

# **Pilgrims Progress**

One of the advantages of knowing when I will retire is that we have time to say goodbye to each other. When and how we do that varies. There are informal and formal ways as well as individual and collective ways. Since January 23rd I've been hearing from many of you by telephone, email, in person before and after worship, in the hallway, meeting for coffee, breakfast, lunch or dinner, or having a conversation in my office. Time for these opportunities continue until June 30th. In January that seemed like a long time away. Now, that is only a month away.

Richard Blackburn from the Lombard Mennonite Peace Center conducted an exit interview with me. He reported on that interview to the Executive Board on April 26th. If you are interested, copies of his report are available in the church office.

A portion of the worship service on June 26th will be "Ending an Authorized Ministry." It will be a formal way for us to end our relationship as congregation and Senior Minister. Following the worship service on June 26th a celebration of my ministry is being planned. This is a double celebration—celebrating my ministry as your Senior Minister and celebrating my life work as a minister as I am retiring from the called ministry. I may receive invitations from time to time to lead a seminar or a worship service, but I will not serve as a called minister of a congregation.

It is helpful and healthy for us to say goodbye to each other. Every relationship that ends involves a grieving process. The better we grieve the ending of relationships the better we are able to establish new relationships. The better we are able to say goodbye to this relationship as congregation and minister the better we'll be able to say hello to the next relationship—you as a congregation in relationship with a new minister and the better I will be able to say hello to the next phase of my life.

Some things are planned for the future that can be of great help to you as a congregation. Having an Interim Minister will be very valuable. The Interim Minister will guide you through a time of transition and help your prepare to welcome a new Senior Minister. Also during this interim time you are going to be working with the Interim Minister, who may utilize outside resources to guide you in developing skills to be a healthy congregation. The healthier a congregation is; the stronger and farther reaching its ministry can be.

The month of July will be a significant time for me as I transition to a new phase of life. It is a month of vacation but this will be a different kind of vacation. I am vacating my work and role as a called minister. Provided we have been able to sell our house by July, Peggy and I will be relocating to our new home in The Villages, FL. Then, we will be adjusting to a new schedule, a new life style with new opportunities and schedules. We will travel. There are some places in the world that we want to go that we now will have time to do. We will have more flexibility to visit our children and grandchildren. We will continue daily exercise but golf, pickle ball, and other outside activities will be added to our routine. If we have not sold our house by July, we will have to make a different adjustment.

As we say good bye to each other, all of us are in transition. We are adjusting to change in our lives. The adjustments we make in this transition will help us in the next transition we must make. And there will be other transitions. There is a sense in which we are continually in transition, much like the trapeze artist who turns loose of one bar and reaches for another. And that moment between bars is a leap of faith, confident that the leaving of one place has provided the resources and responses needed to take hold of a new place. May it be so for all of us.

Howard

## WORSHIP SERVICES

# MAY 15, 2011 YOUTH SUNDAY

9:30 a.m.

Special music by Youth & Liturgical

Dancers

#### Theme:

"Many Rooms – One Church"

#### **Sermons:**

by High School Seniors Ned Ruter Dan Baddeloo Vince Gabuzzi

Elizabeth Hartung-Ciccolini Director of Youth Ministries

#### MAY 22, 2011

9:30 a.m.

Chancel Choir and Joyful Ringers

#### **Scripture:**

Habakkuk 1:1-17, 2 Corinthians 4:1-15

#### Sermon:

"Life in the Rough"
Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts

#### MAY 29, 2011

9:30 a.m.

Chancel Choir

#### **Scripture:**

Genesis 12:1-9, Matthew 4:12-22

#### Sermon:

"Minor Influences, Major Choices" Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts

#### **Position Available**

Applications are being received for the position of Administrative Assistant to the Senior Minister. This is a crucial position for the ongoing ministry of the church. The person in this position assists the Senior Minister with the ongoing daily operation of the church office. This person will work closely with the Senior Minister and the Church Clerk in maintaining membership records, will schedule baptisms, weddings, funerals, and memorial services and will prepare bulletins for worship services and memorial services. This person also works with the Moderator in preparing packets for the monthly Executive Board Meetings and packets for Congregational Meetings.

Specific qualifications include: ability to work well as a member of a team, excellent writing and communication skills including editorial and proofreading skills, skilled in using Microsoft Word, Publisher, Excel and others as needed, strong interpersonal, organization and communication skills, attention to detail and ability to produce quality deliverables within a fixed schedule, and demonstrates ability to manage multiple tasks and needs.

The goal is to select the person for this position in time for the new assistant to work closely with Jane Payne prior to Jane's retirement on August 31, 2011. Applicants should send a resume' and cover letter to the attention of Lloyd Bettis, Moderator, Glenview Community Church, 1000 Elm Street, Glenview, IL.

# ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Glenview Community Church's Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 24, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. in the Mayflower Room. The purpose of the meeting will be to receive nominations and elect the Moderator, Vice-Moderator, and board members and to receive the annual reports of the leadership. There will be updates on current issues, including the Interim Minister search, bringing in a facilitator/coach/mediator during transition, the Senior Minister search and worship planning.

This notice constitutes the official call to meeting. All members of the church are urged to be present.

#### **LECTIO DIVINA**

Incorporate prayer into your life. Scripture readings combine with short meditation to discern God's voice. Thursday, May 12, 9:30-11:00 AM, Room 5 Facilitated by Marilyn Belleau, Parish Nurse.

# **Bridge Marathon**

The Women's Association sponsored Bridge Marathon is holding their annual end of the year awards and luncheon on Thursday, May 12th in the Mayflower Room at 11:30 a.m.

Corinne Spaulding , Chairman

# **Adult Education Program**

**May 15** - Please join us for an Adult Education seminar at 10:45 a.m. in the Chapel.

# THE PRESENTATION WILL BE: Illinois Powers of Attorney for Property and Health Care

Attorneys Per Hanson, Jason Ornduff and Sally Sargent will discuss Illinois powers of attorney, including recent changes in the law, the importance of powers of attorney and decisions to make in creating powers of attorney.



# **Calling All Walkers**

Our walk this month will be on Sunday, May 15th. We will meet in the north parking lot at 11:45 a.m., after the 9:30 a.m. service. We'll car pool to the Techny Conservation Basin parking lot off Westleigh Drive, just west of Heatherfield.

If you are coming from Waukegan Road and going west on Willow Road, Westleigh Drive is the first street left (south), at the traffic light. Turn right into the lot.

For more information call Pieter at (847)205-9916. All walkers are welcome even if you haven't walked with us before.

## **Support Group**

Women who have experienced breast cancer in their lives are invited to a gathering at GCC on Wednesday evening, May 25 at 7:00 pm. We will be finished at 8 pm. The purpose is to come together and share experiences, resources, support or just listen among friends. Marilyn Belleau and Rev. Pam Keckler will facilitate our time.



## 60 Plus Luncheon

#### May 17 at 12 noon in the Mayflower Room

Join other GCC members and friends for our "end of the season" 60 Plus Luncheon which will be a celebration of Spring.

Our guest speaker will be Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts who will share personal stories and reflections in "An Overview of Life As A Minister". Don't miss this enjoyable presentation.

Barb Thewis, our famous chef, will again help us remember this time of the year with beautiful decorations, an amazing spring soup, and delicious dessert. What an enjoyable way to spend an afternoon! Mark your calendar NOW and bring a friend.

Need a ride? Call Marilyn Belleau, Parish Nurse at (847)724-2210 ext. 30.

# Sing to Live CHORUS Jazz and More

Join us for a Simple Gifts Concert "*Sing To Live*" on Sunday, June 12, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. Admission is \$10.00 at the door.

The *Sing to Live Community Chorus* provides complimentary concert tickets to breast cancer survivors as part of its mission to provide the gift of music to the breast cancer community.

## Sing with Us, Volunteer or Donate

For more information please visit their website at www.singtolive.org or email them at info@signtolive.org or call (773)250-SING.

Sing to Live is an Illinois Not-for Profit Organization.



# Pastoral Care

Our sympathy and prayers for the family and friends of Jennifer Helgren, GCC Facility Manager, on the death of her mother Gretchen Cummins who died on May 8, 2011. A memorial service will be held on May 21 at Marsh Funeral Home, 305 North Cemetery Road, Gurnee, IL 60031 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Our prayers for the family of Ed Biesenthal who died on May 2, at Brandel Nursing Home.



#### **God Bless America**

To honor the men and women of the military who have served our country both here and abroad, the 4th annual Memorial Day concert "God Bless America—For Those Who Gave Their All" will be presented on Sunday, May 29 at 3:00 p.m. at the Glenview Community Church, 1000 Elm Street, Glenview.

The Navy Band Great Lakes Brass Ambassadors will bring special honor to the program. The concert is **FREE** and open to the public and we invite all people of the community to honor the brave men and women who have given their lives in service to this country. It's an appropriate and wonderful way to begin the holiday weekend, so, turn off the grill and come over to remember those who've served. For information call (847)724-2210.

## SAVE THE DATE! Sunday, June 26

Join the congregation as we commemorate Howard's retirement from the ministry with a special Service of Celebration (to follow the regular 9:30 a.m. worship service).

Donations are being collected to purchase a gift of appreciation and can be sent to the church office (please note: "minister retirement gift" on your check). **Funds are requested by May 15.** 

Please help us celebrate Howard's contributions to GCC and his lifetime of ministry

Thank you!

**Celebration Committee:** Scott Brady, John Demler, John Estey, Dick Gottfred, Gretchen Grad, and Barbara Pollak

#### **PYF**

Youth Sunday is here! We will be conducting the worship service on Sunday, May 15. Our theme is Many Rooms:One Church. On Friday night, May 13, we will have a dinner at 5:00 p.m. followed by a practice from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

## **Sunday School**

Sunday school classes will be in session on May 15. Cradle Toddler room will also be available during the worship service.

May 22 will be family Worship.

# Prayers of the 8th Grade Confirmands

Dear God, thank you for blessing us with this day. Whether it be our last or our first, please bless us in our next step in life.

Help us to understand Jesus' miracle that there is an abundance of food. And that we need only to share it. Help us to open our arms to our neighbor and share graciously.

Thanks for helping me do things I wouldn't have done before.

I pray that opportunity will never weaken or falter.

I hope that I can change the world by helping others.

Please help me see all of the right paths to take in my life and always be there for me when I make wrong decisions.

Pray for those who have lost loved ones, friends, mentors, family.

I pray that now I can have a new and clearer perspective on the world and my

I pray for countries around us with devastation and needs.

I pray that I can find the strength to do what I really want in life – to get the best out of everything and not settle for just okay.

I know for as long as I am alive, and beyond, that God will be with me.

Amen.

#### **Confirmation**

#### **7TH GRADE**

7th Grade Confirmation: Join us for Youth Sunday worship on May 15 at 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary. This is your last class time until fall. Please turn in any reports to Rev. Keckler on that Sunday.

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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

**DIRECTORS:** 

Marilyn Belleau, RN, Health Ministry Kathy Lifton, Children's Ministry Elizabeth Hartung-Ciccolini, Youth Ministry Debby Shellard, Children's Choirs Gary Wendt, Organist, Instrumental Music Andrew Lewis, Music

**A**FFILIATES:

**Marcia Kiraly,** Director, GCC Nursery School **Barbara Thewis,** Manager, Resale Shop

# **Return Service Requested**

#### At A Glance

THRS 5/12 9:00 am Resale Shop open until 5:00 pm, Plymouth Rm

9:30 pm Lectio Divina, Rm 5

11:30 am GCC Bridge Marathon, Mayflower Rm

6:30 pm PMRC, Rm 210

7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

FRI 5/13 9:00 am Resale Shop open until 1:00 pm, Plymouth Rm

11:30 am Daisy Girl Scouts, Founders Rm & Rm 8

 $5:00\ pm\ PYF\ Youth\ Sunday\ Rehearsal,\ Sanctuary$ 

8:00 pm AA Mtg., Parlor 8:00 pm Al-Anon Mtg., Rm 201

SAT 5/14 8:00 am Scout Master Mtg., Founders Rm

9:00 am Resale Shop open until 1:00 pm, Plymouth Rm

9:00 am Men's Open Gym, Gym

SUN 5/15 8:30 am Membership Board Mtg., Parlor

9:30 am Worship Service, Sanctuary

9:30 am 7th Grade Confirmation in Worship Service

9:30 am Sunday School, various rms

10:30 am Fellowship Hour, Mayflower Rm

10:30 am Fellowship Board Mtg., Rm 213

10:45 am Adult Education, Chapel

10:45 am Joyful Ringers Rehearsal, Bell Rm

10:45 am Leadership Committee, Founders Rm

6:00 pm Voices of GCC & Primary Choir Dinner, Mayflower Rm

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8:00 pm Venture Crew, Rm 210 & Gym

6:00 pm PYF Small Group, Youth Rm

7:00 pm Pilgrim Wind Ensemble, Sanctuary 7:00 pm BSA 156 Troop Mtg, Gym & Mayflower Rm

9:30 am Finding My Spirit, Library

7:00 pm Core Fusion Class, Gym

9:15 am Chapter 11 Mtg., Parlor

9:30 am Chapter 20, Chapel

TUE 5/17 12:00 pm 60 Plus Luncheon, Mayflower Rm

7:00 pm BSA 156 Committee Mtg., Founders Rm

7:00 pm Executive Board Mtg., Mayflower Rm

MON 5/16

WED 5/18

#### **Broadcaster Deadlines:**

Submit articles by 9:00 a.m., Wednesday to Tania McCarthy via e-mail at <u>tania.mccarthy@gccucc.org.</u>