



JUNE 26, 2019

WORSHIP 10:00 AM

JUNE

PRIDE SUNDAY

30

Scripture:

Hosea 11:8-11

1 John 4:7-12

Acts 8:26-30

Sermon:

We are Worthy!

Rev. Dr. Chuck Mize

JULY

FOURTH SUNDAY IN TRINITY
HOLY COMMUNION

7

Scripture:

Galatians 6:7-16

Sermon:

Reaping What We Sow

Rev. Dr. Chuck Mize

JULY

FIFTH SUNDAY IN TRINITY

14

Scripture:

Luke 10:25-37

Sermon:

Priests and Levites

Rev. Bobbie McKay, Ph. D.

LETTING OUR LIGHT SHINE

As I write this, the United Church of Christ's General Synod is meeting in Milwaukee. General Synod is an every-other-year gathering that brings our denomination together for worship, for connections, and for business. The theme of this Synod is **Let Your Light Shine**, from Jesus' concluding words to the Beatitudes that begin His Sermon on the Mount. For the United Church of Christ (UCC), letting our light shine has meant an increasing emphasis on being progressively at the forefront of social change that anticipated the reign of God's peace for the earth and every member of the human family. So the UCC has led the way in our **Just Peace** emphasis...in becoming fully and intentionally **Open and Affirming** of every child of God regardless of gender identity and sexual orientation...in caring for those who are minimized and violated among us...in embracing our cooperative place in the community of religions, and more. In this spirit, the theme of General Synod's opening worship was **Becoming a Multicultural and Multiracial Church**. In short, the United Church of Christ has given up on supporting our cultural status quo to embody the vision of God's transforming love. And the UCC isn't being quiet about it! It's shouting this news from the rooftops!

The church needs to let our light shine, because that's what Jesus commanded us to do. Anything less is less than faithful! As the Apostle Paul wrote to Timothy:

...for God did not give us a spirit of timidity but a spirit of power and love and self-control.

But we have a history of being timid. Many of us grew up learning that the two top-

ics we don't talk about in polite company are religion and politics. For religion, that worked when everybody took the necessity of belonging to a church for granted. But times have changed! Today our involvement in religion isn't just about church. It's about a variety of faith communities. And being a part of one is something that fewer and fewer people are choosing, because we no longer believe that a church or another faith community is an essential component of a good, respectable and successful life. For a growing number of people, church is as anachronistic as an 8 track tape player!

These changing times with regard to The United Church of Christ are quantified in the statistics for the United Church of Christ for 2018. The total membership of our denomination (825,000) is 29,000 members fewer than our total membership in 2017. Every conference (regional organization) in the denomination experienced a loss of members in 2018, except for Hawaii. Hawaii experienced a membership gain of 10! Interestingly, the Illinois Conference (the northern two thirds of Illinois; our conference) has the largest average church size in the denomination; 262 members. GCC's 1,200 members helps keep that average up!

All of this means that we need to **Let Our Light Shine!** And we don't need to do that only in our denomination. We need to do that at GCC. In many ways, GCC has been a stealth church. We don't talk about religion. We don't tell our story. We're just there, living by the **Field of Dreams** mantra, **If we build it, they will come.** The truth is that that mantra doesn't work anymore. We need help to **Let Our Light Shine!**

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the message

We Would Be Building

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In another place in this issue of **The Broadcaster**, you will find details about an initiative that the Spiritual Council recently approved. We're seeking contracted services to help us in the areas of membership and marketing; professional help to increase the participation and commitment of our current members and to tell our story to recruit new members.

In our new governance structure, the **Outreach Ministry** is also working at letting our light shine with its **Invitation and Awareness Team** – just another way to say **Membership and Marketing**.

Maybe most importantly, the church has words for this as well. Those words are **Evangelism and Discipleship**. **Evangelism** means intentionally and persuasively sharing the good news of God's love in Jesus Christ with others. And **Discipleship** means engaging others in a vital Christian life that follows and serves Jesus Christ. **Evangelism and Discipleship** are crucial ways to name this emphasis on letting our light shine because they remind us that what we're marketing and what we're asking others to join isn't an institution named Glenview Community Church. It's Jesus Christ our Lord, for whom Glenview Community Church is a part of His living body in the world today.

Membership and Marketing...Invitation and Awareness...Evangelism and Discipleship: it takes all three of these names to fully express the importance of this essential new initiative. But none of these names will **Let Our Light Shine** if we relegate this work to a committee or to a service we contract for. Our light won't shine unless we all let the light of Jesus' love shine in and through each one of us! Yes, we can't be **A House for ALL God's People** unless **ALL God's People** are sharing the good news for which we exist!

So **Let Your Light Shine!** And I'll be looking for our light in church at GCC, and on the street corners beyond our walls!

Chuck Mize



IN OUR PRAYERS

Please hold Rev. Dr. Howard and Peggy Roberts – our former Senior Minister and his wife – in prayer as Howard anticipates and prepares for major digestive system surgery on July 19 at the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, Florida. If you'd like to share your concern and love with Howard and Peggy, their address is:

573 Inner Circle
The Villages, Florida 32162-1125

Chuck Mize

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS OF GCC

At a special meeting on June 5, the Spiritual Council took a bold step to strengthen GCC as it enthusiastically approved a contracted service. The purpose of this contracted provider is to help improve engagement of our members and friends, marketing and outreach as we all work together to grow the Message, Ministries and Mission of Glenview Community Church as A House for ALL God's People. In the area of engagement, this individual will enable us to increase the investment and deepen the ties of current and prospective members and friends of GCC. In the areas of marketing and outreach, this individual will enable us to elevate the visibility of GCC and promote our mission and values in the broader community. This individual will not be an employee of GCC. Instead, we will contract with them for these services. In order to be effective in providing these services, this individual will be expected to engage as an active participant in GCC's life and ministry.

Here are some specific expectations and goals for this contracted service:

- Meet with and understand how current members interact with the church and provide personalized outreach on a regular basis.

- Connect new and prospective members with pastors and ministries that are relevant and engaging.
- Develop and oversee a comprehensive marketing plan that proactively promotes the church. This includes directing external PR efforts to educate the local community about GCC, and internal marketing to ensure congregants are informed on how we are living and executing the church's broader mission.
- Launch and maintain the new GCC website and direct an ongoing social media presence.
- Understand church governance structure and help identify congregants for Ministries, Administrative Committees and other leadership positions. Promote ad hoc volunteer opportunities to new and existing members.
- Participate in worship and fellowship on Sunday mornings to provide a personal face to current and prospective members. Coordinate with Ambassadors, Pastors, and Ushers to identify people who are visiting.

We are looking for contractors who have:

- A bachelor's degree in Marketing, Communications, Business or similar field from an accredited college or university.
- Experience in customer service, marketing, public relations.
- An outgoing personality, excited to meet and engage all people at GCC and the broader community.
- Excellent written and oral communication skills, including editorial and proofreading skills.
- Current demonstrated skills in social media applications (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, WhatsApp) for ongoing promotion of church events.
- Expertise in computer programs relevant to membership and marketing (ACS church management software, Google Docs, Microsoft Word/Excel, etc.).

The term of this contract may extend for multiple years depending on the success of the program. If you are interested in knowing more about this contractor opportunity or applying, please contact Pastor Chuck Mize at chuck.mize@gccucc.org.



HANDS OF PEACE



in kind, contact Chicago Site Director, Darling Kittoe at dkittoe@handsofpeace.org or 773-562-4279.

ALL FAMILY SUNDAY SERVICE AT GCC SUNDAY, JULY 21

Every year **Hands of Peace** participants attend a GCC service: this year it will be on Sunday, July 21 at 10:00 a.m. Please join the community as four participants will be sharing speeches reflecting on the impact of their programming. Immediately following the service will be a Q&A session led by Rev. Chuck Mize. For more information, contact Chicago Site Director, Darling Kittoe at dkittoe@handsofpeace.org or 773-562-4279.

HANDS OF PEACE FAREWELL CELEBRATION

Come hear Israeli, Palestinian and American youth share their experiences at the culmination of the three-week **Hands of Peace** summer program. Listen to their stories of hope for the future and how the program has transformed their perspectives on "the other." To reserve your seats visit HandsofPeace.org.

Join us on Sunday, July 28. Registration begins at 4:30 p.m. and the program is from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. The reception is from (appetizers/desserts) 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Glenbrook South High School, 4000 West Lake Ave, Glenview, IL

We are pleased to announce that **Hands of Peace** is returning to the Glenview Community Church as it enters its 17th Summer Program. In 2003, **Hands of Peace** welcomed its first group of Israeli, Palestinian, and American youth to Glenview. The goal was to begin dialogue as a courageous and principled response to the religious, cultural, and political divisions that came as a result of 9/11. Now, sixteen summers later and with over 600 alumni



spread around the world, **Hands of Peace** is part of a global movement aimed at empowering youth as leaders of change. With the help of our dedicated volunteers, many of whom attend GCC, **Hands of Peace** alumni are pursuing peace through their professions, volunteerism, activism, and community engagement.

You can hear from more alumni by going to www.handsofpeace.org. Explore the **Voices of HOP** section under **News and Events**, watch **Participant Films** made during the summer program, and read **Alumni Stories** about what they are doing now.

This summer, **Hands of Peace** will welcome close to 45 participants from Israel, Palestine, and across the U.S. for their intensive dialogue-based summer program. We are calling all GCC members to consider becoming more involved by volunteering throughout the program, attending the **All Family Church** service on July 21 or purchasing tickets to their **Farewell Celebration** at Glenbrook South High School on Sunday, July 28.

A FEW WAYS YOU CAN VOLUNTEER AND HELP

Our teenage participants work very hard in daily dialogue, team-building, and leadership development activities. They build up a big appetite and we need your help! You can help keep them going by donating snacks, gift cards, beverages or underwriting meals during the Summer Program. There are several ways to become involved. For more volunteer opportunities or to donate



CHILDREN AND TEEN FAITH FORMATION MINISTRY

PYF had another successful mission trip serving the community of Birmingham. The participants served at a dance studio and learning center, worked with children, painted houses, a community garden and a nursing home. We met for our debrief and here are the many things they learned and observed by serving and working with each other and other churches.

- Sometimes it is better to not be in a crew with your best friend
- When you first hear someone's story, it isn't the full story
- Heartened by the pride flags that were on multiple churches in downtown Birmingham.
- The difference in community between Birmingham and Glenview
- It is good to get to know the people that live in the house you are painting
- People can always find good in the world no matter their circumstances
- How to work with people with different views
- Ability to make friends with different people and establish relationships
- Small acts can make a big difference in people's lives
- Things will work out in the end
- How to teach people things

The trip was not only a way for us to help others but a way for us to grow together in God's love.





A JUST HARVEST NEEDS YOU

Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who have helped to serve dinner at **A Just Harvest Community Kitchen** this past year! You have displayed the caring spirit of the Glenview Community Church every time a group from our church serves dinner there.

We continue our thirty-two year commitment of serving at **AJH** each first Sunday and third Wednesday of every month with our schedule for the summer months. We leave GCC at 3:45 on Sundays and 4:15 on Wednesdays. Volunteers need to be over twelve years old. Following are the dates and number of volunteers needed.

SUNDAYS:

July 7, August 4, September 1...2 to 3 more volunteers needed on each of these dates.

WEDNESDAYS:

July 17, August 2 ...5 to 6 volunteers needed.

Please contact Sandy Frantz at Sandra-frantz@sbcglobal.net or 847-922-4612 to have questions answered and to volunteer yourself, your family or your group.

DO YOU LIKE PARTIES/CELEBRATIONS?

The Outreach Ministry invites you to join the planning team for the celebration of our fabulous new space in the fall. Help us brainstorm a series of events to welcome our friends and neighbors to the "new and improved" Glenview Community Church. Please contact Betsy Martin, 847-657-7595 or betsywisemartin@att.net, if you want to be part of planning or have event ideas to share.

SHOW YOUR GCC SPIRIT THIS SUMMER!

T-shirts are a great way to make GCC more visible in the community. They are perfect for summer outings like the **Chicago Dogs** ball-game on June 30, 4th of July picnics and fireworks, or family camp in August. The bright blue shirts are available for purchase at \$15 each, please contact the church office if you are interested.

The Outreach Ministry Team

A GOD MOMENT

I had a breathtaking God moment when my son, Todd, was on the way to spinal surgery recently.

He had been suffering from lower back pain for a while. But three weeks ago he leaned over to tie his shoe and the disc between L4 and L5 burst out! He was instantly in fiery pain from his waist down to both of his legs. He was able to see a famous spine surgeon in a matter of days and was scheduled for surgery two days later. It was a rocky few days, as his position of least pain, day and night, was lying flat on the floor. He slept on the family room floor with one of his girls voluntarily on the couch "in case he needed help in the night."

There were delays and frustrations for a spot in the OR and a room in the hospital, but finally he was called and the anticipated moment had come. With his loving wife Amy, and me, on either side of the gurney, the tall African American attendant pushed him down the hall. As we got to the elevator, with lumps in our throats and silent prayers in our hearts, Willie stopped at the door. He said kindly, "Would you like me to say a prayer with you?" Our "yes" responses popped out quickly and he began the prayer holding hands with all of us. He had never met us or his patient, but he prayed with a depth of faith, compassion and love that touched every part of our beings.

As we went into the elevator, we shared smiles and the strength for which Willie had asked. At a moment when Todd, who had not shed tears in this pain, had them rolling down the sides of his face. In a voice of humility and faith, he said, "That was beautiful!" I grabbed their hands again and said, "That was truly a God Moment!" When I thanked our new and loving friend, he said, "I am a man of God and I must share that faith and love with anyone who will share with me."

Todd is home and is almost back to his previous pain-less self, thanks to the strength he has gained from the support, love and prayers of all. In fact, he went to the Cubs' opener yesterday...10 to 0!
from Mary Ellen Johnson:



GCC'S SUMMER SCHEDULE

The church building will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, closed on Saturday, and open on Sunday 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The church office will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.



As you declutter from the school year, please consider supporting the **GCC Women's Association Chapter 10 School Supply Drive** going on all summer to benefit the school-aged children's program at **Onward House**. **Onward House** serves lower income families and individuals in the community of Belmont-Cragin, a neighborhood on the northwest side of Chicago. Specifically they are in need of markers, crayons, #2 pencils, colored pencils, notebook paper, folders, glue/glue sticks, scissors, pencil boxes/cases, backpacks and erasers. New or gently used items are appreciated. Look for collection boxes by the church office starting June 30. Supplies will be collected through Sunday August 18. An **Amazon Wish List** has been created for **Onward House** if you prefer to shop online (https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2ZSLQX2NP77F?ref_=wl_share). Please contact Jessica Greve at grevejess@gmail.com for more information. Thank you!



Every purchase
you make
GIVES BACK
to the
Community

Stop by to support your shop on any of the following upcoming dates.

Our summer hours will continue beginning July 9 on Tuesdays 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. and on Wednesdays 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. during the month of July. We will have new merchandise daily. Cash and check only! Share this with some fellow shoppers! Your shopping is helping others!



SAVE THE DATE!

5th Annual Labor Day Retreat ~ August 31 - September 1, 2019 (with option to stay September 2) at Tower Hill in Sawyer, MI. All church members are invited! Cost is \$95 for adults, \$65 for kids 8-12 and free for 7 and under.

Please RSVP to Amy Song at arigoni3@sbcglobal.net. Please mail check made out to GCC to GCC attn: Chris Calandra or put it in her box in the office.

WE NEED YOU!!!

We are looking to find several people to join our Usher Teams. We could definitely use your help! The commitment is minimal. We have seven Usher Teams; so generally you would serve only once every seven weeks. It's easy to join us, just contact Bill Roenitz at redrook9@comcast.net and he will add you to one of our Teams. Please give serious thought to becoming an Usher at Glenview Community Church!!! Your service to the Church would be greatly appreciated!

NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED! COMMUNION TEAM CO-CHAIR NEEDED!

The Communion Team is looking for someone to co-chair the Communion Team Leader position. This position does not require knowledge of serving communion (that can be learned very quickly), but it does require organizational skills. You will be responsible for recruiting the servers from a communion team list of volunteers; arranging the communion prep work and assisting and leading the communion servers on communion Sundays (which is the first Sunday of every month, plus a few additional "special" services). There is a list of "very willing to serve" Communion Team members to draw from and it has never been a problem recruiting servers. Please note that this will be a co-chair position, so the responsibilities are cut in half. It is not a difficult job and is not terribly time consuming, especially with a co-chair.

If you are interested in learning more about the position, please contact Sally Hicks at Sarahhicks70@gmail.com or 847-729-3162.

Event Time	Event Name	Primary Location
Thursday, 27 June 2019		
9:00 AM to 10:00 AM	Yoga	Room 201
Sunday, 30 June 2019		
10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	GCC Worship Service	Sanctuary
11:05 AM to 11:30 AM	Refreshments and Fellowship	Narthex
Wednesday, 03 July 2019		
4:00 PM to 5:30 PM	Knitters/Crocheters	Library
Thursday, 04 July 2019		
8:00 AM to 8:30 PM	GCC Closed - Happy 4th of July!	Sanctuary
Sunday, 07 July 2019		
10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	GCC Worship Service	Sanctuary
11:05 AM to 11:30 AM	Refreshments and Fellowship	Narthex
Tuesday, 09 July 2019		
9:15 AM to 10:00 AM	Summer Music & Movement Class	Cradle/Toddler Room
10:15 AM to 11:00 AM	Summer Music & Movement Class	Cradle/Toddler Room
12:00 PM to 4:00 PM	New To You Summer Hours	Plymouth Room
Wednesday, 10 July 2019		
9:00 AM to 2:00 PM	New To You Summer Hours	Plymouth Room
9:15 AM to 10:00 AM	Summer Music & Movement Class	Cradle/Toddler Room
10:15 AM to 11:00 AM	Summer Music & Movement Class	Cradle/Toddler Room
Thursday, 11 July 2019		
9:00 AM to 10:00 AM	Yoga	Narthex
Sunday, 14 July 2019		
10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	GCC Worship Service	Sanctuary
11:05 AM to 11:30 AM	Refreshments and Fellowship	Narthex
Tuesday, 16 July 2019		
9:15 AM to 10:00 AM	Summer Music & Movement Class	Cradle/Toddler Room
10:15 AM to 11:00 AM	Summer Music & Movement Class	Cradle/Toddler Room
12:00 PM to 4:00 PM	New To You Summer Hours	Plymouth Room
Wednesday, 17 July 2019		
9:00 AM to 2:00 PM	New To You Summer Hours	Plymouth Room
9:15 AM to 10:00 AM	Summer Music & Movement Class	Cradle/Toddler Room
10:15 AM to 11:00 AM	Summer Music & Movement Class	Cradle/Toddler Room
Thursday, 18 July 2019		
9:00 AM to 10:00 AM	Yoga	Narthex
Sunday, 21 July 2019		
10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	GCC - Hands of Peace Worship Service	Sanctuary
11:05 AM to 11:30 AM	Refreshments and Fellowship	Narthex
Tuesday, 23 July 2019		
9:15 AM to 10:00 AM	Summer Music & Movement Class	Cradle/Toddler Room
10:15 AM to 11:00 AM	Summer Music & Movement Class	Cradle/Toddler Room
12:00 PM to 4:00 PM	New To You Summer Hours	Plymouth Room
Wednesday, 24 July 2019		
9:00 AM to 2:00 PM	New To You Summer Hours	Plymouth Room
9:15 AM to 10:00 AM	Summer Music & Movement Class	Cradle/Toddler Room
10:15 AM to 11:00 AM	Summer Music & Movement Class	Cradle/Toddler Room
Thursday, 25 July 2019		
9:00 AM to 10:00 AM	Yoga	Narthex
Sunday, 28 July 2019		
10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	GCC Worship Service	Sanctuary
11:05 AM to 11:30 AM	Refreshments and Fellowship	Narthex
Tuesday, 30 July 2019		
9:15 AM to 10:00 AM	Summer Music & Movement Class	Cradle/Toddler Room
10:15 AM to 11:00 AM	Summer Music & Movement Class	Cradle/Toddler Room
12:00 PM to 4:00 PM	New To You Summer Hours	Plymouth Room

Deadline for the next Broadcaster is **July 10, 2019 by 9:00 AM.**

THE BROADCASTER

Would you like to receive the Broadcaster by email? Just email Tania at tania.mccarthy@gccucc.org and ask her to add you to the eblast list. You will then also receive a Friday note from Chuck and a weekly update of what's happening at GCC.

GIVING GLIMPSE MAY 2019

The Message, Ministries and Mission of Glenview Community Church thrive because you fulfill your stewardship commitments and make faithful contributions. It is essential that we remain current in our giving and ensure the fiscal health of the church. In the midst of our busy lives, we offer you this update reminder to keep in focus our progress on completing our financial commitments to GCC. This Financial Snapshot will be updated monthly and included in the worship bulletin and Broadcaster.

	YTD	Over/(Under)Budget
Pledge Fulfillment	\$ 409,387	\$49,362
Other Income	\$ 114,769	\$22,817
Expenses	\$ 498,432	(\$61,239)
Net Total	\$ 25,724	\$133,472

SUMMARY: The congregation approved the budget for 2019 which defines an operating deficit of \$79,681. Through May we are operating \$133,472 favorable to budget.



SPOTS STILL AVAILABLE FOR HANDS OF PEACE TRIP TO ISRAEL-PALESTINE, MARCH 2020

Have you always wanted to visit the Holy Land? Or maybe you've been before but now you're ready to take a deeper dive into the political realities of this fascinating land. GCC members and friends are invited to join the next **HOP** trip March 2-12 with stops throughout Israel and the West Bank. Our tour will be led by both an Israeli and a Palestinian guide and we'll connect with many HOP alumni along the way. For an itinerary, pricing and further details please contact Gretchen Grad, ggrad@handsofpeace.org or 847-707-7033. Optional extension to see the wonders of Petra, Jordan also available. Don't miss this life-changing adventure!

Join GCC members Christine Foley and CJ Sultz who have already signed up.

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OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - FRIDAY
8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

REGULAR SUMMER CHURCH HOURS

MONDAY-FRIDAY: 8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.
SATURDAY: closed
SUNDAY: 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Pondering in Silence

Learn to get in touch with the
silence within yourself and know that
everything in this life has a purpose.
There are no mistakes, no coincidences.
All events are blessings given to us to
learn from. *Elizabeth Kübler-Ross*

