

Broadcaster

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CONGREGATIONAL SIZE AND CHARACTERISTICS

A fascinating area of interest to me is how the characteristics of a congregation are affected by its size. I believe we would agree that the larger the congregation, the greater can be the number and size of its various programs, given that they can receive the staff and fiscal support necessary for them to operate effectively. I believe we would also agree that the larger the congregation, the greater the challenge it faces in engaging and maintaining interactions among people and programs. As a large congregation, we have to be constantly mindful of this challenge as we bring in new members, retrieve members who have become inactive, and retain our members.

In his book, "Sizing Up a Congregation for New Member Ministry," Arlin J. Rothauge describes characteristics of four types of churches based on congregation size, as below:

- The Family Church, with fewer than 50 average attendance at worship, is bound together by emotional ties and a feeling of belonging. It has little anonymity, does little planning, and manages itself by "knowing who to talk to."
- The Pastoral Church, with 50-150 average attendance at worship, is usually bound together by two or three subgroups, with the minister as the hub and involved in almost everything. More people are involved in decision-making than the other three types of churches. Membership inclusion is more easily gained than in the Family Church.
- The Program Church, with 150-350 average attendance at worship, has less unity than the Family Church or the Pastoral Church. Its operation is dependent on the work of boards and committees, and highlighted by delegation of responsibilities. Its ministerial staff has greater

management responsibilities. Its new members tend to join part of the church (entry and assimilation occur in a subgroup); otherwise, they can find entry into the life of the congregation difficult unless guided and supported by "involved" members.

- The Corporate Church, with more than 350 average attendance at worship, embraces effective preaching, the credentials of its leaders, the extent and quality of its facilities, and its reputation in the denomination and community. Its authority is more concentrated. Its senior minister is its symbol of unity, but knows relatively fewer people than occurs in the other three types of churches. This church is more venturesome, and its programs, services, and classes are more diverse than the other three types of churches. Again, its new members tend to join part of the church (entry and assimilation occur in a subgroup); otherwise, they can find entry into the life of the congregation difficult unless guided and supported by "involved" members.

Over the past few years, GCC has experienced substantial declines in attendance at worship and in active membership. Whether we consider it a Program Church or a Corporate Church, GCC is operating quite effectively as a community of faith, in serving its members and the community. Now as we initiate an intensive three-part program - to bring in new members, retrieve members who have become inactive, and retain our members - we will have to make every effort to be an outwardly welcoming and inwardly supporting congregation, where opportunities to receive and serve in the true love of Christian fellowship abound.

Yours in Christ,

Doug

WORSHIP SERVICES

APRIL 15, 2012

8:00 a.m. *A Time for Reflection*
10:00 a.m. *Family Worship*

Scripture:

John 20:19-31, Acts 4:32-35

Sermon:

"Where To?"

Rev. Dr. Doug Busby

APRIL 22, 2012

8:00 a.m. *A Time for Reflection*
10:00 a.m. *Family Worship*

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

presented by: Voices of GCC and Primary Choir; directed by Debby Shellard

Rev. Dr. Pam Keckler

Additional performance

Monday, April 23 at 6:30 p.m.

APRIL 29, 2012

8:00 a.m. *A Time for Reflection*
10:00 a.m. *Family Worship*

Scripture:

John 10:1-16, Acts 4:5-12

Sermon:

"The Good Shepherd"

Rev. Dr. Doug Busby

NEW PROGRAM FORMAT FOR SPRING!

The Adult Education Board announces its program offerings for the remainder of the church year. These programs will be held on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Chapel. The longer format will enable in-depth discussions of interesting and important topics by noted experts. Also, these programs will be advertised and open to the wider Glenview community. There will be a short break about half-way through each program and refreshments will be served.

Wednesday, April 18, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Jerrold Leitner, The Humanity of Jesus. Jerrold Leitner taught English and theology for forty years. The retired English Department chair at St. Viator High School, Mr. Leitner is a popular speaker at Common Ground. In this two-part series, Leitner discusses the historical Jesus and his transformation (and ours) from the human incarnation to the divine Christ. "He asked me if the stories were true. I asked him if it mattered. We broke up. He wanted a place on which to stand. I wanted a place from which to fly." (*David Loy, The World is Made of Stories*)

Wednesday, May 2, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Jerrold Leitner, The Humanity of Jesus (*Part II*).

GCC WALKERS

Our first walk of the year will be the Sunday after Easter, April 15. We will meet at the North GCC parking lot at 12:00 p.m. and car pool to the Ryeson Conservation area. We will take the three mile out loop hike. The condition of the rails essentially very good. This is rainy season, choose your footwear accordingly.

JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT

The Voices of GCC and Primary Choir are eager to share this story with all of you on Sunday, April 22 at the 10:00 a.m. service and again on Monday, April 23 at 6:30 p.m. You won't want to miss seeing Ishmaelites on camels and especially our pint-sized Calypso dancers!

MEN'S MINISTRY SEMINAR

The Men's Ministry will be hosting a seminar by Rev. Dr. Doug Busby on Wednesday, April 25 at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel. Prior to entering the ministry Doug was a physician who was involved in critically assessing a number of new and developing medical technologies. As a result of this research he wrote a number of white papers on his findings for the Medical Technology Industry. The recent past has seen a number of technology breakthroughs that have had a significant impact on the practice of medicine and our quality of life. This is a unique opportunity to hear about a different side of Doug's career journey and his insights into some of these new and future technologies. This is a seminar that will have an interest to everyone.

Please contact Dave Aki at dave254@comcast.net if you have any questions or to sign up as we would like to know if the room is appropriate for the audience size.

60 PLUS SPRING LUNCHEON

April 17 at 12 noon - Mayflower Room

Spring is here, so let's celebrate with good food, friends and fun! Join us for a delicious lunch of homemade soup, fresh bread, and amazing dessert.

Our special program will feature Robert Caldwell president of North Shore Family Care who is also known as "The Fall Guy". Bob will present on ways to prevent falls especially in our own home. He even makes free house calls assessing what you may have in your home that could be a reason for a fall and what you need to change. Don't miss this unique program. Remember, there is no charge for the luncheon and/or program. If you need a ride, please call or email Marilyn Belleau, Advocate Parish Nurse at (847)724-2210 ext 230 marilyn.belleau@gccucc.org.

PASTORAL CARE

A memorial service to honor the life of Edna Lohn will be held at GCC on Saturday, April 21 at 1:00 p.m. Our prayers continue for the family.

REBUILDING TOGETHER GCC WORK DAY

Join the GCC work crew on Saturday, April 28 as we work on this year's Rebuilding Together North Suburban project. This project is open to ages 14 and older and it's a great opportunity for individuals and families alike to help our neighbors. Rebuilding Together works with low-income elderly and families with disabled members who often have no place to turn when the roof begins to leak, the front steps crumble or interior home improvements need to be done. Our goal is to help preserve those homes and neighborhoods and assure a warm, safe and dry home for people in need (www.rebuildingtogethernsc.com).

Sign up right away, as there's only room for 12 on the crew! Please contact Kristine Voelker at (847)-832-0242 or David Aki by email dave254@comcast.net to sign up or for more information. The work day will start at 8:00 a.m. and continue to 4:00 p.m., but you can also sign up to work from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Duties may include painting, yard work, organizing projects, or other things as assigned by the house captain.

CONFIRMATION 7TH GRADERS

Confirmands are to go directly to their classrooms from 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. on April 15. No opening prayers.

8TH GRADERS

You will meet with PYF from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. in the Youth Room on April 15.

678 PARENTS

The next 678 Parent Discussion Group will meet on April 15 beginning at 9:00 a.m. in Room 5. Drop off your Confirmand and then join us! (Our final session will be on May 20.)

PYF SPRING FUN

April 15

Splatter Painting is Back!!! Bring in something to paint. 4:00 p.m. -6:00 p.m. in the Youth Room.

April 22

Service Project: Sack Lunches

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT GCC

THUR	9:00 AM	GCC Yoga, Narthex
4/12	9:00 AM	Resale Shop open until 5:00 PM, Plymouth Rm
	11:00 AM	Countdown to Fitness, Founders Rm
	7:00 PM	BSA 150 Patrol Leaders Council, Parlor
	7:30 PM	Chancel Choir, Sanctuary, Choir Rm
FRI	9:00 AM	Resale Shop open until 1:00 PM, Plymouth Rm
4/13	7:00 PM	Pack 156 Service Fair, Mayflower Rm
	7:00 PM	Volleyball, Gym
	8:00 PM	AA Meeting, Parlor
	8:00 PM	Al-Anon, Rm 201
SAT	9:00 AM	Men's Open Gym, Gym
4/14	9:00 AM	Resale Shop open until 1:00 PM, Plymouth Rm
SUN	8:00 AM	Reflective Worship Service, Transept
4/15	10:00 AM	Community Worship, Sanctuary
	9:00 AM	678 Parents Mtg., Rm 5
	9:00 AM	8th Grade Confirmation Class, Youth Rm
	9:00 AM	7th Grade Confirmation Classes, Various Rms
	9:15 AM	Primary Choir Rehearsal, Rm 201
	10:00 AM	Community Worship, Sanctuary
	10:00 AM	Sunday School Classes, Various Rms
	11:00 AM	Fellowship Hour, Mayflower Rm
	11:15 AM	Fellowship Board Mtg., Rm 213
	11:15 AM	Leadership Mtg., Founders Rm
	11:15 AM	Joyful Ringers Rehearsal, Bell Rm
	3:30 PM	Voices of GCC Rehearsal, Rm 201
	4:00 PM	PYF, Youth Rm
MON	6:00 PM	Voices of GCC Rehearsal, Sanctuary
4/16	7:00 PM	Finance Board, Founders Rm
TUES	12:00 PM	60 Plus Luncheon, Mayflower Rm
	6:30 PM	Sing to Live, Sanctuary
	7:00 PM	Hands of Peace, Parlor
4/17	7:30 PM	Choir Director Search Committee, Library
WED		GCCNS Spring Boutique, Mayflower Rm
4/18	9:00 AM	Resale Shop open until 1:00 PM, Plymouth Rm
	9:30 AM	WA Chapter 20, Parlor
	6:30 PM	BSA 156 Mtg., Mayflower & Gym
	7:00 PM	Adult Ed Presentation, Chapel
	8:00 PM	Venture Crew, Rm 5 and Gym

THUR	9:00 AM	GCC Yoga, Narthex
4/19	9:00 AM	Resale Shop open until 5:00 PM, Plymouth Rm
	11:00 AM	Countdown to Fitness, Founders Rm
	6:30 PM	North Sub. Day Care Assoc., Rm 201
	7:30 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
FRI	9:00 AM	Resale Shop open until 1:00 PM, Plymouth Rm
4/20	5:30 PM	Voices of GCC and Primary Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
	8:00 PM	AA Meeting, Parlor
	8:00 PM	Al-Anon, Rm 201
SAT	9:00 AM	Men's Open Gym, Gym
	9:00 AM	Resale Shop open until 1:00 PM, Plymouth Rm
	9:00 AM	Voices of GCC & Primary Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
4/21	1:00 PM	Memorial - Edna Lohn, Chapel
SUN	8:00 AM	Meditative Worship, Transept
4/22	9:00 AM	Confirmation Opening Prayers, Youth Rm
	9:00 AM	Voices of GCC & Primary Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
	9:15 AM	Confirmation Classes, various rooms
	10:00 AM	Joseph & The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, Sanctuary
	11:00 AM	Fellowship Hour, Mayflower Rm
	11:15 AM	Joyful Ringers, Bell Rm
	3:00 PM	Simple Gifts Concert, Sanctuary
	3:00 PM	Pre Mission Trip Mtg., Mayflower Rm
	4:00 PM	PYF, Youth Rm
MON	9:30 AM	Finding My Spirit, Parlor
4/23	5:45 PM	Voices of GCC Rehearsal, Sanctuary
	6:30 PM	Joseph & The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, Sanctuary
	7:00 PM	Voices of GCC reception, Mayflower Rm
TUES	11:30 AM	WA Chapter 8 Luncheon, Founders Rm
4/24	6:30 PM	Sing to Live Rehearsal, Sanctuary
	6:30 PM	Operating Committee Mtg., Mayflower Rm
	7:00 PM	Executive Board Mtg., Mayflower Rm
	7:30 PM	Choir Dir. Search Com., Founders Rm
WED	9:00 AM	Garden Committee Mtg., Library
4/25	9:00 AM	Resale Shop Open Until 1:00 PM, Plymouth Rm
	6:30 PM	BSA 156 Troop Mtg., Mayflower Rm
	7:00 PM	Men's Ministry Seminar, Chapel
	8:00 PM	Venture Crew, Rm 5 & Gym

**THE NEXT DEADLINE FOR THE
BROADCASTER IS APRIL 18 AT 9:00 AM**



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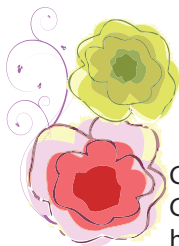
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**GCC NURSERY SCHOOL
2012-2013 REGISTRATION**

Preschool registration is open to all. GCC member and Director Marcia Kiraly, invites you and your children ages 2-5 to visit the school and see a class in action. We are NAEYC accredited and offer a number of enrichment classes in arts, music and early literacy, math and science concepts as well as a story time lunch bunch and Parent's Day Out program. Feel free to visit us at www.gccns.com for more information. Contact Marcia Kiraly, marciak@gccucc.org or (847)729-1440 for information and to schedule a tour of the school! We look forward to seeing you soon!



**GCC ANNUAL
PLANT SALE**

Glenview Community Church Women's Association, Chapter 1 Spring Plant Sale is here. Time to help us beautify our church gardens by buying your flats of flowering annuals, hanging baskets, pots, and herbs from the Women's Association this year.

We even deliver! Deadline for orders is on Sunday, April 15. Pickup and/or Delivery is on Saturday, May 12 between 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Call Sue Hoffmann (847)998-0164 or Jill Ruter (847)729-2368 with questions.

**GCCNS
SPRING
BOUTIQUE**

Glenview Community Church Nursery School will hold its **Annual Spring Boutique**, open to the public, on **Wednesday, April 18** from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. and also evening hours 6:00 p.m. – 9 p.m. The boutique features a wide selection of women and children's apparel, jewelry, handbags, accessories, stationery, toys, home décor and gifts.

For more information, call (847)951-0500 or visit www.gccns.com/springboutique for more details.

