

# Broadcaster

June 6, 2012

## HERITAGE SUNDAY PRESENTATIONS

**FIRST TESTIMONY**  
by Beverly Dawson



Those of you who know me well are aware of my passion for history. When asked to become part of the GCC History Project, no way could I turn it down. Pulling together the

archives of our church is a daunting but very rewarding effort; it's been a joy to work with the committee.

While contemplating what I might say today, I realized I'm pretty far along life's journey. When Allan Ruter said I needed to distill all those years into a couple of minutes for this service, I thought he must be kidding.

I was born in a small town in central Illinois to a mother with Baptist roots and a father who grew up in the Evangelical & Reformed (E&R) church. They did not become church-goers until considerably later in life, so I had little exposure to religion early on. Between the ages of 5 and 9 I lost my only sibling, the grandmother who cared for me while my mother worked, and a much-loved young uncle. I think those losses probably greatly influenced my search for spiritual roots. While they didn't offer much guidance, my folks did encourage me to attend Sunday School with various friends of Lutheran, Mormon, Catholic and Baptist faiths. The several years spent in the Baptist Church ended as my teen years approached and the "Thou shalt nots" became a bit overwhelming. By then I had good friends who were Methodist and this was a much

better fit; I was baptized and confirmed in that church. While reading through our church's history several weeks back, I noticed a statement that members of the newly-formed Glenview Community Church came from more than 45 different religious backgrounds. I may be a poster child for that fact!

Fast forwarding past the college years, Bill had a year to go in medical school when he and I were married. We moved around very frequently during his training years and two years in the Army. We rejoiced when we carried home a little pink bundle from the Army hospital. The military chaplains were very kind as they christened our baby—but still—no roots. We made GCC "our" church when we settled in Glenview in 1969 (although we'd not become members until some 20 years later—but that's a story for another day when Bob & Kay Warskow can be with us, since they were very much involved).

It's said that Life sometimes gets in the way of our plans, hopes and dreams—that's certainly been our experience with the loss of two newborn daughters, nearly 40 years of caring for parents and in-laws throughout a series of very long and painful illnesses—and now, trying as best we can to meet the challenges of having a profoundly autistic grandson. There's an easy button for the joys of life but the tough times . . . not so much. Our faith has sustained us during both—especially during the latter. While sitting in this sanctuary with sunlight filtering softly through the windows. Time and again I've found peace, comfort and the strength to tackle another day.

In closing, I must mention last Sunday's Youth Service, which was a delight. Wasn't it a joy to see our young people—so bright

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## WORSHIP SERVICES

**JUNE 10, 2012**

**New Members Join**

**9:30 a.m.** *Community Worship*

**Scripture:**

Job 37:14-24  
Romans 8:18-25

**Sermon:**

"Job's Question"  
Rev. Dr. Douglas Busby

**JUNE 17, 2012**

**9:30 a.m.** *Community Worship*

**Scripture:**

Leviticus 16:6-10, 26  
Mark 1:21-28

**Sermon:**

"The Demonic"  
Rev. Dr. Douglas Busby

**JUNE 24, 2012**

**9:30 a.m.** *Community Worship*

**Scripture:**

Mark 4:35-41  
Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32

**Sermon:**

"Better Together"  
Rev. Dr. Pam Keckler

## SUMMER WORSHIP

Summer worship continues each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. through Labor Day Sunday, September 2. There is a Children's Message each week, followed by Summer Sunday school activity, including time in the garden. Childcare is available for young children.

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and talented, well spoken, energetic, committed and concerned for their fellow man? They are the future history of GCC—it's in very good hands. We are all truly blessed!

## **SECOND TESTIMONY**

*by Susan Mann*



On being asked to talk about my almost-lifetime relationship with Glenview Community Church in three minutes, I thought of a dancer planning a recital

and being told that it had to be “The Minute Waltz.” I think this service is something of a postscript to last week’s Youth Sunday service with the theme “Our Stories,” and am honored to share mine.

It began in 1949 when my parents, with earlier Baptist connections, moved from Evanston into the house they had built just four blocks south of here. In Evanston they had affiliated with the First Presbyterian Church, where my siblings and I were baptized.

Almost immediately they were drawn to this growing non-denominational church and youth center on Elm Street. Soon they joined, and my relationship with GCC was underway. The archive project of the past several months has truly been a “Walk Down Memory Lane” as I revisited Adventure Club, multiple children’s choirs, 87 Club, junior high and high school retreats and family camps at George Williams College Camp and our church-owned camp at Lake Geneva, confirmation in our sophomore year of high school, and the ranks of Pageant participation.

Fast-forward through college and early adulthood to 1968 when Dick and I were planning our wedding—of course it would be here, with a priest friend participating alongside the Rev. Roy Colby. We weren’t living in Glenview at the time, but alternately attended a nearby Catholic church and

Glenview Community Church.

When we decided to make our home in Glenview in 1972, it was easy to cross “church shopping” off our “to do” list. We had our own ecumenical union to bring to this historically non-denominational church.

Stacey and Lauren arrived within the next three years, and it was déjà vu all over again at GCC, but through their eyes and my own as a parent. Things were different in their Glenview childhood from mine—schools had more activities and the Park District offerings had greatly increased. GCC was not the sole destination in the community for activities and social life, but an important component nonetheless—nursery school, Sunday School, children’s choir (just one), family camps out of state, PYF, mission trips, retreats, 8th grade confirmation, and the Pageant.

My church connection through these years has included board membership and leadership, participating in the Sunday School and confirmation programs, singing in the choir, and volleyball—much the same as many of yours. I enjoy seeing, admittedly with a bit of envy, those among us who are sharing GCC with grandchildren.

With my family I’ve walked through those doors and into this sacred place for baptisms, confirmations, weddings, and memorial services. I’ve known every senior minister and most of the associates who have served here, and have been a bigger fan of some than of others. If I had walked away from this place when my very favorite minister left, I would have missed a lot. I’m glad I stayed.

## **THIRD TESTIMONY**

*by Scott Lothian*



As far as how we traditionally define wealth, I was born a poor white child. I had no money of my own. As a matter of fact, I wouldn’t even have pockets

in my pants for nearly a year! But little did I know that my parents would soon take me on a journey that would give me riches beyond my imagination.

This journey began in Lake Geneva when I attended the GCC Family Camp with my parents. I was ten months old, still poor, but now I had pockets in my overalls and I was ready for the money to start pouring in. After this Family Camp my parents did two things: They bought property across the lake to build an A-frame where my mother still lives today, and they joined GCC.

I am a child of GCC; my 12-step program requires that I state this out loud—twice! I went to Sunday School here and attended Youth Group here. I sang in the Children’s Choir, in the high school choir known as the Singing Stones, and now in the Chancel Choir. I was married here—twice—to the same woman. (And, no, we weren’t on a break.)

What have I learned here at GCC? Like many of you, what I learned in Sunday School I am constantly relearning from the sermon each Sunday (thank you, Pam and Doug). There were many turning points in my life here at this church, but a major one was in Youth Group when I learned that girls did, in fact, not carry Cooties.

But it is what I learned in the Singing Stones that I cannot even put into words, since it was more of a transformation, as it is for most teenagers, than a learning process. I grew during this time: I grew to know God, grew to know myself, grew to know music, and generally I just grew. Here at GCC I learned to love God, and I learned a spirituality in music that helps me appreciate all music more deeply today. Through music—through Ron and Sally Clonts at GCC, through Bill Schnell at GBS, and ultimately through God—I learned so much more than how to sing moderately well. I learned what I loved, what I enjoyed, and who I was.

So this journey—with my family as a child, my friends at GCC then and now, and my family as a husband and a father—has provided me with riches beyond belief. Yes, your schooling and your job may define what you are, but it is your family and your church that define who you are. You may

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seek all your life to fill your pockets with money, but if this is all you desire, your pockets will never seem big enough.

In contrast, you could sit on a hill and pray, waiting to be touched by God. Or you can open your eyes and see that your life with your family, your friends, and this church is touched by God each day.

May God bless you with these same riches as you continue on your journey. And don't forget, you are always welcome here.

#### FOURTH TESTIMONY

by Allan Ruter



On New Member Sunday in November of 1981, I stood in front of the altar in a line-up of 25 inductees. It was the era of "The Two Bobs"—the Reverend Dr. Robert Alward

and the Reverend Robert Warskow. They were strikingly different personalities, but as a pastoral team they complemented each other admirably. Bob Warskow was, and still is, genial, comforting, and comfortably predictable. Bob Alward, on the other hand, was big-voiced, flamboyant—and, on occasion, unpredictably verbal.

On this occasion, the two Bobs took turns naming and welcoming each new member. Early on, I figured out that Bob Alward was matched with me, so I breathed deeply and began to sweat. When my time came, his voice boomed: "Allan Ruter, Son of Iowa and fellow pilgrim . . ." I didn't hear the rest: He had just outed me as an Iowa farmboy, which didn't bother me so much. But the "pilgrim" part left me baffled.

Only days later did I remember a prior conversation Bob and I had had in his office. I told him then that I didn't know what to make of a church like ours so absent of doctrines, catechisms, and creeds. I told him about growing up in a Calvinist theological

tradition in which, on Communion Sundays, only if we had somehow avoided sin were we privileged to recite the Apostle's Creed and then receive the elements. To that he said, "Interesting. In our church, we are all sinners, we are all pilgrims, and Communion is for all of us." Labeling his parishioners "sinners" didn't surprise me, but "pilgrims" did. He quickly added, "And by pilgrims I mean small-p, generic pilgrims, not capital-P Mayflower Pilgrims." I left Bob's office baffled.

Gradually, as time went on, I came to feel first relieved and then liberated by our church's doctrinal freedom. And during my thirty-plus years of teaching at Glenbrook South High School, I can't tell you how many times during the first few minutes of class, as students settled in, someone would yell out, "Hey, Mr. Ruter, you go to Glenview Community Church same as me, right? We don't believe in anything, do we?" Typically, after rolling my eyes, I replied, "We believe plenty. Let's talk later." After class, if the student lingered to chat, I channeled my inner-Alward: "In our church," I would say, "we believe in the journey. Each of us journeys spiritually on a path and toward a destination that may well be different from everyone else's. Knowing this alone gives us comfort and hope, and that is plenty."

Nearly 31 years later, I think I know what Bob Alward meant. Meanwhile, my spiritual journey—my pilgrimage—continues. Sometimes I stall, sometimes I stumble, and sometimes I take unplanned detours. So does each of you, I suspect, and that gives me comfort and hope. That is plenty, and for that I thank you, my fellow pilgrims.

#### FIFTH TESTIMONY

by Susan Johns



Last fall I read a notice in the Broadcaster calling for volunteers for a Glenview Community Church archive project. I am a former student, researcher and

teacher of history. "A history project, how fascinating," I thought. Now, I know some of you will not understand that interest. Perhaps you found history the most boring subject in your school career. But, here we are on Heritage Sunday and, no matter whether you find history fascinating or dreary, no matter who you are or where you are on life's journey . . . you are welcome here.

I don't mean to be flippant about that statement. It means a great deal to me personally and as part of the heritage of Glenview Community Church. The United Church of Christ adopted the "no matter who you are" phrase in 2004, so it is a relatively recent imprint on our church bulletins. However, this notion of "extravagant welcome and radical hospitality," as the UCC described it, isn't exactly new to Glenview Community Church. It extends back to our church's formative days.

In the spring of 1941, the Glenview Congregational Church was a tiny congregation with a new minister. Rev. Bob Edgar began making housecalls. When introducing himself as the Congregational minister elicited responses such as "I'm a Presbyterian," he changed his approach. He went out and said, in essence, no matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, would you be interested in a community church? And, the rest, as they say, is history.

This church, with its foundation in extravagant welcome and radical hospitality, is the one I found sixty years after its formation. When I first arrived at GCC, I was at the point in my life's journey when I was a young mother new to the area. I first entered the building, perhaps like others of you, through the doors of Glenview Community Church Nursery School. The Nursery School has been in existence since 1947. It has a long history of welcoming those just starting out on life's journey, and their parents, into the Glenview Community Church.

Throughout the history of our church, we have opened our doors to the entire community, from its youngest to its oldest members. Searching through the archives, and listening to the personal histories from within this congregation, I have been struck

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by the extravagance of GCC's welcoming, by the number and variety of people and groups invited into this building over the years.

But I would argue that both in the context of history and in the practices of a faith community, radical hospitality involves more than just opening the doors and inviting people in. There must also be a willingness to communicate, to listen, to learn, to grow.

I like the way Rev. Bob Edgar put that charge in a 1940's Broadcaster. "What are you," he asked, "thermometer or thermostat? Each of us is one or the other. We are either the kind of people who reflect and measure the temperature, or we are the kind who control the temperature. We either reflect the thinking of others and let them run the world, or we do our own thinking and share in making a better world."

Glenview Community Church set about doing its own thinking in ways seemingly quaint by today's standards and in ways remarkable in the context of history. For instance, in its early days, GCC instituted a "golfers and gardeners service." People were encouraged to attend this early morning service in their golf and garden clothes. I don't think my own children would understand the radical nature of such a proposition. They have grown up in a time and place where "putting on your Sunday best" is an anachronism. But there was a time when it was an unusually radical notion to say that you are welcome to come to Sunday worship dressed as you please. No matter who you are . . .

Glenview Community Church has extended its welcome to people of different backgrounds and faiths to come share in worship, to help us better understand our faith and that of others in the context of the world around us. Many of you have been to "Interfaith Sunday" services here. Most likely, though, you missed the summer series that concluded with Rev. Michizo Uratani's address on "What Christianity Can Do for Japan and America." I am fairly confident that most of you missed that series because the speakers appeared in the Glenview Community Church pulpit in 1942, in the midst of the Second World War. That is an intriguing

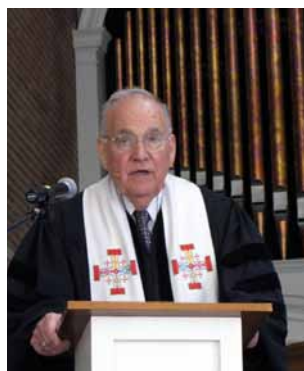
history of radical hospitality.

There are many other examples, but in the interest of time, and for those of you less enthusiastic about history than I am, I'll refrain from relating them all.

When a church is extravagant in its welcome and radical in its hospitality, it gathers people with different interests, different backgrounds, different perspectives and opinions. All these thermostats in one place can lead to a wide range of temperature settings. Rev. Ken Nye said in his 1970 Palm Sunday sermon, "The integrity of a congregation is not shown by the unanimity of its opinion, but by its determination to preserve the fellowship gathered in faithfulness to Christ."

And so we continue in our endeavor to be active rather than reactive in the shaping of our church and community. We continue to build upon our heritage by saying "No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here."

#### **CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION** *by the Rev. Dr. Douglas Busby*



as we see in the exhibits of our history in the Mayflower Room, God has given us a wonderful history.

Our heritage project, appropriately begun in the transitional period between our called Senior Ministers, has brought us face-to-face with our past at a time when we are envisioning our future. Which raises the question, "What should each of us hope and pray that our history will be prologue to?"

We cannot deny that our community of faith needs to rebound in many ways, including attendance in worship, steward-

ship, and volunteerism. Even though we are anticipating that the coming of our new Senior Minister will contribute substantially to a rebound, we are reminded that every one of us in the United Church of Christ is a minister, and therefore each of us should be engaged with making our rebound a reality.

This, indeed, is our charge—with God's help to assure that our past is a prologue to a future of growth and vitality and, in turn, of even greater service to God, our congregation, and the community. Amen.



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Once again, GCC member Susan Johnson, Certified Healing Touch Practitioner, will offer one hour sessions to GCC members on Thursday, June 14 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the GCC Chapel. To schedule your appointment, email Susan at [s.h.johnson@comcast.net](mailto:s.h.johnson@comcast.net) or call (847) 804-6363. There is no fee for these sessions, but you may make a donation to the church.

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#### **PASTORAL CARE**

We offer our prayers and sympathy to Marcy Blackwelder on the passing of her mother, Dorothy Clements on May 16. Our prayers are with the family.

# HANDS OF PEACE

It's nearly time for another Hands of Peace Program! Our Middle East participants arrive on July 4. As usual, GCC is generously supporting HOP with facilities for some of our events, as well as delicious meals from the Women's Association. HOP invites GCC members to meet its 2012 participants on Sunday, July 15. The participants will be attending the worship service and would like to meet you during the fellowship hour.

Thank you to everyone at GCC for your generous support of Hands of Peace.



## HANDS OF PEACE FAREWELL DINNER

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 18  
6:00-8:30 PM**

**Jewish Reconstructionist Congregation  
303 Dodge Ave, Evanston**

Please join us for our Farewell Dinner, where you can see and hear for yourselves the impact that Hands of Peace is having on the Israeli, Palestinian, Arab Israeli, and American participants.

A delicious Middle Eastern dinner and a silent auction will be followed by cultural performances by the Hands of Peace participants. You will also hear reflections from participants and staff, and the annual Olive Branch Award will be announced. This year, tickets are specially priced at only \$25. Purchase tickets online starting June 15: [www.handsofpeace.org](http://www.handsofpeace.org) or make check payable to Hands of Peace, and write Farewell Dinner on the memo line. Send checks to Amy Cohen, Assistant Program Director, HOP, 1000 Elm St. Glenview IL 60025

Silent auction donations of any magnitude for this event are needed and greatly appreciated. Contact Carrie Muehlbauer at [careee@gmail.com](mailto:careee@gmail.com) or (847)712-6196.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT GCC

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| THUR | 9:00 AM  | GCC Yoga, Narthex                             |
| 6/7  | 9:00 AM  | Resale Shop open until 5:00 PM, Plymouth Rm   |
|      | 11:00 AM | Countdown to Fitness, Founders Rm             |
|      | 4:30 PM  | HOP Leadership Mtg., Parlor                   |
|      | 5:00 PM  | PYF Mission Retreat Mtg., Youth Rm            |
|      | 7:00 PM  | HOP Operating Committee, Parlor               |
|      | 7:00 PM  | BSA 156 Leaders Mtg., Founders Rm             |
| FRI  | 9:00 AM  | Resale Shop open until 1:00 PM, Plymouth Rm   |
| 6/8  | 8:00 PM  | AA Meeting, Parlor                            |
|      | 8:00 PM  | AI-Anon, Rm 201                               |
| SAT  | 9:00 AM  | Resale Shop open until 1:00 PM, Plymouth Rm   |
| 6/9  |          |   |
| SUN  | 9:30 AM  | Community Worship, Sanctuary                  |
| 6/10 | 9:30 AM  | Summer Sunday School, Begins in the Sanctuary |
|      | 10:30 AM | Fellowship Time, Narthex                      |
|      | 11:15 AM | Membership Board, Parlor                      |
| MON  | 7:30 PM  | Mission Outreach Board, Parlor                |
| 6/11 |          |   |
| TUES | 8:30 AM  | Lectio Divina, Rm 5                           |
|      | 7:00 PM  | Services and Sacraments Board Mtg., Rm 201    |
|      | 7:00 PM  | Adult Ed Board Mtg., Founders Rm              |
|      | 7:00 PM  | Property Board Mtg., Library                  |
| 6/12 | 7:00 PM  | Pastoral Care Board Mtg., Parlor              |
| WED  | 6:30 PM  | BSA 156 Mtg., Mayflower & Gym                 |
| 6/13 | 7:00 PM  | Music Board Mtg., Rm 201                      |
| THUR | 9:00 AM  | GCC Yoga, Narthex                             |
| 6/14 | 10:00 AM | Healing Touch (By Appointment), Chapel        |
|      | 11:00 AM | Countdown to Fitness, Founders Rm             |
| FRI  | 8:00 PM  | AA Meeting, Parlor                            |
| 6/15 | 8:00 PM  | AI-Anon, Rm 201                               |
| SAT  | 11:00 AM | HOP Orientation, Mayflower Rm                 |
| 6/16 | 9:00 AM  | BSA 156 Parent/Camper Mtg., Mayflower Rm      |
| SUN  | 9:30 AM  | Community Worship, Sanctuary                  |
| 6/17 | 9:30 AM  | Summer Sunday School, Begins in the Sanctuary |
|      | 10:30 AM | Fellowship Time, Narthex                      |
| MON  |          | no scheduled meetings                         |
| 6/18 |          |   |
| TUES |          | no scheduled meetings                         |
| 6/19 |          |   |
| WED  |          | no scheduled meetings                         |
| 6/20 |          |   |

**THE NEXT DEADLINE FOR THE BROADCASTER IS JUNE 13 AT 9:00 AM**

## CLASS OF 2012

### LIST OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATING SENIORS

|                    |                    |                     |
|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Megan Anderson     | Mary Holden        | Matthew Riordan     |
| Mackenzie Barnes   | Kaya Irvine        | Nathaniel Rosenberg |
| Bradley Berg       | Abby Keller        | Joanne Schiele      |
| Taylor Brown       | Natalie Kinzalow   | Hailie Schroll      |
| Samuel Bubnovich   | Stephanie Leinbach | Katie Schulze       |
| Allyson Cunningham | Lindsay Lyhus      | Jessica Shellard    |
| Tyler Ellis        | Victoria Powers    | Adam Vevang         |
| Erik Goosmann      | Brian Pratt        | Abigail Watkins     |
| Haleigh Haffner    | Quinn Prchal       |                     |

### PLANNING FOR THE SUMMER

As you begin to plan for a summer full of activities, please add one more activity to your list; your periodic pledge contribution. Whether you contribute weekly, monthly or otherwise during the "school year", please continue that same pattern during the summer. Cash receipts during the summer months have historically been low and every contribution makes a big difference. Wishing you a wonderful summer!

Rob Hevey  
Treasurer

### SENIOR MINISTER SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

On April 25th we posted our GCC listing for Senior Minister on the United Church of Christ website. You can check out the listing by going to [www.ucc.org](http://www.ucc.org) and accessing 'Employment Opportunities'. This past week we also mailed our recently completed GCC Church Profile to a list of Senior Ministers of UCC churches with a membership of 500+. With the posting of our Senior Minister job opening as well as this proactive mailing, we will be moving into the next important phase of our search for a Senior Minister. This phase involves the process of reviewing and evaluating minister profiles that are being forwarded on an ongoing basis to us by the Illinois Conference of UCC. Key steps in this phase include: minister profile reviews, sermon/website reviews, phone interviews, and in person interviews. The Senior Minister Search Committee will continue to meet weekly during this key phase of the search and we thank each of you for your input into compiling the GCC Church Profile which will be the fundamental guide we will use in our evaluation of candidates.

We will keep you posted as to this ongoing process, you will also notice the black and white charts in the Narthex and in the Mayflower room which will illustrate the progress we are making in this search. If you would like a copy of the GCC Church Profile we will be using in our evaluations as well as mailing to all prospective candidates, please stop by the church office for a copy.

God's Blessing,  
The Senior Minister Search Committee

## LOOKING FOR LECTORS

Would you like to celebrate your faith in a new way? The Service and Sacraments Board is looking for lectors to do Scripture readings during the worship service. If you are interested please contact Valerie Rosenberg at [valerie381@msn.com](mailto:valerie381@msn.com) or (847)729-4943. Thank you!



## WEIGHT TRAINING FOR ALL LEVELS

Join us for this unique exercise class that incorporates weights in achieving your fitness goal. This class is for all levels-- those who have never lifted a weight, to those who are very comfortable using them. (3-5 lb. weights) All ages are encouraged to attend. We are fortunate to have Helen White, Certified Personal Trainer who will work with your individual needs. Helen facilitates classes at various north shore locations. We meet on Thursdays from 11:00 -11:45 a.m. in the Mayflower Room. These are drop in classes so you may come every Thursday or whenever you can. Donation is \$10.00 per class.

## YOGA CLASSES

Need to improve your balance, strength and flexibility and feel good about yourself? Join us for basic yoga on Thursdays from 9-10 am in the Narthex.

Instructor Kelly Golding, RYT-200 facilitates these classes which benefit your body, mind and spirit. Donation is \$10.00 per class. As these are drop in classes, come when it is convenient for you.

**Try these classes --you'll be glad you did!**



## GCC WALKERS GET READY TO WALK!

Our June walk will be Sunday, June 10 immediately following the 9:30 a.m. Church service. Remember, attend Church in your walking shoes. We will carpool to Evanston, walk on the path adjacent to Lake Michigan and the man-made lake next to the Northwestern campus. Questions? Call Jim or Pat Hunt, (847)729-6216.

## SAYING GOOD BYE

Barbara Thewis, our Resale Shop Manager, is retiring. Yes, it's true. After 19 years of watching and working and helping our little Exchange Shop become the Resale Shop, Barbara is leaving us. Every single year we have had improved sales - which has enabled the Women's Association Social Service to increase their charitable giving. We are very grateful for the many years she has been our manager.

On Wednesday, June 6 at 9:30 a.m. please join us in the Resale Shop to personally express your thanks and good wishes to Barbara.

*Dori Hirsch*

## UCC COALITION FOR LGBT CONCERNS

A National Gathering of the UCC Coalition for LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender) Concerns to celebrate 40 years of LGBT ministry in the UCC and to welcome the UCC's newest Open and Affirming congregations will be held at Elmhurst College on June 25-28. Join in inspiring worship, powerful preaching, joyful music and workshops that will feed your mind and your soul. Please contact Kristine Voelker at (847)832-0242 if you are interested in attending all or part of this event. Thanks from your friends on the Missions Outreach Board.



## A HALF-TON OF THANKS!

Thanks to your generous donations Erika Grad will be heading to Kenya with 1000 lbs. of new and used shoes, clothing and school supplies! And many thanks to PYF and 6-7-8 Club for the cozy fleece blankets! Erika is a Youth Ambassador for local non-profit *Matanya's Hope* (a GCC mission partner) which sponsors children from rural Kenya so they can attend school. Erika will personally deliver your donations to multiple schools and orphanages throughout the country from June 17-July 3. Thank you for supporting GCC's mission impact throughout the world!



## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children's author and illustrator, Eric Carle, shares his distinctive style and his love for God's creatures in unforgettable picture books. Join Diane Christiansen and me as we explore Eric's works and related Bible passages in *Going Buggy*. This six week study, beginning on June 3, will incorporate prayer, art, science, and fellowship. Children will begin the 9:30 worship hour in the Sanctuary with their families, adjourn to class after a children's message, and assist T.O.P.P.S. gardeners in the Rainbow Garden, where they will meet their parents at the end of the hour. Appropriate dress and shoes are recommended.

Looking forward to seeing you and your children then! *Kathy Lifton*

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I remember running over the hills  
just at dawn one summer morning and,  
pausing to rest in the silent woods,  
saw, through an arch of trees,  
the sun rise over river, hill,  
and wide green meadows as I never saw it before.  
Something born of the lovely hour, a happy mood,  
and the unfolding aspirations of a child's soul  
seemed to bring me very near to God...

Louisa May Alcott (1832-1888)