the stage to sing "Christmas Isn't Christmas" with Voices of GCC at either Pageant this year. Just come to the front of the stage and join us during the introduction of the song. We are celebrating singing this song for the last 15 Pageants. Questions, call Mrs. Shellard 224-392-1202.

MISSION TREE

Please visit the **MISSION TREE** in the Narthex for the whole month of December and drop off your donations of new, adult-sized cold weather items-gloves, hats, headbands, socks, long underwear, etc. Size large and dark colors preferred. These items will be distributed through The Night Ministry, a long-time GCC partner agency.

Also, please use the **MISSION TREE** as a drop point for **FOOD ON THE FIRST** donations in December. We will be collecting food until December 17 in an effort to stock the shelves of the pantry at San Lucas UCC during this time of great need. Monetary contributions are also accepted. Checks can be made out to GCC with a notation indicating Food on the First. Collection tables are located in the Narthex and by the West entrance. The food and money collected supports San Lucas UCC



CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

December 24, 2017

10:00 AM

Worship The Faith of Mary

3:00 PM

Christmas Eve Worship for All Ages
Intergenerational Choir and Primary Choir; Jazz

5:30 PM

A Reflective Christmas Eve Worship
Carols, Communion and Candlelight. Instrumentalists

9:00 PM

Candlelight Joyful Christmas Eve Worship
Carols and Candlelight
Music by The Chancel Choir and Joyful Ringers

Too Hot To Handel

SAVE THE DATE GCC FUN A-FIELD TRIP TOO HOT TO HANDEL

Sunday, January 14 – a Jazz-Gospel
Messiah Concert at 3:00 p.m.

All Church Bus Trip to Auditorium
Theatre in Chicago. Watch for
tickets and details to sign up in
December.



Alive Together With Christy



JANUARY 26-28, 2018

This year we are going to the new Delta Hotel Chicago North Shore Suites (Marriott) 1400 Milwaukee Ave in Glenview. Our theme is Waking Up in Winter: in search of what really matters in mid-life (from Cheryl Richardson's book coming out in December). For more information contact Rev. Keckler or Rev. Edmonds. Registration forms will be available in early December. Mark your calendar now and invite a friend to join you!

THE RESALE SHOP

Ask your friends and neighbors if they know about The Resale Shop! If they have never been in YOUR shop, make a date! It's always more FUN with a friend. Who knows, maybe you'll find that perfect sweater for the cold winter days ahead!



CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE UPDATES

You asked and we listened! Here is an easy way to stay up to date on what the construction committee is working on. Go to this link: <https://goo.gl/q17fM2>. It will take you to a Google Docs folder. That folder has the 3D drawings and updates from our meetings. We will update this folder every two weeks. You will also see how you can contact the committee with your design questions. As we work to finalize the design and our budget, we appreciate your comments and feedback.

MINISTRY 101: FAITH FORMATION

How do you go about forming faith? It takes people of all ages growing in various ways through Bible study, fellowship, service projects, small group learning and fun. The Faith Formation Ministry supports Children, Youth and Adult programs. It includes 5 main teams, with several smaller sub-teams that focus on specific events or groups:

CHILDREN

Encompasses Church School, FISH, Puppets, Children's Programs, Vacation Bible School, Child Care, Music & Movement and Family Social Events (Julie Zylke, Team Leader).

CONFIRMATION

includes Confirmation Instruction, Social Events and Service Work (Kerri Noard, Team Leader).

YOUTH

It is comprised of PYF Programs, Mission Trips and Fundraisers (Dale Grenolds, Team Leader).

ADULTS

Includes Adult Education, Lent Programs, Bible Study, Speakers and Library (Karen Ornduff, Team Leader)

SPIRITUAL LIFE

Supports Spiritual Life Teams (Kerry Karth, Team Leader).

SUCCESSSES:

Parent Roundtables - November 12 was the first Parent Roundtable Event. Handouts were provided and important topics were discussed. Join the discussion! There will be another Parent Roundtable coming soon!

"Huddles" - three new programs for adults in the church: "Cooking Through the Bible", "Drinks and Theology" and "Urban Entry." Group consensus will determine program evolution. New members are welcome and wanted!

Google Forms - web-based sign-up sheets are the wave of the future. This facilitates volunteering for those who manage their lives digitally. Parents of PYFers, Confirmands and Sunday School Students have embraced the format.

Volunteers: "We have many volunteers that have already agreed to pitch in for special events or for ongoing activities. Any help you can give, either big or small, is appreciated," says Karen Ornduff, Chair. (Examples of help needed: provide food for the junior high and high school youth group, to clean up various rooms for art projects or cooking, or to help plan larger events like the Chili Cook-off and Hometown Auction for the Mission Trip.)

To find out more about volunteer opportunities, please contact Team Leaders above or Chair, Karen Ornduff, 847-917-8226 or Karen@glenviewlaw.net.



Join Us As We Celebrate
The Advent and Christmas Seasons at

Glenview Community Church

2018

**SUNDAY
DECEMBER 3**

10:00 AM and 1:00 PM The Nativity
The Christmas Story told in music, dance, pantomime, and narration. 66th Annual Christmas Pageant for the community. Please remember Food on the First. Bring non-perishable items for the Food Pantry.

Please use the **MISSION TREE** as a drop point for **FOOD ON THE FIRST** donations through December 17.

**WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER 6**

5:30 PM Intergenerational Community Dinner
Join us for a community meal in the Mayflower Room.

No Bible Study.

**SUNDAY
DECEMBER 10**
1st Sunday of Advent

10:00 AM Worship - God is Faithful
Fellowship, Pizza and Christmas Crafts: Join us for pizza, children's crafts and open gym. This will immediately follow worship.

**SATURDAY
DECEMBER 16**

7:00 PM 24th Annual Toy-ful Celebration Holiday Concert
Join the Glenview Concert Band, under the direction of Greg Wojcik, in a festive evening of holiday music. Concert is free but please bring a NEW unwrapped toy to go toward a child's Christmas to benefit the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves **Toys For Tots** program.

**SUNDAY
DECEMBER 17**
2nd & 3rd Sunday of Advent

10:00 AM Worship - A Faithful Witness

**TUESDAY
DECEMBER 19**

12:00 PM Senior Christmas Fest
Join us in the Mayflower Room for a Christmas celebration, complete with carols and a meal.

**SUNDAY
DECEMBER 24**
4th Sunday of Advent

10:00 AM Worship - The Faith of Mary

**SUNDAY
DECEMBER 24**
Christmas Eve

3:00 PM Christmas Eve Worship for All Ages
Intergenerational and Primary Choirs, and Kevin Kizer Jazz Quartet.

5:30 PM A Reflective Christmas Eve Worship
Carols, Communion and Candlelight. Music by Instrumentalists and Vocalists.

9:00 PM Candlelight Joyful Christmas Eve Worship
Carols and Candlelight. Music by The Chancel Choir and Joyful Ringers.

**SUNDAY
DECEMBER 31**
First Sunday in Christmastide

2018

**SUNDAY
JANUARY 7**
Epiphany Sunday

10:00 AM Worship

10:00 AM Worship - The Arrival of the Kings
Holy Communion. Chancel Choir.

The children will assemble new mother bags for the Night Ministry during church school. Watch for the sign-up generated for donations.

**SUNDAY
JANUARY 14**
Second Sunday of Epiphany

10:00 AM Martin Luther King Jr. Sunday
Chancel Choir

3:00 PM GCC Fun A-field - Too Hot To Handel
The Jazz-Gospel Messiah Concert. All church bus trip - Auditorium Theatre

**SUNDAY
JANUARY 21**
Third Sunday of Epiphany

10:00 AM Worship
Chancel Choir and Joyful Ringers.

Women's Winter Retreat
(January 26-28)
Held at Delta Chicago North Shore Suites - Glenview, Waking Up In Winter: in search of what really matters in mid-life (by Cheryl Richardson)

**SUNDAY
JANUARY 28**
Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

10:00 AM Worship

**SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 10**

7:00 PM La Caccina Concert
A cappella, Chicago-based Women's Vocal Ensemble. Concert benefits The Village Treasure House, supporting women and families in crisis. Free-will offering and silent auction of items from The Treasure House.

For more information or to sign up for certain events, contact the church office.

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Event Time	Event Name	Primary Location	Event Time	Event Name	Primary Location
Thursday, 23 November 2017					
8:00 AM to 8:30 PM	GCC Closed - Happy Thanksgiving!	Sanctuary			
Friday, 24 November 2017					
8:00 AM to 8:30 PM	GCC Closed - Happy Thanksgiving!	Sanctuary			
Saturday, 25 November 2017					
8:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Mens Open Gym	Gym			
Sunday, 26 November 2017					
8:00 AM to 9:30 AM	Generosity Team Meeting	Founders			
10:00 AM to 10:15 AM	Church School Children Meet In Sanctuary	SanctuaryM			
10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	Glenview Community Church Worship Service	Sanctuary			
11:05 AM to 12:00 PM	Fellowship & Refreshments	Mayflower			
4:00 PM to 5:00 PM	PYF	Youth Room			
Monday, 27 November 2017					
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	Leadership Meeting	Parlor			
Tuesday, 28 November 2017					
9:15 AM to 10:00 AM	Music & Movement Class	Cradle/Toddler Room			
10:15 AM to 11:00 AM	Music & Movement Class	Cradle/Toddler Room			
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	PYF Singers	Youth Room			
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	Spiritual Council Meeting	Founders			
Wednesday, 29 November 2017					
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room			
9:15 AM to 10:00 AM	Music & Movement Class	Cradle/Toddler Room			
10:15 AM to 11:00 AM	Music & Movement Class	Cradle/Toddler Room			
11:00 AM to 11:45 AM	Music & Movement Class	Cradle/Toddler Room			
4:00 PM to 5:30 PM	Bible Study	Parlor			
4:00 PM to 5:14 PM	FISH	Mayflower			
5:30 PM to 7:30 PM	6th-12th Grade Wednesday Youth Group	Youth Room			
Thursday, 30 November 2017					
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room			
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	BSA Troop 156	Founders			
Friday, 01 December 2017					
8:00 PM to 9:00 PM	AA Meeting	Parlor			
Saturday, 02 December 2017					
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room			
9:00 AM to 10:00 AM	Voices of GCC Rehearsal	Sanctuary			
Sunday, 03 December 2017					
10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	Glenview Community Church Christmas Pageant	Sanctuary			
1:00 PM to 2:00 PM	Glenview Community Church Christmas Pageant	Sanctuary			
Monday, 04 December 2017					
6:30 PM to 8:30 PM	BSA 156 Meeting	Founders			
Tuesday, 05 December 2017					
9:15 AM to 10:00 AM	Music & Movement Class	Cradle/Toddler Room			
10:15 AM to 11:00 AM	Music & Movement Class	Cradle/Toddler Room			
Friday, 01 December 2017					
8:00 PM to 9:00 PM	AA Meeting	Parlor			
Saturday, 02 December 2017					
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room			
9:00 AM to 10:00 AM	Voices of GCC Rehearsal	Sanctuary			
Sunday, 03 December 2017					
10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	Glenview Community Church Christmas Pageant	Sanctuary			
1:00 PM to 2:00 PM	Glenview Community Church Christmas Pageant	Sanctuary			



A JUST HARVEST

BREAKING BREAD, ENDING HUNGER

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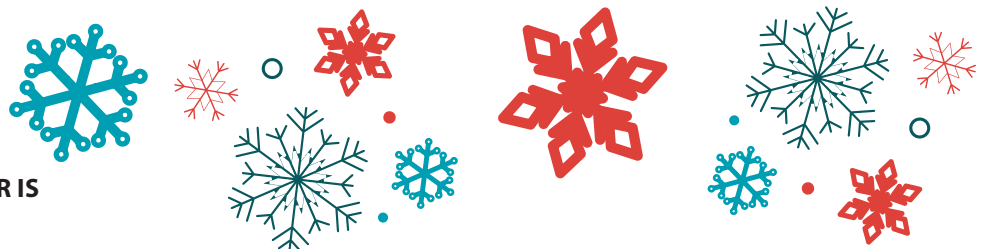
A Just Harvest will be breaking ground on a new building that will serve as an anchor in a community that is ever-challenged by divestment, gun violence, gentrification and concentrated poverty – yet is joyfully resilient, astoundingly creative, and overwhelmingly resourceful and tenacious. This vision, announced by Architect Larry Dieckmann and board member, Rev. Dr. Christophe Ringer, is grounded by our value of cultivating abundance, inspired by our value of seeing beyond, led by our value of feeding hunger, and committed to our value of building power. Come join us as we are setting a new foundation and restoring community. Watch for more information coming soon.

GIVING GLIMPSE OCTOBER 2017

The Message, Ministries and Mission of Glenview Community Church thrive because you fulfill your stewardship commitments and make faithful contributions. It is essential that we remain current in our giving and ensure the fiscal health of the church. In the midst of our busy lives, we offer you this update reminder to keep in focus our progress on completing our financial commitments to GCC. This Financial Snapshot will be updated monthly and included in the worship bulletin and Broadcaster.

	YTD	Over/(Under)Budget
Pledge Fulfillment	\$742,985	(\$2,461)
Other Income	\$132,897	(\$27)
Expenses	\$1,098,158	(\$30,271)
Net Total	(\$220,308)	(\$23,319)

SUMMARY: We are \$30,271 better than budget YTD. Our approved budget defines a deficit of \$154,999, so if the balance of the year holds plan, we will end 2017 with an operating deficit of \$124,728.



THE NEXT DEADLINE FOR THE BROADCASTER IS
DECEMBER 6, 2017 BY 9:00 AM

community

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Rev. Elizabeth Hartung-Ciccolini, *Associate Pastor for Children and Youth*

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

PONDERING IN SILENCE

A Thanksgiving Prayer

May we embody our thanks
with extravagant generosity.
May we offer our lives to You in acts of
compassion for one another.
May we walk gently upon the
earth, ever mindful of Your gifts
of Breath, of Love, of Life itself. Amen.
--- Anne G. Cohen

