**DECEMBER 22, 2010** 

# **Merry Christmas**

May you experience the love of God at a depth that transforms you so that you embody more love in all your relationships. May at least one person experience a new sense of being loved because of you. May your life be enriched through this holiday season.

Howard

May the hope of this sacred season settle in your soul. May it be a foundation of courage for when times of distress occupy your inner thoughts. May God walk with you.

Christmas blessings and peace, Rev. Pam Keckler

Peace and Joy for the New Year

Jane Payne

Peace,

Elizabeth

I wish you Peace and Health for the new year. Have a blessed holiday season.

Marilyn Belleau, Advocate Health Care Parish Nurse

"I wish for you all a very special blessing this Christmas, and many blessings throughout the coming year".

Dale Wittenberg

This holiday season, the Lifton family celebrates the birth of new careers, relationships, and life. I hope your family will experience the same in the new year.

Kathy Lifton

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

from; Chris Calandra, Andy Lewis, Tania McCarthy, Debby Shellard, Gary Wendt, Jennifer Helgren, Samantha Barkho, Kris Lezon, Rolando Ramirez, Marcia Kiraly

## SUNDAY SERVICES

### **CHRISTMAS EVE**

**DECEMBER 24, 2010** 

Intergenerational Singers and the Kevin **Kizer Quintet** 

Worship led by Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts

Contemplations, Carols, Communion **Pilgrim Wind Ensemble** 

Worship led by Rev. Dr. Pam Keckler

11:00

Service of Celebration, Carols, **Scripture and Reflection** 

Worship led by Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts with the Festival Choir and Handbells

**DECEMBER 26, 2010** 

9:30 a.m.

**Scripture:** 

Ecclesiastes 3:1-12, Colossians 3:12-17

Sermon:

"Downside, Upside, Upside Down" Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts

**JANUARY 2, 2011** 

COMMUNION

9:30 a.m.

**Scripture:** 

Jeremiah 31:7-14, John 1:1-18

Sermon:

"No Expiration Date" Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts





January 29-30, 2011

Do you need a last minute Christmas gift idea for a friend? How about a weekend away at the GCC Women's Winter Retreat? This year we're going to the Hilton in Northbrook and Allgauer's Restaurant on January 29-30, 2011, Saturday morning through Sunday noon. For girls only! Theme is "The Friendship of Women" and the speaker this year is Jill Bates. Dr. Bates is an experienced retreat leader, spiritual director and hospital chaplain. Registration forms are available in the church office. Sign up and invite a friend! Or call the church office and we'll mail you a copy.

# Avoid Snail Mail Go GREEN

If you would like to have the Broadcaster come to you on the same day it is mailed then log onto the GCC website to register for the electronic version.

You can stay current and up-to-date with what's happening at GCC when you go green with the electronic newsletter.
To subscribe just click on this link <a href="http://www.gccucc.org/news\_subscribe.htm">http://www.gccucc.org/news\_subscribe.htm</a> and follow the instructions. If you are experiencing any difficulty with the subscribing process, just give me a call at the office and I will be happy to help with it.

Tania McCarthy at (847)724-2210 ext 26.

### **GCC BLOOD DRIVE**

GCC with LifeSource will be holding its annual blood drive on Sunday, January 23, 2011 in the Plymouth Room from 7:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Please mark this

12:30 p.m.
Please
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date on
your calendar
and plan to be a
part of this important
mission for our community

mission for our community. Donating blood is safe, fast and easy. If you are at least 17 years old and weigh a minimum of 110 lbs., please take time to donate with us on January 23rd. Look for sign up sheets at the coffee hours in the weeks before the blood drive. If you would like to sign up now to donate, volunteer to assist with the blood drive or have any questions, please contact Sally Hicks at (847)729-3162.

# Adult Education SUNDAY IN THE CHAPEL at 10:45 a.m. on January 9th

### **Healing Touch**

Please join Susan Johnson as she talks with us about the "Healing Touch Program."

Stress from our hectic schedule has a cumulative effect on our bodies. Over time this "dis-ease" and lack of balance can lead to health issues.

Healing Touch uses the noninvasive technique of touch to clear the energy field around the body. The goal of all healing touch sessions is to restore balance and harmony to the energy system of your body, placing you in a position for self healing. A sacred space is provided for you, and the intent is that this energy be to your highest good for healing.

**Mailing** 

If you would like to have the Broadcaster mailed to you First Class, please return a check to the office marked "First Class Broadcaster Mailing" in the amount of \$22.00. The deadline is December 31, 2010.

### A Time For Healing

Healing Touch one hour sessions will be available in GCC library on Jan 13 and Feb 10 from 11AM -3PM and in the evening from 5PM -8PM. There will be no charge for sessions. A donation box will be available for those wishing to donate to GCC.

Healing Touch can benefit you by:

Reducing stress
Easing acute and chronic conditions
Decreasing pain
Creating a sense of well being
Promoting wound healing
Enhancing surgical recovery
Supporting cancer care
Calming anxiety, depression

For more information on the power of Healing Touch, go to the website <a href="https://www.healingtouchprogram.com">www.healingtouchprogram.com</a> and view a short, 9 minute video. You may also view the video "Healing Touch Program: An Introduction to Healing" on YouTube. Healing Touch will be the topic of the Jan 9th Adult Education class.

To set up an appointment call Susan Johnson at (847)297-0002 or email with your requested time to <u>s.h.johnson@comcast.net</u>.

### **Pledge Summary**

A Year-to-Date pledge summary as of November 30, 2010:

Pledges made for 2010: \$971,284 Payments received against Pledges made: \$761,707

Pledges to be received by December 31 - \$134,298

Please be sure to complete your pledge by December 31, 2010. If you have any questions on the status of your pledge please contact Dale Wittenberg, GCC Business Administrator at 847-729-2210 Ext 27, or dale.wittenberg@gccucc.org.

Although the staff continues to manage expenses well this year, it is a challenging year and your financial support is important not only to the Church but also the many agencies and organizations that our pledge dollars serve. Thank you for your support!

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

The Finance Board



### Peace on Earth

"Peace on earth, goodwill to all"... The song came out like one loud hosanna,

hurled through the earth's darkness, lighting the Bethlehem sky.

Sometimes I hear it now, but it means a baby in a manger; it means a time of year, a cozy feeling, a few coins in the Salvation Army bucket.

It doesn't mean much – and then it's gone, lost in the tinsel.

Where did the angels' song go?
Who hushed the alleluias?
Was it death and war and disease and poverty?

Who brought violence and took away the sweet plucking of heavenly harps?
Who brought despair and took away hope?

Who stole the music and brought the silence?

Are there still those who listen for the brush of angel wings?

Are there still those who long to hear an angel's song and touch a star?

Are there still those who sing "Peace on earth, goodwill to all"?

If there are –then, O Lord, keep ablaze their flickering candle in the darkness of this world!

Kneeling in Bethlehem Ann Weems

# 'Tis the Season to Deliver Poinsettias:

You can help make someone's Christmas a bit brighter! Please volunteer to deliver poinsettias to selected Church members and friends who are unable to enjoy these beautiful plants in person. We need many of you to sign up and help with this wonderful GCC tradition. The poinsettias may be picked up either after the 11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service or Sunday, December 26 after the 10:30 a.m. Service, in the sanctuary. To volunteer, please call Mary Ellen Johnson, (847)998-1363.

Thank you.

### Greater Chicago Food Depository Work Session January 29

Join us for a GCC work session on January 29 from 1:30-4:30 p.m. Open to age 13 and older, we may spend the afternoon packaging noodles/cereal, sorting fruit, checking for dates on baked items, or assembling emergency food boxes. Whatever the assignment, it will be a good time and we will provide valuable assistance to the Greater Chicago Food Depository as they work to distribute food to 600 pantries, kitchens, and other food programs in Cook County. The group will carpool and we'll leave GCC at 12:30 p.m. and should be back by 5:15 p.m. Please contact Tracy Sawires (esnstsms@ hotmail.com, or (847)832-0063 ASAP if you're interested in participating.

Thank you from your friends on the GCC Missions Outreach Board.

## **Christmas Eve Offering**

This year's Christmas Eve offering will be split between Connections (Evanston) and Northside Housing and Supportive Services (Chicago). Both organizations are partner agencies with GCC and work towards providing permanent housing and supportive services to their clients. \*Connections works to end homelessness by preventing people from losing their homes, re-housing those who already have, and providing supportive services to help all clients reach the greatest possible level of self-sufficiency. A person living on the streets typically costs the community approximately \$40,000 per year in emergency room, police, and social services. Connections can typically keep a family off the streets for under \$4,000 a year (www.cfthinc.org). \*North Side Housing and Supportive Services (NSHSS) is an independent human services agency which seeks to help men who are homeless or formerly homeless transform their lives and attain housing, employment, and stability. North side provides permanent supportive housing, community outreach and case management, health care, a community food-pantry and Pathways employment program (www.northsidehousing.org).

# Glenview Community Church Nursery School 2011-2012 Registration!

January 12, 2011 - 9:00 a.m. In-House Lottery Deadline

January 19, 2011 OPEN HOUSE! 11:30 a.m. -1:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Jan. 26, 2011 - 9:00 a.m. Open Lottery Deadline

We have openings for 2, 3, 4, and 5 year old children. Please check out our website at <a href="www.gccns.com">www.gccns.com</a> or contact Marcia Kiraly, <a href="mailto:(marciak@gccucc.org">(marciak@gccucc.org</a> or (847)729-1440 for information and to schedule a tour of the school!

### **Confirmation**

Have a blessed Christmas. Next class is on January 9. Extra worship sheets and service project sheets are available near the youth room bulletin board if you need any for the holiday services. Reminder – next 678 Club is January 9 from 2-3:30 pm.

### **PYF**

# PILGRIM YOUTH FELLOWSHIP Sundays for January 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

#### January 2

Sitting down to Dinner: Cooking through the Bible

### January 9

Mission project: Lunch sacks for Study Buddies at Youth Services

### January 16

Bowling

#### January 21-22

Ski – Trip: Kalahari & Cascade Winter Trip/ Retreat

### January 30



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Marcia Kiraly, Director, GCC Nursery School Barbara Thewis, Manager, Resale Shop

# **Return Service Requested**

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THU	12/23	6:30 pm	Intergenerational Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary	MON	01/03
		7:30 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary		0 00
FRI	12/24	3:30 pm	Voices of GCC & Intergenerational Choir Rehearsal	TUE	01/04
		0.45	in the Sanctuary		
		3:45 pm 4:30 pm	Primary Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary Christmas Eve Intergenerational Worship Service		
		4.50 pm	in the Sanctuary	WED	01/05
		7:30 pm	Contemplation, Carols and Communion in the Sanctuary		
		11:00 pm	Celebration, Carols, Scripture and Reflection in the Sanc	luary	
SAT	12/25		Building Closed for Christmas Day		
SUN	12/26	9:30 am	Worship Service, Sanctuary		
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MON	12/27		Building Closed for Holiday		
TUE	12/28		Building Closed for Holiday		
WED	12/29		No Meetings Scheduled		
THU	12/30		No Meetings Scheduled		
FRI	12/31		No Meetings Scheduled		
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		4:00 pm	PYF, Youth Rm, Kitchen and Various Rms		

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## **Broadcaster Deadlines:**

The next Broadcaster deadline will January 5, 2011. Submit articles by 9:00 a.m., Wednesday to Tania Mc-Carthy via e-mail at <u>tania.mccarthy@gccucc.org.</u> The next Broadcaster will be published Janary 12, 2011.

**Building Closed for Holiday** 

7:00 pm BSA 156 Troop Mtg., Gym, Mayflower Rm 7:00 pm Pilgrim Wind Ensemble, Sanctuary

4:30 pm Hebrew School, Various Rms

7:00 pm Children's Board Mtg, Rm 201 7:30 pm CSA Mtg., Founders Rm

9:00 am WA Chapter 19, Parlor

8:00 pm Venture Crew, 210 & Gym