

Broadcaster

January 27, 2010

Pilgrims Progress

The older we get the more often we think about death. We grow in our awareness and acknowledgement of our mortality. It is impossible to know how long we are going to live. Therefore, it is wise to live in such a way as to be prepared to die. Actually, the better prepared we are to die the better prepared we are to live. People die the way they live. Living a good life is the best preparation for a good death. To live well or to live a good life means to keep relationships in good repair, to respect the dignity and integrity of others, and to be honest about one's struggles, fears, hopes, and dreams. When a person is dying, what those around the person can do is help the person repair broken relationships, help the one who is dying to live as fully as possible, to reduce the pain the person is experiencing, and allow time and space for saying good bye and letting go.

Through the years Peggy and I have discussed this issue and made some decisions. Both of us have registered to be organ donors and intend to donate our bodies to science when we die. We also have decided on medical directives for ourselves should we become seriously ill, have a debilitating accident, or live to old age when our bodies begin to shut down. A helpful aid in this process is a booklet entitled, "Five Wishes." Five Wishes is a living will that talks about your personal, emotional and spiritual needs as well as your medical wishes. I have just completed this for myself and I recommend it highly for your consideration. The material is available from Marilyn Belleau or by calling (888)594-7437 or writing to Aging with Dignity, P. O. Box 1661 Tallahassee, FL 32302-1661, www.agingwithdignity.org.

By general consensus the right to die with dignity is a basic right of an individual. It also is the final decision a free person in a free society can make. The person has been making life and death decisions throughout life and should not be denied the right to make this last

decision or choice in life.

A helpful way to begin this process of anticipating, planning for and dealing with end of life issues is to make some notes of your thoughts, needs, and wishes. Then, have a conversation with a person you trust who is removed emotionally from your life and circumstances. I have done this with some members of our congregation and am willing to have this type of conversation with you, if you wish. Others who may be of assistance in this way are your physician, attorney, or trusted friend. For many, it is helpful to have this conversation(s) first with someone other than a family member. One purpose of the conversation with someone other than a family member is in preparation for the conversation you will have with immediate family members.

End of life issues are not easy to deal with but they also are not as difficult to address as our fears often convince us they are. As you think about your death, I encourage you to take some constructive action to address the end of life issues that you face. If there is some way that I may be of help to you in this process, please call on me. I am willing to walk with you on this journey. Marilyn Belleau and Pam Keckler, when she returns from sabbatical, also are willing to engage in this conversation with you. If you want us to keep a copy of this information, we will maintain that information in my office. Let Marilyn, Pam, or me know how we may be of help to you in this process.



SUNDAY SERVICES

JANUARY 31, 2010

8:30 a.m. Pilgrim Choir
10:30 a.m. Pilgrim Choir & Voices of GCC

Scripture:

Micah 6:1-8, Matthew 5:1-12

Sermon:

"Unrealistic Jesus"

Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts

FEBRUARY 7, 2010

Communion

8:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m. PYF Singers
Chancel Choir and
Paul Leddington Wright,
guest organist

Scripture:

Isaiah 58:1-9, Matthew 5:13-20

Sermon:

"Salt and Sight"

Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts

FEBRUARY 14, 2010

8:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m. Dixieland Jazz Group

Scripture:

Ruth 1:1-18, Ephesians 4:25-32

Sermon:

"3C's of Relationships"

Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts

3:00 p.m. New Membership
Orientation
5:00 p.m. Pasta Luigi

Mid-Winter Congregational Meeting

By a vote of the Executive Board, the Mid-Winter Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 14, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary. The purpose of the meeting will be to receive reports from the Church Clerk, Church Treasurer, and Stewardship Board; receive nominations for Church Treasurer and Church Clerk; and, adopt the 2010 Budget.

This notice constitutes the official call to meeting. All members of the church are urged to be present.

Beryl B. Bills, *Church Clerk*

Scout Sunday

Sunday, January 31st is Scout Sunday at Glenview Community Church when we will be celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Scouting in America. Watch for uniformed members of Boy Scout Troop 156, Venturing Crew 156 and Cub Scout Pack 156 who will be helping distribute bulletins and collecting the offering during both services. If the weather permits, the Scouts also plan to serve freshly cooked donuts at the west parking lot entrance between services to say thank you for GCC's on-going support of Scouting, a commitment that has continued at our church for more than 50 years.

Pastoral Care

We offer our sympathy to Harry, Holly, David, and Elizabeth Little in the death of Harry's father. Please keep the Little family in your prayers

Altar Flowers

We have openings for altar flower orders for 2010. If you would like to purchase flowers for our altar, forms are available in the church office or narthex.

OPEN DATES

February 21, 28	September 26
March 7, 14, 21	October 10, 31
June 6, 13, 27	November 14, 21, 28
July 4	December 12
August 1, 8, 15	



Walk, Make a Difference and Stay Warm?

Introducing the GCC Walk 4 Change. Join in the church-wide INDOOR winter walk to benefit St. Martin de Porres House of Hope, a private, non-profit, Christian shelter for women and children on the south side. Sign up at the coffee hour on January 31st. Raise any amount of money and walk any distance, anytime in February at the Park Center (or your favorite walking spot). Raise \$30 or more and receive a walk t-shirt.

Sponsored by the 8th Grade Confirmation Class. For questions, please call Bob and Allison Vevang at 847-724-5343 or email abv@att.net.

Adult Education Seminar

**IN THE CHAPEL AT 9:30 a.m.
January 31 and February 7, 2010**

"In the Bleak Midwinter": A Quartet of Haunting and Haunted Texts

Winter is merely half over, yet Lent approaches resolutely and reassuringly. The Adult Education Sunday seminar will focus on four texts that embrace the meteorological and metaphorical darkness of this peculiar meeting-of-seasons. Each one—a lyric sung by Peggy Lee, a sonnet by G. M. Hopkins, a short story by Ernest Hemingway, and a narrative poem by T. S. Eliot—is marked by haunting language. Each one, in its own way, is haunted by the unseen, un-felt presence of God.

Leading these seminars, which will include interpretive reading and interactive discussion, will be Allan Ruter, longtime teacher of literature and writing in The Glenbrook High Schools. Copies of the texts will be supplied; participants need bring with them only their wits and reading glasses.

You're Invited!!

Saturday, February 6, 2010

If you enjoy music in worship, please join us for a day of workshops, fellowship and singing, focusing on the many aspects of choral, congregational and organ music in worship throughout the church year. Saturday, February 6, 2010 in the Sanctuary-- all day!

Guest Clinician/Composer/Conductor, Paul Leddington Wright will lead us through this wintry day of workshop clinics, culminating in a celebration of church music in Hymn Fest 5: "To Everything There is a Season: a celebration of hymns and songs for every season"-- a sing-along concert of hymns and anthems in a musical journey through the church year. For information, contact the church office, Andrew Lewis or Gary Wendt in the music office, or Tricia Melzer-Swaydrak (708-702-0833).

New Member Class

Our winter New Member Orientation Class is scheduled for Sunday afternoon February 14 from 3-5 p.m. If you are interested in becoming a member of Glenview Community Church or want to learn more about the congregation, please register for the class by calling Jane Payne, 847-724-2210 ext. 25. Childcare is available for young children. Please let Jane know if you need childcare. Following the class all participants are invited to stay for Pasta Luigi, wonderful spaghetti dinner and entertainment provided by the adult choir.

Glenview Community Church Nursery School

We offer classes for ages 2 - 5 years old and the school is home to many GCC families, including preschool director Marcia Kiraly, an expert in early childhood development. Registration deadline is February 3 at 9:00 a.m. Please visit us at www.gccns.com or call 847/729-1440 to visit a class in action.





COMING SOON

February 14, 2010

Treat your favorite valentine to an evening at Pasta Luigi! our annual spaghetti dinner with the Singing Waiters and Waitresses from the Chancel Choir. Tickets on sale during coffee fellowship hours and in the office, through February 10th at a big 25% discount over prices at the door. Get 'em while they're hot!

The choir has voted to split the proceeds from Pasta Luigi. Half will go to the Organ Birthday Fund and half will go to the UCC Haiti Earthquake Appeal (<http://www.ucc.org/disaster/major-earthquake-strikes.html>).

Family Quiz Night

The GCC Women's Association (Chapter 7) invites you to join in an evening of fun at the second annual **Potluck Dinner and Quiz Night** on Sunday, February 28, from 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

The event is designed for GCC members, visitors and families of all ages. Please bring the following to share, based on your last name:

A-G / salad/side dish

H-S / entrée

T-Z / dessert

Drinks will be provided.

Additionally, Chapter 7 requests that you bring non-perishable food item(s) or a cash donation to benefit the Iglesia San Lucas UCC and Northfield Food Pantries.

To RSVP for this exciting event, please contact Kim Yagelski at (847)998-4071 or Tracey Noe at tracey.noe@sbcglobal.net.

Greater Chicago Food Depository...

**GOOD WORK AND GOOD FUN!
NEXT GCC DATE - 3/27**

The next scheduled session at GCFD is Saturday, 3/27 (leave GCC at 12:30) and this volunteer opportunity is open to ages 13 and older, so mark your calendars and RSVP to Tracy Sawires at esnstsms@hotmail.com if you're interested in going.

Each time we volunteer at GCFD we donate our work credits to one of GCC's partner agencies that receives food from the Greater Chicago Food Depository-San Lucas, Northfield Food Pantry, or Good News Community Kitchen, so our efforts go even further to help provide food to the hungry! GCFD and our partner agencies report an increase of 35-50% in need over the last year.

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



60 PLUS VALENTINE LUNCHEON

February 16, 2010 at 12 noon
in the Mayflower Room

It's finally here!! We have been waiting to play our Valentine Bingo and the time has come!

Join us for an afternoon of great soup, dessert, Bingo, and special prizes. This is the day that everyone wins. We ask that you please bring a wrapped "prize" which could be something you have around the house or may have purchased at the Resale Shop. Please limit the cost to a few dollars.

If you need a ride, call Marilyn Belleau, Advocate Health Care Parish Nurse at (847)724-2210 ext. 30.



**JANUARY
FEBRUARY**

**JANUARY 31
4 - 6 p.m. Youth Room
Music & Media**

Join us for this fun night as we explore with our small groups and together in fellowship how media might influence our choices. Please bring your cell phone, your mp3 player, your favorite magazines and/or a favorite CD!

**FEBRUARY 7
Souper Bowl Sunday
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

Please mark your calendars. It is not only Super Bowl Sunday but also Souper Bowl Sunday. We will be taking part in a National Campaign to fight hunger. In the morning we will raise money for Good News and in the afternoon meet and go to the kitchen as a group.

**OPEN YOUTH ROOM &
SHIFTS FOR POT BANGING**
Shift 1 9 am - 9:45 am
Shift 2 10:00 am - 10:45 am
Shift 3 11:15 - 11:50

**Good News Outing
3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.**

There is room for 6 youth. Please let me know if you are able to attend. Christine Foley and I will be taking the youth to Good News Community Kitchen.

SALE - 50% OFF

The Women's Association Resale Shop's 50% Off sale runs through January 29th. Come in and check out the merchandise. Review the list of social services that the Resale Shop supports.

Haiti Relief

The web page that is set up through the UCC denomination to handle Haiti relief donations is: <http://www.ucc.org/disaster/major-earthquake-strikes.html>

The mailing address for receiving donations is:

UCC
Global Resources
Wider Church Ministries
700 Prospect Ave.
Cleveland, Ohio 44115

AT A GLANCE

FEBRUARY

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HYMN FEST V

Saturday February 6, 2010 in the Sanctuary at 4:00 p.m.

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NEW MEMBERSHIP ORIENTATION

Sunday, February 14 at 3:00 p.m.

PASTA LUIGI

Sunday, February 14 at 5:00 p.m.

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ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, February 17

6:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Individual prayers and Communion
led by Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts

7:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship Service (*includes the imposition of ashes*)

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SIMPLE GIFTS CONCERT

Friday, February 19 at 7:00 p.m. - Atmospheric
in the Mayflower room

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GCC EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, February 23 at 7:00 p.m.

Check the GCC web site at www.gccucc.org to download the board minutes.

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POTLUCK DINNER AND QUIZ NIGHT

Sunday, February 28 at 5:00 p.m.

MARCH

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BSA TROOP 156 PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Saturday March 6, 2010 in the Mayflower room at 7:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Tickets are \$5.

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ST. PATRICK'S POTLUCK DINNER

Sunday, March 7 at 5:00 p.m.

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EASTER EGGSTRAVIGANZA HUNT

Saturday, March 20 at 8:00 a.m.

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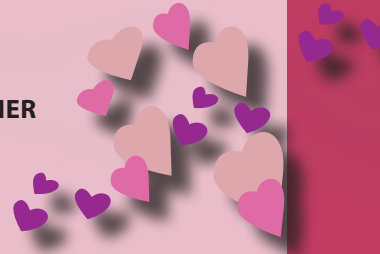
Saturday, March 27 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

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WALK THE LABYRITH AT GCC

Sunday, March 28 through Wednesday, March 31

Check future Broadcaster's for specific times.



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Monday - Friday
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Ministerial Staff

Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts, *Senior Minister*
Rev. Dr. Pamela Keckler, *Minister for Spiritual Formation*

Directors:

Marilyn Belleau, *RN, Health Ministry*
Kathy Lifton, *Children's Ministry*
Elizabeth Ciccolini, *Youth Ministry*
Debby Shellard, *Children's Choirs*
Gary Wendt, *Organist, Instrumental Music*
Andrew Lewis, *Adult Choir*

Affiliates:

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

At A Glance

Thu 1-28	9:00 am 6:15 pm 7:30 pm	Resale Shop open until 5:00 p.m., Plymouth Rm Bell Choir, Bell Rm Chancel Choir, Sanctuary	Mon 2-1	9:30 am	Finding My Spirit, Library
Fri 1-29	9:00 am 6:00 pm 7:00 pm 8:00 pm 8:00 pm	Resale Shop open until 1:00 p.m., Plymouth Rm Girl Scout Meeting, Founders Rm NSYR Volleyball, Gym AA, Parlor Al-Anon, Rm 201	Tues 2-2	7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Children's Board, Rm 201 Planning Committee, Founders Rm CSA Committee, Parlor
Sat 1-30	9:00 am 9:00 am 9:00 pm 10:00 pm	Resale Shop open until 1:00 p.m., Plymouth Rm Men's Open Gym, Gym PMRC, Rm 210 BSA District Meeting, Parlor	Wed 2-3	9:00 am 9:00 am 6:45 pm 7:00 pm 8:00 pm	Resale Shop until 1:00 pm, Plymouth Rm WA Chapter 19, Parlor CEMC Rehearsal, Parlor BSA Troop 156, Gym, Mayflower Rm Venture Crew, Rm 210
Sun 1-31	9:15 am 9:30 am 9:30 am 9:30 am 9:30 am 10:30 am 11:30 am 11:30 am 4:00 pm 4:00 pm	Fellowship Hour, Mayflower Rm Adult Education, Chapel Confirmation Opening Prayers, Plymouth Rm 7th Grade Confirmation Class, Various Rms 8th Grade Confirmation Class, Youth Rm Sunday School Gathering, Rm 201 Fellowship Hour, Mayflower Rm Leadership Mtg, Founders Rm PYF, Youth Rm & Gym Voices of GCC, Rm 201			

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