

COMMUNITY

This church's name is Glenview Community Church. All three words in that name are essential to its identity. Just now I want to reflect with you about the middle word in that name – **Community**.

I'm told that, when this church was first built in 1946, the sign on the lawn named this place the Glenview Community Church and Youth Center. That name says loud and clear that this church has always been interested in supporting the wider community, and especially the youth of this community. In the beginning days of this church's history, the Village of Glenview desperately needed a community center. We live in a different time now. It's a time when there are many organizations offering nearly limitless opportunities that support and enrich the lives of Glenview residents. Yet our church's interest in the community of Glenview is no less significant or needed. Some churches cloister themselves from the wider community because of a vision of holiness that is separation and disengagement from the world. Our tradition is quite the opposite. We believe that holiness has to do with our involvement in the world. So the issues and challenges of Glenview, Illinois are always relevant for the Glenview Community Church. It's our town. It's where we most particularly embody the love of God in Jesus Christ.

But the **Community** in our name doesn't just mean the Village of Glenview. It also means the open and inviting Christian community that is the vitality of our congregation. We are a community that is Christ's body...we are a fellowship 'where two or three are gathered in Jesus' name'...we are a family where everyone has a place at the table. I'm told that, on a recent Sunday, a new visitor wandered into our church. When this visitor realized that we were sharing the Lord's Supper, this visitor assumed that the sacrament was only for July 09, 2014

members. But one of our ushers intervened and persuaded this visitor that everyone is welcome at Christ's table here. What a wonderful demonstration of community; of the middle word in our name! On the Fourth of July our Children's Board marched in the Glenview parade. The purpose of that participation was twofold: to lift the visibility of our church in this village, and to invite others to join us in this community. And how persistently we need to work at visibility and invitation! In the community of Glenview we are a community of Christ.

Just so, building **community** where all people are welcome and precious is essential to our mission. That's why our Faith In Action Team organized a delegation from the Glenview Community Church to march in the Pride Parade on June 28th and invited us to participate. That's why Hands of Peace is engaged in its twelfth season of building community among Palestinian, Israeli, American, Christian, Jewish and Muslim teens. Participating in the Pride Parade and marching in solidarity with our LGBT sisters and brothers...participating in Hands of Peace and welcoming God's children with interest, understanding and openness fulfills the middle word in our name. It's about **Community**!

Engaged in the community of Glenview... becoming an open and inclusive community in Christ...and building a community of justice and equality for all God's children in this metropolitan area and around the world are what the middle word in our name means. We are the Glenview Community Church in name. Let us persistently work to become ever more fully the Glenview Community Church in spirit. See you in church!

Chuck Mize

WORSHIP SERVICES

JULY 13, 2014

10:00 a.m.

Scripture: Psalm 119:105-112; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Sermon: Bushels of Abundance Rev. Dr. Pam Keckler

JULY 20, 2014 Hands of Peace Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Scripture: Genesis 28:10-19a Matthew 13:24-30

Sermon: *Don't Pull The Weeds!* Rev. Dr. Chuck Mize

JULY 27, 2014

10:00 a.m.

Scripture: Genesis 29:15-28 Romans 8:28-39 Matthew 13:31-33, 45-52

Sermon: Our Heart's Desire Rev. Dr. Chuck Mize

AUGUST 3, 2014

COMMUNION 10:00 a.m.

Scripture: Isaiah 55:1-5; Matthew 14:13-21

Sermon: Won't You Come? Rev. Dr. Pam Keckler

ASPHALT AND DRAINS OH MY! CAMPAIGN

The campaign to fund the Parking Lot Repaving and Storm Water Abatement Project is well underway. As of Friday, July 3, you have donated \$88,145 for parking spaces, concrete parking bumpers, striping and signs for disabled access parking. Praise God! If you have not yet added your support to this project, please consider doing so because...We have to do it...We can do it...and It's a privilege to do it. Remember, God loves a cheerful giver, even for asphalt and drains!

OUR NEW PARKING LOT

On May 18th, the Congregation, at the annual meeting, approved the project to repave the parking lot and provide storm water abatement provisions. It appears likely that work will commence this week. The entrance to the west parking lot next to the church building off of Glenview Road will close when the work begins on the storm water retention segment of the project. This access will likely be closed for three to four weeks.

In the meantime please use the north lot for parking at the church. There will still be access to the west entrance of the building from there. On Sundays, you can park in the west lot and we will have access to the west entrance from there.

Later in the summer, we will be repaying the west and north parking lots, with the work going on during the work week. We will still have parking available on Sundays.

Parking Lot Committee

Chuck Mize , Steve Krueger, Glenn Kelly, Bill Dailey, Jen Helgren

SANCTUARY TECH TEAM

Interested in the new sound and video system in the sanctuary? We are looking for volunteers to form a "Sanctuary Tech Team". You will get training on the new state-of-the-art system and be responsible for recording the Sunday service. A "Team Member" need not be a technical guru; we will train you to work with the system. This is a great opportunity to get involved and have fun at the same time. If you are interested please sign up at church. Contact Brian Grad via email <u>brian.grad@gmail.com</u> or call (847)204-7033 if you have questions.



COMMUNITY YOUTH RETREAT

Please remember to register for the Community Youth Retreat on August 16-17. We have a great group attending. Details and a packing list will be sent later in the summer.

The retreat is at our beautiful UCC church camp at Tower Hill in Sawyer, Michigan. It is an opportunity get to know other Confirmands and youth, and begin the process of learning about Confirmation.

Deadline to register is July 15. Confirmand spots are filling up fast, so be sure to get your registration to Rev. Keckler if you are planning to go. Those who are unable to attend will do a make-up in late August.

CONFIRMATION

Parents, please make sure you have filled out a registration form for 7th grade confirmation class. Please put all forms in Rev. Keckler's mailbox in the church office. 8th graders do not need to register. They will be returning to their same classes and teachers in the fall. If you have questions, please contact Rev. Keckler at (847)724-2210 ext. 224.



THANK YOU GCC PRIDE PARADE MARCHERS!

On Sunday, June 29, 2014, GCC members joined more than 200 organizations, corporations, schools, churches and synagogues in marching to show our support for the LGBT community. The crowd of one million was incredible -- cheering, waving, high-fiving, hugging, and shouting their thanks and appreciation. We heard "Thank you Glenview" countless times. What a beautiful day!



HANDS OF PEACE FAREWELL DINNER

The Hands of Peace Summer Program will be here in July. Everyone is invited to the Farewell Dinner. If you have not experienced the Hands of Peace program or never have had the opportunity to truly see the impact it is making, now is your chance. Hear from the participants first hand what the program has done for them.

- WHERE: The Jewish Reconstructionist Congregation (303 Dodge Avenue, Evanston, IL 60202) is generously hosting our Farewell Banquet again this year. The date and time of the Farewell Banquet are as follows:
- DATE: Wednesday, July 23rd, 2014
- TIME: 7:00 PM 9:30 PM
- TICKETS: \$25. To reserve a place go to the website at <u>www.handsofpeace.org.</u>

Peace, Salaam, Shalom

FAITH IN ACTION TEAM NEWS

Thanks to all GCC members who supported the Faith in Action Team initiatives this year. We appreciate your participation in events to learn about and advocate for local and state-wide social justice issues. Special thanks goes to Kristine Voelker who envisioned and enabled this year's efforts, including hosting of the Community Renewal Society Annual Assembly, presenting forums on local and city issues, arranging meetings with local and state legislators, and celebrating GCC's commitment to be a welcoming church on Rainbow Sunday.

We invite all who are interested to participate in planning of Faith in Action Team events and social justice advocacy for 2014-2015. Planning meetings will be at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, July 14 and Monday, August 11. Please contact Betsy Martin, new chair of the Faith in Action Team, for details about the planning meeting location. Contact her at 847-657-7595 or at <u>betsywisemartin@att.net</u>.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT GCC

THUR	9:15 AM	Music & Movement Class, Cradle /Toddler Rm
07/10	11:00 AM	Working Out With Weights, Mayflower Rm CANCELLED
FRI	8:00 PM	Al-Anon, Library
07/11	8:00 PM	AA Meeting, Parlor
SUN	10:00 AM	Worship, Sanctuary
07/13	10:00 AM	Summer Church School Begins in the Sanctuary
	11:00 AM	Fellowship and Refreshments, Narthex
MON	9:30 AM	Spirit Group, Llbrary
07/14	7:30 PM	Mission Outreach Board, Parlor
THU	11:00 AM	Working Out With Weights, Mayflower Rm
07/17		
FRI	8:00 PM	Al-Anon Meeting, Library
07/18	8:00 PM	AA Meeting, Parlor
SUN	10:00 AM	Hands of Peace Worship, Sanctuary
07/20	10:00 AM	Summer Sunday School Begins In Worship, Sanctuary
	11:15 AM	Fellowship Board Mtg., Rm 213
	11:15 AM	Fellowship Time, Narthex
THUR	9:15 AM	Music & Movement Class, Cradle /Toddler Rm
	11:45 AM	Working Out With Weights, Mayflower Rm CANCELLED
07/24	2:30 PM	Dementia Support Group, Parlor
FRI	8:00 PM	Al-Anon Meeting, Library
07/25	8:00 PM	AA Meeting, Parlor
SUN	10:00 AM	Worship, Sanctuary
07/27	10:00 AM	Summer Sunday School Begins In Worship, Sanctuary
	11:00 AM	Fellowship Time, Narthex
MON	9:30 AM	Spirit Group, Library
07/28		
THUR	9:30 AM	Music & Movement Class, Cradle /Toddler Rm
07/31	11:45 AM	Working Out With Weights, Mayflower Rm
FRI	8:00 PM	Al-Anon Meeting, Library
08/01	8:00 PM	AA Meeting, Parlor
SUN	10:00 AM	Worship, Sanctuary
08/03	10:00 AM	Summer Sunday School Begins In Worship, Sanctuary
	11:00 AM	Fellowship Time, Narthex

THE NEXT DEADLINE FOR THE BROADCASTER IS AUGUST 20, 2014 AT 9:00 AM



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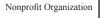
OFFICE SUMMER HOURS Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. June 16, 2014 - August 18, 2011

PASTORS Rev. Dr. Charles E. Mize, Senior Pastor Rev. Dr. Pamela Keckler, Pastor

MINISTRY STAFF: Elizabeth Hartung-Ciccolini, Youth & Children's Ministry Rev. Dale Susan Edmonds, Congregational Care Gary Wendt, Music Ministry and Organist Stephen Blackwelder, Adult Choirs Debby Shellard, Children's Choirs Marcia Kiraly, GCC Nursery School Martha Fergus, Resale Shop

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I pray shalom for you --

That you wake each day eager to meet whatever comes, That you accept with courage any limitations on your abilities, That you accept with humility, but develop creatively, your special talents, That you accept with humility, but develop creatively, your special talents, That you are not stressed by having to set some things aside, That what you do illuminates who you are, and that you find joy in all you do. I pray shalom for you – that the beauty of God's creation enthralls you, that your love and way of life enhance that beauty and do not deplete the resources of the earth. I pray shalom for you – That your faith may grow, That you be filled with love, And that hope never dies. --Isobel de Gruchy, South Africa