

A Pilgrim's Progress

On March 22, 2009 the congregation adopted our budget for 2009. Included in the budget was a salary reduction item of \$38,382. It was the responsibility of the Ministers and Moderators to determine what staff positions were to be reduced and/or eliminated that would result in approximately \$38,000 in reduced expenses. It was determined that we would eliminate the positions of Administrative Associate, filled by Kathie Mann and Director of Member Engagement, filled by Linda Binaei. It was with deep regret and sadness that I had to communicate this information to these two employees telling them we could no longer afford their services. They were given a two weeks notice, and one month salary as severance. In addition to not seeing Kathie and Linda on a regular basis, we are experiencing the impact of not having them doing the work that all of us had come to depend on and from which the entire congregation benefited. Influencing the decisions regarding what positions to reduce or eliminate, a primary criterion was what tasks being done by staff can be done by volunteers and/or one or more boards.

As a result of this action, adjustments have to be made by all of us. Here are some of the adjustments and ways that you can help. Jane and Tania will share telephone duty. When you call the office, one of them will answer and will assist you. When you come into the office, Jane and Tania will be working in their offices. There is a bell on the counter in the church office with a sign asking you to ring it for assistance. When you ring the bell, Tania or Jane will greet you and assist you. Signs are posted for parents and visitors to the Nursery School directing them to the appropriate place for assistance related to the Nursery School. I am recruiting volunteers to assist with answering the telephone, to greet members and quests who come to the office, and to assist in preparation of church wide mailings. However, it will not be possible to have volunteers present for all business hours. Volunteers will not be able to do some of the tasks that many had come to depend on Kathie to do such copying,

preparing, and collating materials for board meetings and events.

Sally Iberg and I are working with Amy Davis, Chair of the Membership Board to identify individuals or teams to coordinate the various aspects of the work Linda Binaei did for member engagement including new member orientation classes, management of Ambassadors, preparation for visitors for worship services, coordinating bread delivery, identifying visitors from the Friendship Book, preparing visitor letters, managing hugger packet materials, and managing new resident letters. If we are unable to secure enough volunteers to assist with these matters, we will have to determine what is to be done and what is to be left undone. Once again volunteers will not be able to do everything that Linda did such as researching the best venues to advertise; preparing the ads and announcements, and following through to make certain the ads were done correctly. Sally Iberg serves as a resource person to the Membership Board until May 15 when she leaves on sabbatical. She will resume that responsibility when she returns from sabbatical on August 15.

Howard

SIGN UP Spring Small Groups

We have great small groups for the spring. Rev. Pam Keckler will facilitate two small groups on Biblical Women: Mirrors, Models, and Metaphors on four Wednesday mornings (9:30 to 11 a.m.) and Wednesday evenings (7 to 8:30 p.m.) beginning on 4/29. Kelly Golding and Nina Fockens will facilitate a small group using the book, *Three Cups of Tea*, on Thursday evenings from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. beginning on 4/30. Information and registration materials are in the church office.

SUNDAY SERVICES

APRIL 26, 2009

Communion Served at Both Services

8:30 a.m.

Pilgrim Wind Ensemble

Confirmation Sunday

37 eighth graders will be confirmed

10:30 a.m.

Chancel Choir, and Pilgrim

Wind Ensemble

Scripture: Proverbs 22:1-6

Sermon:

"Discerning Gifts"Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts

MAY 3, 2009

Church Music Sunday

8:30 a.m.

Pilgrim Wind Ensemble

Scripture:

Colossians 3:12-17

Sermon:

"Music: One Faith Expression" Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts

10:30 a.m.

Chancel Choir and University of Illinois and

Chicago Choirs

MAY 10, 2009

8:30 a.m.

Voices of GCC

10:30 a.m.

Voices of GCC & Primary Choir

Scripture:

Jeremiah 1:4-10; Timothy 3:14-17

Sermon:

"How We Got The Bible" Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts CMA Annual Spring Meeting

May 2 is the date and Christ Church of Chicago is the location of the Annual Spring Meeting of the Chicago Metropolitan Association. Registration forms are in the church office. If you can attend and are willing to serve as a delegate, please let Dr. Roberts know.



SUNDAY, MAY 17

Mitzvah Day, May 17, is coming soon! In preparation we are collecting items that will help various projects. Please donate any of the following items: hotel toiletries (small soaps, shampoo, conditioner, hand cream, toothbrushes/paste) for health care kits for the homeless, old eye glasses for organizations that distribute glasses to those in need, used printer cartridges that will be recycled, old athletic shoes without metal eyelets (Nike recycles shoes into playground surfaces). Labeled bins for these items will be located near the church office and in the Narthex. Thanks for your help!!

Adult EducationSundays 9:30 am in the Chapel

Ron Miller will present: "The Search for the Historical Jesus" on April 26.

MAY 3

May is Older Americans Month...

In honor of Older Americans Month, Wendy Thornton will share with you the "Good News-Bad News". A story that illustrates how to create a long-range plan to allow an aging parent or spouse to receive care at home and postpone or prevent the need for care in a nursing home.

Ideas, suggestions for future Adult Education programs? E-mail Chris Calandra at ccalandra4@comcast.net

GCC Career Network AN INSIDE TRACK ON RECRUITERS

MONDAY, MAY 4TH

12:00 & 7:00 p.m. in the Plymouth Room guest speakers: Regina Rekus and Jaclyn Laino on *The Inside Track on Recruiters*.

Come learn more about how recruiters search for employees, the different tools they use and pick up some resume and networking tips too. Regina and Jaclyn are Personnel Consultants at Medix Staffing Solutions – a national staffing company specializing in the engineering, environmental, health care, insurance, scientific and IT industries. They will be available afterwards to discuss your resume and any opportunities Medix may have available.

If you are unemployed, returning to work, considering a job change or looking to expand your business network please join us! The GCC Career Network meets every other Monday at 12 p.m. and 7 p.m. for about 1½ hours. We share experiences, resources, job openings, hear speakers and support one another. Members also have access to a Yahoo! Group (http://groups.yahoo.com/group/GCCCareerNetwork) to get resources, share information and be alerted of opportunities. Just show up and bring a friend or neighbor.

Contact Alek & Renee Jablonski at 847-486-1920 or Rev. Pam Keckler at 847-724-2210 for more information.



Our very own Chancel Choir and organist Gary Wendt will be collaborating with the choirs of the University of Illinois at Chicago in both a concert performance and worship service of Maurice Duruflé's enchanting and moving Requiem, Op. 9.

You can hear the concert on Friday, May 1st, 7:30 pm, at St. Francis of Assisi Church, 813 W. Roosevelt Rd. in Chicago. The Requiem will be repeated at Glenview Community Church at the 10:30 service on Sunday, May 3rd. We will have over 100 musicians in our sanctuary singing praises and thanks to God! A special envelope offering for Friends of Music will be gratefully accepted.

Not only is this collaboration a significant educational and spiritual experience for all



Get Your Tickets NOW

A President's First 100 Days THURSDAY APRIL 30 AT 10 AM

A Presentation by JOYCE SCHRAGER. Ms. Schrager is a well known, highly respected and popular current events lecturer. Plan to attend this historical perspective on Presidents first days in the White House. In the aftermath of the presidential election, all are watching and anticipating "change" in this current time of crisis. Joyce, a dynamic speaker, is an expert on past and present political events.

FOLLOWED BY A BUFFET LUNCHEON TICKETS \$15 for the program and luncheon

\$10 for the program only

The Chapter 8 members of GCC Women's Association are sponsoring this Spring program. We think the venue will appeal to both men and women of all ages. Tickets will be sold during fellowship hours and in the church office. If you have any questions, please call Barbara Schwarting at 847-258-5466.

Special Concerst by GARY WENDT, Organist and the CHANCEL CHOIR May 1st & 3rd

the musicians but UIC and GCC additionally share the cost of the orchestra at significant savings for both institutions.

So mark your calendars: Friday, May 1st at 7:30 pm and Sunday, May 3rd at GCC.

See you there! Andy Lewis





SUNDAY, APRIL 26 4:00 p.m.

A festival of hymns and anthems celebrating Easter and The Resurrection through song!

Paul Leddington Wright, guest conductor Tricia Melzer-Swaydrak, soprano

Hymn Fest IV- He is Risen! a festival of grand and glorious hymns and songs of the Easter season will be presented on Sunday, April 26 at 4:00 p.m. in our Sanctuary. Guest Conductor, Paul Leddington Wright (Coventry Cathedral and BBC Songs of Praise) will lead us all in an old fashioned sing-along hymn fest. The GCC Chancel Choir will be joined by choirs from other churches and hundreds of congregational voices singing wonderful hymns both old and new, along with organ, handbells, brass and timpani. It is a FREE concert and open to the public, so mark your calendars and bring your family and friends to join us in this uplifting afternoon of song.



The annual Pancake Breakfast hosted by Boy Scout Troop 156 is scheduled for Saturday, May 9, 2009 in the Mayflower Room of Glenview Community Church located at the corner of Elm Street and Glenview Road. Doors open at 8:00 AM through 11:30 AM.

Tickets are \$5 and available from any Troop 156 Boy Scout or at the door. You can also buy tickets from uniformed Boy Scouts before and after each church service at Glenview Community Church on Sunday, April 26 and May 2.

Proceeds will be used by participating Scouts to attend camping and high adventure trips.

For more information contact Assistant Scoutmaster Jeff Martin evenings at 847-729-0966 or you can e-mail him at jeffwmartin@comcast.net

All are welcome to attend.

Thank you

It's been said that children are the future of the church. Indeed they are the present. Thanks to the many volunteers who supported the children's ministry this Sunday school year, especially the teachers:

8:30 SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Mark and Tracy Sawires

10:30 SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Val Anderson Marcy Blackwelder Diane Christiansen Linda & Audrey Crowder Stephen Isaacs Sarah Koloms Lisa Leger Steve Lochen
Barbara Lochen
Karen Ornduff
Mike Mc Faul
Thekla & Phoebe
Metz
Susan Schroll
Isabelle Uhl

Children's worship assistants: Jim and Kim Yagelski

HANDS OF PEACE

Hands of Peace, the unique interfaith program that brings together American, Israeli and Palestinian teenagers for two weeks of dialogue, friendship and fun each summer in the northern Chicago suburbs, is still accepting applications for participants and host families.

Hands of Peace needs your help!

We're recruiting families to host Israeli and Palestinian teens during the two-week program this summer (7/17/09 -- 8/3/09). If you'd like to get involved, fostering new and very meaningful relationships, please apply today! Whether or not you have a teen or young children at home, we would welcome your application. More information and applications can be found online at www.hands-of-peace.org/host.html. Contact Gail Tatsuda with any questions (847)559-0599. We look forward to hearing from you!



Take a night off cooking and enjoy the catering of Goode n Fresh at the next **GCC Spring BBQ** on MAY 15. Sponsored by the Women's Association, Chapter 11.

Order forms are in this Broadcaster and available in the church office.

Confirmation

STH GRADE

Looking forward to seeing you at the retreat on April 24. Remember to be at the church at 4:15 on Friday. The bus will leave at 4:30.

SUNDAY, APRIL 26

You will be confirmed at the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Please bring your robe and meet in the youth room at 9:30 a.m. Be sure to turn in your robe afterwards.

SUNDAY, MAY 17

Mark your calendar now for PYF open house on Sunday, May 17 from 3:30-5:30 pm.
Come to the youth room and get acquainted with the youth group program and enjoy some snacks. Parents are invited to attend and talk with other PYF parents.

7TH GRADE

Regular class on April 26. Join us for the confirmation service at 10:30.

PYF Stock Sale

It's that time again! Time to support our PYF Youth who are going on workcamp this summer from June 14-19. This year we've chosen to go to a Native American Reservation at Cass Lake in Minnesota. This is sponsored and led by YouthWorks. The youth will do several work projects which may include painting, insulating homes, caulking windows, cleaning, building wheelchair ramps or yard projects. Part of the week is also spent helping at Kids Club, which is a ministry for the community children. Later on we'll be sharing various mission projects or supplies that are desperately needed in this community for the children. The list will be available at coffee hour. Stock sales will continue on Sunday, April 26 and May 3, and conclude on Youth Sunday, May 31. Cost is \$10 a share. The youth look forward to talking to you about their upcoming mission trip. Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

PYF Topics and Events

April 26, 4 – 6 p. m.

"Service to the Church" Join us for the April service project that lets us give back to the church. Wear comfortable clothes.

May 3 Mini Trip to Chicago

We will take the train downtown and head to Millennium Park for a Photo Scavenger Hunt and sight seeing. We will meet at the church at 1:15 p.m. to walk over and catch the 1:39 p.m. train and be back at church by 6:15 p.m. Come and join us for this outing. Fun, snacks and adventure – RSVP would be helpful.

Glenview COMMUNITY CHURCH

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Office Hours

Monday - Friday 8:30 am - 4:30 p.m.

Ministerial Staff

Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts, Senior Minister 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 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
4-23	6:15 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal, Bell Rm
	7:30 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Rm, Sanctuary
Fri	9:00 am	Resale Shop, Plymouth Rm until 1:00 pm
4-24	6:00 pm	NSVYR Volleyball,Gym
	6:00 pm	Cub Scout Pack Night, Mayflower Rm
	6:45 pm	Concert Dress Rehearsal (Bella Voce), Sanctuary
	8:00 pm	AA Mtg., Parlor
	8:00 pm	Al - Anon Meeting, Rm 201
Sat	9:00 am	Resale Shop, Plymouth Rm until 1:00 pm
4-25	9:00 am	Men's Open Gym, Gym
	9:00 am	Hymn Fest Rehearsal, Sanctuary
Sun	8:30 am	Sunday School, Rm 105
4-26	9:30 am	8th Grade Confirmation Sunday Pictures
	9:30 am	7th Grade Confirmation Class, Assigned Rms
	9:30 am	Fellowship Hour, Mayflower Rm
	9:30 am	Adult Education, Chapel
	9:45 am	Primary Choir Rehearsal, Rm 201
	10:30 am	Sunday School Gathering, Rm 201
	11:30 am	Fellowship Hour, Mayflower Rm
	4:00 pm	Hymn Fest IV, Sanctuary
	4:00 pm	GCC Voices Rehearsal, Rm 201
	4:00 pm	PYF Gathering, Youth Rm
MON	9:30 am	Finding My Spirit, Library
4-27	7:00 pm	Personnel Task Force, Rm 201

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Tues	11:30 am	Chapter 8 Meeting, Founders Rm
4-28	6:30 pm	Operating Comm., Mayflower Rm
	7:00 pm	Executive Board Mtg., Mayflower Rm
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4-29		BSA Troop 156, Gym



Pastoral Care

Pearl Hiltz's sister, Leona Liljeholm, died April 12. Please remember Pearl and her family in your prayers.

Margaret Roberts, a member of GCC, died at end of March. Memorial service will be held at GCC on May 30 at 10 a.m. Please remember Margaret's family and friends in your prayers.

Nevin Bowser, a member of GCC, died April 10th. A service was held at GCC on April 16. Please keep her family in your prayers.



Broadcaster Deadline

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