

ALL THINGS NEW - PART II

This three word phrase is the theme for our year of Message, Ministry and Mission together at GCC. It's taken from the words of God as they're recorded in the 21st chapter of John's **Revelation**:

See, I am making all things new!

That three phrase word phrase is like a precious gem with many facets. As academics might say, it's multivalent. It means that God is making our hearts, our minds and our lives new. From the 12th chapter of Paul's letter to the **Romans:**

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

It means that God is making our society new. From Paul's letter to the **Galatians**:

There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.

Today the spirit of these words means adding gay or straight or any other reality on the gender identity spectrum, undocumented immigrant or natural-born citizen, skin that's white or black or olive or brown or any other color in God's beautiful human rainbow.

Perhaps most poignantly today is this promise from John's **Revelation**:

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had

passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God...

We can't hear those words without thinking about Houston, and Miami, and many other cities and regions where the violence of nature whose nurture we have disregarded makes the promise of newness maddeningly elusive.

Besides the destruction of hurricanes Harvey and Irma in the United States and the Caribbean, wildfires are incinerating parts of fourteen western states, and floods are inundating Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Niger, Sierra Leone, and Yemen. The damage is too severe to wrap our minds around, and the human suffering is to great for our hearts to hold.

But God calls us to the compassion of bearing one another's burdens. In this season I invite you to do just that. Through our **United Church of Christ's Disaster Ministries and Church World Service**, we can participate in turning money into healing.

In response to Harvey's devastation in Houston, computer entrepreneur Michael Dell gave \$36 million for relief. That's an astounding amount of money! But let me put it in perspective. According to public record, Michael Dell's net worth is \$23 billion. That means that his \$36 million contribution represents .16% of his total assets. In terms that better align with our realities, it means that a person with a net worth of \$1 million would give \$1,600 to hurricane relief.

WORSHIP 10:00 AM SEPTEMBER

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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN TRINITY

Scripture:

Genesis 50:15-21 Matthew 18:21-35

Sermon:

Pillars of the Reformation: Mercy and Forgiveness Rev. Dr. Charles E. Mize

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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN TRINITY

Scripture:

Exodus 16:2-15 Matthew 20:1-16

Sermon:

Pillars of the Reformation: Providence Rev. Dr. Charles E. Mize

OCTOBER

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Scripture:

Ephesians 2:1-10 Matthew 21:23-32

Sermon:

Pillars of the Reformation: Grace, Faith, and Good Works Rev. Dr. Charles E. Mize

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With that perspective as prologue, I personally challenge the members and friends of Glenview Community Church to give \$10,000 to fund hurricane relief.

You may place your contribution in the offering plate, mail it to the church or drop it by the church office. Simply mark it *Hurricane Relief*.

Yes, we can make a difference! We can provide the monetary resources that make God's comforting compassion and healing love tangible and specific. Most importantly, we can partner with God in making all things new...a newness that is most profound when we become one human community of inclusion, acceptance, and grace.

Our theme is **All Things New.** Just now, that is also our challenge and our gospel work. With God's help, we can do it together. See you in church!

Chuck Mize



On Wednesday afternoons from 4:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m., beginning on September 13, we will explore our faith in the pages of scripture. This fall our study will have two foci. First, we will dive into the world and words of the prophet Isaiah. Of all of the prophets of Israel, Isaiah is the most influential and central for Christians. Alongside of our partnership with Isaiah, we will also consider the culture and context of the Reformation whose 500th anniversary is October 31.

Please join us for this rich experience of Christian community, scripture study and faith exploration!

Chuck Mize



CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE ASK THE EXPERTS

On Sunday, October 8 the architecture firm TKWA, Pepper Construction, and GCC's owners representative, Jerry Aulisio, will present and discuss the building construction design and answer your questions for our *Forward in Faith* project! They will have 3D renderings of the design so you can really see how the building will meet our goals of accessibility, infrastructure and community.

When: Sunday, October 8 at 11:15

Where: in the sanctuary.

And if you have not had a chance to go on a walking tour or would like to go again, the Construction Committee will have tours through September. Meet in the Chapel Sunday mornings after worship.

GENERAL SYNOD HIGHLIGHTS PART II

Our featured speakers included author Glennon Doyle; Environmental Activist Aaron Mair, and Rev. Traci Blackmon, who was called and voted to become our Executive Minister of Justice and Witness. Our General Minister and President, Rev. Dr. John Dorhauer spoke on the Three Great Loves Initiative:

"The United Church of Christ has a vision of a just world for all. In this world all are welcomed, everyone is loved and justice is inherent. The 3 Great Loves is the denomination's opportunity to express how our Love of Neighbor, Love of Children, and Love of Creation work together to address the inequities in our current world. Beginning at Synod 2017 and ending at Synod 2019, through the lens of the 3 Great Loves, the United Church of Christ in its many settings of ministry will discern and lift up how we act upon these 3 Great Loves. As we do so, we will tell the story of how we are impacting and transforming the world, as covenantal partners united in common purpose and mission." Be watching for ways GCC can participate.

And...mark your calendars now for the next General Synod coming to Milwaukee on June 21-25, 2019! *Rev. Pam Keckler*

DEMAND!!

Myra Loris will discuss the impact of what are considered *Six Years that Shaped America* 1946-1952

OCTOBER 10: *Dewey Win!!!* considers the amazing and unique aspects of the 1948 election and of the many unexpected actions of President Harry Truman that would frame and change the decades that followed.

NOVEMBER 7: And Justice For All! examines the Civil Rights advances made during the Truman Administration and the aim and consequences of both the Nuremberg and Tokyo War Crimes Trials.

DESSERT will be served at 7:00 p.m. Ms. Loris will begin at 7:30 p.m. and speak for an hour.

TICKETS will be sold at fellowship hour on Sundays beginning in August and at the door the night of each lecture. To reserve tickets, call Beryl Bills 847-724-1694. Single ticket--\$15.00; three lecture series--\$35.

SEPTEMBER 12: A New America is an introduction to the series and looks at the immediate Post War social, economic and political changes that would shape the future of the nation, including such topics as the GI Bill, War Brides Act and much more.

HAVE YOU ALWAYS WANTED TO VISIT THE HOLY LAND?

The Hands of Peace tour of Israel-Palestine2018 trip is now full and accepting names for a waitlist or interest in future trips. The trip will take place in October of 2018 (next year!) Details can be found at handsofpeace.org/dual-narrative-trip.

Questions, contact Gretchen <u>Grad ggrad@</u> <u>handsofpeace.org</u>, 847-707-7033.

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY OCTOBER 15, 2017

We will formally receive new members into the church during worship on Sunday, October 15. There will be a session prior to that to learn more about GCC and our denomination, the United Church of Christ. Please contact one of the pastors if you are interested in joining, or would like more

COMMUNITY DINNERS

information.

Community Dinners are the first Wednesday of each month. This is a wonderful chance for intergenerational fellowship. Dinner starts at 5:30 p.m. The dates for the fall/winter dinners are October 4, November 1, and December 6. The first meal will be chicken, salad, pizza, and pasta. There is a suggested donation of \$8 a person. Dinners take place in the Mayflower Room.

A BIG THANK YOU!

The GCC Women's Association Chapter 10 would like to say a big thank you to everyone who helped make our school supplies drive this summer a big success! Your donations helped to fill the backpacks of the children from the after school program at Onward House as they headed back to school. The children and staff at Onward House were very appreciative. Thanks again. Your generosity is much appreciated! (See picture below).

HUDDLE

We often hear it during football season. "Huddle" is also a way to describe groups of people with common interests getting closer together. The Faith Formation Ministry invites YOU to help us identify ways to grow in faith together. Come and help us brainstorm ideas for possible "huddles" at GCC. Maybe you'd like to cook your way through the Bible with some new friends. Or read an inspiring book and discuss it with others. Plan a Bible study around a specific topic or book? Make plans to help locally with hunger or domestic violence? We want to hear from you about what "huddles" you want at GCC. Please join us after worship, 11:20 a.m. in the Founders Room, on either September 24, October 1 or October 15. Questions? Email karen.ornduff@gmail.com.

CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOL SINGERS...

Mrs. Shellard is planning to direct a piece for the Sunday, October 15 worship service combining high school singers with 6th -8th graders and Voices of GCC. There will be two rehearsals: one on Wednesday, October 4 from 7:30 p.m. - 8:15 p.m. in room 201 and again on Sunday, October 8 from 3:00 p.m. - 4:00p.m. Come join us and sing *I Believe in Someday* based on the poem by Mattie Stepanek. Questions, contact Mrs. Shellard at dshellard@gmail.com.



Alive Together With Christ

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FROM THE A JUST HARVEST KITCHEN

Thank you to all of you for the times past you have served at **A Just Harvest (AJH)**. You have displayed the caring spirit of the Glenview Community Church family every time a group from our church serves dinner there. We continue our thirty-year commitment of serving at **AJH** each first Sunday and third Wednesday of every month.

We have a new fall schedule ready for you, your family, your Women's Association Chapter, or your caring group to fill in with volunteer names. Please sign up by emailing <u>sandra-frantz@sbcglobal.net</u> or on the Missions Bulletin Board outside of the church office. The following dates are available:

OCTOBER 1 AND JANUARY 7

Sundays, from 3:30 PM to 6:30 PM (6 volunteers needed for each date).

NOVEMBER 15, DECEMBER 20 AND JANUARY 17

Wednesdays, from 4 PM to 7 PM (6 – 8 volunteers needed).

Thanks very much!

Sandy Frantz and Linda Crowder

DO YOU LIKE PEOPLE?

Would you like an easy job with a 20 minute time commitment? We need more Ambassadors (a fancy name for greeters)! Here is what this job entails: you arrive 20 minutes before church and stand at an assigned door, welcoming everyone that crosses your path. That's it! You are only scheduled approximately every 5-6 weeks. If you're already an usher or serve communion, it's easy for me to schedule around that. Please consider this opportunity – it's a good way to help the church and it's fun to see so many people! Please contact M-J Carlson at 847-431-5657 or email M-J at micd2223@gmail.com.

CHANGE TO PAGEANT TIMES FOR 2017

Yes, school just started and you are already hearing about the Pageant! This year's performances will be on Sunday, December 3 at 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Please note these times are slightly later than last year. There is also an important practice in the afternoon of the day before, Saturday, December 2. Please mark your calendars now! Church school, confirmation and high school youth will be getting more information in the coming weeks, but if you have any questions in the meantime, please contact C.J. Sultz at 312-933-0413.

PYF

SEPTEMBER 17

Splatter Paint: Bring something to do your splatter paint on. Picture frames will be available to purchase for \$1.

SEPTEMBER 24

Story Time: We will hear a powerful story from a guest speaker, who grew up with insecure housing and then went on to college.

612 YOUTH GROUP!

6 – 12th graders meet on Wednesdays. The youth will meet together for a meal and then break out for fellowship. We will also divide into age specific groups for discussion. This group will do service projects that are needed for the church or other organizations.

FISH: K-5TH GRADE

K - 5th graders meet on Wednesdays from 4 - 5:15 p.m. for fellowship and Bible study time. There is a suggested \$40 donation for the year to cover the cost of curriculum and supplies.

Checks can be made out to and sent to Glenview Community Church, attn.: Chris Calandra. Please write **FISH** in the Memo.

You may register your child(ren) by clicking on the FISH link at http://www.gccucc.org/prog_child_school.html.

FALL CONFIRMATION

PARENT AND CONFIRMAND MINI-RETREAT

Friday, September 15 at GCC from 6:00-8:30 p.m. Pizza will be served at 6:00 p.m. Classes begin on Sunday, September 17 at 8:45 am.

7TH GRADE CONFIRMATION PARENT INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, October 1 at 9:00 a.m. in Mayflower Room.

Event Time	Event Name	Primary Location
Thursday, 14 Sept	ember 2017	
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
9:00 AM to 10:00 AM	Yoga	Narthex
11:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Congregational Care Team Meeting	Parlor
6:15 PM to 7:20 PM	Bell Rehearsal	Bell Room
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	BSA Troop 156	Founders
7:30 PM to 9:00 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
riday, 15 Septem	ber 2017	
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
6:00 PM to 8:30 PM	Confirmation Mini - Retreat	Mayflower
8:00 PM to 9:00 PM	AA Meeting	Parlor
Saturday, 16 Septe	ember 2017	
8:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Mens Open Gym	Gym
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
unday, 17 Septer	nber 2017	
8:45 AM to 9:50 AM	Confirmation Classes	Plymouth Room
9:15 AM to 9:45 AM	Primary Choir Rehearsal	Room 201
0:00 AM to 10:15 AM	Church School Children Meet In Sanctuary	SanctuaryM
10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	Glenview Community Church Worship	Sanctuary
	Service	
1:05 AM to 12:00 PM		Mayflower
4:00 PM to 6:00 PM	PYF	Youth Room
londay, 18 Septei	mber 2017	
7:00 PM to 8:00 PM	Yoga	Room 201
uesday, 19 Septe	mber 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 9:00 PM	Construction Meeting	Chapel
Vednesday, 20 Se	ptember 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
0:15 AM to 11:00 AM	Music & Movement Class	Cradle/Toddler Room
1:00 AM to 11:45 AM	Music & Movement Class	Cradle/Toddler Room
4:00 PM to 5:15 PM	FISH	Mayflower
5:30 PM to 7:30 PM	6th - 12th Grade Wednesday Youth Group	Youth Room
6:00 PM to 6:45 PM	Voices of GCC Rehearsal	Room 201
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	Common Ground	Chapel
hursday, 21 Sept	ember 2017	
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
9:00 AM to 10:00 AM	Yoga	Narthex
6:15 PM to 7:20 PM	Bell Rehearsal	Bell Room
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	BSA Troop 156	Mayflower
7:00 PM to 8:00 PM	PYF Singers	Youth Room
7:30 PM to 9:00 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
riday, 22 Septem	ber 2017	
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
Saturday, 23 Septe	ember 2017	
8:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Mens Open Gym	Gym
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
Sunday, 24 Septer	nber 2017	
8:45 AM to 9:50 AM	Confirmation Classes	Plymouth Room
9:15 AM to 9:45 AM	Primary Choir Rehearsal	Room 201
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
11:15 AM to 12:15 PM	Adult Faith Formation	Founders
2:00 PM to 3:00 PM	Dorothy Shaw Memorial Service	Chapel
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3:00 PM to 3:30 PM	· ·	Transept
	PYF	Transept Youth Room

The next Deadline for the Broadcaster is September 20, 2017 at 9:00 AM

GIVING GLIMPSE

JULY 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. 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 Giving Glimpse will be updated monthly and included in the worship bulletin and Broadcaster.

	Amount Received	Amount* Pledged	Over/ Under
June	\$ 65,468	\$ 60,000	\$ 5,486
YTD	\$488,726	\$475,446	\$ 13,280

* Note: The amount pledged reflects the approved 2017 Budget.



NEIGHBORS IN NEED SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

Please consider supporting our Neighbors in Need (NIN). It is a special mission offering of the UCC that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry(CAIM). Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries(JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants.

Neighbors in Need grants are awarded to churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities. These grants fund projects whose work ranges from direct service to community organizing and advocacy to address systemic injustice. Funding is provided through donations to the Neighbors in Need offering.

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OFFICE HOURS SUMMERS

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

PONDERING IN SILENCE

