

Broadcaster

Glenview Community Church



February 25, 2009

A Pilgrim's Progress

The Lenten season began at GCC with individual prayers and Communion from 6-9 a.m. on Ash Wednesday, February 25th. Stations for prayer and Communion were available in the Chapel, Sanctuary, and Narthex with one of the ministers present at each of the stations. Rev. Dr. Pam Keckler led an evening service with the imposition of ashes at 7:30.

A variety of opportunities and worship services are provided through the Lenten season to assist all of us in personal and spiritual growth. Lenten devotional material written by members of GCC is available in the church office as well as in the Narthex and Lobby of the West Entrance.

Throughout the Lenten season the Chapel will be open for spiritual quiet time for individual prayer and meditation. Please take advantage of this opportunity at a time that is convenient for you Monday through Friday from noon to 6:00 pm March 2nd through April 10th.

Join us for Soup at 6 and Bible study on March Thursday evenings of Lent in the Mayflower Room March 5, 12, 19, 26. Bible study will be led by Dr. Howard Roberts from 6:30-7:30 p.m., concluding in time for choir members to attend choir rehearsal. If you did not sign up with Small Group Ministries for Soup at 6 and want to participate, please call the church office (847-724-2210) so those preparing soup can prepare for all who wish to join us.

The theme for Sunday Lenten Sermons is "Sins That Crucify." The sermons I have developed for the Sundays of Lent are:

- March 1 *Anxiety and American Idols*
- March 8 *When We Turn Green*
- March 15 *To Tell the Truth*
- March 22 *The Killing Attitude*
- March 29 *I Don't Care*
- April 5 *The Self System (Palm Sunday)*
- April 12 *Easter People in a Good Friday World (Easter Sunday)*

One of our members asked recently why we never use the word "sins" in the Lord's Prayer. That is a good question. During the Lenten season we will substitute the word sins for debts and those who sin against

us for debtors. This is an additional way to communicate the theme of the Lenten season.

Several opportunities for reflection and worship are available during Holy Week, April 5th through April 10th.

- Walking the Labyrinth Palm Sunday, April 5 through Wednesday, April 8

Times: Sunday 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday & Tuesday 1-9 p.m., Wed. 1-8 pm Mayflower Room

- Maundy Thursday, April 9 Worship service with Communion 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary. Rev. Sally Iberg will lead this service
- Good Friday, April 10 Noon - 1 p.m. Sanctuary will be open for prayer and meditation.

7:30 pm Tenebrae Service in the Sanctuary led by Dr. Howard Roberts and the Chancel Choir

I encourage you to take advantage of the variety of opportunities for introspection, prayer, and growth during the next six weeks. May this Lenten season be a time of significant reflection and spiritual growth for each of us.

Howard

March Mondays with Pam

Rev. Pam Keckler will offer a time for conversation each Monday at noon or 7:00 pm for one hour. You may bring your lunch during the day or a cup of coffee, tea or pop at night.

We will gather in room 5 at church and engage in honest faith conversations about your life and spiritual journey, wherever it's taking you. This is not a small group. No attendance will be taken, no reservations are needed. No "church business" allowed! Just come when you can or desire to talk with other people of faith and doubt! Author, Cheryl Richardson says "We need to engage in honest conversations about what's really going on in our lives. We need deeper, more vulnerable exchanges...we need to have discussions that promote growth and healing...knowing we are not alone." Welcome.

SUNDAY SERVICES

February 25, 2009

Morning Individual Communion and Prayers

6:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
(please enter at the West entrance)

Evening Worship Service with Imposition of Ashes

7:30 p.m.

The Chapel will be open Monday through Friday during the Lenten season from noon until 6:00 p.m., beginning March 2. Come for quiet meditation and prayer

March 1, 2009

8:30 a.m. *Vocal/solo*

10:30 a.m. *Chancel Choir*

Scripture:

Exodus 20:1-6, Matthew 6:24-34

Sermon:

"Anxiety and American Idols"
Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts

Do not worry over what you do not possess.

We trust in God.

Do not fear that too much may be asked of you.

God is with us.

Do not be afraid of what the future will bring.

God will lead.

Only break open your hearts that God may enter in.

We open our hearts to God and trust God on this journey.

We Are Sorry To Say



Cradle Toddler Room

We are suspending the 8:30 a.m. childcare for the Cradle and Toddlers, effective March 15, 2009. We have not had any children attend in recent months. The Cradle Room will still be unlocked, if babies need to be changed during the first service. If you have comments or questions, please contact David Spaulding, representative from the Children's Board at (847) 577-8381.

Reminder that on Easter Sunday, we will offer childcare at both 9 and 11 a.m.

Recessed Mid-Winter Congregational Meeting

The recessed Mid-Winter Congregational meeting will take place Sunday, March 8 at 9:30 am in the Sanctuary.

The purpose of the meeting is to adopt the 2009 Glenview Community Church Budget.

All members of the church are urged to be present.

Beryl Bills, *Church Clerk*

Devotionals

Lenten Devotional booklets will be available on February 25 before prayers or worship or in the church office. The readings begin on February 25, Ash Wednesday and run through Easter morning, April 12. Several of our former confirmands and adults have written personal reflections. For those who are unable to come to the church, you may also call the office if you would like a copy mailed to you.



Ministerial Institute at CTS

Each year in April the Chicago Theological Seminary presents a Ministerial Institute. Religious leaders and other persons of faith gather to examine pressing issues of our time regarding the life of faith and ministry in the world. April 21-22 are the dates for this year's institute. Interested? Talk with Dr. Roberts, pick up a brochure in the church office, or call Rob Leveridge at 319-592-9548. The institute will be a life enriching, faith deepening experience.

1st Sunday Conversations

Some have expressed interest in conversation with the Senior Minister regarding sermons, worship, and other topics. We'll gather in the Founders' Room following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Join us in the Mayflower Room for refreshments and make your way to the Founders' Room for conversation with the Senior Minister on March 1.

Altar Flowers for 2009

We have open dates for altar flowers for 2009. If you would like to purchase flowers for one or more of the dates listed below, please pick up a form in the church office or Narthex and return it as soon as possible.

OPEN DATES

March 29
April 5 & 26
May 10
June 7
August 9
September 20
October 18, 25
November 22, 29
December 13



Unemployed?

There is help! Career Resource Center offers professional assistance to individuals in employment transition. Services include private advisor sessions, education programs, interview training, reference materials, internet job search training, individualized computer training, computer and other equipment use, networking sessions, employment clearing house. Check out their web page at www.careerresourcecenter.org or phone them at 847 295-5626. They are located in Lake Forest.

Adult Education

Sundays 9:30 am in the Chapel

March 1

Adult Education will present Jay Forman, Thresholds Vice President for Strategic Development.

Mr. Forman holds an M.S. in Rehabilitation Counseling from IIT, and has been with Thresholds for 35 of the past 37 years. Originally hired as Program Director for Thresholds' first branch agency in the Uptown area of Chicago, Forman helped form a comprehensive mental health agency for the community while spinning off a Thresholds branch to create a free-standing agency which still serves people with mental illness.

Over the years, he has created many of the ongoing Thresholds programs as well as a number of now ongoing free standing community resources. Forman currently serves as Vice President of Strategic Development, in which he works on agency growth, mergers with other agencies and strategic partnerships. He continues to keep his clinical hand in the mix by providing supervision to Thresholds of McHenry County and Thresholds Private Access Services McHenry and The Thresholds Theater Arts project.

Mr. Forman will speak to us about the services Thresholds offers in the community, their integrated approach towards treatment and the implementation of evidence based mental health practices. He will also touch base on some of the needs that people with mental illness have, including the need for housing. This will lead him into speaking about the development of more such housing in Glenview.

March 8

Bill Taylor from Hands of Peace will present a discussion of his paper entitled "The Only Road to Peace". Please email Chris Calandra at ccalandra4@comcast.net for a copy of the paper if you are interested in reading it ahead of time.

Finally, Tom Aldrich will present three weeks of Lenten Bible study using the Kerygma series as a resource. This will be a wonderful way to add to our observations of the Lenten season.

Child care is available upon request-- please give us 3-4 days notice to arrange for sitting.



Attention: ALL KNITTERS

Attention all knitters and those who want to learn how to knit: The first "class" will begin on Tuesday, March 3rd at 12 noon in Room 5. We are asking experienced knitters to attend and hope to have a one on one lesson for the new knitters. Bring a sandwich, knitting, and questions you may have.

For more information, please call or email Nan Hinchsliff at 847-724-4836 nhinchsliff@aol.com

Soul Sisters

SOUL SISTERS LENTEN BIBLE STUDY
Learn about the women of the Bible at our three sessions on Tuesday morning, March 3, 10, and 17. We'll meet from 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.. Several have signed up for this small group. If you would still like to join us, contact Rev. Pam Keckler or Marilyn Belleau.

**Save
The
DATE**



MARK YOUR CALENDARS
GCC EASTER EGG HUNT
SATURDAY, APRIL 11th
Games, prizes, family fun for all!

PREVENTING PERSONAL



SUNDAY, MARCH 22

12:00 in the Mayflower Room
Preventing Personal Identity Theft Seminar



Be More Active! Pilates Classes at GCC

Pilates Classes will be offered here in the church by Coach Yvonne Bennett, a Stott Certified Pilates instructor and AFAA certified personal trainer/fitness consultant.

We will meet in Room 201 at 7:00 PM on Tuesdays March 17, 24, 31, April 7, 21, 28 (skipping April 14).

Pre-registration is required (forms in church office) –return to Marilyn's mailbox

Cost for 6 week session is \$75.00
Questions? Call Marilyn Belleau, Parish Nurse, 847-724-2210 ext. 30 or email instructor at yvonne@allbennetts.com.

Thank You

Once again - you have baked, bought and brought cookies for the Night Ministry. This year the total was close to 3,000 . . . or 935 packages of 3 or 4. That is about a 2 week supply for the Night Ministry bus. Thank you each one for your generous participation.

Dori Hirsch



Luigi says, "Thanka you!" There were over 200 people eating spaghetti at Pasta Luigi on Feb. 8, 2009. A special thank you goes out to those who donated goods and time: Bob, Gary, Barry, Char, Marty, Mike, Dick, Howard, Tricia, Sue, the "kid sitters", performers, choir members, and music board (and that person somewhere that I've forgotten.) The tickets and collection made it possible to donate \$980 to the Northfield Food Pantry and \$980 to Cornerstone Community Outreach for the homeless, and there were leftovers for distribution at Northfield. Sachmo said it: "What a wonderful world!"

Confirmation News:

7th Grade Confirmands

FIELD TRIP

The 7th grade class will worship with the congregation of BJBE in Glenview on Friday evening, March 6 at 7:30 p.m. We'll be part of a Tefilah (Prayer) Band Service – a very musical service with guitars, drums, etc.

PYFF Lenten Vespers

Sunday, March 22 from 4-5 pm.

For youth and their families. We'll share in worship and communion together in the youth room, followed by a potluck supper, and then games for children and youth and teen topics for parent discussion. All are welcome. To reserve your spot, contact Elizabeth or Pam.

PYF 4:00 - 6:00 PM

March 1

EASTER BASKET

Bring small items that would go in a Easter Basket, Plastic Eggs, etc.

March 6

Friday Night Pretzel Making: We will start at 5:30. Dinner will be served.

March 8

PYF am (Pretzel Selling) & Open Youth Room.

March 15

Miniature Golf @ Putting Edge. Meet at the church at 3:30 p.m.

March 22

PYFF – Lent

March 29

Spring Break



Pastoral Care

Lil Stevens, a long time member of GCC, died on Saturday, February 21. A memorial service will be held in the Sanctuary Friday, February 27 at 2 p.m. A reception will follow in the Mayflower Room. Please keep William and family in your prayers.

Ed Sasaki, a member of GCC for 36 years, died February 15. A memorial service will be held in the sanctuary, Saturday, February 28 at 10 AM. A reception will follow the service. Please keep Katherine and their children, Nina and John, in your prayers.

INTENT AND PURPOSE of the Capital Reserve Fund (CRF)

The Capital Reserve Fund was created to support ongoing facility needs over the near and long term. We must have a priority goal of implementing a plan for a substantial, reliable and consistent increase in the CRF in order to reduce major capital campaign fatigue and the negative impact of such campaigns on the Church's ability to regularly and incrementally increase fundamental programs and missions of the Church.

In 2005 a study was made of three ways to understand the funds necessary for this program.

- 1) Review of recent and previous Capital Projects with projections of inflation factor to reach an adjusted cost.
- 2) Capital Project needs based on a percentage of property value.
- 3) Experience of other comparable churches.

The conclusion of the study was that the annual target for GCC's funding of the CRF, using 2005 as a starting point, should be approximately \$254,054 (\$240,809 from the recent 20-year annual average plus a 2.5% annual Construction Cost Index [CCI] increase) and going forward such starting amount needs to be adjusted annually per the CCI.

Since that report the CRF has been funded at a little less than \$20,000 each year. It is seriously underfunded. For the past year of 2008 the Facility Manager and Staff have been trying to get caught up on basic cleaning and repair projects. We completed the first floor asbestos abatement of floors in order to re-carpet hallway, Library and Parlor and tile the women's bathroom. We also suffered another water incursion in the basement in September. The fact of keeping our aging building in good repair and meeting all codes in the village is a continuing challenge in terms of cost of materials and paying our staff. We cannot afford to get behind because the cost of not fixing any problem grows exponentially over time.

Following are some projects we have on our calendar:

- 1) Parking lot - Phase 1 - front drive replacement, repair or replacement of walkways - 2009 - cost of \$25,000 (includes patching of west lot before winter 2008).
- 2) Parking Lot - Phase 2 - Replace entire West Parking Lot - repair bed and drainage necessary - by 2011/2012 - cost estimate \$130,000 in 2004.
- 3) Roofing - Replace clay tile and felt under-layment on roofs over sanctuary and office/school wing - 2010/2011 - rough est. \$150,000.
- 4) Replace modified bitumen gymnasium roof - 2008/2010 - cost est. \$18,000.
- 5) Chapel HVAC controls - replace asap - identified 2007 - old est. \$1750.

In order to use any of the Capital Reserve Fund, Properties Board must seek the approval of Finance Board and then Executive Board. Only projects requiring more than \$10,000 are eligible to safeguard that CRF is not used for funding Properties Board's ongoing list of necessary expenses that sometimes exceed our budget.

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Ministerial Staff

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Rev. Dr. Pamela Keckler, *Minister for Spiritual Formation*
Rev. Sally Iberg, *Minister for Mission and Ministry*

Directors:

Marilyn Belleau, *RN, Health Ministry*
Kathy Lifton, *Children's Ministry*
Elizabeth Ciccolini, *Youth Ministry*
Linda Binaei, *Member Engagement*
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

Thurs 9:00 am Resale Shop, Plymouth Rm until 5:00 pm
2-26 6:15 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Bell Rm
6:30 pm BSA 156 Merit Comm. Badge
7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Rm, Sanctuary

Fri 9:00 am Resale Shop, Plymouth Rm until 1:00 pm
2:00 pm Memorial Service, Lil Stevens
6:00 pm NSVYR Volleyball, Gym
2-27 8:00 pm Al-Anon Mtg., Rm 201
8:00 pm AA Mtg., Parlor

Sat 9:00 am Resale Shop, Plymouth Rm until 1:00 pm
2-28 9:00 am Men's Open Gym, Gym
10:30 am Memorial, Ed Sasaki

Sun 8:30 am Sunday School, Room 105
3-1 9:15 am Fellowship Hour, Mayflower Rm
9:30 am 8th Grade Confirmation, Various Rms
9:30 am 7th Grade Confirmation, Plymouth Rm
9:30 am Adult Education, Chapel
9:45 am Primary Choir Rehearsal, Rm 201
10:15 am Confirmation Closing Prayers, Plymouth Rm
10:30 am Sunday School Gathering, Rm 201
11:30 am Fellowship Hour, Mayflower Rm
11:45 am 1st Conversations, Founders Rm

Sun 3:30 pm Voices Rehearsal, Rm 201
3-1 4:00 pm Concert Series, Margaret Chen
4:00 pm PYF Gathering, Youth Rm

Mon 9:30 am Finding My Spirit, Library
3-2 12:00 pm March Mondays With Pam, Rm 5
7:00 pm Planning Committee, Founders Rm
7:00 pm 156 Pack Meeting, Parlor
7:00 pm Pilgrim Wind Ensemble, Sanctuary
7:00 pm March Mondays with Pam, Rm 5

Tues 12:00 pm Knitting Classes, Rm 5
3-3 7:00 pm Properties Board, Library
7:00 pm GCC Book Club, Parlor

Wed 9:00 am Resale Shop, Plymouth Rm until 1:00 pm
3-4 9:00 am Chapter 19, Parlor
6:30 pm BSA Troop 156 Mtg, Gym, Mayflower Rm
7:00 pm Venturing Crew, Rm 210

Broadcaster DEADLINE

Please submit all articles by 9:00 am, Wednesday, one week in advance to publishing via email at tania.mccarthy@gccucc.org