

January 15, 2014

NEW BEGINNINGS

2014 has begun with a bang...or should I say with a brrrrr! We've learned a new phrase in this new year – polar vortex – not just by hearing its ominousness with our ears, but by feeling its destructive and even deadly frigidity in our bones. So it is first with precariousness and peril rather than promise and possibility that this new year has begun.

In ringing out the old and ringing in the new we have often portrayed the year ending as father time fading away, with a newborn baby taking his place. Especially if the year ending has been challenging, difficult and even tragic, we're glad to let it go as we begin anew.

That's what the month of January is for: transitions, new beginnings. January is named for the Roman god Janus, the deity of these things. If you've seen Janus, then you know that he has two faces: one looking back into the past and one looking forward into the future. It's an appropriate and helpful perspective. If we begin our new year by only looking backward, then our perspective is nostalgia that builds our future out of a past that never was. Conversely, if we begin our new year by only looking forward, then our perspective is amnesia that builds a future that is destined to relive the pain and suffering of yesterday's poor choices. We need both views. We need both retrospective and prospective perspectives. We need to live into a future that is informed by our history, but not imprisoned by it. Our automobiles come equipped with rearview and sideview mirrors...and now even backup cameras. But none of those views of where we've been comes even close to being as large as our windshields...as our window into where we're going.

In these ten months that I've shared with you I've been spending a good deal of time looking backward, learning the history and traditions that are particular and precious to the Glenview Community Church. I firmly believe that looking backward with appreciation and thanksgiving is essential for any new pastor, and I have experienced no higher honor here than joining the cast of the Christmas Pageant as the Ancient Shepherd at the 10:30 a.m. performance on December 8th. What a treat! But I've also added three things to the Christmas traditions of the Glenview Community Church: lighting the cross for Christmas Eve, Christmastide and Epiphany as it has been lit for the pageant for years; the nativity scene on the altar; and the service of candlelight on Christmas Eve at the 7:00 and 11:00 p.m. services. I've been heartened by your overwhelmingly positive response to these innovations.

As we begin this new year of ministry together, we must be informed by our past, inspired by God's Spirit, and devoted to being the body of Christ...the hands and feet, heart and voice of Jesus...in our world today.

As I write this, the Glenview Community Church has not yet committed sufficient financial resources to carry out its ministry in 2014. That gap is approximately \$190,000. Our Stewardship Board continues to be diligent in its work to help the congregation fund our ministry. I offer this serious concern to you for your prayerful consideration. If you have already made a financial commitment, thank you! If you have not, please consider doing so today by contacting our Business Administrator, Dale Wittenberg, in the church office.

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WORSHIP SERVICES

JANUARY 19, 2014

TRANSFORMING CHURCH

10:00 a.m.

Scripture:

Psalm 27, Isaiah 9:1-7, John 1:29-42

Rev. Dr. Charles E. Mize

JANUARY 26, 2014

BONDING CHURCH

10:00 a.m.

Scripture:

Colossians 1:11-20

Rev. Robert Warskow

FEBRUARY 2, 2014

Communion Sunday

A FOLLOWING CHURC

10:00 a.m.

Scripture:

Psalm 27:1, 4-9 Matthew 4:12-23

Sermon:

Leave...and Follow Rev. Dr. Pam Keckler *Continued from front page*

Friends, in order for us to claim our future we need to convert our contagious spirit into confident support with commitments both new and increased. After ten months with you, I am convinced that you will respond powerfully to this particular need. We are blessed with an abundance of God's love. With your help we will become a congregation that is an amazing blessing for all God's children: both in Glenview and around the world. See you in church!

Chuck Mize

WELCOME HOWARD AND PEGGY

On Sunday, February 9th our former Senior Minister and his wife, Howard and Peggy Roberts, will worship with us at the Glenview Community Church! Please join us in a warm Welcome Home to Peggy and Howard on that day.

Chuck Mize

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

Our next new member class will be Thursday, January 30, 2014 from 7-8:15 p.m. in the Parlor. If you've wanted to know more about the church, its beliefs and programs, this is the session for you. Childcare will be provided for those parents who request it ahead of time.

WEEKLY BIBLE

Join Chuck Mize on Wednesdays—at either 1:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m.—in the Parlor for an enlightening focus on the upcoming Sunday's sermon topic. Following rave reviews from fall attendees, here is a wonderful opportunity to combine Bible study with an in-depth look at the scripture, the sermon, and their relevance to our daily lives. Attend either or both sessions. The presentation will be essentially the same. Good seats are still available. No ticket required. No cover charge. Encyclopedic Biblical knowledge not a prerequisite.

ADULT EDUCATION PRESENTS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

Tom Lutz, "JFK and the Ultimate Sacrifice." Much has been written about one of the darkest days in U.S. history. Now on the just-passed 50th anniversary of President Kennedy's assassination, GCC member Tom Lutz, shares his insights developed over many years of study. Part two.

ADULT EDUCATION

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21

Harry Kraemer, "Christian Values-Based Leadership." Former Baxter CEO, Madison-Dearborn (Investment) Partner and Northwestern Kellogg School of Management Professor, Harry Jantzen Kraemer, Jr. is a dynamic speaker and author of From Values to Action. Adult Ed Board and our co-sponsor, The Men's Ministry, are very excited to welcome Harry Kraemer to GCC for the second time. Harry is a recognized expert in translating imbedded values into successful corporate action. Less well-known is that Harry is a devout Christian who teaches Sunday School and practices meditation and retreat. This promises to be a memorable evening! Harry's book will be available for purchase (hard cover for only \$15) and Harry will sign copies. All book proceeds support the One Acre Fund, a charity founded by Harry's former student, Andrew Youn, to help farmers in Kenya to increase their crop yields. You won't want to miss this outstanding program!

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26 AND SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

Nick Bubnovich, "The Historical Jesus From Schweitzer to Aslan." In a two-part presentation, GCC member Nick Bubnovich surveys several authors' treatments of the historical Jesus, including Albert Schweitzer's The Quest for the Historical Jesus, Reza Aslan's The Zealot, and one or two titles by John Dominic Crossan.

COMMON GROUND

Friday, January 24, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Ahmad Sadri, The Iran Nuclear "Deal".

The nuclear negotiations between Iran, the U.S. and the European countries have been ongoing for ten years. With the reelection of President Obama and the election of President Rouhani. there is justifiable hope that the obdurate problems will be solved, leading to the lifting of crippling economic sanctions on Iran and relative normalization of its international relations. There is a will to break the logjam. But will there be a way? This lecture will provide a background for these negotiations and examine the outstanding issues tackled in these negotiations.

\$10 donation at the door.

60 PLUS CELEBRATES A NEW YEAR!

Join us on Tuesday, January 21, from noon until 1:30 p.m. to welcome the New Year. Contact Rev. Dale at (847)724-2210 ext 230 if you will be able to attend.

CONGRATULATIONS

Deirdre Ann McGrath arrived December 30, 2013. Parents are Thomas and Molly (Deakyne) McGrath; delighted grandmother is Ann Deakyne.

WINTER RESALE SHOP SALE

50% off January 15-25, 75% off January 29 -February 7 90% off ONE DAY on Saturday, February 8.

New merchandise is put out daily. Don't miss this opportunity to find a great bargain. Our web-

site is www.theresaleshopglenview.com.



Come chase the chills away as Confirmation & Youth Ministries, Fellowship and PYF host the "Great Chili Cook-Off" from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Mayflower and Founders Rooms on Sunday, January 26.

GCC chefs will share their culinary talents in a festive, friendly, and flavorful competition. Let your taste buds be the judge and vote for your favorite! Keep tasting, keep voting! Buttered noodles, cornbread, salad, beverages, dessert and, of course, "chili fixin's" are all included.

Tickets for this event are \$5 per person, with children 5 and under free, and may be purchased after upcoming Sunday worship services. Funds raised will support the 2014 Pilgrim Youth Fellowship mission trip.

Meanwhile, interested chili chefs should contact Stephen Isaacs by email, <u>sisaacs3@bloomberg.net</u>, for participation guidelines.



This year's Cookie Day for The Night Ministry is February 9, 2014. Please bake or buy cookies and bring them to our church kitchen by February 9th. Please no nuts or peanut butter.

The Night Ministry is a very worthy agency that GCC helps to support in many ways. In addition to providing shelters for teenagers, they have a welcoming bus on the streets 4 nights a week for people who are homeless and living on the street. They come to the bus for counseling, HIV testing, visit with a nurse, have a hot beverage and warm up. As they leave the bus, they take

a package of 3 cookies with them. Cookies are an expression of love - and for some that may be their only food for the whole next day. So, you can see that our cookie gifts mean a lot to the people who receive them.

Our church members provide the cookies. The PYF and 678 Club members divide them in packages of 3 and deliver them to the Night Ministry office. This is truly an ALL church hands-on mission project. You can never bake for a more worthy cause. Questions: Call Elizabeth Ciccolini at church (847)724-2210 etx. 233.



FAITH IN ACTION TEAM

GCC's Faith in Action Team invites you to spend a few hours on Martin Luther King Day with Community Renewal Society at Kingdom Baptist Church January 20, 2014. The public meeting will address campaigns against gun violence and other social justice issues. A sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board. For more information please contact Kristine Voelker at kristinev818@@ gmail.com.

PYF JANUARY/FEBRUARY SUNDAYS 4-6 PM

JANUARY 19TH

No PYF due to Winter Trip

JANUARY 26TH

Chili Cook Off—6—8 pm. Watch for details

FEBRUARY 2ND

Souper Bowl Sunday: We will go to the Just Harvest community kitchen

FEBRUARY 9TH

Mission Project: Packaging cookies for the night ministry.

FEBRUARY 16

Junk food pot luck and church wide relay races.

FEBRUARY 23

Candle making—watch for details

Questons email <u>pyf.gcc@gmail.com</u> - Hope to see you soon! Elizabeth



SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 2014 AT 3:00 PM

Come hear this musical exploration of Peace for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day performed by Katherine Hughes, violinist, and members and friends of Glenview Community Church on Sunday, January 19, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. at the Glenview Community Church

Join the HAWK String Quartet, the Kevin Kizer Quartet, Jade Maze, jazz vocalist, Gary



Wendt, organist, and a vocal ensemble of GCC members, with Tricia Melzer-Swaydrak, soprano, in remembering Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and

his commitment to non-violent struggle. Katherine and friends will explore the theme of Peace with a variety of styles and ensembles from traditional to contemporary.

There will be a free will offering to benefit Hands of Peace www.handsofpeace.org.

This concert is part of the Simple Gifts Concert Series of the Glenview Community Church. The Glenview Community Church is an open and affirming congregation.

Visit <u>www.gccmusic.org</u> or call 847 724 2210 for further details.



2014 Dual-Narrative Trip to Israel and Palestine Sponsored by Hands of Peace and Glenview Community Church

Dear friends,

Jeanie and I are thrilled to be joining this exciting, meaningful and life-changing dual-narrative trip to Israel and Palestine from October 13 - 24, 2014 and look forward to sharing this unique experience with you! Through GCC and Hands of Peace we hope to bring together a multicultural group eager to explore the diversity and complexity of the region, while experiencing its spiritual and historical richness, its current political realities, and its cultural abun-

dance. There are three ways you can learn details about the trip:

See the tour web-site: <u>www.medjitours.com/open-tour/dual-narrative-trip-to-israelpales-tine</u>

Contact the tour Group Leaders: Betsy Martin, 847-657-7595 or <u>betsywisemartin@att.net</u> Wendy Rhodes, (847)945-8464 or <u>Wendyrhodes53@gmail.com</u>

Chuck Mize



CONGRATULATIONS BRIAN HANSEN!
WE WISH YOU GREAT SUCCESS IN SOCH!!



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT GCC

THUR	9:00 AM	Resale Shop, Plymouth Rm
01/16	9:00 AM	GCC Yoga, Narthex
	11:00 AM	GCC Working Out With Weights, Mayflower Rm
	6:15 PM	Bell Choir, Sanctuary
	6:30 PM	North Sub. Family Day Care Mtg., Founders Rm
	7:30 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
FRI	9:00 AM	Resale Shop, Plymouth Rm
01/17	1:00 PM	Pickleball, Gym
	7:00 PM	Adult Volleyball, Gym
	8:00 PM	AA Meeting, Parlor
	8:00 PM	Al-Anon, Rm 201
SAT	8:00 AM	Men's Open Gym, Gym
01/18	9:00 AM	Resale Shop, Plymouth Rm
	10:00 AM	Clonts Memorial Service, Sanctuary
	11:00 AM	Ron Clonts Memorial Reception, Mayflower Rm
SUN	8:45 AM	Open Prayers/Confirmation, Plymouth Rm
01/19	9:00 AM	Adult Education Program, Founders Rm
	9:15 AM	Primary Choir Rehearsal, Rm 201
	10:00 AM	Worship, Sanctuary
	10:00 AM	Sunday School, Sanctuary
	11:00 AM	Fellowship and Refreshments, Mayflower Rm
	11:15 AM	Leadership Board Mtg., Founders Rm
	3:00 PM	A Concert for Peace, Sanctuary
	4:00 PM	Voices of GCC, Rm 201
MON	1:00 PM	Pickleball, Gym
01/20	6:45 PM	CSA 156 Committee Mtg., Founders Rm
	7:00 PM	Properties Board Mtg., Chapel
TUE	8:30 AM	GCC Music and Movement, Cradle Toddler Rm
01/21	12:00 PM	60 Plus Luncheon, Mayflower Rm
	6:45 PM	Sing To Live Rehearsals, Sanctuary
	7:00 PM	Adult Education Program - Harry J. Kraemer, Jr., Mayflower Rm
	7:00 PM	Finance Board Mtg., Library
WED	9:00 AM	GCC Music and Movement, Cradle Toddler Rm
01/22	9:00 AM	Resale Shop, Plymouth Rm
	1:00 PM	Pickleball, Gym
	1:00 PM	Weekly Bible Study, Parlor
	6:00 PM	PYF Wednesdays, Youth Rm
	7:00 PM	Wednesday Night Bible Study, Parlor
	7:00 PM	BSA 156 Troop, Mayflower Rm & Gym
	8:00 PM	Venture Crew, Rm 5 and Gym
THU	9:00 AM	The Resale Shop, Plymouth Rm
01/23	9:00 AM	GCC Yoga, Narthex
	11:00 AM	Working Out With Weights, Mayflower Rm
	1:00 PM	Dementia Support Group, Narthex
	7:00 PM	HOP Mtg., Parlor
	7:30 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

FRI	9:00 AM	The Resale Shop, Plymouth Rm
01/24	1:00 PM	Pickleball, Gym
	5:00 PM	Pinewood Derby Setup, Mayflower Rm
	8:00 PM	AA Meeting, Parlor
	8:00 PM	Al-Anon Meeting, Rm 201
SAT	8:00 AM	Men's Open Gym, Gym
01/25	9:00 AM	The Resale Shop, Plymouth Rm
	9:30 AM	Pine Wood Derby, Mayflower Rm
SUN	8:45 AM	Open Prayers/Confirmation Classes, Plymouth Rr
01/26	9:00 AM	Adult Education Program, Founders Rm
	9:15 AM	Primary Choir Rehearsal, Rm 201
	10:00 AM	Worship, Sanctuary
	11:00 AM	Sunday School, Begins in the Sanctuary
	11:00 AM	Fellowship and Refreshments, Mayflower Rm
	11:15 AM	Bell Choir, Bell Rm
	4:00 PM	Voices of GCC, Rm 201
	4:00 PM	PYF Chili Cook-Off, Mayflower Rm
MON	9:30 AM	Finding My Spirit, Library
	1:00 PM	Pickleball, Gym
01/27	7:00 PM	GCC Yoga, Rm 201
TUE	8:30 AM	GCC Music and Movement, Cradle Toddler Rm
01/28	11:30 AM	Chapter 8, Founders Rm
	6:30 PM	Operating Committee Mtg., Mayflower Rm
	6:45 PM	Sing To Live Rehearsal, Sanctuary
	7:00 PM	Executive Board Mtg., Mayflower Rm
WED	9:00 AM	GCC Music and Movement, Cradle Toddler Rm
01/29	9:00 AM	Resale Shop, Plymouth Rm
	1:00 PM	Pickleball, Gym
	6:00 PM	Weekly Bible Study, Parlor
	7:00 PM	PYF Wednesdays, Youth Rm
	7:00 PM	BSA 156 Troop, Mayflower Rm & Gym
	8:00 PM	Venture Crew, Rm 5 and Gym

THE NEXT DEADLINE FOR THE BROADCASTER IS JANUARY 22, 2014 AT 9:00 AM



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Simple Gifts

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23 3:00 PM IF MUSIC BE THE FOOD OF LOVE....

A benefit concert for Northfield Township Food Pantry. Musicians will perform a variety of vocal and instrumental works. Proceeds to benefit Northfield Township Food Pantry. Admission: A freewill offering will be taken

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