

Broadcaster

MARCH 15, 2017

WE'RE STILL HERE *Showing up is 80 percent of life.* Marshall Brickman

Recently we asked four vendors to provide GCC with a service proposal. Only one showed up. Doug – my newly-retired seminary classmate and friend – has been busy upgrading his house. He contracted with a big box retailer to install new carpet. The installation was scheduled three times, and three times the installers failed to show up on time or to show up at all. **Showing up is 80 percent of life.** And Marshall Brickman's 80 percent estimate may well be low!

No matter how skilled, gifted and talented a person is, all of those superlatives are diminished without dependability, dedication, persistence, constancy, and reliability... **without showing up.** And **showing up** isn't just essential for our jobs and careers. It matters every bit as much for spouses, parents, friends, community service, commitments, and participation in community organizations, including church. As two old clichés say it: **Talk is cheap!** and **Put your money where your mouth is!** In other words, even when we don't feel like it... even when it's inconvenient...even when something more enticing comes along, **Show up!** Very simply, **showing up** is about integrity.

This year, **showing up** is the theme of GCC's **Concert for Peace.** A number of Januaries ago at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration in the Wisconsin State Capitol Rotunda, one of the grand ladies from the civil rights movement spoke. This is what she said:

**We're still here. We're still here!
We're still here!!!**

Then she began to sing a beautiful freedom song about the unfailing goodness of our God. What a message of persistence, determination, and the joy of constancy! It was

an unforgettable moment.

Concert for Peace is one of the great undiscovered treasures of GCC. It sets the words and spirit of peace to music and song. It is moving. It is inspiring. It is elevating. It is motivating! And it is interfaith. Muslims, Jews and Christians will come together in this concert to embrace and extend our common longing for peace. In addition this year, art will join music in the expression of peace as our friend **Pat Albano** from **Aaron Galleries** right here in Glenview curates an exhibit of peace-themed artistic works. And a free-will offering will benefit **Hands of Peace.** Thank you, **Katherine Hughes**, for creating this concert and for making it happen each year!

This amazing blessing can be yours on Sunday, March 19 at 3:00 p.m. in the GCC sanctuary. So my encouragement to you is to put it on your calendar. Make a commitment to be there. Bring your family members and friends. Or, more succinctly, **show up!** Yes, 80 percent of the work of peace is showing up. Showing up says **We're Still Here!**

And that's my same pastoral urging for you for every time the church gathers. So much of our values have to do with habit. And, so many times, what we do by habit becomes a precious blessing that would have never touched our hearts or enriched our lives if we hadn't shown up. March 19th at 3 pm. Every Sunday morning at 10 am. And special events in addition and in between. Remember, showing up is at least 80 percent of life. So **show up:** for yourself...and, most of all, for God! And I'll see you in church!

Chuck Mize

Worship 10:00 a.m. MARCH

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

19

In Parables:

Little Treasures of Light and Love

Scripture:

Matthew 18:23-35

Sermon:

The Parable of the Unmerciful Servant
Rev. Dr. Chuck Mize

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

26

In Parables:

Little Treasures of Light and Love

Scripture:

Matthew 20:1-16

Sermon:

The Parable of the Laborers in the Vineyard
Rev. Dr. Chuck Mize

APRIL

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

2

In Parables:

Little Treasures of Light and Love

Scripture:

Matthew 25:14-30

Sermon:

The Parable of the Talents
Rev. Dr. Chuck Mize

Alive Together With Christ

the message

SPIRITUAL COUNCIL MEETING REPORT - FEBRUARY 28

*Those of us who walk along this road do so reluctantly.
Lent is not our favorite time of year.*

*Perhaps we're afraid to have time to think, for thoughts come unbidden.
Perhaps we're afraid to face our future knowing our past.*

*Give us the courage, O God, to hear your word and to read our living into it.
Give us the trust to know we're forgiven, and give us the faith to take up our lives and walk.*

Ann Weems, *The Walk, from Kneeling in Jerusalem*

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Nancy Mullarkey, after which Pastor Chuck Mize led us in an opening prayer.

Stewardship Gap. The Council members broke up into small groups and spent 45 minutes developing an action plan to close the \$275,000 shortfall in this year's pledge target of \$1.125 million by the Annual Meeting on May 21. Clergy, church officers and the Spiritual Council are committed to rolling out this plan promptly. The congregation will be challenged to engage in providing the financial resources needed to sustain and support the message, ministries and mission of GCC that we have come to expect. Voting on the 2017 church budget has been deferred until the Annual Meeting.

Highlights of the Pastors' Reports. Pam Keckler reviewed the recent successful visit by UCC President and General Minister Rev. John Dorhauer and the work of our 8th grade confirmands as they prepare for confirmation later this spring. She also announced upcoming Lenten programs, including the Women's Retreat (March 10-12), Book Study Groups (When Breath Becomes Air, by Paul Kalanithi), Bible Study on Jesus' Parables (Wednesdays at 3 p.m.), Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast (March 12), New Member Breakfast (March 19), Peace Concert (March 19), Holy Week Seder, and Children's Musical (Good Friday evening).

Elizabeth Hartung Ciccolini discussed the annual planning meeting held with the

church school teachers and also summarized the regular weekly activities of each group to whom she ministers: 678 Club & POW (Wednesday night fellowship-26 attending), FISH (Wednesday grade school children's program-12 to 18 attending), PYF (Sundays-25 attending), and 12th grade Dinners (Thursdays).

During Chuck Mize's recent two weeks in Florida he met with several GCC members in Naples. He also summarized the upcoming Lenten programs enumerated above.

Committee Reports. The chair, Bob McGee, and members of the Governance Task Force, Debby Fosdick and Shane Bill, gave a 45-minute presentation on the proposed new plan of governance for GCC, including a proposed transition plan and interim Constitution and Bylaws. The purpose of the new governance plan is to simplify the structure of our church governance by reducing the number of elected positions and encouraging more voluntary participation to better carry out GCC's message, ministries and mission. Three educational meetings are scheduled for Sundays during March and a congregational vote on the plan will be held at the Annual Meeting on May 21. Vice Moderator Gretchen Grad discussed the work which the Leadership Committee will undertake to identify and nominate individuals for the five Ministries which will replace the existing 13 Boards under the proposed plan.

Gretchen also reported that Rev. John Dorhauer and a group of UCC leaders recently returned from a visit to Israel/Palestine during which they met with the Hands of Peace Middle East Regional Managers.

Construction Committee chair Nick Peters reported on the progress which his committee is making toward rationalizing the former \$8 million Phase One design concept of the TKWA Architects to accommodate our current budget of \$3.6 million.

Church Employee Healthcare Policy. Past Moderator and PMRC chair Doug Morgan introduced a proposal to modify the healthcare insurance coverage of lay employees. Going forward these employees and their current dependents will continue to be cov-

ered by the church, but any dependents of new employees or additional dependents of current employees will be the responsibility of the employee. After discussion, the proposal was approved.

Pastor Elizabeth led us with a closing prayer and the Lord's Prayer.

Tom Aldrich, At Large Member of Spiritual Council

BE A MEMBER AT GCC

Have you been thinking about officially becoming a part of Glenview Community Church? You are invited to a family/adult breakfast on Sunday morning, March 19 at 8:30 a.m. Childcare will be provided after breakfast as the adults meet with the pastors. Then later that morning, we will receive you into the church at the 10:00 worship. For more details, contact Rev. Pam Keckler.

GIVING GLIMPSE

FEBRUARY 2017

The Message, Ministries and Mission of Glenview Community Church thrive because you fulfill your stewardship commitments and make faithful contributions. It is essential that we remain current in our giving. In the midst of our busy lives, we offer you this update reminder to keep in focus our progress on completing our financial commitments to GCC. This Giving Glimpse will be updated monthly and included in the worship bulletin and Broadcaster.

	Amount Received	Amount* Pledged	Over/Under
February	\$ 45,964	\$ 90,401	-\$44,437
YTD	\$192,465	\$238,095	-\$45,630

NOTE: * The Amount Pledged will be the monthly and YTD pledges budgeted for 2016 until the 2017 budget has been approved by the GCC congregation.

PYF MARCH/APRIL

4:00-6:00

Questions: contact Rev. Elizabeth Hartung-Ciccolini, email elizabeth.ciccolini@gccucc.org, call or text 708-228-4304.

MARCH 19

MISSION PROJECT We will make trail mix for the Night Ministry.

APRIL 2

PYF cooks and eats together.

APRIL 9

GAME ON! We will play a large group game together.

POW-PYF ON WEDNESDAYS 7/8 CLUB

We are working on "Tough Stuff". Dinner will be at 5:30 p.m. followed by fellowship time and ending with some fun Bible discussions.

MUSIC AND MOVEMENT CLASSES – SPRING 2017

If you are looking for something for your younger child/children to do while the older child/children are in preschool, then Music and Movement classes are for you. This is also a class where both your younger children can attend together no matter what their ages.

Our very own GCCNS music teacher, Debbie Berg, will be offering Music and Movement classes beginning the week of April 3 for children ages 9 months – 4 years. Classes will be offered on Tuesdays 9:15-10, 10:15-11 and Wednesdays 9:15-10, 10:15-11, and 11:00-11:45. Classes will be of mixed age and parents or caregivers are required to stay with the child/children. The spring session will last for 6 weeks and end the week of May 22.

Registration forms can be found on the GCCNS and GCC website. Non GCC families are welcome as well, so share the information with your friends from playgroups, library story time, or neighbors.

If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Berg at debbieberg23@gmail.com

CONCERT FOR PEACE

The Simple Gifts Concert Series hosts "Concert for Peace: We're Still Here" which explores the theme of peace Sunday, March 19th, at 3 PM. Violinist Katherine Hughes and a ten-piece instrumental ensemble will perform music about peace in a variety of styles, from traditional to contemporary. Collaborating with these musicians will be representatives of different faith communities: Hazzan Roger Weisberg from Congregation Beth Judea in Long Grove; participants from the Turkish American Society in Mount Prospect, and the Ismaili Jamatkhana in Glenview; and members of the Glenview Community Church Chancel Choir. Also enjoy a post-concert reception hosted by the Music Board featuring a peace-themed art show, curated by Pat Albano from Aaron Galleries in Glenview; and a demonstration of the traditional Turkish art, Ebru. A free-will offering benefits Hands of Peace.

ARISE CHICAGO

Immigrant Worker Issues and Rights

On Sunday, March 26, the Faith in Action Team is pleased to host members of Arise Chicago immediately after the worship service in the Founders Room. Rev. John Thomas and Luke Sullivan will educate us on issues facing immigrant workers in Chicago. They will share stories of difficulties facing ARISE immigrant members as well as recent and pending legislation that seeks to protect their rights. Also, we will learn what we can do in aid of our immigrant neighbors and friends during this time of uncertainty. Grab a cup of coffee and join us in the Founders Room at 11:15.

SPRING INTO YOGA

Monday nights, 7-8 pm, Room 201: 5 sessions, April 10-May 22, no class April 17 (Easter Monday) and May 8
Thursday mornings, 9-10 am, Narthex: 6 sessions, April 13-May 25, no class May 4

Please register by April 7 by contacting Kelly Golding 847-657-1314 or kellygolding@comcast.net

HOMETOWN AUCTION AND CHILI COOK-OFF

The "Hometown" Auction and Chili Cook-off is right around the corner on Sunday, April 23rd, from 5-8pm. Mark your calendar now for a night of food, fellowship, and fun (chili tasting and voting for your favorite!), all to help raise money for this summer's mission trip to Leech Lake, MN. An auctioneer will lead us in the fun of bidding – we already have Cubs tickets, Bears tickets, and "A Day at the Chicago Botanic Gardens"! It's not too late to donate new items for the auction, and cash donations are always welcome. Donation forms available in the church office. Contact karen.ornduff@gmail.com for questions about donations or the event. Calling all chili cooks - do you have a great chili recipe? Contact susan.shute@gmail.com and provide your name and phone number to enter the chili cook-off.

THANK YOU!

The GCC Women's Association Chapter 10 would like to say a big thank you to everyone who helped make our Art & Science drive benefiting Onward House a big success! The children have been using the donated items to do a lot of new and exciting art and science projects as part of the after school program at Onward House. The children and staff at Onward House were very grateful when we dropped off the items. Thanks again. Your generosity is much appreciated!

FOOD WITH FRIENDS

Enjoy a hot meal provided by Glenbrook High School Interact Club in partnership with St. David's Episcopal Church. There is no cost for this meal. It is an opportunity to join your friends and neighbors at St. David's on every third Tuesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. for dinner and fellowship. It is a chance to meet some amazing young people, break bread with your neighbors and feed your body.

Here are the dates:

March 21 and April 18.

St. David's Episcopal Church,
2410 Glenview Road, Glenview, IL
(corner of Glenview Road and Shermer Road)

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

On Wednesday afternoons Rev. Chuck Mize will offer a study of Jesus' parables from 3:00-4:00 p.m. If you're interested please contact Chuck at chuck.mize@gccucc.org, or at 847-724-2210, ext. 222.

BOOK GROUPS FOR LENT

The Adult Education Board and members of Called to Care invite all to participate in small groups as we read and discuss the book that the whole church will be reading this season, ***As Breath Becomes Air***. A New York Times bestseller, it deals with issues of life and death, but especially gives us the opportunity to look deeply at the meaning and purpose of each of our lives. Sign up at church or contact Rev. Pam Keckler to participate. The book is available at church for \$10 donation.

SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES

MARCH 15 - COMMON GROUND

7:00 p.m. ***What Happens Now? Trump & Financial Reality***: John Wasik. In the Chapel. Donation \$10 at the door.

MARCH 26 - ARISE, CHICAGO

We will welcome Rev. John Thomas, Former General Minister and President of the UCC. Rev. Thomas will share a ***Mission Moment*** during worship and then talk to us afterwards about this ministry.

APRIL 16 - EASTER EGG HUNT

On the east lawn after the 9:00 a.m. worship.

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. Daily UCC Lenten devotional guides are available in the church office and in the narthex for your use. Please take one! May the Holy Spirit be at work in your life this Lent as you find your way closer to God.



SUNDAYS DURING LENT

Through the Sundays in Lent we will focus on five parables of Jesus that are only told in the pages of Matthew's gospel. The Theme is In Parables: Little Treasures of Light and Love. Worship 10:00 a.m.

MARCH 19

Third Sunday in Lent
The Parable of the Unmerciful Servant
(Matthew 18:23-35)

3:00 p.m. ***We're Still Here***
Peace Concert and Art Exhibit

MARCH 26

Fourth Sunday in Lent
The Parable of the Laborers in the Vineyard
(Matthew 20:1-16)

APRIL 2

Fifth Sunday in Lent
The Parable of the Talents
(Matthew 25:14-30)
Organ/Piano Duets: Gary Wendt and Elaine Moss, Guest Pianist

HOLY WEEK

APRIL 9- PALM SUNDAY

10:00 a.m. **worship**
Palm Sunday Processional with palms.

APRIL 13- MAUNDY THURSDAY

6:30 p.m. **Seder Meal and worship**
Sponsored by the 8th grade Confirmation Class in the Mayflower Room.

APRIL 14 - GOOD FRIDAY

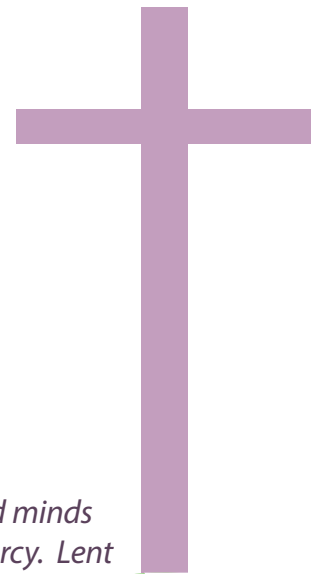
7:30 p.m. - **Children's Musical**
Once Upon A Parable by Pote and Long.
Worship service in song and story.

APRIL 15 - HOLY SATURDAY EASTER VIGIL

7:30 p.m. **in the Chapel.**

APRIL 16 - EASTER SUNDAY

9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. **Festival Easter**
Worship with Holy Communion.



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Event Time	Event Name	Primary Location
Thursday, 16 March 2017		
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
10:00 AM to 11:30 AM	Morning Lenten Book Group	Parlor
5:30 PM to 6:55 PM	12th Grade Dinner	Youth Room
6:15 PM to 7:20 PM	Joyful Ringers Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:45 PM to 8:45 PM	North Suburban Day Care Mtg - CPR	Mayflower
7:00 PM to 8:00 PM	PYF Singers	Youth Room
7:30 PM to 8:30 PM	BSA 156 Troop Mtg	Gym
7:30 PM to 9:00 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Friday, 17 March 2017		
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
8:00 PM to 9:00 PM	AA Meeting	Parlor
8:00 PM to 9:00 PM	AL-ANON	Library

Saturday, 18 March 2017		
8:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Mens Open Gym	Gym
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room

Sunday, 19 March 2017		
10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	Church School Children Meet in Sanctuary	SanctuaryM
10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	Glenview Community Church Worship Service	Sanctuary
11:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Fellowship and Refreshments	Mayflower
11:15 AM to 12:15 PM	Leadership Committee Meeting	Founders
11:15 AM to 12:15 PM	Membership Meeting	Parlor
11:30 AM to 1:00 PM	Proposed Governance Plans-Info/Feedback	Chapel
3:00 PM to 4:30 PM	A Concert for Peace	Sanctuary
4:00 PM to 6:00 PM	PYF	Youth Room
4:30 PM to 5:30 PM	Reception for "A Concert For Peace"	Mayflower

Monday, 20 March 2017		
3:30 PM to 6:00 PM	Confirmation Make Ups	Room 32
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	Evening Lenten Book Group	Library
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM	Spiritual Council Meeting	Mayflower

Tuesday, 21 March 2017		
3:30 PM to 6:00 PM	Confirmation Make Ups	Room 32
6:00 PM to 8:00 PM	Voices of GCC Rehearsal	Room 201

Wednesday, 22 March 2017		
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
3:00 PM to 4:00 PM	Lenten Bible Study	Parlor
4:00 PM to 5:15 PM	FISH	Mayflower
5:30 PM to 7:30 PM	7/8 Club & POW	Mayflower
6:00 PM to 7:15 PM	Bible Study	Parlor

Thursday, 23 March 2017		
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
10:00 AM to 11:30 AM	Morning Lenten Book Group	Parlor
5:30 PM to 6:55 PM	12th Grade Dinner	Youth Room
6:15 PM to 7:20 PM	Joyful Ringer Rehearsal	Bell Room
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	BSA 156 Troop Mtg	Mayflower
7:00 PM to 8:00 PM	PYF Singers	Youth Room
7:30 PM to 9:00 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Friday, 24 March 2017		
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	GCC Volleyball	Gym
8:00 PM to 9:00 PM	AA Meeting	Parlor
8:00 PM to 9:00 PM	AL-ANON	Library

Saturday, 25 March 2017		
8:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Mens Open Gym	Gym
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room

The next Deadline for the Broadcaster is March 22, 2017 at 9:00 AM

Event Time	Event Name	Primary Location
Sunday, 26 March 2017		
10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	Church School Children Meet in Sanctuary	SanctuaryM
10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	Glenview Community Church Worship Service	Sanctuary
11:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Fellowship and Refreshments	Mayflower
11:15 AM to 12:15 PM	FIAT/ARISE	Founders
Wednesday, 29 March 2017		
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
3:00 PM to 4:00 PM	Lenten Bible Study	Parlor
6:00 PM to 7:15 PM	Bible Study	Parlor

REFUGEE ACCOMPANIMENT

Newsletter

Your commitment to faith-inspired welcoming and advocacy for refugees in the USA is especially important in these uncertain times. Presidential Executive Orders during the past month have put policies into place that destroy the current USA refugee resettlement program. Travel and visa bans affect the safety of some of the most vulnerable groups in the world and those assigned for resettlement in our nation. Cutting in half the total number of refugees allowed for resettlement also means that funding support for those already in the US is lost. This is our time to exercise our faith commitments of welcome and well-being.

You Can Act Now:

1. Personally support refugees present in the US now through local Church World Service resettlement offices.
2. Add your voice for welcome. Participate in the advocacy campaign *#WeAreAllAmericans*. Call your national legislators daily. Contact your state and local elected officials. Engagement Toolkit and other resources available from *#GreaterAs1*.
3. Educate your UCC conferences, congregations and all constituents by sharing the "Ecumenical Declaration to Protect Welcome and Restore Hope" released March 3, 2017 by the National Council of Churches and Church World Service.
4. Connect with UCC National Collaborative on Immigration related to intersections with movements against anti-immigrant actions. The recording of the March 2 webinar, "Welcoming Immigrants in the Trump Era," related to the New Sanctuary Movement is available. Please contact Rev. Noel Anderson, UCC Coordinator at nandersen@cwsglobal.org.
5. If you are willing to be contacted by the national UCC news team for public comment on your experience with welcoming refugees, send your name, contact information and congregation name and address to Rev. Mary Schaller Blaufuss, UCC Global Sharing of Resources Team Leader at blaufusm@ucc.org.

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Rev. Dr. Pamela Keckler, *Pastor*

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

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday

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

PONDERING IN SILENCE...

**Awaken to the mystery
of being here and enter
into the immensity of
your own presence.**

*John O'Donohue
(1956-2008)*

