

## CHANGING LIVES

Decades ago, a clever adaptation of John 3:16 that made its way to a number of church signs. It goes like this:

***God so loved the world that he didn't send a committee.***

I've heard that cliché affirmed by several recently retired clergy as they reflected on their pastoral careers. Some say that they miss preaching and leading worship. Others say that they miss making pastoral calls. And still others say that they miss working with children and youth. But none of them say that they miss the meetings!

Somewhere in the dusty annals of mainline Protestantism, meetings were elevated to an essential holy place in the life of the church. The church can't do its business without meetings. Even more than that, meetings aren't just necessary for ministry; they are ministry...even though many more people than retired pastors see them as tedious and even dreadful! Perhaps that's because our meetings are too often dominated by discussion and disagreement that are rooted more in secular opinions and perspectives than they are in spiritual convictions that are rooted in the love of God in Jesus Christ.

All of this is a prelude to an inspiring experience I recently had...at a GCC meeting! In the conversation that we were sharing at that meeting, one of the participants said this:

***This church has changed my life.***

Yes, sometimes God surprises us when we least expect it...even in a meeting! Those six words went straight to my heart and inspired me and reminded me that changing lives with the love of God in Jesus Christ is the cornerstone and the compelling purpose of the church. It's the goal of our Message, of our Ministries, and of our Mission. And when God is using us to change lives, then this ***House for ALL God's People*** is growing the promise of ***A World for ALL God's People***.

But sometimes change doesn't feel like good news. Instead of change, sometimes what we most want is constancy. We long for comfort, not challenge...congratulations, not courage. But as much as solidifying our stasis may be our desire, change is at the heart of our religion. God called Abraham to come out of his retirement and become the patriarch of a new nation. God called Moses to lead Israel from slavery in Egypt to freedom in the Promised Land. And, most significantly for us, Jesus called ordinary people to become extraordinary disciples by leaving their old lives behind and following Him. It's not a stretch to say that we can't be faithful unless we're changing and growing.

Several weeks ago God surprised me when I walked into the church office. A person I'd never met before was waiting to talk with me. My experience is that strangers who want to talk with me usually need food, or gasoline, or medications, or a train ticket, or rent money. But that wasn't true this time. The person who was waiting for me wanted to talk to me about becoming a Christian! This person was hungry to learn about Jesus and the life of faith that follows Him. In thirty-six years of ministry, this is

only the second time I've had this request. The first came from someone I knew – our Jewish neighbor when we lived in St. Louis.

***I want to become a Christian! Teach me about Jesus!*** These are the kind of requests that pastors dream of while we're consumed by the business of the institutional church and the work of caring for and feeding our congregations. So the gift of this ongoing conversation brought me home to the gracious reality that ***the business of the church is changing lives with the love of God in Jesus Christ***.

In our 75th anniversary celebration, I hope to focus on this cornerstone as we ask two questions: ***How has GCC changed lives for the past seventy-five years? And how will GCC change lives in the years to come?***

As we focus on those questions, remember also a phrase from the last verse of Charles Wesley's great hymn, Love Divine. It goes like this:

***Changed from glory into glory,  
till in heaven we  
take our place.***

May we each experience the joy of having our lives changed by God's love...and may we all experience the fulfillment of sharing God's love that changes lives. ***This church has changed my life!*** Let those words be often heard at GCC. See you in church!

Chuck Mize

# CAMPAIGN CORNER



Sunday, September 11, 2016

*Do not merely listen to the word,  
and so deceive yourselves.  
Do what it says.*  
James 1:22

### PLEDGE CARD UPDATE:

75% of the pledge cards have been reported. We are getting closer to announcing our Campaign Total Raised!

Please take a moment to reflect on how fortunate we are, and look at trusting in God and being faithful stewards of the blessings God has bestowed - **"From Jesus' fullness we've all received grace upon grace."** (John 1:16) Without you, Glenview Community Church UCC would not be what it is today. We appreciate the dedication and support of everyone, especially with the **FORWARD IN FAITH** Campaign!

If you have any questions, please call our Campaign Coordinators, Karen and Tom Aldrich at: 847-729-1168 or email: [campaign@gccucc.org](mailto:campaign@gccucc.org)

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## ALTAR FLOWERS

We have some Sundays open this fall for friends and members to sponsor the altar flowers for worship. The flowers are then delivered to one of our home-bound or hospitalized members by our Pastoral Care Board. If you would like more details, please contact Susan Woodsome in the church office.

## CHANGE TO PAGEANT TIMES FOR 2016

Yes, school just started and you are already hearing about the Pageant! In an effort to involve more children who often cannot participate in the Pageant due to Sunday afternoon activities, this year, we are going to have both performances in the morning, so please mark your calendars now for Sunday, December 4 at 9:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. You will be getting more information in the coming weeks, but if you have any questions in the meantime, please contact C.J. Sultz at 312-933-0413.

## STEWARDSHIP SNAPSHOT AUGUST, 2016

We have completed the stewardship campaign and are grateful for your pledges. However, to deliver on our message, ministries and mission we need to remain current on our contributions against those pledges. The reality is that everyone is very busy so to keep our progress against our pledge commitments in focus, this Stewardship Snapshot will be updated monthly and included in the worship bulletin and Broadcaster.

	Amount Received	Amount Pledged	Over/Under
AUGUST	\$ 96,067	\$ 61,851	\$34,216
YTD	\$614,602	\$652,871	-\$37,269

## DRIVERS NEEDED

Volunteer drivers are the heart and soul of Helping Hands of Glenview. Providing transportation to the elderly can ease an overwhelming burden.

Frequency of driving is very flexible, once a week or once a month. To volunteer call the Helping Hands of Glenview coordinators at 847-729-8181 or go to their website for a form and more information.

[helpinghandsglenview.org](http://helpinghandsglenview.org)

## MUSIC & MOVEMENT - FALL 2016

If you are looking for something for your younger child/children to do while the older child/children are in preschool, then **Music and Movement** classes are for you. This is also a class where both your younger children can attend together no matter what their ages.

Our very own GCCNS music teacher, Debbie Berg, will be offering **Music and Movement** classes beginning this fall for children ages 9 months – 4 years. Classes will be offered the following mornings:

**TUESDAYS** 9:15-10 and 10:15-11

**WEDNESDAYS** 9:15-10, 10:15-11, and 11-11:45.

Classes will be of mixed ages and parents or caregivers are required to stay with their child/children. The fall session (11 weeks) will begin the week of September 12 and continue until the week of December 12.

Please look for the registration form on the GCCNS website. Non- GCCNS families are welcome, so please share the information with your friends from playgroups, library story time, or neighbors.

If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Berg at [debbieberg23@gmail.com](mailto:debbieberg23@gmail.com).

worship 10:00 a.m.

SEPTEMBER

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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY  
IN TRINITY

**Scripture:**

Amos 8:4-7  
Luke 16:1-13

**Sermon:**

*A Shrewd Seduction*  
Rev. Dr. Chuck Mize

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STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY  
NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN TRINITY

**Scripture:**

1 Timothy 6:6-19  
Luke 16:19-31

**Sermon:**

*For the Love of Money*  
Rev. Dr. Chuck Mize

## (POW) PYF ON WEDNESDAYS

POW just started and we are meeting on Wednesdays at 5:30 in the Mayflower Room for dinner and then head to the Youth Room for lively discussions.

## FISH

FISH is for Kindergarten—6th grade. It is a fun filled mid-week fellowship, music, art and Bible study program that will meet every Wednesday. FISH begins September 7 and ends May 10 from 4:00 - 5:15 p.m. Children meet in the Mayflower Room and will be grouped by ages. We will talk about Bible stories, have gym and art time. We will also learn to play the chimes. To register email [Children.Gcc@gmail.com](mailto:Children.Gcc@gmail.com).

## 60 PLUS

Thank you to those who filled out our survey. We have planned something new for food and fun! Come join us for our first luncheon of the new church year on September 20 at noon - 1:30 p.m. Come and have fun and fellowship with our "Back to School" theme. Spread the word!

*Pastoral Care Board*



## ADULT ED CELEBRATES GCC'S 75 YEARS!

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18:** The question is "What do Sigmund Freud, The United Church of Christ, and 'The Girls from Glenview' have in common?" For the answer to that question, come to the Chapel at 9 a.m. to hear Rev. Bobbie McKay, Ph.D., invited to serve by the GCC Women's Association in the 1970s, share reminiscences of her pioneering ministry.

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25:** To celebrate its 25th anniversary in 1966, GCC hosted a much-touted colloquium to consider "The Suburban Church in Contemporary Culture." Four nationally known speakers delivered prepared remarks to a large crowd that day. Join Susan Johns and Allan Ruter at 9 a.m. in the Chapel for a brisk overview of that event and a consideration of its relevance now.

## WHO IS JESUS?

Jesus is the central personality for the Christian faith. We confess that He is the Word of God; the One to whom the Bible witnesses. But who is He, really? And what does He mean for us as we seek to live a life of faith, hope and love?

Jesus will be the focus of our adult education offering on Wednesday evenings at 6:15 p.m., beginning on September 14. We will use both the Bible and Marcus Borg's seminal work, *Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time* (copies will be available for \$10 each).

We will conclude by 7:30 p.m. I am offering this later time in response to requests from several people who cannot attend an afternoon class.

If you are interested in participating in this offering, please let me know by sending me an email at [chuck.mize@gccucc.org](mailto:chuck.mize@gccucc.org), or by calling me at 847-724-2210, extension 222. I am very much looking forward to our time together!

Chuck Mize



## PYF SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER

4:00 - 6:00 YOUTH ROOM

**September 18 - Scavenger Hunt**

**September 28 - Service Learning**  
Literacy and Bernie's Book Bank.

**October 2 - PYF Cooks!**  
We will make cookies and cupcakes.

**October 9 - PYF Mission Project**  
Bernie's Books Book Drive. We will make signs and boxes for our Book Drive. We will be working with GCC's Mission Board.

**October 16 - PYF Acceptance & Self Care**  
We will study and create mandalas.

**October 23 - PYF progressive dinner "Mugging"**  
We will leave 4 p.m. and return to the church at 6 p.m. Please bring a mug and a spoon or fork.

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## COMMON GROUND

SEPTEMBER 21 at 7:00 p.m.

Jim Kenney

### **BUDDHISM AND CHRISTIANITY — CONTEMPLATION AND ACTION**

One of the most venerable and most influential differences that long separated Christianity and Buddhism lies in the centuries-long discussion of the respective merits of a life of contemplation versus a life devoted to active service to the community, the needy, and the larger world. Can the deep inner spiritual life and the life of active compassionate service exist in isolation from each other? Or is "spiritually motivated social engagement" the ideal to which the seeker should aspire? In recent years, the two traditions have, in many respects, begun to converge. Buddhism (influenced by Thich Nhat Hanh and the Dalai Lama) has developed a new emphasis on "engagement" with the world. Christianity (guided by Thomas Merton, Thomas Keating, Joan Chittister, and many others) offers a renewed and very modern emphasis on the inner life. We'll explore this remarkable rapprochement.

## GOOD NEWS PARTNERS WALKATHON

Join Good News Partners Walkathon to raise money to fight homelessness.

Join us on Sunday, October 16 at 1:30 p.m. It's going to be a beautiful autumn afternoon for walking. We begin at Centennial Park in Evanston and end in Willye B. White Park in Roger Park where we will have a block party with music, food, and vendors from the community. Please visit our website [www.goodnewspartners.org](http://www.goodnewspartners.org) to learn more about the ministry.

You can start your own team by going to <http://unityincommunity.everydayhero.do> *start your own team*. If you are unable to walk but would like to support us, you may do that at the registration website as well.

If you have any questions, contact Jan Hubbard at [jan@goodnewspartners.org](mailto:jan@goodnewspartners.org) or call 773-764-4998. Hope to see you all on October 16th!

## HANDS OF PEACE

Please join Hands of Peace staff, volunteers and alumni for the September HOPEducation event, "Why Dialogue? A Panel Discussion on What We Do and Why."

Many people claim that dialogue is the only road to peace. Others feel that it can actually be an obstacle. Explore with our panel of experts, including recent participants of our summer program, the importance and role of dialogue in peacemaking.

Join us on Monday, September 19, 2016 at 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Founder's Room.

## THE RESALE SHOP

The Resale Shop is now open for the 2016-2017 season! Last year was terrific and we hope to better it this year. Come on in and see what great stuff we have. Although we are no longer taking consignments, we would really appreciate your donations. Be sure to check out our website [theresaleshopglenview.com](http://theresaleshopglenview.com) and Like us on Facebook.

Our hours are Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Donations are welcome during the shop's open hours. If you have any questions, please contact Martha Fergus or Laurie Binstein at the shop (847) 724-2638.

## NEED YARN?

We've got yarn! We need knitters! As you may know, the Glenview Community Church Women's Association knitting projects are well under way. Our pleas for yarn have not gone unanswered. We have a LOT of yarn! We could keep a lot of heads and little bodies very warm with all of the yarn that we have, if only we had some more knitters. The Yarn Box is in the GCC Church Office. Help yourself so you can knit some squares or hats. While you're at it, take with you one of the sheets that explains the knitting projects. You will be seeing some of our knitted projects in September. But in the meantime, keep on knitting & crocheting.

## DENTAL ACCESS DAYS

This will be the 8th year for our free, two-day dental clinic serving residents in need living in North Chicago/North Shore area.

Each year, we provide dental services to the poor, the homeless, and the mentally ill—at no charge—at a public facility conveniently located for those who most need the services.

This year, we are once again being generously hosted by The Levy Center in Evanston.

To volunteer and learn more about this project please go to [dentalaccessdays.org/volunteer-form/](http://dentalaccessdays.org/volunteer-form/).

## LET'S GET ACTIVE

**The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.**

*Mahatma Gandhi*

Here are a few opportunities to lose yourself for others in the fall that might interest you.

### OCTOBER 16

**Crop Walk** begins at St. David's at 1:00 p.m.

### OCTOBER 30

**Mission Fair** - Join us in the Mayflower Room to meet some of the organizations GCC supports.

### NOVEMBER 6 AND 13

**Heifer International Living Gift Market**- more details to come.

### DECEMBER 10

**Feed My Starving Children** - 9:00-11:00 a.m.

### JANUARY 6

**Bernie's Book Drive**  
1 - 3:00 p.m. Help sort through books which will be given to lower income children

### FEBRUARY 7

**Souper Bowl** - more details to come.

Be on the lookout for the **Mission Tree** in December and cookies for the **Night Ministry** in February. **Food on the First** will be collected again this year for Northfield Pantry and San Lucas.



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Event Time	Event Name	Primary Location	Event Time	Event Name	Primary Location
<b>Thursday, 15 September 2016</b>			<b>Thursday, 22 September 2016</b>		
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room	9:00 AM to 5:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
6:15 PM to 7:20 PM	Joyful Ringer Rehearsal	Bell Room	6:15 PM to 7:20 PM	Joyful Ringer Rehearsal	Bell Room
6:45 PM to 8:45 PM	North Suburban Day Care Meeting	Founders	7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	BSA 156 Troop Mtg	Mayflower
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	BSA 156 Troop Mtg	Mayflower	7:30 PM to 9:00 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:30 PM to 9:00 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary	<b>Friday, 23 September 2016</b>		
<b>Friday, 16 September 2016</b>			9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room	8:00 PM to 9:00 PM	AA Meeting	Parlor
8:00 PM to 9:00 PM	AA Meeting	Parlor	8:00 PM to 9:00 PM	AL-ANON	Library
8:00 PM to 9:00 PM	AL-ANON	Library	<b>Saturday, 24 September 2016</b>		
<b>Saturday, 17 September 2016</b>			9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
8:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Mens Open Gym	Gym	<b>Sunday, 25 September 2016</b>		
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room	9:00 AM to 9:45 AM	Adult Ed - S. Johns & A. Ruter	Chapel
<b>Sunday, 18 September 2016</b>			9:15 AM to 9:45 AM	Primary Choir Rehearsal	Room 201
9:00 AM to 9:45 AM	Adult Ed - B. McKay - Women of GCC	Chapel	10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	Church School Children Meet in Sanctuary	SanctuaryM
9:00 AM to 10:00 AM	Fellowship Meeting	Founders	10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	Glenview Community Church Worship Service	Sanctuary
9:15 AM to 9:45 AM	Primary Choir Rehearsal	Room 201	11:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Fellowship and Refreshments	Mayflower
10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	Church School Children Meet in Sanctuary	SanctuaryM	4:00 PM to 6:00 PM	PYF	Youth Room
10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	Glenview Community Church Worship Service	Sanctuary	4:00 PM to 5:00 PM	Voices of GCC Rehearsal	Room 201
11:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Fellowship and Refreshments	Mayflower	<b>Monday, 26 September 2016</b>		
11:15 AM to 12:15 PM	Leadership Committee Meeting	Founders	3:30 PM to 6:00 PM	Confirmation Make Ups	Room 32
4:00 PM to 6:00 PM	PYF	Youth Room	6:30 PM to 8:30 PM	Junior Leader Training - 156	Founders
4:00 PM to 5:00 PM	Voices of GCC Rehearsal	Room 201	7:00 PM to 9:00 PM	Pageant Rehearsal	Sanctuary
<b>Monday, 19 September 2016</b>			<b>Tuesday, 27 September 2016</b>		
3:30 PM to 6:00 PM	Confirmation Make Ups	Room 32	9:15 AM to 10:00 AM	Music and Movement Classes	Cradle/Toddler Room
6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	HOP HOPEducation Night	Founders	10:15 AM to 11:00 AM	Music and Movement Classes	Cradle/Toddler Room
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM	Pageant Rehearsal	Sanctuary	3:30 PM to 6:00 PM	Confirmation Make Ups	Room 32
<b>Tuesday, 20 September 2016</b>			7:00 PM to 9:00 PM	Spiritual Council Meetings	Mayflower
9:15 AM to 10:00 AM	Music and Movement Classes	Cradle/Toddler Room	7:30 PM to 9:00 PM	WA Social Serv. Meeting	Parlor
10:15 AM to 11:00 AM	Music and Movement Classes	Cradle/Toddler Room	<b>Wednesday, 28 September 2016</b>		
12:00 PM to 1:30 PM	60 Plus Luncheon	Mayflower	9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
3:30 PM to 6:00 PM	Confirmation Make Ups	Room 32	9:15 AM to 10:00 AM	Music and Movement Classes	Cradle/Toddler Room
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM	HOP Board Mtg	Room 210	10:15 AM to 11:00 AM	Music and Movement Classes	Cradle/Toddler Room
7:30 PM to 9:00 PM	Finance Board Meeting	Parlor	11:00 AM to 11:45 AM	Music and Movement Classes	Cradle/Toddler Room
<b>Wednesday, 21 September 2016</b>			4:00 PM to 5:15 PM	FISH	Mayflower
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room	5:30 PM to 7:30 PM	7/8 Club & POW	Mayflower
9:15 AM to 10:00 AM	Music and Movement Classes	Cradle/Toddler Room	6:15 PM to 7:30 PM	Bible Study	Parlor
10:15 AM to 11:00 AM	Music and Movement Classes	Cradle/Toddler Room	<b>The next Deadline for the Broadcaster is September 21, 2016 at 9:00 AM</b>		
11:00 AM to 11:45 AM	Music and Movement Classes	Cradle/Toddler Room			
4:00 PM to 5:15 PM	FISH	Mayflower			
5:30 PM to 7:30 PM	7/8 Club & POW	Mayflower			
6:15 PM to 7:30 PM	Bible Study	Parlor			
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	Common Ground Meeting	Chapel			



## MYRA LORIS ON THE 1950'S

Myra Loris will continue her series *The Fabulous Fifties* starting Tuesday, September 13 and conclude the series in November. Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$15 each or \$35 for a series of three. Refreshments will be served beginning at 7:00 p.m.

### OCTOBER 4

*The Golden Age* looks at the expansion of technology and the richness of the culture of the decade, with a focus on TV, movies, books, fashion and other such things that made the decade memorable and unique.

### NOVEMBER 15

*Out of This World* looks at some of the social and scientific highlights of the decade, including the start of the Women's Movement, the newly discovered political power of television and the start and significance of the early US-Soviet space race, focused on the launch of Sputnik!

### OCTOBER 25

*Equal Justice Under the Law* looks at the rise of the African American Civil Rights Movement in the decade, with a focus on Brown v the Board of Education, the Montgomery Bus Boycott, and the integration of Central High in Little Rock.

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Rev. Elizabeth Hartung-Ciccolini, *Associate Pastor for Children and Youth*

### **OFFICE HOURS**

Monday - Friday  
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

## **PONDERING IN SILENCE...**

Every happening great and small is a parable whereby God speaks to us, and the art of life is to get the message.

*Christian Journalist Malcolm Muggeridge*

