



## TRUE TO JESUS

He is a pastoral colleague; a Roman Catholic priest who served two parishes in the Green Bay diocese during my 18 years at Union UCC there. We were acquaintances who respected each other's ministries. Even from a distance I knew that his ministry was genuine, compassionate, courageous, faithful, and humble. A little over a year ago he was appointed to a new parish; one of the most prominent in the diocese. Last week, a friend forwarded a letter that he had written to his parish. Here's a portion of that letter:

*After an unsettled, overwhelming year... it has become clear to me, through the routine and extraordinary events of the parish life, that I do not have the capacity and the skills to lead this 'parish family' forward at this crucial time. I mean that simply as an honest truth: I am not the 'right fit'... This does not disparage the parish, or me. No 'blame' intended; it's just the reality of things. So, at my request, after much prayer, soul-searching, sleeplessness and consultation, the bishop has given me permission to conclude my assignment here on Friday, March 1st.*

I was surprised, even stunned. But then I was filled with admiration for his integrity, and with inspiration for how remarkably he had 'spoken the truth in love.' Here are his concluding words:

*The challenges and opportunities of my ministry in this parish have brought me closer to Jesus, more fervent, faithful, even desperate, in prayer...and finding*

*Him always close by. For that, I am most grateful.*

As difficult and unsettled as his fourteen months of ministry in that parish were, he still felt the Spirit of God at work in him, bringing him closer to Jesus.

Next Wednesday – March 6th – is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. The purpose, promise and power of Lent is to bring us closer to Jesus. Sometimes that happens when we are overwhelmed with the glories and goodness of life. Yet if we only come closer to Jesus in these magnificent experiences, our faith may not be up to the hard realities of life. Thank God our faith is not just for fair weather! Thank God that, even when life is filled with challenges, and difficulties, and heartache, we can come closer to Jesus, just as my pastoral colleague has. As the 23rd Psalm confesses: ***Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me...***

The theme of Lent at GCC this year is **True to Jesus**. Join us as we begin Lent on Ash Wednesday. Join one of the pastors in the sanctuary from 7:00 to 8:00 a.m. for spiritual conversation and the imposition of ashes. At 7:30 p.m. we will gather in the sanctuary for Ash Wednesday worship in the style of Taizé with the imposition of ashes and holy communion.

Then, through the Sundays of Lent, we will unfold our theme as we go deeper into the facets of what being true to Jesus means as we live our lives:

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FEBRUARY 27, 2019

**WORSHIP 10:00 AM**  
**MARCH**

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**TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY**  
**HOLY COMMUNION**

**Scripture:**  
*Luke 9:28-36*

**Sermon:**  
*Visions of Glory*  
Rev. Dr. Chuck Mize

**MARCH**

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**FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT**

**Scripture:**  
*Romans 10:8b-13*  
*Luke 4:1-13*

**Sermon:**  
*True to Jesus in Temptation*  
Rev. Dr. Chuck Mize

**MARCH**

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**SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT**  
*St. Patrick's Day*

**Scripture:**  
*Philippians 3:17-4:1*  
*Luke 13:31-35*

**Sermon:**  
*True to Jesus in Opposition*  
Rev. Dr. Chuck Mize

**We Would Be Building**

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- March 10 True to Jesus in Temptation
- March 17 True to Jesus in Opposition
- March 24 True to Jesus in Repentance
- March 31 True to Jesus in Forgiveness
- April 7 True to Jesus in Lavish Love

My prayer is that, through this theme on Sundays and in many other ways, devoting ourselves to being true to Jesus will bring us closer to Jesus in mind and heart, in word and deed, in love and life. Let's come closer to Jesus, together. See you in church!

Chuck Mize

## SAVE THE NEW DATE!

Back in November, I shared with the congregation my plans as I moved into half-time ministry and asked you to save the date of October 20, 2019 for a time of celebration. Please delete that date! The new date for celebration will be Sunday, November 10, 2019. I am excited to announce that one of my favorite musicians will join us for that weekend and will be with us in worship on that Sunday in November. Mark A. Miller currently serves on the faculty at both the Drew Theological School and the Institute of Sacred Music at Yale University, where he teaches music and worship. Mark is also the Minister of Music at Christ Church UCC in Summit, NJ. We look forward to welcoming him in November. More details to come, but please save the new date! Pam Keckler

## THANK YOU & FAREWELL

For those of you who were not in worship on February 10, I made an announcement about my new future. I have been called to be the Pastor of Trinity United Church of Christ in Deerfield. So, after being a member and serving in various roles in GCC since 1997, I will finally take a permanent leave. Thank you for the opportunity to worship and do ministry along side you for all these years. And blessings as you, too, craft a new way forward.

God's Peace, Rev. Dale Susan Edmonds

## CONSTITUTION WORKING GROUP (CWG)

Please join the CWG in the Sanctuary following the worship service on both March 3 and March 10 to review and discuss the latest recommendations regarding changes to the GCC Interim Constitution and Bylaws. These congregational meetings provide valuable feedback to the CWG as it gets closer to developing a final proposed package of amendments for the congregation to vote on at the May 19 Annual Meeting.

## LENTEN DEVOTIONALS AVAILABLE

Be sure to pick up a Lenten Devotional in the church office or in the lobbies outside the sanctuary. If you would like a copy mailed to you, please contact Rev. Keckler. Lent begins on March 6.

# A BIG THANK YOU!

Many thanks to all of you who baked, bought, and brought cookies for **The Night Ministry**. Elizabeth said that the PYF packaged 2,107 cookies. That's close to 702 packages that can be given to people when leaving the **Night Ministry Bus**. Everyone loves cookies and for some folks, that may be their only food for the day! We have received many thank you letters from **The Night Ministry** - they really appreciate all that Glenview Community Church offers.

## NEW MEMBER SESSION

Are you considering membership at Glenview Community Church? Would you like to learn more about our faith community, the United Church of Christ and our ministries? Join us for an information session to hear what GCC has to offer. Our next session is on Sunday, March 3 at 11:30 am in Room 32 (near the gym). We will officially receive and recognize new members on Sunday, March 10, but look forward to speaking with interested individuals now. Please RSVP to Reverend Pam Keckler, [pam.keckler@gccucc.org](mailto:pam.keckler@gccucc.org), if you plan to attend on March 3. If you're unable to attend but would still like to join the church or have questions, contact one of the ministers.

## ALTAR FLOWERS

What happens to the altar flowers after worship? A person from the Congregational Care Team takes the flowers to one of our homebound members or perhaps to someone who is recovering from surgery, had a recent death in the family, etc. They receive not only the lovely flowers from the service, but also (and even more importantly) a brief visit. Each person on the team visits someone every other month or about 6 times a year. We are always looking for others who might like to join this group of visitors. If you have an interest or would like more details, contact Mary Beth Amoruso at 847-729-6524 or by email: [inkling43mb@gmail.com](mailto:inkling43mb@gmail.com) or speak to Rev. Pam Keckler.

# LENTEN BOOK STUDY GROUPS

This year's Lenten book is **Finding God in a Bag of Groceries: Sharing Food, Discovering Grace** by Laura Lapins Willis. There are sign up sheets in the office and you can go to the GCC website [HOME PAGE](#) and click on the link to sign up on-line.

### GROUPS MEETINGS AND TIMES:

**Tuesdays at 10 a.m.** in the Youth Room with Rev. Elizabeth Hartung-Ciccolini (starts March 5).

**Wednesdays at 4 p.m.** in room 108 with Rev. Chuck Mize (starts March 6).

**Wednesday evenings** at Tom and Karen Aldrich's (starts March 13), and Blanche Hanson will lead one at Covenant Village.

The books are on sale now in the church office and will be available at fellowship time. The cost of the book is \$10.

Event Time	Event Name	Primary Location
<b>Thursday, 28 February 2019</b>		
6:15 PM to 7:20 PM	Joyful Ringers Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	Pack 156 Scouts	Gym
7:30 PM to 9:00 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
<b>Saturday, 02 March 2019</b>		
8:00 AM to 11:30 AM	Mens Open Gym	Gym
<b>Sunday, 03 March 2019</b>		
8:45 AM to 9:50 AM	8th Grade Confirmation Class	Youth Room
10:00 AM to 10:15 AM	Church School Children Meet in Sanctuary	SanctuaryM
10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	GCC Worship Service	Sanctuary
11:05 AM to 11:30 AM	Refreshments and Fellowship	Narthex
11:15 AM to 12:30 PM	Information/Feedback Session with CWG	Sanctuary
11:30 AM to 12:30 PM	New Member Meeting	Room 32
4:00 PM to 5:55 PM	PYF	Youth Room
6:00 PM to 7:00 PM	7th Grade Confirmation Class	Youth Room
<b>Monday, 04 March 2019</b>		
12:30 PM to 1:30 PM	Congregational Life Meeting	Room 32
<b>Tuesday, 05 March 2019</b>		
9:15 AM to 10:00 AM	Music & Movement Class	Cradle/Toddler Room
10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	Lenten Book Series	Room 32
10:15 AM to 11:00 AM	Music & Movement Class	Cradle/Toddler Room
<b>Wednesday, 06 March 2019</b>		
9:15 AM to 10:00 AM	Music & Movement Class	Cradle/Toddler Room
10:15 AM to 11:00 AM	Music & Movement Class	Cradle/Toddler Room
4:00 PM to 5:30 PM	Knitters/Crocheters	Cradle/Toddler Room
4:00 PM to 5:00 PM	Lenten Series	Chapel
4:15 PM to 5:15 PM	FISH	Youth Room
5:30 PM to 7:00 PM	612 Youth Group	Youth Room
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	Properties Team Meeting	Cradle/Toddler Room
7:30 PM to 8:30 PM	Ash Wednesday Service	Sanctuary
<b>Thursday, 07 March 2019</b>		
6:15 PM to 7:20 PM	Joyful Ringers Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	Pack 156 Scouts	Gym
7:30 PM to 9:00 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
<b>Friday, 08 March 2019</b>		
5:00 PM to 9:30 PM	PYF Murder Mystery	Gym
<b>Saturday, 09 March 2019</b>		
8:00 AM to 11:30 AM	Mens Open Gym	Gym
<b>Sunday, 10 March 2019</b>		
8:45 AM to 9:50 AM	8th Grade Confirmation Class	Youth Room
10:00 AM to 10:15 AM	Church School Children Meet in Sanctuary	SanctuaryM
10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	GCC Worship Service	Sanctuary
11:05 AM to 11:30 AM	Refreshments and Fellowship	Narthex
11:15 AM to 12:30 PM	Information/Feedback Session with CWG	Sanctuary
1:30 PM to 3:00 PM	CWG Meeting	Cradle/Toddler Room
3:00 PM to 4:30 PM	Peace Concert	Sanctuary
4:00 PM to 5:55 PM	PYF	Youth Room
6:00 PM to 7:00 PM	7th Grade Confirmation Class	Youth Room
<b>Tuesday, 12 March 2019</b>		
9:15 AM to 10:00 AM	Music & Movement Class	Cradle/Toddler Room
10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	Lenten Book Series	Room 32
10:15 AM to 11:00 AM	Music & Movement Class	Cradle/Toddler Room
6:00 PM to 6:58 PM	Executive Committee	Cradle/Toddler Room
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	Ministry Steering Group Meeting	Gym
<b>Wednesday, 13 March 2019</b>		
9:15 AM to 10:00 AM	Music & Movement Class	Cradle/Toddler Room
10:15 AM to 11:00 AM	Music & Movement Class	Cradle/Toddler Room
4:00 PM to 5:00 PM	Lenten Series	Chapel
4:15 PM to 5:15 PM	FISH	Youth Room
5:30 PM to 7:00 PM	612 Youth Group	Youth Room
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	Womens Assoc Meeting	Cradle/Toddler Room

## GIVING GLIMPSE DECEMBER 2018

Our transition from 2018 to 2019 included saying good bye to our retiring Business Administrator Dale Wittenberg and welcoming Lucinda Fuller as our new Business Administrator. The final results of fiscal year 2018 are extremely favorable, but only through the grace of God: helped along by forward thinking church decisions, Wall Street's bear market, and very generous GCC members and friends. The congregation approved a 2018 operating deficit of \$79,779. We closed the year with an operating SURPLUS of \$8,335. This was achieved despite a pledge fulfillment \$43K below budget. High level details are outlined below and were explained in detail at the Sunday, February 24 Mid-Winter Congregational meeting.

	YTD	Over/(Under)Budget
<b>Pledge Fulfillment</b>	\$ 910,345	(\$42,837)
<b>Other Income</b>	\$ 341,317	\$101,385
<b>Expenses</b>	\$1,243,327	(\$29,567)
<b>Net Total</b>	\$ 8,335	\$ 88,115

**SUMMARY:** We finished 2018 in such a strong position because of remarkable investment income, generous non-pledge contributions, and properties expenses that were \$40K below budget because we experienced no major failures. These favorable elements allowed us to achieve an operating surplus over budget.

For 2019, we need pledges to achieve our goal of \$970,000 and pledge fulfillment to return to expected levels. 2019 is already burdened by three essential, major and costly facility repairs/replacements. We also cannot be assured that non-pledge giving and investment income will remain favorable.

## 2019 GENEROSITY CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Thank you to all who have continued to generously support Glenview Community Church. As of February 1, we have received pledges for \$868,324 from 293 pledgers.

There is always more work to do, more volunteers needed, more money to ask for...

The level of pledges needed to support 2019 salaries, maintenance, programs, and mission is \$970,000. Expenses cannot be reduced any further and we need increased pledge revenue to make up the funding gap. Our faith community is caring and generous. We are asking members and friends of GCC to prayerfully consider pledging to support the annual operating needs of minister and staff salaries, maintenance, programs, and missions.

You do not need a pledge card to communicate a pledge increase. Call or write to the Church Business Administrator, Lucinda Fuller, [lucinda.fuller@gccucc.org](mailto:lucinda.fuller@gccucc.org), (847) 724-2210, or [giving@gccucc.org](mailto:giving@gccucc.org).

**DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT BROADCASTER IS MARCH 6, 2019 BY 9:00 AM**



The **2019 GCC Women's Retreat** will be on April 12–13, starting with dinner Friday night and concluding after dinner on Saturday. We will explore the theme of ***Finding Your Voice*** as we learn about remarkable women in the Bible. Although the retreat is a little shorter this year, there will be plenty of opportunities to enjoy fellowship and faith exploration with the remarkable women of GCC! Details on location and cost will be announced shortly. To RSVP, contact Karen Aldrich: [kaaldrich@comcast.net](mailto:kaaldrich@comcast.net).



As you are cleaning out after the holidays, please consider supporting the **GCC Women's Association Chapter 10 Science Drive** to benefit the school-aged children's program at **Onward House**. **Onward House** serves lower income families and individuals in the community of Belmont Cragin, a neighborhood in northwest Chicago. Specifically they are in need of stickers/labels, masking tape, magnifying glasses, small bags of play sand, containers of varying sizes with lids, magnets, small flashlights, cardstock, ziplock bags, pipe cleaners, dice, straws, corn starch, mixing bowls, spatulas, colorful plastic cups (Solo brand), paint stirrers, small child safe mirrors, food coloring, shaving cream, Q-tips, cushions for seating, beakers, graduated cylinders, plastic wrap, aluminum foil, Borax, peroxide, baking soda, isopropyl alcohol, vinegar, balloons, funnels, salt, skewer sticks, popsicle sticks, conditioner, microfiber towels, glue, cotton balls, timers, and paper towels. Please refer to the flyers hanging around the church building for additional supplies needed. Look for collection boxes by the church office from January 26 through March 3. Please contact Jessica Greve at [grevejess@gmail.com](mailto:grevejess@gmail.com) with any questions. Thank you!

## THE BROADCASTER

Would you like to receive the Broadcaster by email? Just email Tania at [tania.mccarthy@gccucc.org](mailto:tania.mccarthy@gccucc.org) and ask her to add you to the eblast list. You will then also receive a Friday note from Chuck and a weekly update of what's happening at GCC.



Join us for the 7th annual concert exploring the theme of peace, ***"Concert for Peace: The World Is About to Turn"***, on Sunday, March 10, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. Vocalist Jade Maze, singer-songwriter Linda Marie Smith, vocalist Elliot Dvorin, members of the Turkish American Society, members of the GCC Chancel Choir, organist Gary Wendt, violinists Katherine Hughes and Carol Kalvonjian, violist Ray Ostwald, cellist Jill Kaeding, saxophonist Kevin Kizer, pianist Kent Wehman, bassist Ken Haebich and drummer Neal Wehman perform songs about peace in a variety of styles, from traditional to contemporary. Enjoy an accompanying art show, curated by Robin Woodsome. A free-will offering benefits Hands of Peace. Don't miss this exceptional concert!



The **"Hometown" Auction and Chili Cook-off** is coming up on Sunday, April 28, from 5:00- 8:00 p.m. Mark your calendar now for a night of food, fellowship, and fun, all to help raise money for this summer's mission trip to Birmingham, Alabama. We are looking for donations of many kinds, including homemade goodies, catered dinners/parties by you, quilts, sports or theatre tickets, unique experiences, gift certificates, or weekends at vacation homes. Cash donations are always welcome. Donation forms available in the church office or on the website. Contact [karen.ornduff@gmail.com](mailto:karen.ornduff@gmail.com) for questions about donations or the event.

**CALLING ALL CHILI COOKS** - do you have a great chili recipe? Beef, chicken, sausage, vegetarian... we are looking for all types of chili! Contact [stephenisaacs006@gmail.com](mailto:stephenisaacs006@gmail.com), and provide your name and phone number to enter the chili cook-off.

# CHILDREN AND TEEN FAITH FORMATION MINISTRY

**FISH** has been enjoying different activities this month. We discussed prayer and made prayer shawls. This past week the young children practiced playing the bells. The bells were donated from Pam Reidy's collection of items used for the curriculum she wrote. The kids were amazed they could play chords and songs.

Self-Care is an important part of our faith. God calls us to love our neighbors and ourselves. I read more and more about the rise of anxiety and stress among our teens. Much of this is a result of the way communication happens digitally and not in person. We limit the use of technology on Sunday afternoons and the youth assembled care packages for themselves. They included meditation guides, stress relief tips, as well as some sensory items, such as candles and tea.

Church school continues to be a place where children come together and grow their faith. We have a very dedicated group of teachers. Peace, *Elizabeth*

## FISH ON WEDNESDAY



## PYF SUNDAYS & WEDNESDAYS (GCC'S HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP)

PYF meets on Sundays from 4-5:30 p.m. and on Wednesdays from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Sunday's programming is below and on Wednesday we enjoy dinner, time with friends, games and a faith discussion.

### FEBRUARY 27

Serving alongside **The Night Ministry** bus in Uptown. 7-10 p.m.

### MARCH 3

**Topic: Hunger to Make a Difference** 2 Kings 5:1-14, Luke 10:1-12.  
Cooking at Holy Trinity.

### MARCH 8

**Activity** Mystery Dinner and Lock-In at Holy Trinity.

### MARCH 18

**Topic: Hunger for Stuff** Isaiah 1:1, 10-20 Luke 12:32-48.

**Activity** The Joy of Painting.

## FISH ON WEDNESDAY



## THE PUPPET MINISTRY

# 40 Days

## 2019 Lent

## Easter at Glenview Community Church

Lent is the season of preparation for Holy Week and Easter. We prepare our hearts and minds through faith disciplines of worship, prayer, study, fasting and deeds of justice and mercy. Lent is forty days long because Jesus spent forty days in the wilderness before He began His public ministry. Lent's forty days exclude Sundays because, for Christians, Sunday is always a celebration of the resurrection. May the Holy Spirit be at work in your life this Lent as you find your way closer to God.

### WORSHIP TOGETHER

#### ASH WEDNESDAY 7-8 a.m. March 6

The sanctuary will be open for prayer, conversation with one of the pastors, and Imposition of Ashes. Join us for this quiet time of prayer early as you begin your day. A printed devotionals guide will be available for your use.

#### Ash Wednesday 7:30 p.m. Worship

Worship with Holy communion by intinction and Imposition of Ashes.

#### Sunday Lenten Sermons 10:00 a.m.

During the five Sundays of Lent our worship time will reflect on True to Jesus.

March 10 *True to Jesus in Temptation*

March 17 *True to Jesus in Opposition*

March 24 *True to Jesus in Repentance*

March 31 *True to Jesus in Forgiveness*

April 7 *True to Jesus in Lavish Love*

### UCC LENTEN DEVOTIONALS

#### Take Nothing With You

When we enter the spiritual journey of Lent, we often take things with us: our past experiences, our interpretations of scripture, our questions about the world, our struggles in faith. What does an unencumbered journey look like? Let's find out together. Lenten Devotionals are available in the church office and in the narthex and transept lobbies.

### BOOK GROUPS FOR LENT

This year's Lenten book is *Finding God in a Bag of Groceries: Sharing Food, Discovering Grace* by Laura Lapins Willis.

#### REV. ELIZABETH HARTUNG-CICCOLINI

Tuesday 10 a.m. March 5

#### REV. CHUCK MIZE

Wednesday 4 p.m. March 6

#### TOM & KAREN ALDRICH (Their home)

Wednesday 7:30 p.m. March 13

#### BLANCHE HANSON (at Covenant Village)

Time and Date TBD

Please sign up in the church office or contact the leader. Books are available for \$10 in the office.

### CONCERTS at UCC

SUNDAY 3:00 p.m. March 10

*A Concert for Peace*

SATURDAY 7:00 p.m. March 16

*Apollo Chorus Spring Concert*

THURSDAY 7:00 p.m. April 4

University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire  
*Concert Choirs*

SATURDAY 7:30 p.m. April 13

*Sing to Live Spring Concert*

### HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES

Palm Sunday 10:00 a.m. April 14

Procession with the palms

Maundy Thursday 7:30 p.m. April 18

Holy Communion

Good Friday 7:30 p.m. April 19

Fauré Requiem with Chancel Choir and Orchestra.

Holy Saturday 7:30 p.m. April 20

Easter Vigil in the Chapel

EASTER 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. April 21

Communion at both services Chancel Choir, Joyful Ringers, Brass/Timpani

Second Easter 10:00 a.m. April 28

Ain't No Mountain High Enough --

*Messages of Motown*

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Rev. Dr. Pamela Keckler, *Pastor*  
Rev. Elizabeth Hartung-Ciccolini, *Associate Pastor for Youth and Children*

### OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - FRIDAY  
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

### REGULAR CHURCH HOURS

MONDAY AND FRIDAY  
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY  
8:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
SATURDAY  
8:00 a.m. - noon  
SUNDAY  
8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

## *Pondering In Silence*

We never speak so softly that God cannot hear us. We never turn off our hearts so completely that God cannot remind us of what we truly need. --- Maria I. Tirabassi