

A LIVING CHURCH

I don't know where the time went! On September 1st it will be six months since I began my ministry as the Senior Pastor of the Glenview Community Church. And what an amazing six months it has been for me! From the moment we arrived in Glenview in February you have been exceedingly welcoming, gracious, caring, supportive and affirming in ways that have deeply touched our hearts. Jeanie and I feel so incredibly blessed to be with you and to be a part of this incredible congregation! Through these six months I have been learning about the many ministries of GCC and beginning to get to know you as disciples of Jesus Christ. We have worshipped together and, this summer, you have increased your attendance by at least 50% most Sundays over last year. What a testimony to your faith it is that you keep filling the pews, even in August!

Now, in these waning days of August, it's time for us to begin to transition from the relaxed pace of summer to the full schedules of fall. As we anticipate and embrace the promise and possibilities of a new year together, I want to invite you to focus on the future of the Glenview Community Church and its ministries. The theme for our year together will be simply this: A Living Church...a theme that I pray will energize your imaginations and kindle your inspiration. I believe that God is leading the Glenview Community Church to become more alive...more vital...more relevant...more meaningful...more moving...more significant...more healing...and more challenging for our members and friends, and for the larger community. How will we respond? How will we follow?

As our next year is anchored by that theme, each Sunday will be centered in a sub-theme: A Living Church is a Praising Church...a Serving Church...a Playing Church...a Doing Church...a Praying Church...a Welcoming Church...a Transforming Church...you get the idea!

My prayer is this theme for our year and the themes for each Sunday will help us to discover anew the passion of faith, the power of hope and the purpose of love that called the Glenview Community Church into being and that will lead us into a future that is not bound to a repetition of our past.

Our year of A Living Church begins on Rally Sunday, September 8th. And what an exciting day it will be! With praise and puppets, a full choir and glorious music, we will kick off this new year of God's grace. Rally Day is homecoming...so, whether you've been in the pew each summer Sunday or you've taken a break from the Glenview Community Church...come home! Along with our Children's Board, our Minister for Youth and Children Elizabeth Ciccolini, has prepared and planned a dynamic and inspiring Sunday School that promises to both teach and inspire our children's love of the church, our faith, and Christ Jesus.

The theme of this year's stewardship enlistment campaign that begins on Sunday, September 29th is: A Living Church is a **Giving Church.** The Glenview Community Church is putting God's love into action and doing God's work in many particular and powerful ways that make a crucial difference for its members and friends, for the local community, and for the world. But, in order for us to continue to do that and grow our ministry, GCC needs the financial resources that only our faithful stewardship can provide. Recent years of this church's ministry have been burdened with deficit budgets. For 2014 we must reverse that trend. But, to do that, we will

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WORSHIP SERVICES

SEPTEMBER 1, 2013

10:00 a.m. Worship

Scripture:

Genesis 18:1-10a Luke 10:38-42

Sermon:

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner Rev. Dr. Chuck Mize

SEPTEMBER 8, 2013

10:00 a.m.

Worship

Scripture:

Romans 11:33-36 Luke 17:11-19

Sermon:

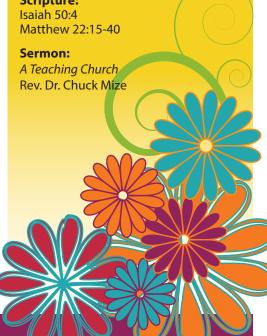
A Praising Church Rev. Dr. Chuck Mize

SEPTEMBER 15, 2013

Worship

10:00 a.m.

Scripture:



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need to significantly grow our financial support from the members and friends of this church. With the leadership of Sharon Count, the Stewardship Board has accepted that challenge. We don't have the precise number yet, but the needed increase will likely be in excess of \$200,000! We will celebrate the culmination of the campaign and our financial commitment on Sunday, November 10th. Yes, A Living Church must be A Giving Church!

I am so much looking forward to Sunday, October 13th, and I hope you will look forward to it, too! On that Sunday at 4:00 p.m.

Yes, A Living Church must be A Giving Church!

I will be installed as the sixth Senior Pastor of the Glenview Community Church. This special service of worship includes the Chicago Metropolitan Association of the UCC's Illinois Conference, the Glenview Community Church and me as we covenant to be the church together. The Rev. Anthony Robinson, a United Church of Christ minister and one of today's most insightful thinkers, authors and church consultants, will preach. Tony will also be with us in the morning of October 13th in conversation about the church and his books. I am deeply honored that Tony is going to be with us.

In my 33 years of ministry I have never felt such a spirit of vitality and promise in a congregation as I feel at the Glenview Community Church, and I have never been so encouraged about the future of the church as I am as your Senior Pastor. My prayer is that God will take this theme and make it real among us...that we will become the vital, living, thriving church that God dreams us to be...so that those of us who call the Glenview Community Church home and those who are touched by its ministry will be forever transformed by the surpassing love of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Our new year together begins on September 8. I can't wait to begin it with you... to celebrate the realities and the possibilities of being A Living Church! See you in church!

Chuck Mize



DON'T MISS IT!

RALLY DAY SEPTEMBER 8 11:00 AM -12:30 PM Cakewalk, Games, Food, Raffle and Moonwalk, FUN, FUN, FUN!

BIBLE STUDY

I am so excited that the Adult Education Board has invited me to lead a weekly Bible study this fall! The Bible study will consider texts that are closely connected to the weekly themes for A Living Church. The Bible Study will meet both in the afternoon and evening on Wednesdays, beginning on September 11, 2013.

AFTERNOON

EVENING 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

1:00 – 2:30 p.m. in the Parlor in the Chapel

I look forward to these opportunities for learning and growth together. Please join us!

Chuck Mize

GCC WALKERS

Come join us as we car -pool to the Botanic Garden and walk around this very special setting. The Fall plants and colors should be lovely. Our walk is on Sunday, September 15 after church. We meet in the North parking lot at 11:30 a.m. so all will have time to socialize at coffee hour.

Don't worry about not "keeping up", it seems everyone has their own pace and has someone to walk and talk with. We usually walk around 2 miles. All are welcome. Call Dori (847)724-4453 with questions.

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, October 13 at 4:00 p.m. will be the official installation of Rev. Dr. Chuck Mize as our new minister! Please join us for this special afternoon service as we mark this new chapter in the life of GCC.

MYRA LORIS

"RICHARD J. DALEY and the CITY THAT WORKS."

Tuesday, September 17 Dessert at 7:00 PM Lecture at 7:30 PM

Myra Loris will complete her lecture series on Chicago beginning with dessert at 7:00 PM and a one hour lecture at 7:30 PM. Cost \$15. Please contact Beryl Bills via email at berylbills@comcast.net for tickets and if you have any questions.

LIFE EVERLASTING

We trust the promise of the resurrection for Per Hanson's brother, Linscott Hanson, who passed away suddenly on Wednesday, July 24, even as we hold Per, Blanche and their family in our prayers. Mr. Hanson's life was trusted to our God at a funeral service at the New Church on Monday. July 29th...for Anna Mary Darden who died after a long illness on Friday, August 2, even as we hold her family in our prayers...for our former member, Virginia Nahigian, who died at the Southern California Presbyterian Homes in Bradbury, California on Tuesday, August 13, even as we hold her family in our prayers. Mrs. Nahigian would have celebrated her 103rd birthday on August 16th...for Betty Mc Million who passed away on Friday, August 16th at Belmont Village, even as we hold her family in our prayers...and for Jim Shellard's father who died in Rochester, New York on Thursday, August 22nd, even as we hold Jim, Debby, Robby, Jessy and their family in our prayers.



FOOD ON THE FIRST

The first Sunday of the month is coming! Hunger is here, in our community and nearby. Please remember to bring nonperishable food items to share with our hungry neighbors served by Northfield Township Food Pantry and Iglesia San Lucas, a UCC church in Chicago's Humboldt Park, founded in 1976 by Rev. Jorge Morales, with financial help from GCC. Each month, one of these pantries receives our donations. Financial contributions in an envelope marked for the Food Pantry are also welcome.

A JUST HARVEST

Glenview Community Church has been chosen the Service Partner of the Year for A Just Harvest Community Kitchen (formerly Good News Community Kitchen).

This is very exciting news! The efforts of so many dedicated GCC members will be recognized at the annual banquet this year celebrating the organization's 30th anniversary.

The banquet will take place on Sunday, October 27 from 6 to 9 at The Adler Planetarium in Chicago. It is hoped that the honored Glenview Community Church will have many members in attendance for the celebration. We would love to see as many you can attend the event. Please e-mail Sandy Frantz at <u>sandra-frantz@sbcglobal.net</u> for questions or comments.

FAITH IN ACTION TEAM(FIAT)

Faith in Action Team has many opportunities for church members and friends to contribute their time, expertise and passion to stand for policies that promote peace and justice in our communities. Here is an event that will take place in the near future.

OCTOBER 5 AT 9:00 AM. – NOON COMMUNITY RENEWAL SOCIETY ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP ASSEMBLY

The Assembly will be held at Glenview Community Church. Worship and learn how to take action for social justice. For more information please contact Nancy Mullarkey *Mullarkeyn@hotmail.com*.

RADICAL PEACEMAKING TEAM OF CMA

God blesses those who work for peace, for they will be called the children of God. Matthew 5:9

Will you accept Christ's call to be a peace-maker? The mission of the Radical Peace-making Team of the U.C.C. Chicago Metropolitan Association's Justice and Witness Committee is to discern, proclaim and facilitate the holistic and healing peace-making role of the United Church of Christ. Mark your calendar for a working meeting of CMA churches on Saturday, September 14, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the TUCC Village Center, 1941 W. 95th Street. Please contact Betsy Martin, (847)657-7595 or betsywisemartin@att.ne for more details.

Sponsored by the GCC Faith in Action Team.

SEALING ACT AND GUN SAFETY LEGISLATION PASSED

GCC members signed post cards, visited, called and e-mailed legislators in support of two successful legislative initiatives that now await the Governor's signature. The Illinois Sealing Act (HB3061) allows judges to seal the criminal records of former felons who have lived crime free for four years after completion of their sentences. The Illinois Gun Safety and Responsibility Act (HB1189) provides for mandatory background checks on all sales of firearms in Illinois and that a gun owner must report the loss or theft of a firearm within 72 hours of discovery of the loss. A provision to require registration of hand guns similar to that of motor vehicles, strongly opposed by the National Rifle Association, was not included in the bill. This bill is separate from the concealed carry legislation that also awaits the governor's signature.

Both bills passed by substantial margins. Local legislators co-sponsoring HB 3061 include Senator Biss, and Representatives Fine, Gabel, Morrison and Nekritz. Although none of the local legislators co-sponsored HB1189, Sen. Biss and Reps. Fine, Gabel and Nekritz voted in favor of it and against the separate Firearm Concealed Carry Act.

CAN YOU MAKE A VIDEO?

Do you know any young adults with a talent for creating inspiring videos? The United Church of Christ is inviting individuals ages 18-35 to create a short video - 60 seconds or less, expressing how their faith transforms, connects or touches the work. The video creator with most votes on YouTube will win \$5,000.00 and national recognition on ucc. org.

For more information about the contest go to <u>www.ucc.org/videocontest</u>. Deadline for entries is October 31, 2013.

PEACE POLE DEDICATION

Have you noticed our Peace Pole (previously used in Interfaith Services and placed in our Narthex) is now "planted" outside between the office entrance and the West entrance? We will have a dedication ceremony on Sunday, September 29 between 12 Noon and 1:30 p.m. You are invited.

COMMON GROUND

The Adult Education Board will be co-sponsoring the Common Ground programing this fall. Please join us on Friday in September 27, October 25, and November 22 in the Founders Room at 7:00 p.m. Program content will be published soon.



HEIFER INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEERS

Those who have been or would like to be Heifer volunteers can attend the Heifer Volunteer meeting on Saturday, September 14th in the Founders Room from 10:00 a.m. until 12 Noon. A new video will be presented and you will hear about Heifer's work with women in Nepal. Please RSVP to Tom Amos for our lunch count at tomrosalieaa@aol.com.

BACKPACKS AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED

Refugee One, an organization sponsored by the Mission Outreach Board, is gathering backpacks and school supplies for the children of refugee families recently settled in Chicago. Please drop items off in the box labeled school supplies near the Mission Outreach bulletin board outside the church office Thanks for your help.







DEAR FRIENDS

If you were in church last Sunday, you heard Chuck refer to his and Jeanie's wonderful experience of serving at The A Just Harvest Community Kitchen. He suggested that everyone who is able should have the experience of serving at this UCC-generated mission! Many, many of you do volunteer often so you know what he was talking about. Our fall and winter schedule are now up on the Missions Bulletin Board (outside the office) ready for you to fill in your or your group's name.

We will need two or three people for Wednesday, September 18. We leave GCC at 4:00 p.m. and return by 7:30 p.m. If you have questions, please contact Sandy Frantz at sandra-frantz@sbcglobal.net.



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT GCC

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| THUR | 9:00 AM | Music and Movement, Gym |
| 08/29 | 6:15 PM | Bell Choir Rehearsal, Bell Rm |
| | 7:00 PM | Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary |
| FRI | 8:00 PM | AA Meeting, Parlor |
| 08/30 | 8:00 PM | Al-Anon, Rm 201 |
| SAT | | No event Scheduled |
| 09/01 | | |
| SUN | 9:15 AM | Primary Choir Rehearsal, Rm 201 |
| 09/01 | 10:00 | Worship Service, Sanctuary |
| MON | | Labor Day Holiday |
| 09/02 | | Building is Closed |
| TUE | 7:00 PM | Sing To Live Rehearsal, Sanctuary |
| 09/03 | | |
| WED | 9:00 AM | The Resale Shop, Plymouth Rm |
| 09/04 | 6:00 PM | PYF Wednesday, Youth Rm |
| | 7:00 PM | BSA 156 Troop Mt., Gym & Mayflower Rm |
| THU | 9:00AM | Resale Shop, Plymouth Rm |
| 09/05 | 6:15 PM | Bell Rehearsal, Sanctuary |
| | 7:00 PM | Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary |
| FRI | 8:00 PM | AA Meeting, Parlor |
| 09/06 | 8:00 PM | Al-Anon, Rm 201 |
| SAT | 9:00 PM | Resale Shop, Plymouth Rm |
| 09/07 | | |
| SUN | 7:30 AM | Stewardship Board Mtg., Upper Rm |
| 09/08 | 8:45 AM | Confirmation Opening Prayers, Plymouth Rm |
| | 9:00 AM | Adult Education, Chapel |
| | 9:15 AM | Primary Choir Rehearsal, Rm 201 |
| | 10:00 | Worship Rally Day, Sanctuary |
| | 10:00 | Sunday School, Rm 201 |
| | 11:00 AM | Rally Day Festivities, Church Lawn |
| | 4:00 PM | PYF, Youth Rm |
| | 4:00 PM | Voices of GCC, Rm 201 |
| MON | 9:30 AM | Finding My Spirit, Library |
| 9/09 | 6:30 PM | Faith In Action Team, Parlor |
| | 7:00 PM | BSA 156 Committee Mtg., Founders Rm |
| | 7:30 PM | Mission Board Mtg., Parlor |
| TUE | 9:30 AM | Women's Association Mtg., Parlor |
| 09/10 | 6:45 PM | Sing To Live Rehearsals, Sanctuary |
| | 7:00 PM | Adult Education Board Mtg., Founders Rn |
| | 7:00 PM | Pastoral Care Board Mtg., Library |
| WED | 9:00 AM | Resale Shop, Plymouth Rm |
| 09/11 | 1:00 PM | Weekly Bible Study, Parlor |
| | 6:00 PM | PYF, Youth Rm |
| | 7:00 PM | BSA 156 Troop Mtg., Mayflower Rm & Gym |
| | 7:00 PM | Music Board Mtg., Music Office |
| | 7:00 PM | Weekly Bible Study, Chapel |

THE NEXT DEADLINE FOR THE BROADCAST-ER IS SEPTEMBER 4, 2013 AT 9:00 AM



COMMUNITY YOUTH RETREAT RECAP

Imagine Lake Michigan beach on a beautiful weekend, with the energy and enthusiasm of 37 Confirmands (7th/8th graders), 16 PYF (high school youth) and 10 adult chaperones learning, playing and worshiping together. We have returned from our time (3rd year) at Tower Hill UCC Camp in Sawyer, Michigan. We climbed the dunes, swam, discussed in small groups what it means to give "extravagant welcome" to others, and played games. We enjoyed the world's largest bonfire, special music, anointing oil on our foreheads or hands, and sharing a meal together at a table. On Sunday morning we met in our regular confirmation classes/youth groups and then had worship on the beach, including communion. What a wonderful experience! Thank you to our Youth Leaders, PYF leaders, confirmation teachers, Pam and Elizabeth.



September 8: Rally Day Ultimate games and team building. **September 15:** Ice Cream Sunday Making / Root Making

September 22: Hygiene Kits

September 29: Mugging—a progressive dinner eaten out of your favorite mug.

NEW THIS FALL POW!

PYF ON WEDNESDAYS

POW will meet on Wednesdays from 6-8:00 p.m. Every four weeks or so there will be a new unit. Dinner of some sort provided. The first unit will be "Interfaith" Wednesday, September 4, 11, & 18. Come once or come all the time. We will meet in the youth room.

Elizabeth



GCC SUNDAY SCHOOL 2013-14

10:00 – 11:15 am "Journey"

PRE-SCHOOL (AGES 3 & 4)

3 year olds: Room 107 drop off and pick up 4 year olds: Room 105 drop off; 107 pick up

After Christmas the 4 year olds will attend worship with their families until after the welcome.

K-4TH GRADE

Kindergarten through 4th grade will begin worship with their families and then be dismissed to Sunday School after "For Children Mostly" to go to their classroom.

Kindergarten: Room 209
1st Grade: Room 213
2nd Grade: Room 206
3rd Grade: Room 208
4th Grade: Room 210
K-4th are 201 for pick up

At approximately 10:50 the children will go to 201 for Sunday School Closing Discussion and Prayers and then have time for faith based centers: Mission, Prayer, Fellowship, Reflection, and Journey. Pick up children in Room 201 at 11:15.

5TH AND 6TH GRADE

The 5th and 6th graders will meet in the Transept Balcony (North Balcony) and will leave worship after the children's message. They will go to the Plymouth Room and participate in a centering activity, and then be dismissed to their classrooms.

5th Grade: Room 7 6th Grade: Room 32

5th - 6th are Plymouth Room for pick up

They will return to the Plymouth Room at 11 am for fellowship time. Pick up will be in the Plymouth Room unless other arrangements are made with the teacher for self-dismissal.

If an emergency arises or you sing with the choir and cannot be at worship with your child you may have your child meet Ms. Elizabeth or another designated adult in the Narthex at 9:50. You must let Elizabeth know via text message or voice mail: 708-228-4304 (make sure to include names).

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SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. June 17 - August 16, 2013

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 Choir Debby Shellard, Children's Choirs Marcia Kiraly, GCC Nursery School Martha Fergus, Resale Shop

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