

Broadcaster

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Pilgrim's Progress

Pilgrim's Progress is the title of John Bunyan's classical allegorical work. It catalogs the journey of Christian, a man who is seeking his salvation on a pilgrimage to Heaven. Along the way, Christian encounters many obstacles that test his faith as well as many characters that are useful in showing him the difference between right and wrong, from the perspective of Christian religious faith. After Christian attains his heavenly reward, his family completes a pilgrimage to join him. Told as a dream, this seventeenth century religious classic uses Bible verses mixed with allegorical characters to preach its evangelist message.

How are you progressing in your faith journey? The vision statement of our congregation is: "A Strong Community of Christian Faith That Welcomes and Engages All People in Personal and Spiritual Growth." How is that happening for you? What criteria do you use to evaluate your progress? Do you experience God's presence in the world? If so, how do you discern that? Do you experience God's presence in your life? How do you discern that? What about the community of Christian faith known as Glenview Community Church? How is the congregation growing spiritually? What markers suggest that growth has occurred?

A good way to determine our growth individually and corporately is to spend some time reflecting on how our thinking and acting have changed. Am I more loving now than I was last month, last year, or ten years ago? What about us as a faith community? Are we more loving toward each other than we were last year or in 2005? Are we more just in our attitude and actions toward others? In what ways have we done everything in our power to work for peace in our relationships with others? Are we less prejudiced now than we were last year or have we only shifted our prejudices toward a different person or group? Have we expanded or reduced our relationships? Are we more inclusive or exclusive in our interactions with other

people? Are we more hospitable and welcoming now than we were in May 2009?

Periodically, it is helpful for us to explore our progress. Now may be that time for you. Having elected leaders at the Annual Congregational Meeting, this is an appropriate time to reflect on our progress as a congregation. How is your progress, my progress, our progress as pilgrims?

Howard

Reflections on Prayer

FROM THE CONFIRMANDS

Prayer is an important way that we connect and communicate with God. When we think in an organized manner, it helps to truly express our thoughts and concerns.

Prayer is a way to speak to God. I believe God is truly listening. Not everything will happen, but if it's a non-greedy prayer, God will try to help.

You can always pray to God no matter where you are. I pray so God knows who I am and helps me on my journey. I also pray for others in trouble, sadness or misery. I want others to be happy.

Prayer should be a part of everyday life. Prayer helps people get through tough times, provides hope.

Summer Worship

Summer Sunday Worship begins on May 30 at 9:30 a.m. and will include a Children's Message.

Summer Sunday School will begin on June 6 as the children learn about creation and the earth. They will spend time each week working in the garden at church.

WORSHIP SERVICES

MAY 30

SUMMER WORSHIP BEGINS

9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir

Scripture:

Psalm 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

JUNE 13

9:30 a.m.

Scripture:

Psalm 100, Matthew 9:35-10:8

Sermon:

"Live Giving Action"
Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts

UPDATE THE DIRECTORY

Yellow Directory Change Slips Are yours in?

We are updating the directory. Let's make this as accurate as possible. If you want your cell phone number in the directory, you will need to let us know. Has your email changed? Work phone? Please call or email Jane Payne (847)724-2210 or 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.**

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 or Tracy Sawires (847)832-0063, 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.

GREAT BARGAINS

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



June Book Club- NEW!

PERSONAL AND SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Join our summer book club during June on Wednesday mornings from 10-11:30. Dates are June 2, 9, 16, 23.

We'll meet in Room 5. If you're interested in reading with us, contact Rev. Keckler for book information. Here's to reading for personal and spiritual growth!

CALLING ALL WALKERS

Our second walk of the season will be on Sunday, June 13, returning to our usual second Sunday of the month. We'll meet at the north parking lot at 10:45 a.m., after the 9:30 a.m. service.

We'll car pool to the Forest Preserve parking lot on Willow Road, just east of I-94, for a walk in the woods. For more information call Pieter at (847)205-9916. Come, even if you haven't walked with us before.

GCC MEN'S MINISTRY BARBEQUE

Friday June 25
6:00 p.m.
(Grilling will begin at 6:30)

Mark your calendars now and join us for our *2nd Annual Men's Ministry Barbeque*

to be held at the home of Allan Te Ronde, 2909 Floral Drive, Northbrook, IL.

Even if you've never attended a Men's Ministry event before you are welcome to join us for this evening of fellowship and good food. Please RSVP to Al Te Ronde (847) 498-5221, email at ateronde@comcast.net, or email David Aki at dave254@comcast.net.



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RING THEM BELLS

(and chimes!)

Thank you to the Joyful Ringers, who lead us musically in worship throughout the year. We are blessed to have Betsy Martin, Carolyn Keller, Peggy Roberts, Mary Lambert, Heather Cooper, Sue Newberry, Sue Hoffmann, Debbie Berg, Karen Aldrich, Bonnie Dohring, Cordell Cooper, Jan Gode, Sarah Serbinski, Jack Leary and Bill Cooper ringing with Sue Cunningham, Kara Clark, Kim Yagelski, Erin Santostefano and Edie Harrison as alternates for rehearsals and worship.

Special thanks goes to the Richards and Serbinski families for their donation of 3 octaves of handchimes. The chimes are dedicated in loving memory of their grandparents, Mabel M. and James A. Miller. We are grateful for this added dimension to our group.

The Joyful Ringers need your help! We are looking for 3-4 new ringers to join us weekly. If you can count to 4 (sometimes 6) and are interested in being part of a vibrant, hard-working, belly-laughing musical ensemble, a small group of the Joyful Ringers will be meeting throughout the summer this year. Call Gary Wendt at (847) 724-2210 X51 for more information on joining and stay tuned for further details about our summer schedule.

Women's Association Bridge Marathon



The bridge marathon was attended by twenty-four ladies this past Thursday afternoon. After lunch was served, bridge games were played followed by the awarding of the yearly prizes. First place went to Pat Nold and Mariam Swanson, Second place went to Corinne Spaulding and Barbara Subak and third place to Liz Alfvn and Polly Swift. The high game of the year went to Pat Nold and Mariam Swanson with 4,720 points. The mini-marathon was won by Tillie Stuart and Gloria Stuart with first place and Liz Alfvn and Viola Rounsfull taking second place.

Anyone interested in playing next season should call Corinne Spaulding at (847) 724-6054.



God Bless America Concert

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.

Sunday School

Summer Sunday school sessions will meet in the Parlor beginning on June 6 during the 9:30 a.m. worship service. Children are invited to wear gardening clothes.

Confirmation

NEW 7TH GRADE

If you are going into 7th grade next fall, be sure to fill out your registration form so we can put the classes together. Extra registration sheets are available in the church office. Contact Rev. Keckler for questions.

Good News Community Kitchen Changes Name to "A Just Harvest"

After 27 years of Good News Community Kitchen (GNCK), the board and staff have changed the name to **A Just Harvest**. What was once "just" a feeding program now includes advocacy and organizing work on behalf of the patrons; specifically, working to address the larger, systemic issues that create and sustain hunger and poverty in their neighborhood in the first place. In addition, they feel the new name will eliminate confusion with other "Good News" organizations located in their neighborhood, including Good news Community Church and Good News Partners.

Under the new name, A Just Harvest, there are two interrelated parts within the organization, both currently represented by volunteers in our church:

1. The advocacy and organizing work, Northside P.O.W.E.R. (People Organized to Work, Educate and Restore).... represented at GCC by Pam Riedy. Pam has been newly elected to serve on the board of A Just Harvest.
2. The feeding program, The Kitchen or the Community Kitchen....represented by Sandra Frantz.

The Kitchen needs volunteers from GCC to serve dinner every month on the first Sunday and the third Wednesday. We are

specifically looking for volunteers on the following summer dates:

WEDNESDAYS:

June 16, July 21, and August 18 from 4 to 7:00 p.m.

SUNDAYS:

July 4, August 1 and September 5 from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Please call Sandy at (847)998-6696 or e-mail Sandra-Frantz@sbcglobal.net if you can help.



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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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 5-27	9:00 am 7:30 pm	Resale Shop open until 5:00 p.m., Plymouth Rm Chancel Choir, Sanctuary
Fri 5-28	9:00 am 8:00 pm 8:00 pm	Resale Shop open until 1:00 p.m., Plymouth Rm AA, Parlor Al-Anon, Rm 201
Sat 5-29	9:00 am	Resale Shop open until 1:00 p.m., Plymouth Rm
Sun 5-30	9:30 am 10:30 am 4:00 pm	Worship Service, Sanctuary Fellowship Hour, Mayflower Rm God Bless America Concert, Sanctuary
Mon 5-31		Holiday Weekend, Building Closed
Tue 6-1	7:00 pm	Book Club, Parlor
Wed 6-2	9:00 am 10:00 am 7:00 pm 8:00 pm	Resale Shop until 1:00 p.m., Plymouth Rm June Book Club, Rm 5 BSA 156 RAIN DATE, Mayflower & Gym Venture Crew, Rm 210

Summer Broadcaster Deadlines

Wednesday, June 2 by 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday, July 7 by 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday, August 18 by 9:00 a.m.

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