

UNEXPECTED BLESSINGS

The invitation arrived in the mail a couple of weeks ago. Mark and Shari are getting married, and we're on the guest list! Mark and I met at Elmhurst College and became friends. We were even roommates one year. After college we both went to seminary: Mark to Vanderbilt Divinity School in Nashville and I to Eden Theological Seminary in St. Louis. Mark is a Presbyterian minister who has served churches in Indiana, South Dakota, Illinois and Missouri where he now lives. Shari is a UCC minister who has served churches and institutional ministries in Missouri. I met Shari years ago when we were both students at Eden Seminary.

Mark and Shari are both devoted children who supported and cared for their parents until their deaths. Neither of them ever married. And, in the autumn of their lives as they prepare for retirement, neither of them ever expected to marry. But God had other ideas! They met at a regional clergy gathering and struck up a conversation. One thing led to another and, before they knew it, they were falling in love. So what a wedding it will be, and we wouldn't miss it for the world! We will rejoice in the love they have found in each other. And we will give thanks to our God who never stops surprising us with unexpected blessings; God who is good...all the time!

This week *Hands of Peace 2017* begins in Glenview and San Diego. We will welcome old friends and new friends to Chicago and Glenview Community Church as Palestinian, Israeli, Palestinian Citizens of Israel and U.S. teens come together to share dialogue and forge durable relationships that hold great promise for building peace in the Middle

East. This will be the fourth year that Jeanie and I have hosted HOP students in our home. It's always a delicate dance in emails as we prepare to meet our teen when he or she arrives in the GCC parking lot on the bus from O'Hare. We don't know how our days together will go. But what we do know is that our family has grown in remarkable and rich ways because of *Hands of Peace*. And we know that God surprises us with unexpected blessings; God who is good...all the time!

I hope that your summer will be one that reveals unexpected blessings. Mark and Shari remind us that a routine meeting can change our lives. *Hands of Peace* reminds us that our families can change and grow when we open our doors and our hearts to new people and new experiences. Doing that is something we can risk and trust because God is good...all the time!

In these more relaxed summer Sundays, God has been surprising us at GCC with unexpected blessings: a choral workshop that blessed us with a Gospel Choir on Father's Day...a celebration of the United Church of Christ's 60th Anniversary and Pride Sunday on June 25th...a thanksgiving for God's gift of freedom as it finds expression in our nation and moving music from a reunion choir on July 2nd...a well-deserved break for Gary Wendt that brings us guests to our organ in July...celebrations of life in baptisms on many of these summer Sundays...and more that is yet to be revealed. Yes, unexpected blessings abound, and God surprises us in church, because God is good...all the time! See you in church!

Chuck Mize

WORSHIP 10:00 AM

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SIXTH SUNDAY IN TRINITY

Scripture: James 1:21-25 Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Sermon: Fertile Soil Rev. Dr. Charles E. Mize

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN TRINITY HANDS OF PEACE SUNDAY

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Readings:

Qur'an Chapter 12, Verse 87 Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24 Romans 8:18-25 Matthew 13:24-30

Sermon:

What We Are Yet To Become Rev. Dr. Charles E. Mize

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EIGHTH SUNDAY IN TRINITY

Scripture: Genesis 29:15-28 Matthew 13:44-46

Sermon:

Fourteen Years for Rachel Rev. Dr. Charles E. Mize

SPIRITUAL COUNCIL MEETING REPORT JUNE 27, 2017

The Spiritual Council made GCC history by meeting for the first time under the new governance structure. The conversations set an engaged, optimistic tone for the upcoming opportunities and challenges of this church year. Representatives from all the Ministries were present, in addition to church officers, pastors, representatives of the Women's Association and Nursery School, and At-Large Members.

Pastors' Reports

Elizabeth Hartung-Ciccolini reminded everyone that the *All-Church Retreat* over Labor Day weekend is for all ages, not just families with young children. She also praised the energy, wit, and spirit that the youth displayed during the Mission Trip to Cass Lake, Minnesota.

Chuck Mize reported that Pam Keckler was at the UCC's General Synod in Baltimore, serving as a delegate from the Illinois conference of the UCC, and that Music Director Gary Wendt is taking a well-deserved long vacation this summer. Chuck also lifted up and thanked the many congregation members who quietly help out behind the scenes at church, performing tasks that keep GCC welcoming and well maintained.

Treasurer's Report

Chris Clark reported that we are \$13,000 ahead of our budget for revenues and \$11,500 below budget for expenses, and he praised the church staff's great work in managing expenses. The Treasurer's Report also shows revenue of \$941,435 for the *Forward in Faith Campaign*, which is about ¼ of the funds pledged—a sign of very good progress for the campaign.

Construction Committee Update

As **Forward in Faith** pledging continues, the Construction Committee is hard at work on a building plan to present to the congregation. The 20 patterns of use originally identified for the church have been distilled into 3 categories: accessibility, community, and infrastructure. The Construction Committee is meeting with the architects and building contractor to hammer out a plan that will improve our building on all three fronts while staying within our budget.

Ministry Reports

All five Ministries reported excellent progress in setting goals, recruiting team members, and carrying forward the church's activities without interruption. On behalf of the Outreach Ministry, Kara Clark presented the allocations of the missions budget to social service agencies. The Spiritual Council approved the total of \$63,600 allocated among 26 agencies.

Committees and Positions for Election

The Spiritual Council approved elections and appointments of members to several church bodies:

Congregational Life Ministry

Sarah Busch, Coordinator

Worship and Music Ministry

Sally Thuresson, Coordinator

Pastoral Relations Committee

Tom Aldrich, Kara Clark, Marvin Johnson, Nancy Mullarkey, JoAnne Peters

Human Resources Committee

Debby Fosdick, Cathy Ach, Terry Adams, Mary Ellen Johnson

Communications Committee

Jason Stutz, Sheryl Long, Laura O'Mera, Jamie Chodoroff

Leadership

Jane Hund, Pam Reidy, Melissa Aki

GCCNS Board

Susan Johns, Chair; Carol Habel, Vice Chair; Sara Veit, At-Large Member

Constitutional Working Group

The Spiritual Council approved the creation of the Constitutional Working group, which is charged with gathering the congregation's feedback to compose revisions to the Interim Constitution to be approved in May, 2019. The CWG will also be empowered to propose more urgent revisions at special congregational meetings before May 2019. The members of the CWG are Bob McGee (chair), Paul Bauerschmidt, Debby Fosdick, Megan McClung, Nancy Mullarkey, Sally Sargent, Stephen Isaacs, and Tom Aldrich.

NAME BADGES AND FASTENERS

Have you misplaced your name badge? Do you need a new one? We have additional magnet backs for your name badge, located on the visitor's table in the narthex. For those who need pin/clip backs, we will be ordering those as well. Please contact Rev. Pam Keckler to order a badge, etc.

CONFIRMATION FALL ENROLLMENT

Parents – If your child is entering 7th grade this September, you should have received information about our two-year Confirmation program for 7th and 8th graders. We meet Sunday mornings from 8:45 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. Registration forms were sent to you or you may pick up a form in the church office. Questions, see Rev. Pam Keckler who coordinates this program.

LOOKING FOR USHERS!

Do you like to greet and meet people? Are you a newer member of the church who would like to get to know other members? Then you might like to be on one of our usher teams. Each team serves every 7 weeks. They help seat people, pass out bulletins, collect offerings, and they welcome visitors. For more information or to volunteer, contact our Chief Usher, Bill Roenitz at redrook9@comcast.net;

LIFE EVERLASTING

We trust the promise of the resurrection for our longtime member Dr. Richard (Dick) Young who passed away suddenly at Evanston Hospital on Monday, June 26, even as we hold his daughter Karen, his sons Steve and Chris, and his family in our prayers. We will give thanks to God for Dr. Young's life at a memorial service at GCC on Saturday, July 15 at 11:00 a.m., with a visitation for the Young family beginning in the sanctuary at 10 a.m.

We also trust the promise of the resurrection for Joseph Peel who passed away on June 11, 2017 in Downer's Grove, Illinois, even as we hold in our prayers his wife, Mary Ann, and son, Bill (Melanie) Peel and daughter, Barbara (Joe) Pletsch. A memorial service for Mr. Peel was held on June 25 in Lombard, Illinois.

Event Name	Primary Location
AA Meeting	Parlor
AL-ANON	Library
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Mens Open Gym	Gym
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Glenview Community Church Worship Service	Sanctuary
Fellowship and Refreshments	Narthex
HOP Host Family Meeting	Mayflower
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Music and Movement Class	Cradle/Toddler Room
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Womens Chapter 20	Chapel
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GIVING GLIMPSE

MAY 2017

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. 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 Giving Glimpse will be updated monthly and included in the worship bulletin and Broadcaster.

	Amount Received	Amount* Pledged	Over/ Under
May	\$ 67,812	\$ 60,000	\$ 7,812
YTD	\$423,518	\$415,445	\$ 8,073

^{*} Note: The amount pledged reflects the recently approved 2017 Budget.

GCC OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

The office will be open during the summer from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. beginning June 12 and ending August 18.

GCC BUILDING SUMMER HOURS

The building will be open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. during the summer beginning June 12 through August 18.

Saturdays and Sundays the building will be open from 8:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. for the same above dates. This includes hours for the Memorial Garden.

SERMONS NOW ON VIDEO

Have you been away or unable to attend church on Sunday? You now can keep up on the sermons by watching the video.

Just go to the website at <u>www.gccucc.org</u> and click on **ABOUT US** and then click on Sermons. The most recent video sermon is at the top, scroll down for an earlier version.

The next Deadline for the Broadcaster is August 23, 2017 at 9:00 AM

AA Meeting

AL-ANON

Mens Open Gym

8:00 PM to 9:00 PM

8:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Saturday, 12 August 2017 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM Mens Parlor

Library

Gym

GCC'S CLERGY CONNECTION TO THE UCC

As we were preparing to celebrate the UCC's 60th Birthday, Pam Keckler began making a list of clergy and church leaders in the United Church of Christ that have been a part of GCC. Here's that list, as best we know it!

ORDAINED AT GCC

Rev. Nan Conser, ordained in 1980. Retired

Rev. Nina Fockens, ordained in 1986. Retired

Rev. Becky Erb Strang, ordained in 1994. Pastor of St. Paul UCC, New Bremen, Ohio

Rev. Janet Aldrich, ordained in 1998. Chaplain at Presbyterian Homes, Evanston

Rev. Jim Coyl, ordained in 2011. Pastor of Pensacola Beach Community Church, Pensacola, Florida

Rev. Elizabeth Hartung-Ciccolini, ordained in 2015. GCC's Associate Pastor for Youth and Children

PASTORS OF GCC

Rev. Robert Warskow, ordained in 1957. Served GCC as Parish Minister from 1970-1995. Retired

Rev. Dr. Bobbie McKay, ordained in 1970. Served GCC as Minister for the Women's Association from 1970-1979. Now serves as GCC's Pastoral Associate for Spiritual Life

Rev. Dr. Douglas Runnels, ordained in 1974. Served GCC as Senior Minister from 1989-2001. Retired

Rev. Dr. Tom Nordberg, ordained in 1978. Served GCC as Parish Minister from 1996-1999. Now serves as Interim Minister for the Church of Christ at Dartmouth College, New Hanover, New Hampshire

Rev. Dr. Charles Mize, ordained in 1980. Has served GCC as Senior Pastor since 2013

Rev. Dr. Pam Keckler, ordained in 1991. Has served GCC as Pastor since 1995

Rev. Sally Iberg, ordained in 2000. Served GCC as Associate Minister from 2003-2009. Now serves as Pastor of Pilgrim Congregational UCC, Oak Park, Illinois

MEMBERS OF GCC

Rev. William Widick Schroeder, ordained in 1955. Retired

Rev. Clark Ross, ordained in 1956. Retired

Rev. Dale Susan Edmonds, ordained in 1984. Has served GCC as Pastoral Associate for Congregational Care since 2013

Rev. Mary Jane Huber, ordained in 2014. Now serves as Pastor of St. John UCC, Merton, Wisconsin

GCC STUDENT PASTORS NOW SERVING UCC CHURCHES

Rev. Nick Hatch, ordained in 2008. Now serves as Associate Pastor of First Congregational UCC, Appleton, Wisconsin

Holly Klaman Kennedy now serves as Director of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry at Ladera Community Church UCC, Portola Valley, California

GCC MEMBER SERVING THE WIDER CHURCH

Don Clark. Served as General Counsel of the United Church of Christ. Now serving as Acting President of Chicago Theological Seminary

REV. PAM KECKLER AT GENERAL SYNOD

I have just been to the 31st General Synod in Baltimore, MD. There were over 50 delegates from the Illinois Conference and we were busy from early morning until late at night. We were informed the breakfast meeting for Illinois Conference delegates will begin at 6:30 a.m. Those who know me are aware this isn't my finest hour of the day!

For each General Synod, the denomination receives various resolutions submitted for consideration. Delegates are assigned to one of these resolutions, where we meet in groups, dialogue and discuss what we will do in presenting such a resolution of witness.

EXAMPLES INCLUDE

- -- Calling for participation with the Boy Scouts of America through Inclusive Scouting Programs. (This actually came from First United Church of Oak Park).
- -- A Call for the UCC to advocate for the Rights of Children Living Under Israeli Military Occupation.
- -- Corporal Punishment of Children in homes and institutions.
- -- Declaring the work of the pattern of giving in the UCC.
- -- The Disparity of Rights of Adoptees to access original birth certificates for adults.
- Resolution of support for establishing relationships between UCC settings and Community Development Federal Credit Unions.
- -- Proposing a new framework for covenantal giving and implementing fundraising best practices.
- -- Recognizing and studying gun violence as a public health emergency.

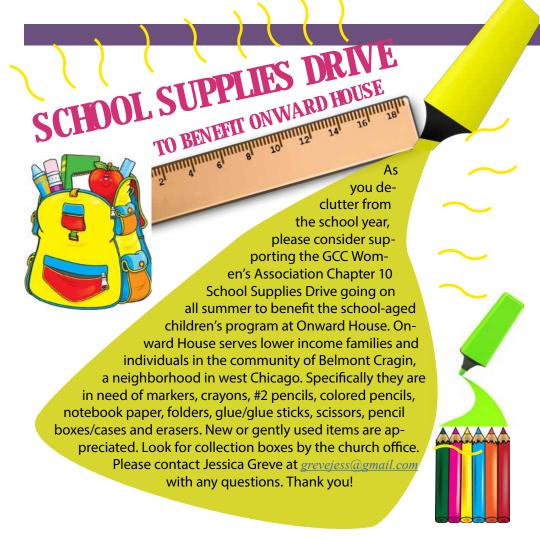
Another resolution recently came from a pastor in the Fox Valley Association in the Illinois Conference. This pastor wrote:

As a member of the UCC Council for Climate Justice, I have been asked to communicate to all of our conference delegates that a resolution concerning the Church's role in responding to the Climate Crisis has been put forward for your consideration. This is a recent submittal, approved by several conferences and its immediacy for approval is in response to the USA withdrawal from the Paris Climate Accord.

My time has been spent talking with other delegates from around the country on various justice and witness issues, as well as being part of numerous plenary sessions, community worship, hearings, workshops, service projects in Baltimore and special speakers. And we definitely celebrated the 60th anniversary of the United Church of Christ! I will bring a full report when I return. This will complete my term as a Synod delegate for our Conference.

In two years (usually the last week of June through July 4) the General Synod will be held in Milwaukee, WI! Why not plan now to be a visitor and see what goes on in the workings of our National Church!

Pam



SIMPLE GIFTS

A COMMUNITY CONCERT SERIES 2016-2017 SEASON

Number of Concerts = 8 Audience Members = 1600+ Community Value = Priceless It is difficult to attach a number to the impact GCC's Simple Gift Concert Series has on our community. The series brings together groups of behind-the-scenes volunteers (stage crew, performers, ambassadors, homestay hosts for visiting choirs), generates money, awareness and support for important causes (Toys For Tots, Breast Cancer Research, Northfield Township Food Pantry, Hands of Peace), connects us with community service, military and veterans groups and brings together people from Glenview and beyond though the power of music. Our mission is to "nourish the souls of all who enter" with high quality, innovative, community-based programming. Thank you for your continued support of one of GCC's most visible and impactful outreach ministries! Stay tuned for our new season, and check out our blog at www.gccmusic.org for the latest music ministry news!

LOOKING FOR A NEW HOME

Our church library has received a donation of several Bibles. The books are old but in excellent condition. We are making these six copies available to anyone who would like them. Please find them on the small table just inside the library entrance.

HERE IS THE LIST

A Reader's Guide to the Holy Bible, Revised Standard Version,1972, Thomas Nelson, Inc.; Good News for Modern Man, The New Testament in Today's English Version, 1971, American Bible Society; Holy Bible, New International Version,1978, American Bible Society; The Holy Bible, New International Version, 1984, International, Bible Society; The Kyrie Study Bible, New Testament, King James Version, 1976,The Moody Bible Institute; The Holy Bible, New International Version, 1978, Zondervan Corp.

NORTHFIELD TOWNSHIP FOOD PANTRY

Hi Neighbors! Summer is here and our community is still in need. Please consider sending \$20.17 to the *Northfield Township Food Pantry 2017 Summer Challenge*! Each month over 750 households from our community will visit our food pantry to help feed their families. Summer can be a very challenging time for families whose children receive free or reduced lunch during the school year.

Also, summer is a time when food donations to the Pantry tend to decrease. We believe if our community became aware of these challenges, it would rise to the occasion to work together to turn summer at the Pantry into a less difficult time for our neighbors who rely on the Pantry for assistance.

As you are enjoying your summer break, let's try to make summer 2017 better for our neighbors in need. Please consider sending a check to:

Northfield Township Food Pantry "2017 Summer Challenge" 2550 Waukegan Road, Suite 100, Glenview, IL 60025

You can also make a credit card or Paypal donation online by visiting: http://twp.northfield.il.us/pantry/

Thank you so much for considering helping our community with the Northfield Township Food Pantry 2017 Summer Challenge!

SAVE THE DATE!!

WOMEN'S RETREAT 2018

January 26-28

Mark your calendar and invite a friend.

More details to come.



ALL CHURCH RETREAT

The All Church Retreat will be September 2-3(4). The tentative schedule is below. We will be staying at Tower Hill Camp located in Sawyer, MI. This is a wonderful way to start the church year. We spend time getting know each other, and consider a Bible story together. This is a chance for people to come together and get to know others from our church community. The cost is \$90 for 13 year olds and up, \$60 for 8-12 year olds and children 7 & under are free. There is an additional cost for staying a second night (children 7 and under are free). Please contact Amy Song at arigoni3@ sbcglobal.net if you would like to attend.

Schedule for Labor Day Retreat (all times are Eastern Time) SATURDAY 9/2

11:00 a.m. check in 12:30 p.m. lunch 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. church time (We will get to know each other and talk about our theme **Together in Hope**). 2:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. beach time 6:00 p.m. dinner 6:45 p.m. church time

8:00 p.m. bonfire

SUNDAY 9/3

8:30 a.m. breakfast 9:15 a.m. worship 10:15 a.m. service / work project 12:30 p.m. lunch (group picture), additional activities

1:30 p.m. Walk in the woods and/ or beach time.

6:00 p.m. dinner

7:00 p.m. church time (game night)

8:00 p.m. bonfire

MONDAY MORNING 9/4

8:30 a.m. breakfast



HANDS OF PEACE FAREWELL CELEBRATION!

Mark your calendars for an incredibly moving evening! Join us at the Hands of Peace Farewell Celebration on Sunday, July 30, from 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Glenbrook South High School. It will be a culmination of our summer program, as we bring together our local community and supporters and gather to honor our 2017 participants. Hear moving reflections, view powerful two-minute films, and learn first-hand from the Israeli, Palestinian and American participants what Hands of Peace means to them. Introductions of this year's participants and a multi-media show by the teens will begin promptly at 5:30 p.m., followed by hors d'oeuvres and Silent Auction. Tickets are now available for \$35 and can be purchased online at www.handsofpeace.org Consider supporting Hands of Peace by becoming a "Dove Sponsor." Sponsorships are \$500 and include 8 tickets plus recognition in our program. Students age 18 and younger are admitted free of charge!

GOOD NEWS FROM THE SPIRITUAL LIFE TEAMS

The ten Spiritual Life teams at GCC just had their first ALL SPIRITUAL LIFE TEAMS EXPE-**RIENCE!** Nearly sixty people gathered after church last Sunday in the Plymouth Room to listen to each Spiritual Life Team share a verbal "picture" of their team. It was an amazing experience of spirit and joy mixed in with love, gratitude, laughter and prayer!

Two new **Spiritual Life Teams** will begin soon. If you want to know more about this program, contact Dr. Bobbie McKay at bobbiemk@mc.net. If you'd like to be a member of a Spiritual Life Team, get in touch with Bobbie. Two new teams will begin soon; one for women and one for couples. Everyone is welcome to participate in these programs at GCC. Contact Bobbie or any member of a Spiritual Life Team.

CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE UPDATE

Though we've been pretty quiet, do not fear. We've been hard at work! We are currently focused on bringing the projected construction costs for Phase 1 of our Master Plan within the financial scope of Forward in Faith. As part of that process, the Committee continues to rely on our Construction Manager - Pepper Construction – for accurate cost projections. Just as soon as we have a workable and affordable plan, we will be inviting the congregation to join us in small groups so that we can present the plan and receive your feedback. Stay tuned for more details and do plan to join us! We need your input to make this project the best it can be for GCC's Message, Ministries and Mission!



















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COME WALK AND TALK

with the Construction Committee



Sunday mornings after worship, beginning July 30 (July 30, August 6, 13, 20, and 27)

Where.
the Chapel and the GCC building

Please join members of the Construction Committee on one or more of these Sunday mornings. We will gather in the Chapel for an introduction to the revised plans and then take a walking tour of the areas of thE GCC building that will be altered and renewed with floor plans in hand!

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OFFICE HOURS SUMMERS

Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

