



Broadcaster

Glenview Community Church

Pilgrim's Progress

It's hard to imagine that a new academic year is upon us. Students will be back in school in no time. Some already are. A new academic year usually marks transitions in our lives—a child beginning pre-school or going to kindergarten and riding the bus for the first time or starting middle school or high school or going off to college. All of these touch points and many more illustrate how lives change and grow. Parents watch in amazement at how rapidly the years pass, children grow up and become their own persons and are on their own.

There are other transitions—career changes, job losses, retiring, the death of parents and discovering suddenly you are the older generation. Whatever the circumstances, whatever the shifts and changes that we may be experiencing, I find the following suggestions by George Carlin, comedian who died last year, are very helpful.

Remember, spend some time with your loved ones, because they are not going to be around forever.

Remember, say a kind word to someone who looks up to you in awe, because that little person soon will grow up and leave your side.

Remember, to give a warm hug to the one next to you, because that is the only treasure you can give with your heart and it doesn't cost a cent.

Remember, to say "I love you" to your partner and your loved ones, but most of all mean it.

A kiss and an embrace will mend hurt when it comes from deep inside of you.

Remember to hold hands and cherish the moment, for someday that person will not be there again.



**Give time to love,
give time to speak,
give time to share the
precious thoughts in your mind.**

Carlin's advice is valuable regardless of what stage of life we are in or what life transitions we are experiencing. Heeding his advice will strengthen our relationships, enrich our lives, and deepen the value and meaning of life for those we "remember" and for ourselves as well.

Howard



Sunday School

Sunday School is held each Sunday in the summer at 9:30 a.m. in the Parlor. There will be no Sunday School on Labor Day Sunday, September 6, but the nursery will be available, along with a children's message and Family Communion in worship.

SAVE THE DATE



Rally Day September 13th

Look for your RSVP in the mail and please send it in.

August 19, 2009

SUNDAY SERVICES

AUGUST 23, 2009

9:30 a.m. Summer Music

Scripture:

Genesis 1:26-2:4a
Matthew 28:16-20

Sermon:

"Whose Universe Is It?"
Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts

AUGUST 30, 2009

9:30 a.m. Summer Music

Scripture:

Psalms 119:153-160
Matthew 11:25-30

Sermon:

"What Vacation!"
Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts

SEPTEMBER 6, 2009

Children's Message Family Communion

9:30 a.m. Summer Music

Scripture:

John 21:1-12

Sermon:

"Breakfast Time!"
Rev. Dr. Pam Keckler

**Watch for the
Pledge-O'meter
coming soon.**



My Faith - My Church



I have been an active member of a congregational church for my entire life. Some of my best memories were as a child or young adult singing in the choir, attending church camp, asking lots of imper-

tent questions in our high school youth group or even, until one year ago when my childhood church was destroyed by the epic floods in Cedar Rapids, returning to church while visiting Mom in Iowa.

GCC has been my church home since 1983; my community and my family. I sing in the choir, have taught Sunday School, have been privileged to work with the Adult Education, Music and Missions Boards and am honored to serve as Moderator this year.

Simply put, church has always been an important part of my life and today GCC is that church. I have been asked to write about my "faith journey" and that is much more difficult as my faith journey is all about music and community and much less about faith in the traditional meaning of the word. My faith journey is an ongoing exploration of sacred music and our Christian community. Music, in all its variations, is worship for me and always has been. I am blessed that my journey has brought me to a church community full of music people who share their gifts as a form of worship. It is inspiring to be among such people and my faith has grown because of them.

Being part of the GCC community means much more however. I am passionately committed to both the ideals and the realities of a congregational church like GCC. I want to be part of a community and a tradition that has championed the rights of slaves, enthusiastically welcomed women and minorities as lay leaders and called ministers, fought for justice and peace, and truly welcomed all regardless of background or beliefs. It is probably true that I am unusual in not actively seeking for guidance or spiritual leadership from the called ministers. Rather, I look to individuals in the congregation as examples to help me more fully understand what it means to be a Christian. I have learned much from their quiet grace, thoughtful and spirited discussion, patient listening and inspired mission work. I know that if I am able to "pay attention" as Doug Runnels repeatedly encouraged, I just may be able to be the kind of person I wish to be.

Constance Filling, August, 2009

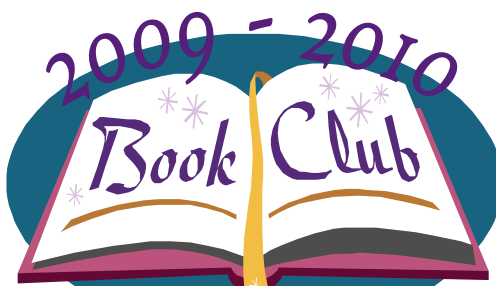
Financial Summary

As of July 31, 2009, year to date, a summary of pledges received to date (Pledges Made), payments received against the pledges made (Pledges Paid), total revenues (including Pledges Paid) received (Total Revenues), and actual expenses paid (Expenditures) is summarized below:

Pledges Made \$978,521
Pledges Paid \$573,504

Total Revenues \$721,733
Expenditures \$721,488

Respectfully submitted,
Rob Hevey, Treasurer



The Book club will meet in the Church Parlor at 7:00-8:30 PM the first Tuesday of September, October, November, March, April, May and June.

Isabel Soffer is the leader of this stimulating discussion group. Prepare for the September 1st meeting by reading *The Shadow Catcher* by Marianne Wiggins.

A fee of \$77.00 for seven sessions will be collected at the first meeting. Interested readers can call Barbara Schwarting at 847-258-5466 for more information.



GCC Career Network August 31st Meeting

If you are unemployed, returning to work, considering a job change or looking to expand your business network, please join us on Monday, August 31 at noon and 7:00 p.m. We gather to hear a speaker, share resources, discuss job openings, and support one another. Those who attend may also sign up to have access to a Yahoo Group for ongoing information and help. For other networking locations, please call Alek and Renee Jablonski at 847-486-1920 or Rev. Pam Keckler.

GCC WALKERS



The next outing for the GCC Walkers will be a repeat of a well-received locale a couple of years ago. We will be walking around a neighboring suburb's homes facing a very nice country club. We will be leaving after the single service at 9:30 a.m. on September 13, so wear your walking gear to church. We will car pool from the north lot. Call this walk's leader, Steve Lindell, at 998-6806 with any questions you may have. All are welcome.

Northfield Food Pantry still needs our help.

As volunteers at the Northfield Food Pantry, we are thankful for all of the food that is donated. However, we note that donations are not keeping up with current demands. Northfield Township currently has over 500 households eligible to receive donations.

With more and more people losing their jobs or working part time and with many senior citizens losing income from their investments, we urge our fellow neighbors, clubs, organizations, etc. to continue giving all throughout the year. The need is great for cans of vegetables, soups and especially canned fruit, seafood, chili, ravioli, pastas, rice, etc. Boxed mashed potatoes, cereals, noodles and peanut butter and jelly plus toilet paper are most appreciated.

Let's do our part to show the world what Americans can do to help each other through difficult times. Thank you.

John and Mary Lou Balazs
Northbrook, Illinois

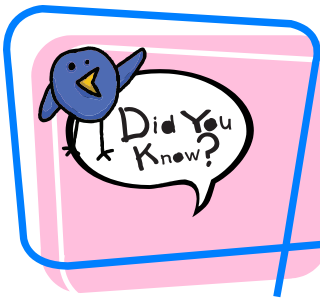
Women's Fall Retreat



Watch for More Info

Our annual women's fall retreat will be held on Friday evening through Saturday afternoon, October 2-3, 2009. This year we'll be staying at the Cabrini Retreat Center on Golf Road in Des Plaines, Illinois.

**Registration forms will be available
September 1.**



Interesting history and current facts showing how groups and individuals make a difference at GCC.

Did you know... That the Fellowship Board is responsible for buying the donut holes for the Fellowship Hour?

.. and that we go through six to eight boxes of them every Sunday?

That the Fellowship Board sponsors the St. Patrick's Day Potluck?

That the Fellowship Board schedules the servers for the Fellowship Hour?

That the Fellowship Board needs new members... and that YOU Qualify for this exciting, scintillating and FUN group?

(Call Karin Kinzalow 847 298 9128)

Mother Loss and Adult Daughters

A group for women of all ages whose mothers have died.

Glenview Community Church

Thursday Evenings

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

September 17 thru

October 22, 2009

Facilitator

Barbe Creagh, Ph.D., FAMI, CT

Fee: \$90.00 (six sessions).

If you are unable to pay this amount, we ask that you pay an amount which does not cause a hardship for you.

This group is also for GCC members and others. If your loved one was a Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care patient, the fee is waived.

Group size is limited and registration is required. For additional information or to register, please call:

Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care Bereavement Services at (847) 692-8884 or e-mail to bcreagh@rainbowhospice.org

Co-sponsored by Marilyn Belleau, Advocate Health Care Parish Nurse



7th Graders

Don't forget to register for confirmation class which begins September 13. There are registration forms and a letter on the youth bulletin board as well as in the church office. Questions? Contact Dr. Keckler, who is in charge of the confirmation program (847-724-2210, Ext. 24.)

MUSIC NOTES

Voices of GCC

Voices of GCC will begin rehearsals on Sunday, August 30th with a welcome back party in Room #201 from 4-5 p.m. If you have not already signed up for choir this year just come with \$15 and we'll get you registered that day. We sing on Rally Day!

Primary Choir

Primary Choir will begin rehearsals on Sunday, September 20th in room #201 from 9:45 - 10:00 a.m. All kindergarten, first and second graders are welcome!

PYF

Watch for your PYF Fall mailing this month. It will include a letter, schedule for the year, registration sheet and emergency form. If you do not receive a letter, please contact Rev. Pam Keckler or Elizabeth Ciccolini.

PYFF

Pilgrim Youth Family Fellowship will meet on Sunday evening, August 30 from 4:00-6:15 pm in the Youth Room. All high school youth (including new freshmen) and their families are invited to share in communion and vespers, food, fellowship and fun. Our theme this year is "Tips for Staying Connected as a Family." We've invited a favorite speaker back, Dr. Cassandra Friedman who will give our first tip: "Raising Drug-Free Teenagers." All parents are invited to attend this informative session. Food will be provided for supper in the Mayflower Room. Please call or email Pam Keckler with your reservations for the meal and program: pam.keckler@gccucc.org or call 847-724-2210, Ext. 24



Rev. Dr. Pam Keckler and Marilyn Belleau, Parish Nurse

recently completed training in Advance Care Planning and received a certificate as an Advance Care Planning Facilitator. This deals with end of life choices and having conversations with family members.

Rev. Dale Susan Edmonds was one of the trainers, along with Nancy Durbin and other leaders from Advocate Health Care - Parish Nurse Ministry. Both Parish Nurses and Clergy are being trained to share in conversation with members of their various churches. Watch for various programs this fall.



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Rev. Dr. Pamela Keckler, *Minister for Spiritual Formation*

Rev. Sally Iberg, *Minister for Mission and Ministry*

Directors:

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Kathy Lifton, *Children's Ministry*

Elizabeth Ciccolini, *Youth Ministry*

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Gary Wendt, *Organist, Instrumental Music*

Andrew Lewis, *Adult Choir*

Affiliates:

Marcia Kiraly, *Director, GCC Nursery School*

Barbara Thewis, *Manager, Resale Shop*

At A Glance

Thurs 8-20		no events scheduled
Fri 8-21	8:00 pm	AA Mtg., Parlor
	8:00 pm	AI - Anon Meeting, Rm 201
Sat 8-22	9:00 am	BSA Car Wash
Sun 8-23	9:30 am	Worship Service, Sanctuary
	10:30 am	Fellowship Hour, Narthex
Mon 8-24	9:30 am	Finding My Spirit, Library
	7:00 pm	BSA 156 Troop Committee, Parlor
	7:00 pm	Finance Board Meeting, Founders Rm
Tues 8-25		no events scheduled
Wed 8-26		no events scheduled



Congratulations

Congratulations to Kevin and Holly Keckler on the birth of a new 8 pound boy, Bryce Leland Keckler, born Sunday, August 2. This is Rev. Keckler's fourth grandchild and first grandson!

Pastoral Care

Our prayers and sympathy to the family of Rodney Mikesell, on the death of his mother, Rosalind Mary Mikesell on August 1. A memorial service was held at the church.

Broadcaster Deadline

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