

# Broadcaster

May 19, 2010

## Pilgrim's Progress

There may be no more cherished human arrangement than the family. Some would die for their families or even kill for their families. In many places, families become clans and to offend a member of an extended family is to offend the whole clan. People will come to the defense of their family no matter what the circumstances or evidence. The feud through the generations of the Hatfields and the McCoy's in Kentucky may have become legendary, but there is a residue of that attitude in many families.

"Family values" is a popular sound bite. While family relationships are significant in our lives and contribute greatly to who we are, there is tendency in our culture to idolize family, at least what is perceived as the most prevalent constellation of family. The tendency of culture and congregations has been to define family as a father, a mother, and one and a half children. This definition omits people who have divorced. It omits blended families, single parent families, singles, committed partners, and friends who are mutually supportive and closer than any blood relatives ever thought of being. This approach omits seeing communal living as family. It does not consider significant others and unmarried people who live under the same roof as family. A much better and more expansive definition of family is: the circle of people who love you.

The church often is praised as helping the family. Churches have "Family Night Suppers" and build Family Life Centers. Congregations often seek to involve more people by advertising that they are a "Family Church." As we learn more about family life and hear from people whose family experiences have been a mixture of joy and pain, achievement and struggle, we discover that family is not only a source of our greatest gifts, but also of our greatest damage. We have a tendency to expect and want the family to do everything for us, to bear too much moral and spiritual weight and to be all things to us. Families crack

under the strain. Part of the reason for the family cracking is that we have too narrow of a definition of family. The culture and the church often are cohorts in "crime" as they load up the nuclear family with expectations that this nucleus of three or four or five people is to be everything and provide everything that those within the nuclear family need. If we ever knew, we have forgotten how ambiguous the early church was about family. We have sought to make heaven over in our image and sing "may the circle be unbroken," forgetting that for Jesus the whole structure of relationship with God is quite different from our understanding of family. Jesus said all are brothers and sisters to each other because all are created by God. This approach cuts across all bloodlines and suggests faith is thicker than blood or water.

It is a mistake to describe a congregation as "church family" because it sets people up to expect the church to do for them everything their family did or did not do for them. The term "faith community" is much more appropriate and accurate. It is our faith in God that we hold in common as a congregation rather than a common definition of family. Let the church be a counter cultural movement when it comes to family. Let the church help parents reassure their children that all the hopes, dreams, and aspirations the parents have are not resting on the child. The church can help adult, youth, and children recognize that the community of faith is a resource center for all of our lives and there are people in the church who are related to us by faith but not by blood who will help guard and guide us through life.

*Howard*

Summer Sunday  
school will  
begin June 6

## WORSHIP SERVICES

### MAY 23 - PENTECOST SUNDAY

8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.

**Scripture:**

1 Corinthians 12:4-13, Acts 2:1-21

**Chancel Choir Presents**

**Mozart's Mass In  
C Major, K.317  
"Coronation"**

**PENTECOST SUNDAY**

**Children & Family Worship**

10:30

Plymouth Room

### MAY 30

**SUMMER WORSHIP BEGINS**

9:30 a.m.

**Chancel Choir**

**Scripture:**

Psalms 8; John 14:15-27,  
John 16:12-15

**Sermon:**

"Waiting on the Truth"  
Rev. Dr. Pamela Keckler

### JUNE 6

**Baccalaureate Sunday  
Communion**

9:30 a.m.

**Chancel Choir**

**Scripture:**

1 Kings 3:3-15, Matthew 7:21-29

**Sermon:**

"Decisions, Decisions"  
Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts

# ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

In accordance with the Constitution of the Glenview Community Church and by a vote of the Executive Board, the Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 25, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting will be to receive nominations and elect the Moderator, Vice-Moderator, and board members and receive the annual reports of the leadership. A congregational vote will be taken on whether or not to adopt the proposed GCC Open and Affirming (ONA) statement previously approved by the Executive Board and the UCC and declare our congregation as Open and Affirming.

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

Beryl B. Bills, Church Clerk

## Open and Affirming Congregational Vote

At the GCC Annual Meeting May 25, a congregational vote will be taken on whether or not to adopt the proposed GCC Open and Affirming (ONA) statement previously approved by the Executive Board and the UCC and declare our congregation as Open and Affirming.

## UPDATE THE DIRECTORY

Please check out the current directory and see if your information is correct and give us changes for the 2010 edition. If you want your cell phone included, please add. You can call or email Jane Payne (847)724-2210 or [jane.payne@gccucc.org](mailto:jane.payne@gccucc.org) or drop off a form in the office. Forms are available in the office, narthex or in the pews. Deadline is June 1st.

## GREAT BARGAINS

The Resale Shop 50% off sale starts on Saturday, May 22 through Friday, June 4. Come in and check out the merchandise and the social service agencies that sales benefit.



## You Can Make A Difference!

Join our growing team of volunteers helping to make our first ever Rummage Sale a big success! Not only will helping out be fun—we know how to have fun—but your help will help us raise more money for GCC and support all the great work of our people, programs and mission of our church. Join in for a few hours or more. Contact: Margaret Lutz at (847)998-8179, [lutz106@comcast.net](mailto:lutz106@comcast.net) or Tracy Sawires (847)832-0063, [esnstsms@hotmail.com](mailto:esnstsms@hotmail.com).

## OPPORTUNITIES TO VOLUNTEER

CONSIDER JOINING AN USHER TEAM. The Services and Sacraments Board is looking for volunteers to join one of our usher teams. There are openings on teams for either the early or late service. This is a rewarding opportunity where your enthusiasm and helpful attitude will enhance the worship experience of church members as well as visitors. With a five team rotation, your commitment is about once every five weeks. Catch the spirit of volunteering by serving your church as an usher.

To join an usher team or if you have any questions, please email David Aki [dave254@comcast.net](mailto:dave254@comcast.net).

## Financial Summary

A Year-to-Date summary as of April 30, 2010:

Pledges received to date (through April 2010):

**Pledges Made - \$971,284**

Payments received against the Pledges made:

**Pledges Paid - \$336,185**

Total Revenues received (including Pledges Paid):

**Total Revenues - \$421,413**

Total Actual Expenses paid:

**Total Expenditures - \$361,435**

Respectfully submitted  
Rob Hevey  
Treasurer

## June Book Club- NEW!

### PERSONAL AND SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Would you like to spend some time in June reading a book with a group from GCC and discussing it together? Rev. Keckler has read almost 50 books since January and would like to share some of her favorites, as well as read a book together during that month. We'll meet on Wednesday mornings, June 2, 9, 16, and 23 from 10-11:30 a.m. in room 5.

If you have an interest, please contact Rev. Pam Keckler for more details at [pam.keckler@gccucc.org](mailto:pam.keckler@gccucc.org) or call (847)724-2210, Ext. 24.

If enough people want an evening group we'll schedule that as well. Here's to great reading for personal and spiritual growth!



May 23, 2010

The Women's Association invites all ladies aged 5 years and older to don their tea party finery and enjoy conversation and a traditional English tea with new and longtime friends on Sunday, May 23rd at 2:30 p.m. in the Mayflower Room. The cost is \$10 per person and reservations will be taken by C.J. Sultz, 1570 Bluestem Lane, Glenview, 60026. There will be special entertainment, door prizes, good food, and fellowship, so sign up soon and bring a friend, neighbor, or family member!

## Pastoral Care

Please keep in your prayers and thoughts family and friends of Helen Grieve who died on May 9, 2010 and also for Robert "Bob" Johnson, former member, who died on April 24, 2010.





## God Bless America Concert - MAY 30

To honor the men and women of the military who have served our country both here and abroad, the 3rd annual concert "God Bless America—For Those Who Gave Their All" will be presented on Sunday, May 30th at 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Once again, the Navy Band Great Lakes will join Tricia Melzer-Swaydrak and friends and 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 our "Valiant Heroes." The Jos. M. Sesterhenn American Legion Post 166 and U.S. Navy League, Glenview Council, encourage the community to come and participate. It's a great way to begin the holiday weekend, so, turn off the grill, grab your friends and neighbors and come over to say "thanks" to our area veterans! For information call (847)724-2210.

## GCC Career Network

**JOB LOSS-A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE**-Monday, May 24 @ 12:00 noon Plymouth Room  
Presented by Grey Harnyak, MA Counseling Psychology/Marriage and Family, Career Outplacement

*Re-frame your perspective on the job loss and search process.*

This session features a DVD presentation with Col. Ed Hubbard, a former Air Force pilot and Vietnam POW imprisoned in Hanoi for 6 years. While talking about his experiences, Col Hubbard reveals what he learned about the human potential as he and others coped with isolation and the loss of freedom.

An interactive group session, facilitated by Greg Harnyak, follows. Harnyak's background includes 25 years of corporate outplacement and staffing experience along with a MA in Counseling Psychology and a STM in Marriage and Family Therapy.

Contact Alek Jablonski at (847)922-6870 or by email at [ajablonski03@hotmail.com](mailto:ajablonski03@hotmail.com) or Rev. Pam Keckler (847)724-2210 x24 or email [pam.keckler@gccucc.org](mailto:pam.keckler@gccucc.org) for more information.

## Sunday School

**MAY 23, 10:30 A.M.**

Share Pentecost Sunday together as a family as we celebrate the birthday of the Church! Color for the day is Red, so feel free to wear something red if you wish. Parents are invited to share in our worship together in the Plymouth Room, fun activities, and refreshments following worship. Watch your emails for more details. Participants are asked to bring a picnic blanket or beach towel for floor seating.

There is no Sunday School on May 30, but there will be a children's sermon during the 9:30 a.m. worship service as well as books and activity pages for children. Summer Sunday school will begin on June 6 at 9:30 a.m.

## Confirmation

**7TH GRADE**

Would you like to get a head start on your service projects for next year? You can help set up for the rummage sale in June. Contact Rev. Keckler if interested.

## Parents of 6th Graders

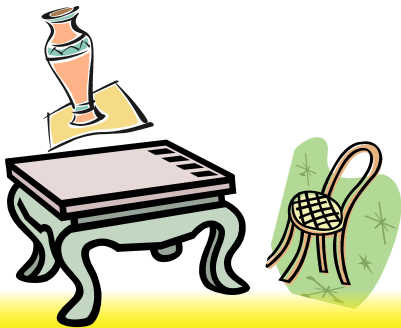
You should have received a letter and registration form in the mail for 7th grade Confirmation class next fall. If not, there are extra forms in the church office. Contact Rev. Keckler if you have any questions at (847)724-2210, Ext. 24.

## High School Graduating Seniors

All graduating high school seniors and their families are invited to a Baccalaureate coffee on Sunday morning, June 6 from 8:30. - 9:15. You may come any time to the Youth Room for refreshments and a time of fellowship. Seniors will robe for the worship service at 9:30. We look forward to greeting you.



# Tired of Having



# Things Lay Around?

Too many old clothes, household goods, knick-knacks, and more? Drop it off at GCC for our inaugural Rummage Sale and get a tax deduction. Someone will help you unload at the Storage Container in the West parking lot every Sunday morning from 9:00 - Noon.



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## Office Hours

Monday - Friday

8:30 a.m. - 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, *Adult Choir*

## Affiliates:

Marcia Kiraly, *Director, GCC Nursery School*

Barbara Thewis, *Manager, Resale Shop*

## At A Glance

Thur 5-20	9:00 am 2:00 pm 7:30 pm	Resale Shop open until 5:00 p.m., Plymouth Rm Memorial - Greive, Sanctuary Chancel Choir, Sanctuary	Mon 5-24	9:30 am 12:00 pm	Finding My Spirit, Library GCC Networking, Plymouth Rm
Fri 5-21	9:00 am 7:00 pm 8:00 pm 8:00 pm	Resale Shop open until 1:00 p.m., Plymouth Rm NSYAR Volleyball, Gym AA, Parlor Al-Anon, Rm 201	Tue 5-25	7:00 pm	Annul Congregational Mtg., Mayflower Rm
Sat 5-22	9:00 am 9:00 am	Resale Shop open until 1:00 p.m., Plymouth Rm Choir & Orchestra Rehearsal, Sanctuary & Choir Rm	Wed 5-26	9:00 am 7:00 pm 8:00 pm	Resale Shop until 1:00 p.m., Plymouth Rm BSA 156 Courts of Honor, Mayflower & Gym Venture Crew, Rm 210
Sun 5-23	8:30 am 9:15 am 9:30 am 10:30 am 11:30 am 11:30 am 2:30 pm	Worship Service, Sanctuary Fellowship Hour, Mayflower Rm Stewardship Mtg., Library Worship Service, Sanctuary Fellowship Hour, Mayflower Rm WA Chapter 16, Parlor Women's Tea, Mayflower (ticket event)			

## 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](mailto:tania.mccarthy@gccucc.org)