



Broadcaster

February 26, 2014

STRAINING FORWARD

On Sunday, February 23rd, the Epistle lesson that was read in worship is one that is particularly inspiring and challenging for me. It comes from chapter 3 of the Apostle Paul's letter to the church in Philippi:

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Following worship on that Sunday our congregation remained in the sanctuary for its Mid-Winter Meeting. As that meeting unfolded, it became more and more clear that it was living out the spirit of Paul's ancient words in the life and ministry of the Glenview Community Church!

- We re-elected Bob Mc Gee as our Clerk and elected Dave Aki as our Treasurer unanimously and with great thanks.
- We received the Clerk's, Treasurer's and Stewardship Board's excellent reports with appreciation.
- We heard a thorough and thoughtful presentation of the proposed budget for GCC's ministry and mission in 2014. After several questions from members of the congregation that were equally thoughtful and concerned about our ministry and mission, we approved the budget. And, by approving it, we committed to the justice of providing health insurance for all of our full-time staff.
- Finally, Mr. David Hecht, President of Sound Planning, Inc., presented a proposal for a new audio amplification and

video capture system for our sanctuary that will dramatically improve the intelligibility of the spoken word and allow us to present and record worship and other events in the sanctuary. To be funded by a directed bequest, this exciting project was approved and will be installed in the next months.

Both these specific decisions and the palpable presence of the Holy Spirit in the congregation's spirit witness that GCC is investing in the future of its ministry and mission: thankful for the richness of its past that lies behind, but focused on straining forward to what lies ahead for our future in God's grace.

As we strain forward, we have challenges. The budget we approved depends on \$130,000 for our ongoing ministries and on \$60,000 to support our Capital Reserve Fund from our unrestricted reserves that grew by more than \$1,000,000 in 2013 through bequests that we received. These bequests are an amazing blessing as we strain forward...as we strive to make our financial commitments equal to the financial needs of GCC's ministry and mission. As we strain forward, Sally Thuresson offered us a very specific challenge. She told us that, if we each added six dollars a week to our support of GCC, we would fully support our ministry and mission. Then she said that she would do just that.

As we approach the first anniversary of our ministry together on March 1st, the witness of our meeting and the spirit of this great congregation makes me feel incredibly blessed to serve as your Senior Pastor. Yes, we are straining forward!

Wednesday, March 5th is Ash Wednesday. We will have two opportunities to worship

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WORSHIP SERVICES

MARCH 2, 2014

HOLY COMMUNION
A GLORIFYING CHURCH

10:00 a.m.

Scripture:
Psalm 99, Exodus 24:12-18,
Peter 1:16-2, Matthew 17:1-9,

Sermon:
Rev. Dr. Chuck Mize

MARCH 9, 2014

A COMMITTING CHURCH

Requiem - John Rutter
presented by our
Chancel Choir

MARCH 16, 2014

A LOVING CHURCH

10:00 a.m.

Scripture:
Psalm 121, John 3:1-21

Sermon:
Rev. Dr. Chuck Mize

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at GCC on Ash Wednesday as we begin Lent. Join us in the sanctuary at 7 am or 7 pm. Ash Wednesday is about repentance. Repentance traditionally means feeling sorry about what we have done and been. But the literal meaning of repent is *to turn around*. That means that repentance is fundamentally a decision and a commitment to change: to give our lives more fully to God's will...to serve God's love more faithfully in our world...to strain forward... to be renewed by God's grace. Join us as we receive ashes that represent what has been in the shape of the cross that shapes and guides what shall be.

On February 23rd, we concluded our worship with a great but lesser-known hymn of our faith: Christ of the Upward Way. The first verse is particularly relevant and inspiring for us as we strain forward:

*Christ of the upward way, my Guide divine,
Where Thou hast set Thy feet, may I place mine;
And move and march wherever Thou hast trod,
Keeping face forward up the hill of God.*

How grateful I am for our partnership in Christ's upward way! See you in church!

Chuck Mize

2014 GIVING ENVELOPES

If you requested and have not yet picked up giving envelopes for 2014 they have been moved and are now available for pick-up in the office.

"ALL YOU CAN EAT" PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Boy Scout Troop 156

Saturday, March 1st at 7:30 – 11:30 AM in the Mayflower Room

Don't miss great table service by smiling, uniformed waiters and even umbrella service by door men in the west parking lot of the church. All proceeds from this annual event support the outdoor activities of the Boy Scouts, including camp-outs and summer camp. A donation of \$5 is suggested and tickets are available from any Boy Scout or at the door.

ADULT EDUCATION

**SUNDAY AT 9:00 AM
IN THE FOUNDERS ROOM**

SUNDAY, MARCH 2

Matt Walch, "A PK's Perspective on the UCC." New member Matt Walch shares his "Living Stories" about growing up as a Preacher's Kid in the Pacific Northwest and Ohio and the lessons he learned from his UCC-pastor father about inclusivity within the newly developing United Church of Christ.

SUNDAY, MARCH 9

Clark Ross, GCC member, ordained UCC pastor and long-time member and friend of Adult Education, Clark will present a reprise presentation of his story.

ADULT EDUCATION BOARD has a few remaining copies of Harry Kraemer's book "From Values to Action," which are available for purchase at \$15.00. In addition, for those who were unable to attend Harry's presentation on January 21, we have taped the presentation and burned CDs. A two-disk set is available for \$5.00. Contact Tom Aldrich at 847-846-3294.

COMMON GROUND

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28 AT 7:00 PM
IN THE FOUNDERS ROOM**

John Wasik, "Keynes' Way to Wealth." John Maynard Keynes was not only the world's most famous economist and godfather of the post-World War II economic order, he



was also a terrific investor. John Wasik looked into Keynes' portfolios at Cambridge University and discusses findings from his new book "Keynes' Way to Wealth."

LIFE EVERLASTING

We trust the promise of the resurrection for Scott Huebner's father Donald F. Huebner who died on February 13, even as we hold Scott, Lynette and their family in our prayers... and for Karen Erickson's mother Rose Bilger who died on February 19, even as we hold Karen and her family in our prayers.



DON'T MISS IT!

HEARTS AND HANDS THIS SUNDAY

Come one, come all to the Mayflower Room after the service on March 2nd. You will have a chance to see what our GCC boards and committees are doing. Learn about the many activities happening throughout the year here at GCC. Your volunteering will strengthen our congregation, enrich your life and the lives of others. Come join the fun!

Hosted by the Membership Board.

MEN'S MINISTRY SEMINAR

A Conversation with Reverend Chuck Mize

Chuck Mize will speak with the Men's Ministry about his thoughts on "What does it mean to be a man of faith?" Chuck will draw on his own faith journey by talking about men of faith he has known and how they have influenced him. We are very fortunate for the opportunity to have this conversation about a topic that has been so inspirational to Chuck and challenges all of us in our daily lives. Please consider joining us on Tuesday, March 4, at 7:00 pm. in the Founders Room. Light refreshments will be available.

If you have questions or plan to attend, please contact Dave Aki at dave254@comcast.net so we can have appropriate arrangements for this exciting evening.

A LENTEN JOURNEY WITH ADULT EDUCATION

Adult Ed Board invites you to immerse yourself in a small discussion group as we read and explore together Susan Trott's best-selling book, *The Holy Man*. Four weekly sessions beginning after Ash Wednesday (March 5) and concluding before Palm Sunday (April 13). Sign up for a small group which meets on a day and at a time convenient for you. Registration; March 2 and 9 in the Mayflower Room following worship. FREE BOOKS available for all participants. JOIN US!

CORNERSTONE COMMUNITY OUTREACH

This past Sunday's Mission Moment speaker was Lyda Jackson, Volunteer Coordinator at Cornerstone Community Outreach (CCO.) This not-for profit GCC mission partner was created in 1989 to serve and shelter homeless women and children. Since then, CCO programs have expanded to serve about 500 men, women, seniors, and children daily.

HOW CAN GCC HELP?

Volunteer! Painting projects, organizing the Free Store, serving meals, distributing groceries, are just a few of the opportunities to inbless CCO. Contact Lyda Jackson, CCO Volunteer Coordinator, at lyda@ccolife.org.

Attention Runners! CCO raises funds through sponsorships of runners and walkers in events such as the Shamrock Shuffle, the Chicago Marathon and Half Marathon, and a hunger walk. Sign up at ccolife.org/teamcco.

In kind donations of food and clothing are accepted at 4628 North Clifton Ave, 7 days a week, 8:00 a.m. till 7:00 p.m.

ARE YOU INTERESTED?

The Adult Education Board is considering a Saturday morning and afternoon bus trip to our local places of worship. Arranged and led by Irene Kreer, this tour entitled "Adventures in Worshipful Places" will take place after Easter in late April or early May. The cost, with a separate charge for lunch, will be between \$40 and \$55 depending on how many people sign up. Please express your interest (but not final commitment) to either Tom Amos TomRosalieAA@aol.com or Tom Aldrich thomasaldrich@comcast.net Let's join together for spiritual adventure!

A LISTENING

Going through Lent is a listening.
When we listen to the word,
we hear where we are so
blatantly un-living.
If we listen to the word,
and hallow it into our lives,
we hear how we can so
abundantly live again.
-- Ann Weems *Kneeling in Jerusalem*



GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 18 AT 7:00 PM

Have you ever wondered what would happen if Jesus appeared to us here today in Chicago? Well, Voices of GCC and Primary Choir try to answer that question when they present Godspell Jr. on Good Friday, April 18 at 7:00 p.m. Come hear the well loved score of Stephen Schwartz with songs, "Day by Day", "All Good Gifts," "You are the Light of the World" and many more! Come support our youth singers while they help to lead us in worship through a Good Friday service that you will not forget!



"HOMETOWN" AUCTION

SUNDAY, APRIL 6 , 5:00 - 8:00 PM

Please stop by the Confirmation and Youth Board table this Sunday and sign up for your donation for the first "Hometown" auction raising money for this summer's mission trip to Kansas City, Kansas. We welcome donations of any homemade products; as well as items you think others would bid on. Cash donations are also welcome! A professional auctioneer will lead us in the fun of bidding; so come one, come all to the first "hometown" auction, April 6. See you during Hearts and Hands Sunday.

PYF IN MARCH, SUNDAYS 4-6 PM

MARCH 2 - COOKIE WARS

Cookie decorating competition.

MARCH 7 - 8

PYF Lock In.

MARCH 16 - MISSION PROJECT

Easter Baskets for the food pantry. Please bring a donation of \$10 to cover the costs.

APRIL 6 - HOMETOWN AUCTION

5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Watch for details.

APRIL 13 - PYF MISSION PROJECT

Animal Beds. We will be making beds for an animal shelter.

Questions email pyf.gcc@gmail.com - Hope to see you soon! Elizabeth.



LENT AND EASTER 2014

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL BOOKS
ARE AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE.

SUNDAY LENTEN SERMONS

A Living Church

During Lent we'll strive to grow personally and spiritually by exploring the theme A Living Church. Each Sunday at our 10:00 Worship we will examine an element of this theme to help us grow our relationships with God and with one another.

INDIVIDUAL MEDITATION AND PRAYERS

The Sanctuary will be open during Lent for your spiritual quiet time and reflection Monday through Friday from Noon to 5:00 p.m. beginning March 5, 2014.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDIES

Join Chuck Mize 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 with an in-depth look at the scripture, the sermon, and their relevance to our daily lives.

THURSDAY AFTERNOONS

Come away for a while during these Lenten afternoons to "Listen – Praying in a Noisy World." We'll gather from 1:30-3:00 pm. beginning March 6, Join Rev. Pam Keckler for new thoughts about prayer. Hot tea will be served! Please register with Pam if you wish to participate, as a minimum of 6 people are needed. (847)724-2210 ext 224

ADULT EDUCATION SESSIONS

Each Sunday at 9:00 a.m. in the Founders Room

March 9 Clark Ross. GCC member, ordained UCC pastor will share his story.

March 16 -
April 6 Join John Miller on Sundays, March 16 through April 6 for a small discussion group as we read and explore together Susan Trott's best-selling book, "The Holy Man."

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COMMON GROUND THIS MARCH

JOIN US ON FRIDAY, MARCH 28 – JIM KENNEY, "ONE SUMMER—AMERICA, 1927." What happened that summer? Well, what didn't? Bill Bryson, one of our great storytellers, gives us a word picture of a prosperous American summer.

WORSHIP

ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5

7:00 A.M. & 7:00 P.M. IN THE SANCTUARY

These two introspective and meaningful times of worship offers us the possibility to renew our dedication to the way of Jesus, as it leads us to the agony of the cross, and then to the joy of the empty tomb. We will receive ashes that represent our old lives and God's gracious promise of forgiveness and new life.

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 13

10:00 A.M. IN THE SANCTUARY

Long ago the anonymous and forgotten people of Israel welcomed Jesus to Jerusalem with a raucous parade. They sang, they shouted, they waved palm branches and carpeted Jesus' way with their coats and clothing. Join us as we welcome Jesus to GCC and in our lives in worship with singing, shouting and palms!

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 17

7:00 p.m. In The Sanctuary

We will gather in worship to remember Jesus' Passover meal with His disciples, and how He became our Passover lamb through word and sacrament. The name of the day comes from the Latin word *mandatum*, which means commandment. It is on this night that Jesus gives His disciples a new commandment:

"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."
—John 13:34-35

Join us as we receive and respond to that command.

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 18

2 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. In the Sanctuary

What more appropriate day for us to remember the story of Jesus' life than on this day? We will do that in a worshipful drama as our Voices Children and Youth Choir present **Godspell**. Join us at 7 pm for this moving witness. If you can't come at 7 pm, you are welcome to attend the 2 pm open dress rehearsal.

HOLY SATURDAY – EASTER VIGIL, APRIL 19

7:00 p.m. in the Founders Room

In a service new to the Glenview Community Church, we will keep watch in the twilight between death and resurrection. This meditative service of repentance and forgiveness, hope and anticipation, darkness and light is one of the most beautiful of the whole Christian year. Join us!

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 20

9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. In The Sanctuary

Join us as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord in identical festival services of worship with Holy Communion

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT GCC

THUR	9:00 AM	Resale Shop until 5:00 PM, Plymouth Rm	7:30 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary	
02/27	9:00 AM	GCC Yoga, Narthex	FRI	9:00 AM	The Resale Shop, Plymouth Rm
	11:00 AM	GCC Working Out With Weights, Mayflower Rm	03/07	1:00 PM	Pickleball, Gym
	1:00 PM	Dementia Support Group, Narthex		8:00 PM	AA Meeting, Parlor
	7:30 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary		8:00 PM	Al-Anon Meeting, Rm 201
FRI	9:00 AM	Resale Shop until 1:00 PM, Plymouth Rm	SAT	8:00 AM	Men's Open Gym, Gym
02/28	1:00 PM	Pickleball, Gym	03/08	9:00 AM	The Resale Shop, Plymouth Rm
	7:00 PM	Adult Volleyball, Gym		10:00 AM	Rutter Requiem Dress Rehearsal, Sanctuary
	7:00 PM	Common Ground, Founders Rm	SUN	8:00 AM	Stewardship Board Mtg., Upper Rm
	8:00 PM	AA Meeting, Parlor	03/09	8:45 AM	Open Prayers/Confirmation Classes, Plymouth Rm
	8:00 PM	Al-Anon, Rm 201		9:00 AM	Adult Education Program, Founders Rm
SAT	7:00 AM	BSA 156 Pancake Breakfast, Mayflower Rm		9:15 AM	Primary Choir Rehearsal, Rm 201
03-01	8:00 AM	Men's Open Gym, Gym		10:00 AM	Worship, Sanctuary
	9:00 AM	Resale Shop, Plymouth Rm		11:00 AM	Sunday School, Begins in the Sanctuary
SUN	8:45 AM	Open Prayers/Confirmation, Plymouth Rm		11:15 AM	Fellowship Time, Mayflower Rm
03/02	9:00 AM	Adult Education Program, Founders Rm		11:15 AM	Bell Choir, Bell Rm
	9:15 AM	Primary Choir Rehearsal, Rm 201		11:15 AM	Membership Board Mtg., Library
	10:00 AM	Worship, Sanctuary		3:30 PM	Voices of GCC, Rm 201
	10:00 AM	Sunday School, Sanctuary		5:30 PM	St. Patrick's Pot Luck Dinner, Mayflower Rm
	11:00 AM	Hearts and Hands, Mayflower Rm	MON	9:30 AM	Finding My Spirit, Library
	11:15 AM	Bell Choir Rehearsal, Bell Rm	03/10	1:00 PM	Pickleball, Gym
	3:30 PM	Voices of GCC, Rm 201		6:30 PM	Mission Outreach Board Mtg., Mayflower Rm
	4:00 PM	PYF, Youth Rm		7:00 PM	BSA 156 Patrol Leaders Mtg., Founders Rm
MON	12:00 PM	Called To Care, Founders Rm		7:00 PM	Children's Board Mtg., Youth Rm
03/03	1:00 PM	Pickleball, Gym		7:00 PM	GCC Yoga, Rm 201
	7:00 PM	BSA 156 Committee Mtg., Founders Rm	TUE	8:30 AM	GCC Music and Movement, Cradle Toddler Rm
	7:00 PM	GCC Yoga, Rm 201	03/11	6:45 PM	Sing To Live Rehearsal, Sanctuary
	7:30 PM	CSA 156 Committee Mtg., Rm 213		7:00 PM	Adult Education Board Mtg., Founders Rm
TUE	8:30 AM	GCC Music and Movement, Cradle Toddler Rm		7:00 PM	Pastoral Care Board Mtg., Parlor
03/04	9:00 PM	HOP Mailing, Mayflower Rm		7:00 PM	Service & Sacraments Board Mtg., Rm 210
	6:45 PM	Sing To Live Rehearsals, Sanctuary		7:30 PM	Confirmatin & Youth Board Mtg., Youth Rm
	7:00 PM	WA Presentation - Jenny Riddle Book Review, Mayflower Rm	WED	9:00 AM	GCC Music and Movement, Cradle Toddler Rm
WED	7:00 AM	Ash Wednesday Service, Sanctuary	03/12	9:00 AM	Resale Shop, Plymouth Rm
03/05	9:00 AM	GCC Music and Movement, Cradle Toddler Rm		1:00 PM	Pickleball, Gym
	9:00 AM	Resale Shop, Plymouth Rm		1:00 PM	Weekly Bible Study, Parlor
	1:00 PM	Pickleball, Gym		6:00 PM	PYF Wednesdays, Youth Rm
	1:00 PM	Weekly Bible Study, Parlor		7:00 PM	Bonifontes Boys Choir, Sanctuary
	6:00 PM	PYF Wednesdays, Youth Rm		7:00 PM	BSA 156 Troop, Mayflower Rm & Gym
	7:00 PM	Ash Wednesday Service, Sanctuary		8:00 PM	Venture Crew, Rm 5 and Gym
	7:00 PM	HOP, Mayflower Rm			
	7:00 PM	BSA 156 Troop, Mayflower Rm & Gym			
	8:00 PM	Venture Crew, Rm 5 and Gym			
THU	9:00 AM	Resale Shop, Plymouth Rm			
03/06	9:00 AM	GCC Yoga, Narthex			
	11:00 AM	Working Out With Weights, Mayflower Rm			
	6:30 PM	Voices of GCC Rehearsal, Sanctuary			
	7:00 PM	HOP Operating Mtg., Rm 213			

**THE NEXT DEADLINE FOR THE BROADCASTER IS
MARCH 5, 2014 AT 9:00 AM**

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Monday - Friday
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
August 19, 2013 - June 13, 2014

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COMMUNITY CONCERTS

WEDNESDAY,
MARCH 12
7:00 PM

BONIFANTES BOYS CHOIR

from Pardubice, The Czech Republic will perform on March 12 at 7:00 p.m. The dramaturgy of concerts will offer music of Renaissance, Baroque and Classical masters, a block of European romantic music and music of the 20th century.

GLENVIEW COMMUNITY CHURCH

