

Happy Thanksgiving

Broadcaster

Glenview Community Church

November 25, 2009

The Nativity

Once again a young boy named David from Glenview in the year 2009 dreams about what it is like to watch as the story of the birth of Christ unfolds before him.

Throughout his dream he sees Angels and Shepherds experience a night of wonder and awe. He watches as the people of Israel make their long journey past Roman soldiers to be counted in the census. He is amazed to see the three Magi, and follows them as they make their journey to find the Child. All of their journeys will end with a gathering at the place where the Child is born. David's dream ends when he understands that he needs to bring together the children of all the world with hope for Peace on Earth.

The Nativity will be presented on December 6th with performances at 10:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. This is the 58th year the Pageant has been performed in our

Sanctuary. Our story is told like no other. It is told with the magic of song and the grace of dance. The glorious costumes and the enchanted faces of the children from our church enhance the beauty of this traditional pageant. All who come together for this service worship and celebrate the story of the birth of the Christ child, and will feel the renewal of the Spirit of Christmas.

If the Pageant is new to you, we encourage your children to participate in it and continue to build on the tradition of the last 57 years. We hope your children will be enriched by the experience as it has been by past generations.

It is our gift to the community. This year invite a friend or neighbor to come and share the unique joy of this performance with you. It will set the mood for the Christmas season in a very special way.



SUNDAY SERVICES

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

COMMUNION

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

Second Sunday of Advent

10:30 a.m.

1:30 p.m.

4:00 p.m.

DECEMBER 13, 2009

Third Sunday of Advent

Seven Joys of Christmas, Kirke Mechem

A delightful and ingenious arrangement of many of our favorite Christmas carols.

Presented by the Chancel Choir

8:30 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

Scripture:

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Luke 21:25-36

Leadership is Seeking

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

Their volunteer responsibilities can be summarized as follows:

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.

Advent Devotional Booklets

Advent begins on November 29. A good way to prepare is to take a moment each day to read a brief devotion and pray. Booklets will be available in the church office or narthex on that Sunday. Feel free to pick up your copy.

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
- ◆ LinkedIn Groups
- ◆ Steps of Getting Referred to a Job
- ◆ LinkedIn Recommendations
- ◆ Your Professional Headline
- ◆ Job Postings
- ◆ Company Pages

John is an independent consultant with a background in corporate recruiting and

Health Screening

Do you have high cholesterol or high blood pressure? Have members of your family suffered from these ailments? Do you have a poor diet? If you answer "yes" to any of these questions, you may want to consider being screened for your risk of stroke through the services of Life Line Screening. Life Line Screening uses ultrasound technology to view the plaque build up in your carotid arteries, the main arteries that carry blood to the brain. Blockages in these arteries are a leading cause of stroke. We are pleased to host this Life Line Screening event on Tuesday, January 12, 2010. 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.

Help Wanted for Pageant Weekend

The Confirmation/Youth Board needs your help for Pageant! Please consider helping to monitor the church during rehearsal and services for this year's Christmas Pageant. In order to ensure the children's well-being and the safety of our property, we need people to help monitor the Gym and Youth Room on Saturday afternoon, December 5 and at specified times on Sunday, December 6. We also need a person(s) to monitor the basement hallway on Sunday during a designated shift. Please call Kim Yagelski at 847-998-4071 for questions or to sign up.

career management. He is the founder of Connected Insights (<http://connectinginsights.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.

THE POINSETTIA GIVING TIME HAS COME...

Our Sanctuary will be beautifully filled with live color for our Christmas services. As usual, we will take them to members and friends of GCC who are not able to attend our Church over the season. If you would like to take the opportunity to deliver a poinsettia, or more, to these homes, please call Mary Ellen Johnson (847-998-1363). Plants can be taken for delivery after the Christmas Eve service or picked up on December 26th. Sharing a part of our Church at this time provides a blessing to those who give and those who receive. Your offer will be greatly appreciated.



2010 Stewardship Campaign Update

As an update for the 2010 campaign, we have received 454 pledges for a total of \$949,028 - that's an increase of \$83,087 or 9.6% from 2009. Through this outpouring of generosity, we, as a congregation, continue to show faith in this church and provide a means for this institution to remain firm and committed in growing a strong faith community.

We thank you for your love and commitment to Glenview Community Church. We also welcome those of you who have not responded yet to this campaign and look forward to hearing from you.

We look forward to communicating to you as a congregation throughout the rest of this church year with exciting new events you can participate in to continue opportunities for growth and development at GCC....stay tuned!

The 2010 Stewardship Board

A Thanksgiving BLESSING

May an abundance of gratitude burst forth
As you reflect upon
what you have received.



May thanksgiving overflow in your heart,
And often be proclaimed in your prayer.
May you gather around the table of your heart,
The ardent faithfulness, kindness, and goodness,
Of each person who is true to you.
May the harvest of your good actions,
Bring forth plentiful fruit each day.
May all that nourishes and resources your life,
Bring you daily satisfaction and renewed hope.
May you always be open, willing, and ready
To share your blessings with others.
May you never forget the Generous One
Who loves you lavishly and unconditionally.

By Joyce Rupp

2010 Wall Calendars for Prisons

2010 wall calendars are being collected for use in the Illinois prisons. Do you have extra calendars from the many worthy organizations that send them out this time of the year? Bring them to GCC and we will donate them for use in the state prison system. Thank you from your friends on the GCC Women's Association and Missions Outreach Board.



It's time to register for the Women's Winter Retreat on January 30-31, 2010 which will be held in the lovely Deerfield Marriott Hotel. 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, whose theme will be "Sanctuary of the Heart." Registration forms and details are available in the church office or Narthex. They are also available on our church web site at www.gccucc.resources/forms.org



Congratulations to high school senior Lisa Ruch who was honored this past week at the Optimist Club luncheon. Lisa received a Religious Service Award for her church and community. Recognition was given for her achievements as Peer leader for PYF, Music leader for PYF Singers and a Participant and leader of mission workcamp trips. Here's what was written about Lisa: "Lisa Ruch is willing to do any job that comes her way at her church. Whether it's helping in the nursery, participating in the annual Christmas pageant (with a major role) or singing in the choir, you can count on her.

Lisa is dedicated, creative and a real motivator. She can change the mood of a room by getting all involved and excited. Other young people look up to her. Lisa has contributed her leadership skills at workcamp, confirmation retreat for middlers, and PYF youth group at church. She's a recruiter and supports the youth director. Lisa asks the question, "What's the right thing to do?" and then does it."

We are grateful for Lisa's leadership skills and her involvement in the life of our church and community. Thanks Lisa!

Sunday School

On Sunday, November 29, at 9:30 a.m. Rev. Dr. Pam Keckler will lead the Sunday school students and their families in an informal worship service and communion in the Plymouth Room. Please wear your comfy clothes and bring a blanket on which to sit. Afterwards, the Children's Board will assist us in constructing Advent wreaths for your personal use and/or to be donated to local nursing homes. If you would like to spruce up the one you made last year, bring it along.

Please note: There will only be one worship service time at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, November 29. The regular 10:30 a.m. Sunday school classes will not be in session.

PYFF Advent Vespers Potluck and Program

High school youth and their families are invited to the Advent Vespers & Potluck dinner on December 13, 2009, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. at Glenview Community Church in the Youth Room.

What to Bring?

Freshman Families
bring main dish

Sophomore & Juniors
bring side dishes and salads

Seniors
Bring dessert

It will be an evening for high school youth, families and their parents to share in the **Celebration of Advent** together as well as good food, fellowship, and dialogue.

"Tips for Staying Connected as a Family"

Parent Discussion: How does Church fit into the family staying connected? Elizabeth Ciccolini will facilitate a discussion on this important dynamic.

There will be open gym and games for the youth while the parents meet with Elizabeth Ciccolini.

Please RSVP to Elizabeth.ciccolini@gccucc.org.

PYF DECEMBER 20 Youth Room, 4 - 6 p.m.

*PYF White Elephant Gift Exchange,
Christmas Party & Letter Writing*

This year we will again trade our "treasures" and enjoy time for fellowship before Christmas. We will also write letters to Servicemen who will be away from their homes for Christmas. Join us for this wonderful tradition.

Christmas Tree PICK UP

13TH ANNUAL

If you ordered a Christmas tree from the youth, you may pick it up at the church on Saturday morning, November 28 from 10:00 until noon. All deliveries will be made on Saturday as well. If you have any questions please contact Pam Maga at (847) 486-0235. Thanks for your support.

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

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Andrew Lewis, *Adult Choir*

Affiliates:

Marcia Kiraly, *Director, GCC Nursery School*

Barbara Thewis, *Manager, Resale Shop*

At A Glance

Thu 11-26		Happy Thanksgiving Building Closed	Tues 12-1	12:00 pm 6:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Knitting Group, Rm 5 Girl Scout Gathering, Parlor Baby/Walking Angel Rehearsal, Sanctuary Children's Board, Rm 201
Fri 11-27		Building Closed			
Sat 11-28		Building Closed	Wed 12-2	9:00 am 6:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm 8:00 pm 8:00 pm	Resale Shop until 1:00 pm, Plymouth Rm CEMC Rehearsal, Rm 201 BSA 156, Mayflower & Gym Called To Care Supervision, Rms 210, 213 & Upper Venture Crew, Parlor Tableau Angel Rehearsal, Sanctuary
Sun 11-29	9:30 am 9:30 am 10:30 am 3:00 pm	Worship Service, Sanctuary Advent Children & Family Worship and Wreath Making, Plymouth Rm Fellowship Hour, Mayflower Rm Pageant Cast Rehearsal, Sanctuary			
Mon 11-30	12:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm	GCC Career Networking, Plymouth Rm CEMC Rehearsal, Rm 201 Tableau Angels Rehearsal, Sanctuary Operating Committee, Mayflower Rm Cub Scout Committee, Founders Rm			

Because of the the Thanksgiving Holiday there will not be a Broadcaster on December 2. The next Broadcaster Deadline will be December 2, 2009 at 9:00 a.m.

Broadcaster Deadline

Please submit all articles by 9:00 am, Wednesday, one week in advance to publishing via e-mail at tania.mccarthy@gccucc.org

