

A Pilgrim's Progress

Occasionally I'm reading something and I think the writer must have been sitting in worship at GCC. Such an experience happened as the summer was beginning and I was reading, "Repentance," an article by Suzanne Guthrie in The Christian Century (June 1, 2010). Check out these excerpts and see if any of it sounds familiar to you.

The Parish liturgy committee decided to adopt the contemporary version of the Lord's Prayer for use during worship. From now on, at least at one of the services, we'd be "sinners" instead of "trespassers." The next Sunday a distraught man cornered me. "You've taken the Lord's Prayer away from us!"

I was shocked. What did he mean? We'd been preparing and educating people for the small change for years. How could changing a few words "take away" the Lord's Prayer?

I thought: maybe the Lord's Prayer was not part of this man's daily spiritual practice... maybe instead of praying it in his own time, he viewed Sunday worship as his own time, rather than as a gathering together of diverse and dissimilar people in continual growth and flux....

What is church if it isn't a place to come to change, and to learn how to change with others who are changing? What is sin but the refusal to change - perhaps by holding the community hostage to individual self-will? What we all needed was repentance. At our church we began responding to the need for repentance with more frequent and vibrant church parties, in the hope that these would move us toward more of a sense of "we" and away from being a fragile collection of "I's."

Parish life requires a continual practice of reconciliation, like life in a large crazy family or a monastic community.... Flawed, broken, lost, stumbling people flock to church, pretending to look respectable. But the mix of people demands a continual adjusting to new information, new revelations, new relationships, new ideas - - not to mention facing cultural and economic upheavals, clashes of personality, race, class and political points of view. The continual toll of tragedy, death, disease, divorce, natural disasters and crises rocks community life. Even gentle transitions and rites of passage - - birth, courtship, marriage -subtly overturn the status quo. The only constant in community life is change.

I've noticed an aversion to the language of confession, repentance, and reconciliation.... These old spiritual practices meant to strengthen our character can help strengthen community. Like any art, spiritual renewal takes practice. As so many wise people say, "It's easier to act your way into a new way of thinking than to think your way into a new way of acting."

I hope Suzanne Guthrie's observations are helpful to you as you cope with change. May all of us experience change that enables us to act our way into a new way of thinking.

Howard

All Church Memorial Service

Sunday afternoon, November 7 at 3 p.m. in the Sanctuary. All are invited who have lost loved ones and wish to honor them by name and remembering them in a special service. The Pastoral Care Board will host a reception following the service.



SUNDAY SERVICES

OCTOBER 24, 2010

9:30 a.m. Pilgrim Chorus

Scripture:

Isaiah 45:1-7, Psalm 99, Matthew 22:15-22 Sermon: "The God and Country Dilemma" Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts

OCTOBER 31, 2010

9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir

Scripture: Exodus 34:29-35, Matthew 23:13-28 Sermon: "Unmasking Our Identities" Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts

NOVEMBER 7, 2010

9:30 a.m.

Chancel Choir

Scripture: Psalm 43, Matthew 23:1-12 Sermon: "Saintly Living" Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts

NOVEMBER 7, 2010

ALL CHURCH MEMORIAL

3:00 p.m. Sanctuary Rev. Dr. Pam Keckler

NOVEMBER 14, 2010

9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir & Youth

Scripture:

Psalm 90:1-2, 13-17; 2 Timothy 1:1-14 Sermon: "Guarding the Good Treasure" Rev. Dr. Pam Keckler

Please Join us in honoring Sr. Helen Prejean, Author of *Dead Man Walking*



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GCC To Set Up Refugee Apartment

Watch for weekly updates as GCC partners with RefugeeOne to set up an apartment in Chicago for a refugee family. We will receive and share details about the family members shortly but, as of now, we know that November is our deadline! There is a collection box outside the GCC office and we need the following new or like new items: tea pot, various size pots and pans, kitchen dish cloths/towels, and a dish drainer/tray. In November, we will need people to help set up the apartment so please respond to that opportunity when the time comes. Please contact Kris Voelker kristine voelker@ *vahoo.com* with questions.

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



Thursday, October 28th, 12:30 - 2 p.m.: \$50

NAHA Restaurant, 500 N. Grand Ave., Chicago

The Board of Directors of the Illinois Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty is presenting Sr. Helen Prejean with the 2010 Cunningham-Carey Award for nearly two decades of dedication and tireless advocacy on behalf of the abolition of the death penalty.

Sr. Helen became spiritual adviser to convicted murderer Elmo Patrick Sonnier in Louisiana in 1982 during the months leading up to his execution. The experience gave Prejean greater insight into the process involved in executions, and she began speaking out against capital punishment. An autobiographical account of her relationship with Sonnier and other inmates on death row served as the basis for the feature film and opera Dead Man Walking. In the film, she was portrayed by Susan Sarandon, who won an Academy Award.

Prejean's second book, The Death of Innocents: An Eyewitness Account of Wrongful Executions was published in December 2004. In it, she tells the story of two men whom she accompanied to their executions. She believes that both men were innocent. In 1998, Prejean was given the Pacem in Terris Award, named after a 1963 encyclical letter by Pope John XXIII that calls on all people of good will to secure peace among all nations.

In 1999, Prejean formed Moratorium 2000, a petition drive that eventually grew into a national education campaign. Sr. Helen now bases her work at the Death Penalty Discourse Network in New Orleans and spends her time giving talks across the United States and around the world.

Halloween

Pancake Breakfast

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31 8:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.

The Glenview Community Church Confirmands will host a pancake breakfast on Sunday, October 31. The cost of \$5 will include a serving of sausage, beverage of choice and all the pancakes you can eat!

Breakfast will be served in the Mayflower Room.

Tickets will be sold in advance at the coffee hour after church service Sunday, October 24th. Walk-ins on October 31 are welcome.



This event is sponsored by the Resource Development Committee, supporting Glenview Community Church programs through faith, fellowship and fun!

Treats & Prizes for those in Costume



Over 100 quilts have been sent to us from around the country. Many are Amish or Mennonite quilts - others come from quilting groups and/or individuals in a variety of states through out our country. Some of quilts, afghans and crafts which will be pre-priced.

You can pre-view all of the items from on November 6th from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at our church prior to the Auction starting at 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Food will be served in the morning as well as at lunch time.

If you cannot join the rest of us for the

Breast Cancer Support Group Women of GCC and their

Women of GCC and their friends who would like to gather as a group will meet on Friday, November 12 at 11 a.m. in Room 5. We offer this time twice a year to provide a space for women with breast cancer now or in the past, to share experiences or just to listen and be present with one

another. Join Marilyn Belleau and Rev. Pam Keckler or call for questions.

Congratulations Sandra Frantz and Pam Mers Riedy!

They were both honored recently at A Just Harvest Banquet in Chicago. Sandra received the Volunteer of the Year from GCC and Pam received the Leader of the Year. Pam is also on the Board of Directors at A Just Harvest (formerly the Good News Soup Kitchen). Thanks for all you do, Sandy and Pam! fun and inspiration on Saturday, November 6th, you can provide a donation to "GCC Heifer Quilt Auction" and still make a difference in fighting poverty here and around the world.

A sneak peek at those magnificent quilts sponsored by the GCC Women's Association will be offered during the Coffee Hour in the Mayflower room on Sunday, October 24th.

Please mark your calendars and tell your friends. Postcards and flyers are available in several places in the church.

GCC Final Walk

Final walk of the year! Take a surprise walk on November 14,, meet after church at 10:45 in the north parking lot. For information call Bob and Nan Hinchsliff @ 847-724-4836.

GCC Fun Facts

The "Adventure Club" was a summer event for many elementary age children in Glenview. A precursor to the Glenview Park District, it started in the 40's with two 2-week sessions that met at GCC, 1953 Dewes Street. Crafts were the order of the day but sometimes field trips to the zoo, ball games or other fun adventures were a huge hit.

Remember Baby Ruth and Butterfinger candy bars? One such trip was to the Curtis Candy Company. Wonder how many kids had a sugar high when they returned home that day?

Another favorite trip was to the 'boonies" to Hawthorne Melody Farm. (now Hawthorne Woods!) The "Adventure Club" continued in the fifties at 1000 Elm Street.

The Membership Board

A Benefit For Good News Partners

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2010 Cahn Auditorium at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois

Rick Steves to present "Travel as Spiritual Act"

Rick Steves is an author of more than 30 guidebooks, host of his popular PBS television series, and a radio host. The event will feature an intimate reception with Steves in The Guild Room and a larger lecture event at which Steves will talk about the spiritual nature of travel as well as his actions to help the homeless. All proceeds from the event benefit Good News Partners for the purchase of a new building for affordable housing.

Tickets can be purchased through Good News Partners website, <u>GoodNewsPart-</u><u>ners.org</u>.

EVENT TIME:

VIP Reception:	2:30 p.m. in the Guild Room
Tickets:	\$150
Lecture:	4:00 p.m. at Cahn Audito- rium (doors open at 3:30 p.m.)

Sunday School

Please notice informational flyers on the board. Every week there will be an updated schedule of Sunday School classrooms and pick-up information. Please check bulletin boards around the building for important happenings in and around GCC.

Confirmation

CROP Walk will begin on Sunday, October 24 at 7:30 am. Meet at the West Entrance of the church. We'll return for class and be finished at 10:30.

PYF

OCTOBER 24 - Mission Projects! Rainbow Garden

4 p.m. – 6 p.m.

The church has grown pounds and pounds of fresh veggies for the Food Pantry and now it is our turn to help. We will prepare the garden for winter. It would be helpful if you could bring straw and/or raked leaves for covering the beds, gloves, and scissors or gardening shears for cutting the remaining plants that we pull into small pieces for the compost. This is important work so the Garden is ready for next year.

GCC-BBQ

(a drive-through .. pickup .. take home .. and enjoy dinner!) Sponsored by the WA Ch. 11. NOV 19th Friday –order form deadline NOV 12th Pickup at West Entrance of church (select <u>your</u> pickup time below)

NAME_	TEL		
QTY	SELECTION	PRICE	TOTAL
	Barbecue gourmet baby back ribs-1/2 slab—extra sauce on side (served with baked potato, coleslaw, roll,)	@ \$13ea	
	Charbroiled chicken1/2 chicken with sauce on side (served with mashed potatoes, coleslaw, roll)	@ \$10 ea	
	Personal pan cheese pizza	@ \$7 ea	
	Italian Beef Sandwich with mozzarella (served with coleslaw)	@ \$8 ea	
	Child's meal: Chicken tenders (2) with sauce on side WITH generous serving of macaroni & cheese	@ \$6 ea	
	Chopped salad with chicken, bacon, egg, scallions, avocado, tomato corn,tortilla strips with citrus dressing on the side	@ \$8ea	
	Dessert: 5" caramel apple pie	@ \$ 7 ea	
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Please enter church's WEST parking lot from Glenview Road (using the WEST driveway) - pick up dinner alongside West Entrance (no need to get out of car) - then exit either to Elm or Prairie Streets. Food catered by GOODE&FRESH, Glenview.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ORDER!

Money raised will help cover costs for the Rally Day Festival & the annual Easter Egg Hunt. 100% of the proceeds from these two events are given to deserving organizations, like By the Hand Club & Glenview/Northbrook Youth Services.

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Order Form Deadline NOV 12th to church office or mail below

NAME	ТЕ	EL	
QTY	SELECTION	PRICE	Total
	Barbecue baby back ribs1/2 slab + extra sauce (served with baked potato, coleslaw	/, roll) @ \$13 ea	
	Charbroiled 1/2 chicken-sauce on side (served with mashed potatoes, coleslaw, roll)	@ \$10 ea	
	Personal pan cheese pizza	@ \$ 7 ea	
	Italian Beef Sandwich with mozzarella (served with coleslaw) Child's meal: Chicken tenders (2), sauce on side, WITH macaroni & cheese Chopped Chicken Salad Dessert: 5" caramel apple pie	@ \$ 8 ea @ \$ 6 ea @ \$ 8 ea @ \$ 7 ea	

 Select vour pickup time : 5-5:45: ____ OR 6-6:45 ____ Cash: ____ Check: ____ (payable to GCC-Ch. 11)
 TOTAL; _____

 Mail bottom portion of order with check payable to GCC-Ch. 11 to: Kim Vanderveen 1537 Midway Lane Glenview 60026

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OFFICE HOURS Monday - Friday 8:30 am - 4:30 p.m.

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At A Glance

THRS	10/21	9:00 am	Resale Shop, Plymouth Rm Until 5:00 pm	MON	10/25	9:30 am	Finding My Spirit, Library
		6:30 pm	North Suburban Family Day Care Assn., Rm 201			12:00 pm	GCC Networking Mtg., Founders Rm
		7:30 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary			7:00 pm	Walking Angels, Sanctuary
						8:00 pm	Tableau Angels, Sanctuary
FRI	10/22	9:00 am	Resale Shop, Plymouth Room Until 1:00 pm	TUE	10/26	10:00 om	WA Chapter 8, Offsite
		7:00 pm	NSY&R Volleyball, Gym	TUL	10/20		
		8:00 pm	AA Meeting, Parlor			4:30 pm	Hebrew School, Various Rms
		8:00 pm	Al-Anon Meeting, Room 201			7:00 pm	Executive Board Mtg., Mayflower Rm
SAT	10/23	9:00 am	Resale Shop, Plymouth Room Until 1:00 pm	WED	10/27	9:00 am	Resale Shop until 1:00 pm, Plymouth Rm
						7:00 pm	BSA Troop 156, Gym & Mayflower Rm
SUN	10/24	8:45 am	Primary Choir, Rm 201			8:00 pm	Venturing Crew, Rm 210 & Gym
		9:30 am	Worship, Sanctuary				
		9:30 am	Confirmation 7th Grade, Founders Rm				
		9:30 am	Confirmation 8th Grade Classes, Parlor, Library & Rm 5				
		9:30 am	Sunday School, Rm 201				
		10:20 am	Confirmation Closing Prayers, Youth Rm				
		10:30 am	Fellowship Hour, Mayflower Rm				
		10:45 am	Adult Ed, Chapel				
		10:45 am	Joyful Ringers Rehearsal, Bell Rm				
		4:00 pm	Voices of GCC Rehearsal, Room 201				
		4:00 pm	PYF, Youth Rm				

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Broadcaster Deadlines:

Submit articles by 9:00 a.m. , Wednesday to Tania McCarthy via e-mail at *tania.mccarthy@gccucc.org.*