

# Broadcaster

GLENVIEW COMMUNITY CHURCH

FEBRUARY 2, 2011

***"Every happening great and small is a parable whereby God speaks to us, and the art of life is to get the message."***

*Malcolm Muggeridge – Christian Journalist*

The United Church of Christ Book of Worship has a section called "Order for Times of Passage: Farewell." The first paragraph says, "People experience periods in their lives which shape the future. The church celebrates and acknowledges the most familiar of those passage times – birth, marriage, death. There are other passage times in each of our lives. People leave the church to move to another community. Couples become engaged. A person secures a new job. [A minister retires and moves on.] These moments...can be deep and important spiritual experiences."

With the announcement of Howard's retirement we are faced with a passage, a transition. It means uncertainty and change. It brings with it all sorts of thoughts and emotions. We've been through these transitions in the Church or in our own lives before. The Church lives in these transitional times.

Scripture reminds us "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven..." (Ecclesiastes 3). This is a time to celebrate Howard's ministry over his entire life. Any loss brings grieving, and we must acknowledge that

we grieve differently, and make room for our varying expressions. This is a time to plan for the future of this church, and to take time to heal, to welcome the Holy Spirit for guidance, inspiration, and direction. This is the time to listen and to get the message.

So what's the message here for Glenview Community Church?

First, and foremost, is that GCC is God's church. It is not Howard's church. It is not Pam's church. It is not your church. It's God's church, and we're going to be okay. More than okay, because God is still speaking and God is in charge.

The message is that we are loved, and we will be taken care of by this compassionate God, and by one another. We need each other. May we come together. May we truly listen to one another. May we honestly address issues, concerns and lingering hurts among us. And may we continue to dream about God's church and what might be possible.

Let's be ready to get the message.

*Pam*

## SUNDAY SERVICES

FEBRUARY 6, 2011

COMMUNION

**9:30 a.m.** Women's Chorus  
and Harpist

**Scripture:**

Psalm 112:1-10; Matthew 5:13-16

**Sermon:**

"Who Are We? What Are We To Do?"  
Rev. Dr. Pam Keckler

FEBRUARY 13, 2011

**4th Grade Bible Presentation**  
**New Membership Class at 3:00 p.m.**  
**MidWinter Congregational Meeting**  
**at 10:45 am**  
**Pasta Luigi at 5:00 pm.**

**9:30 a.m.** Chancel Choir and  
Primary Choir

**Scripture:**

Deuteronomy 30:15-20,  
1 Corinthians 3:1-7

**Sermon:**

"The Church is People"  
Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts

FEBRUARY 20, 2011

**9:30 a.m.** Chancel Choir and  
Joyful Ringers

**Scripture:**

Genesis 25:27-34, Mark 3:31-35

**Sermon:**

"Growth By Irritation"  
Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts

# My Church, My Faith, My Commitment

We have come a long way but have not yet reached our goal of fully funding all budget requests. We ask that everyone, those who pledge and those who donate, to help us in this important effort to fully fund our church financial needs.

At the request of the Stewardship Board a letter was prepared by John Tillman with input from the Finance Board, Executive Board and in Howard's voice from his sermon "Enough". Howard approved this letter and agreed to sign each of the 500 letters and wrote personal notes on 200 letters. The pledge increase within a few weeks of this mailing is \$63,521.00 for those who already pledged. In addition over \$29,000 in pledges, which had not been received prior to our December Executive Board meeting, came in. The Stewardship Board wish-

es to thank Howard for his willingness to reach outside his comfort zone and his area of responsibility to assist the Stewardship Board in reaching out for additional funds to support the work of our church.

We are deeply grateful to everyone who responded to this letter and increased their pledge. Applause and appreciation is extended to each of you from the Executive Board for your amazing generosity.

The Stewardship Board has confidence yet more pledges and donations will arrive. We will report all additional pledges and donations to the Finance Board up to the date of our Mid Winter Meeting on February 13 with the hope that our congregation will fully fund all budget requests which at this time is approxi-

mately \$50,000.

If you have not yet pledged, increased your pledge or wish to notify Dale Wittenberg of an intent to increase your donation to support our church, please e-mail Dale at [dale.wittenberg@gccucc.org](mailto:dale.wittenberg@gccucc.org) prior to February 10.



## MID-WINTER CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

By a vote of the Executive Board, the Mid-Winter Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 13, 2011, in the Sanctuary at 10:45 a.m. or immediately following the service. 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 2011 Budget.

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

## Calling All Knitters

Calling all knitters for **SPRING IDEAS**. Tuesday, MARCH 1 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 5. For more information, please contact Nan Hinchsliff at [nhinchsliff@aol.com](mailto:nhinchsliff@aol.com).

## Healthcare Update

Adult Education welcomes Rob Long as our speaker on February 6. Rob works in the medical insurance industry and has previously presented information on health insurance. This time he will focus on the new healthcare legislation and how it has and may impact our own situations. Please join us at 10:45 a.m. in the Chapel for this timely presentation.

## Thank you

Thank you to all who generously donated blood through our annual Blood Drive on January 23, 2011. LifeSource was very pleased to receive 20 pints of blood during our drive. The need for blood in Chicagoland is great, and without you, area patients would not receive the lifesaving transfusions they require. Thank you for brightening the lives of others through your blood donations.

Sally Hicks,  
Blood Drive Chairman

## NEW MEMBER CLASS

The next New Member Orientation Class is scheduled for February 13 from 3-5 p.m. This is a great opportunity not only to learn more about the ministry of Glenview Community Church but also to meet others who are exploring membership. You may register for the class by sending an email to [jane.payne@gccucc.org](mailto:jane.payne@gccucc.org) or calling Jane at 847-724-2210, ext. 25.

## Volunteer Sunday on February 27th

Come one, come all to the Mayflower Room after the service on February 27th. You will have a chance to see what our GCC boards are doing. Check out the activities that occur during the year. Find out how you can help out. Come join the fun -- you might even win a prize!

Phyllis Scott,  
Membership Board

## Pasta Luigi

20 Years of slinging sauce and pasta, what great entertainment!

Let's help celebrate the 20th anniversary of Pasta Luigi in grand style.

It was started 20 years ago by Trisha Melzer-Swaydrak, her mother Charlene and the members of the Fine Arts Committee (Beth/Bob Raebel, Sue/Steve Ruch and Bill Laystrom) as a way to raise funds for that year's FAC series. We recruited the Chancel Choir and it was a huge success. Never intending it to become a "tradition"—it has. It then became an outreach for the Chancel Choir to help provide money for specific charity organizations in the Glenview area. Northfield Township Food Pantry became one of our "staples" (no pun intended), for which they have always been grateful.

We certainly never thought we'd be slinging sauce for 20 years, but here we are. Please join us on February 13 for a wonderful evening of food, fellowship and entertainment at 5:00 p.m. in the Mayflower Room.

## From The Parish Nurse:

### The Still Point

Stress is a fact of life. Although it may spur us on to meet deadlines, etc., it also may contribute to high blood pressure, heart attacks, gastric ulcers, anxiety, short tempers, depression, etc. Though we may never be able to escape stress, we may be able to reduce its negative consequences. I offer of finding your "still point," "that place of centeredness and calm that contributes to your physical, emotional, and spiritual wellness." This may help you find peace in the midst of the chaos of the day.

I know you're thinking that you don't have time, but I encourage you to try and find a few minutes. Its repetition may provide a welcome break from the pressures of daily life.

- Pick a word, phrase or short prayer that's comforting or reassuring to you
- Sit quietly with your back firmly supported and feet comfortably positioned
- Close your eyes

## 60 Plus Luncheon Tuesday, February 15

Annual Valentine Bingo at 12 noon in the Mayflower Room



Come join us for an afternoon of good food and fun! It's time again for our annual Valentine Bingo where everyone is a winner. Remember that red is the color of choice as you cheer "Bingo".

We ask that you bring an inexpensive wrapped item to be used as a prize. Mark your calendar today!

We have volunteers who are ready to bring you, so if the sidewalks are slippery or you don't have a ride, please call Marilyn Belleau, Parish Nurse at 847-724-2210 ext. 30.

- Recognize any tension in your body. Acknowledge this tension, then let it go and relax
- Gradually slow and deepen your breathing. As you do, repeat your word, phrase or prayer
- If busy thoughts interrupt, don't resist them. Passively observe them and then return to the repetition
- Whenever you are ready, slowly open your eyes and savor this restful state a few minutes more

To achieve the maximum benefit from finding and enjoying your "still point," repeat it once or twice a day for 10 minutes at a time. When at work or under pressure, practice one to two minutes as often as needed. Let this ritual become an important part of your daily life.

**Peace and Health,**  
Marilyn Belleau,  
Advocate Health Care Parish Nurse

## LECTIO DIVINA

Please join us in prayer and thought that is grounded in a Scripture passage.

**Date:** Thursday February 10

**Time:** 9:30-11 a.m.

**Place:** Room 5

**Facilitator:** Marilyn Belleau, *Parish Nurse*

## SAVE THE DATE

### MEN'S ROUNDTABLE

Tuesday, February 15

7:00 p.m., Founders Room

Men's Ministry is hosting a winter roundtable discussion, *Spiritual Strength: How do you get it? How do you nurture it? How can you pass it on?* Insights into how Jesus, Brother Lawrence, Brother Charles de Foucauld, Thomas Merton, and Henri Nouwen lived these questions will be provided, but contemporary interpretation will depend on the shared experiences of those participating in the discussion. Please plan to attend and join in the discussion.

If you have questions or wish to attend, please contact John Miller by phone (847) 687-6953 or by e-mail, [john.miller@scottforesman.com](mailto:john.miller@scottforesman.com) or Dave Aki by phone (847)657-0139 or [dave254@comcast.net](mailto:dave254@comcast.net).

## Sunday School

From cover to cover, from Genesis to Revelations, fourth grade Sunday school students have studied the Bible. On Sunday, February 13, during the 9:30 a.m. worship service, Reverend Roberts, on behalf of the congregation, will present the recipients their own Bible. It is the hope of the Glenview Community Church staff and Children's Board that reading and internalizing God's word becomes a life-long practice.

Regular Sunday school classes will not be in session. Childcare will be available.

## Confirmation

February 13

Confirmation Chaos from 9-10:30 a.m. This will be our final "Chaos" of the year. Come to the youth room for snacks, gym time, program and closing prayers.

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### OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday

8:30 am - 4:30 p.m.

### 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 Hartung-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*

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## Return Service Requested

### At A Glance

THRS	2/3	9:00 am	Resale Shop open until 5:00 pm, Plymouth Rm	TUE	2/8	4:30 pm	Hebrew School, Various Rms
		4:30 pm	HOP Leadership Mtg., Parlor			7:00 pm	Stewardship Board Mtg., Rm 7
		7:00 pm	BSA 156 Troop Partol Mtg., Founders Rm			7:00 pm	Pastoral Care Board Mtg., Rm 210
		7:00 pm	HOP Operating Committee Mtg, Rm 201			7:00 pm	Property Board Mtg., Library
		7:30 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary			7:00 pm	Adult Education Board Mtg., Founders Rm
FRI	2/4	9:00 am	Resale Shop open until 1:00 pm, Plymouth Rm			7:00 pm	Services and Sacraments Board Mtg, Rm 213
		7:00 pm	NSY&R Volleyball, Gym			7:30 pm	Mission Outreach Board Mtg., Parlor
		8:00 pm	AA Mtg., Parlor	WED	2/9	7:00 pm	BSA 156 Troop Mtg., Gym, Mayflower Rm
		8:00 pm	Al-Anon Mtg., Rm 201			7:00 pm	Called To Care Mtg., Rms 210, 213 & Upper Rm
SAT	2/5	9:00 am	Resale Shop open until 1:00 pm, Plymouth Rm			8:00 pm	Venture Crew, Parlor and Gym
		9:00 am	Men's Open Gym, Gym				
SUN	2/6	8:00 am	PYF Souper Bowl Sunday, Youth Rm				
		9:30 am	Worship Service, Sanctuary				
		9:30 am	Confirmation Classes in Session, Various Rms				
		9:30 am	Sunday School, Various Rms - start in rm 201				
		10:30 am	Fellowship Hour, Mayflower Rm				
		10:45 am	Adult Education, Chapel				
		10:45 am	Joyful Ringers Rehearsal, Bell Rm				
		4:00 pm	Voices of GCC, Rm 201				
MON	2/7	7:00 pm	Music Board, Rm 201				

### Broadcaster Deadlines:

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