

TRUST IN THE PROMISE

By the time you read this, we'll know whether it's the Cubs or the Cardinals that will advance to the National League Championship Series. Just now, Chicago is reveling in the most exciting Cubs season since 2008 and savoring a decisive 4-0 win over the Pittsburgh Pirates in the Wild Card game that advanced them to the NLDS.

I grew up with the Cardinals, so they will always be my team. Nothing was a more welcome harbinger of spring than that hearing Harry Caray and Jack Buck calling Cardinals games on KMOX, The Voice of St. Louis. And I was never more thrilled than when straight A's earned me two tickets to see the Cardinals play at the new Busch Stadium...the one that's now been demolished and replaced. The Cubs are just as richly blessed with history...maybe even more...since historic Wrigley Field has outlasted two stadiums in St. Louis, though now it's equipped with lights and massive display screens.

No matter what the sport, it's fun to cheer on our favorite teams...especially when they're winning! Getting caught up in that kind of spirit is invigorating, even inspiring. And when our teams lose a high-stakes game, it's deflating.

On Sunday afternoon, October 4th, I was deeply moved by the Holy Spirit that flowed through the music of **Hymnfest 9** in our sanctuary. What a joy it was to again welcome **Paul Leddington Wright** back to GCC...to welcome brass players and a percussionist...to welcome guest choristers...to celebrate with the faithful members of our **Chancel Choir**...and to give thanks for the cheerful and tireless labor of **Tricia Melzer-Swaydrak**, **Gary Wendt and Guillermo Muñoz Küster** that made it

all happen. As I commented just before the benediction, the pulpit was empty, but the good news of God's love was proclaimed with clarity, relevance and power.

The good news of God's love: the good news that we are precious to God...that our future is in God's hands...that God has plans for us...that God will never stop loving us...that God will never let us go: this is the heart of the Message, the Ministries and the Mission of GCC. This is why we are *A House for ALL God's People*. This is the promise that we trust...the promise that is our hope.

Trust in the Promise: the theme of our 2016 stewardship campaign reminds us that our plans, our future and our hope all come from God. These gifts are both God's blessings to us and God's expectation for us. Despair is not believing that God has plans (a purpose) for us. Cynicism is not trusting that God has a future for us. And bitterness is not living today with the confidence that God is our tomorrow...that God is our hope...that God is working for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. (Romans 8:28)

This church is a vital, dynamic community that embodies God's love. And God is doing amazing things through GCC! Because of your prayers and devoted support, this church is growing its youth ministry and is investing in that growth through the Rev. Elizabeth Hartung-Ciccolini. That's ministry. This church is deepening its spiritual life through the homecoming ministry of the Rev. Dr. Bobbie McKay. That's message. This church is expanding its outreach through A Just Harvest, Community Renewal Society, Feed My Starving Children,

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WORSHIP SERVICES

OCTOBER 18, 2015

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

10:00 a.m.

Scripture:

Hebrews 5:5-10 Mark 10:35-4

Sermon:

Rev. Dr. Chuck Mize

Faith First Class

OCTOBER 25, 2015

REFORMATION SUNDAY UGANDAN CHILDREN'S CHOIR

10:00 a.m.

Scripture:

Jeremiah 31:7-9 Mark 10:46-52

Sermon:

Rev. Dr. Chuck Mize **Seeing is Following**

NOVEMBER 1, 2015

HOLY COMMUNION FOOD ON THE FIRST

10:00 a.m.

Scripture:

Mark 12:28-34

Sermon:

Rev. Dr. Chuck Mize **No Fine Print**

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Rebuilding Together, RefugeeOne, Heifer International and the United Church of Christ. That's *mission*. And with the amazing team of Gary Wendt, Guillermo Muñoz Küster and Debby Shellard, our music *ministry* is growing in breadth, depth and inspiration.

Two years ago, this church reached a modern low in its financial commitment. The total was \$810,000. For 2015, that total grew to \$1,015,000, and in only two years! The goal for our stewardship campaign this year is \$1.2 million. That's no small challenge! By ourselves we can't do it because, by ourselves, we descend into the triple paralysis of despair, cynicism and bitterness. But, God has plans for us! God is giving us a future with hope!

Whether the winner of the NLDS is the Cardinals or the Cubs, I hope that the winning team goes all the way to the World Series and wins. In sports, for every winner there is a loser. But with God, we all win. So, dear friends, trust in the promise. And help GCC to fulfill the plans, the hope and the future that God has in store for us!

See you in church!

Chuck Mize

CHURCH DIRECTORY

We recently had a Lifetouch photography event and are updating our pictorial church directory. If you elected to have your complimentary 8x10 sent back to GCC for pick up, the portraits are now in the church office for you. If you did not have a picture taken but would like to submit your own photo, please email your photo to Jim Yagelski, lbart85@gmail.com, or bring your photo to the church office. Remember to add a \$10 check to GCC for the company processing fee. Also, if you have any address corrections for the directory, let us know.

LIFE EVERLASTING

We trust the promise of the resurrection for David Djupe, who passed away on Thursday, October 1st after a long illness, even as we hold Liz and her family in our prayers. We gave thanks for David's life on October 10 at Covenant Village's Fellowship Center.



CALLING ALL VETERANS!

On Sunday, November 15th, we will recognize and honor those among us who have served our nation in the Armed Forces. If you are a veteran we need to hear from you so that we can properly thank those in our congregation who have served. Please contact the church office or me (chuck.mize@.gccucc.org) with your information including branch of service, rank and years of service. We will be contacting you with more details as November 15th approaches. Please plan to be with us in worship for this very special Sunday that follows Veterans Day this year. Chuck Mize

CHRISTIANITY 101

Who is God? What is God's name? What is revelation? What's the difference between Jesus and Christ? Who or what is the Messiah? What or who is the Holy Spirit? What is the church? What is the church's purpose and mission? What is the Bible? Is the Bible the word of God? What is humankind? What is God's relationship to us? What is our relationship to God? What is sin? What is salvation? Is hell real? And, most importantly, what are your questions about what Christianity is; about what it means to be Christian?

These questions and more will shape a new 90 minute adult education offering on Wednesday afternoons at 3:00 p.m., in the Parlor. In addition to the questions above, we will also be using Martin Copenhaver's book, *To Begin at the Beginning*. If you are interested in participating in this offering but aren't available in the afternoon, please contact me. If there is enough interest, I will offer an evening class. I am very much looking forward to our time together!

Chuck Mize

NEW MEMBER SESSION

Want to find out more about GCC? Ready to put down roots in this family of faith? Then come to the new member orientation session on Thursday evening, October 15 at 7:00 p.m. We will meet in the Parlor. We will receive new members into the church on Sunday, October 18 during the 10:00 worship service. Hope to see you there!



MYRA LORIS WORLD WAR II

Myra Loris will continue her six-part lecture series on World War II on the following Tuesday evenings, starting with dessert at 7:00 p.m. Ms. Loris will begin at 7:30 p.m. and speak for an hour.

November 10: Last Hired First Fired looks at the essential and unique role of American women during the war, their contributions and their concerns, at the GI Bill, and summarizes the political, economic and social consequences that left the nation forever changed by the war's end.

Tickets: \$15 per lecture, or \$35 for the three-part series, are available during coffee hours or by calling Beryl Bills (847-724-1694). Chapters 8 and 9 of the Glenview Community Church Women's Association, are sponsors of the program. All proceeds will benefit social service agencies.

60 PLUS

Our seniors will meet a day early this month on Monday, October 19 for lunch at noon, prior to the special program "The Medicine Mix" at 1:00 p.m.



FALL 2015 GCC MOVEMENT CLASSES It's not too late to sign up for the Fall 2 Music and Movement classes which ru until December. Class fees will be adjuncted on the initiation of class. Classe Sing to Live Community Chorus Saturday, October 24, 2015 7:30 p.m. at GCC. Complimentary tickets for Breast Cancer Survivors. singtolive.org

GCC YOGA CLASSES START OCTOBER 15.

Thursdays, October 15 through December 17 at 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. (no class on 11/26 due to Thanksgiving).

9 sessions. Fee \$90. Dress in comfortable clothes and bring a yoga mat.

You may register online: <u>kellygolding@</u> comcast.net or contact Kelly Golding at 847-657-1314.

Donations

FALL 2015 GCC MUSIC/

It's not too late to sign up for the Fall 2015 Music and Movement classes which run until December. Class fees will be adjusted based on the initiation of class. Classes are for children ages 9 months - 4 years and are held in Room 107. A parent or caregiver must be present with the child. Remember, attendees do not need to be members of GCC or attend GCCNS, so share the information with others you think might be interested. Registration forms can be found on the GCCNS website, the GCC website and at GCC on the information board. Any questions can be directed to Debbie Berg at debbieberg23@gmail.com.



LET'S MEET UP

First Thursdays: calling all adults 21 to 91+! Come out to Grandpa's on the First Thursday of each month to socialize and meet new people from GCC! Starts at 7:00 p.m. - look for our new sign! Whether you're 21, 41, 61 or 91+, you're sure to find someone to connect with! We hope to see you on November 5. Sponsored by the Fellowship Board.

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COMMUNITY DINNER

Join us for an *Intergenerational Dinner* at 5:30 p.m. in the Mayflower Room. This dinner will be on the first Wednesday of each month, which began in October, and ends on May 4. This is a great way to get to know the children, youth and their families. The menu for November 4 will be Chinese. Vegetarian options are available. There will be a basket for donations and we will need a few desserts.

PYF ON SUNDAYS 4:00 PM -6:00 PM

OCTOBER 18

PYF Cooks! We will make many different kinds of cookies. There might even be some left over to bring home.

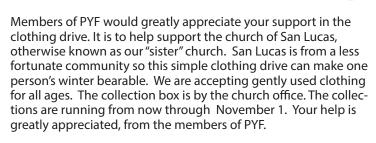
OCTOBER 25 Pumpkin Carving Contest

NOVEMBER 8

Service Learning. We will sort the clothes we collected for San Lucas.

NOVEMBER 22 PYF IRON CHEFS! Begins in the Youth Room.





HEIFER QUILT AUCTION



Our Heifer Quilt Auction will be held at GCC on **Saturday, October 24**. We are still looking for quality quilts that people are willing to donate to our Auction. All money raised will help fight poverty and bring new life to many families around the world. Contact Tom Amos (847-724-2259) or *TomRosalieAA@aol.com* or you can contact Beryl Bills (847-724-1694) or *berylbills@comcast.net*.

CROP HUNGER WALK

Over 850 million people around the wold receive insufficient nutrition, and one in five is a child. Most live in the so called "developing world," but hunger haunts us at home too and the number of poor and hungry among our fellow citizens continues to rise. Be part of the solution and join MOB and other GCC members by participating in this year's Glenbrook CROP Hunger Walk on October 18, 2015. The Walk kicks off at the North Suburban YMCA in Northbrook. Registration begins at 12:30 and the walk will start at 1:00. For further details and sign up information stop by the MOB table during coffee hour.



NOVEMBER 18 Praise Be to You

John Wasik will be discussing Pope Francis's recent encyclical, 'Laudato Si' (*Praise Be to You*), and why it matters to everyone on the planet. Francis calls for an "integral ecology," a moral transformation linking the economics, the environment, social justice and spirituality.



SUNDAYS IN THE CHAPEL 9:00 AM

OCTOBER 18 A Spiritual Road Map from Birth to Old Age

Join us with Dr. Bobbie McKay as our guide. Our spiritual lives grow and change in each season of our lives. Exciting new research will take us through the life cycle helping us to recognize our God experiences and the powerful growth potential they contain.

OCTOBER 25 - The Professional Patient NOVEMBER 1 - You Are the CEO of Your Life.

Dr. John Shier, author of **Notes From That Guy Nurse: Choose Today, Live Tomorrow**.

CONVERSATIONS ON RACE AND RACISM -HAVE YOU CHANGED LANES WITHOUT SIG-NALING?

Last summer, Sandra Bland, a young African-American woman from Naperville, was stopped by a police officer for failing to signal while changing lanes. She was driving in Texas, where she was about to start a new job at the university from which she graduated. After the stop, she was asked to step out of her car, arrested and jailed. She died three days later.

Statistics show that racial disparities exist at every point in the criminal justice system including: (a) during initial encounters with police, (b) at the time of arrest, (c) at arraignment, (d) regarding access to legal representation, (e) the length of sentencing, and (f) during incarceration and probation. (See www.ucc.org, Sacred Conversations on Race, Race and Criminal Justice Factsheet #5.)

We on the Faith in Action Team ask that you pray with us for the family and friends of Sandra Bland, and for God's wisdom and mercy to guide those with power to make a nation where "equal justice for all" is a reality, not a just a slogan.





Did you know that Fair Trade Certified products come from cooperatives, independent small farmers, and farm workers in 70 developing countries across Africa, Asia, Oceania, Latin America and the Caribbean? To learn more, go to www.befair.org. Coffee, tea, chocolate, honey, jelly, and almonds can be purchased during Fellowship on Sunday, October 25. Stop by to replenish your supply!

AT'S HAPPENING AT GCC

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Event Time	Event Name	Primary Location
Thursday, 15 October 2015		
8:30 AM to 10:30 AM	Yoga Classes	Narthex
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
6:15 PM to 7:20 PM	Joyful Ringers Rehearsal	SanctuaryB
6:30 PM to 9:00 PM 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	North Suburban Day Care Meeting	Founders
7:00 PM to 8:15 PM	BSA 156 Meetings New Member Orientation	Mayflower Parlor
7:30 PM to 9:00 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Friday, 16 October 20		Curiotadry
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	AL-ANON	Library
Saturday, 17 October	2015	
8:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Mens Open Gym	Gym
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
Sunday, 18 October 2	2015	
8:30 AM to 10:00 AM	Confirmation Classes	Plymouth Room
9:00 AM to 9:50 AM	Adult Ed - The Way We Live With God	Chapel
9:15 AM to 9:45 AM	Primary Choir Rehearsal	Room 201
10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	Church School Children Meet in Sanctuary	SanctuaryM
10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	Glenview Community Church Worship Service	Sanctuary
11:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Fellowship and Refreshments	Mayflower
11:15 AM to 12:30 PM	Leadership Committee Meeting	Founders
4:00 PM to 6:00 PM	PYF	Youth Room
4:00 PM to 5:00 PM	Voices of GCC	Room 201
Monday, 19 October 2015		
12:00 PM to 1:00 PM	60 Plus Luncheon	Mayflower
1:00 PM to 3:30 PM	North Shore Village - Medicare	Mayflower
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM	Finance Board Meeting	Room 210
Tuesday, 20 October		
6:45 PM to 9:00 PM	Sing To Live Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Wednesday, 21 Octol		
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
3:00 PM to 4:30 PM	Bible Study	Parlor
4:00 PM to 5:15 PM 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM	FISH POW / 87 Club	Mayflower Mayflower
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Thursday, 22 October 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM	Yoga Classes	Narthex
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	BSA 156 Meetings	Mayflower
7:30 PM to 9:00 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Friday, 23 October 20	015	
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	AL-ANON	Library
Saturday, 24 October	2015	
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM	Heifer Quilt Auction	Gym
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
7:30 PM to 9:00 PM	Sing to Live Concert	Sanctuary
Sunday, 25 October 2		
8:30 AM to 10:00 AM	Confirmation Classes Adult Ed - The Professional Patient	Plymouth Room
9:00 AM to 9:50 AM 9:15 AM to 10:00 AM	Voices of GCC	Chapel Room 201
10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	Church School Children Meet in Sanctuary	SanctuaryM
10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	Glenview Community Church Worship	Sanctuary
	Service Service	•
11:30 AM to 1:00 PM	Family Fun Pizza!	Mayflower
11:30 AM to 12:30 PM	Joyful Ringers Rehearsal	Bell Room
4:00 PM to 6:00 PM	PYF	Youth Room
4:00 PM to 5:00 PM	Voices of GCC	Room 201
Monday, 26 October 2		
9:30 AM to 11:00 AM	Spirit Group	Library
6:30 PM to 8:00 PM	Cub Scouts	Gym
Tuesday, 27 October	2015	Cradio/Toddlor Boon



STEWARDSHIP 2016: TRUST IN THE PROMISE

Last Sunday in church we were moved by the beauty of the music—both powerful and prayerful---as it opened our hearts and minds to God. It is said that singing is praying twice. The late theologian, Marcus Borg, identified music as one of those "thin places" that mediates a direct connection with the Almighty.

At GCC we are particularly blessed with wonderful music. On Sunday afternoon British composer and conductor Paul Leddington Wright led choir and congregation in our 9th annual Hymnfest. What an uplifting experience! Accompanied by brass, tympani and organ, the choir sang inspirational anthems by Wright, John Rutter and Ovid Young. And the congregation sang many favorite hymns and one or two less familiar, but equally exhilarating. A special Sunday indeed!

But on any given Sunday we are blessed with the talents of Gary Wendt, Guillermo Munoz Kuster and Debby Shellard. We are blessed with the music of the Chancel Choir, the Voices of GCC, the Primary Choir, the Joyful Ringers, the Pilgrim Wind Ensemble, soloists and choral ensembles whose dedication enhances our worship experience. Then there's the Pageant—a GCC tradition and gift to the community—and the Simple Gifts Concert Series, now in its tenth year. Yes, our music ministry at GCC is one of the ways in which we seek to live out God's promise to us of a future with hope.

Our 2016 Stewardship Campaign is in full swing. You should receive a Commitment Card in this week's mail. Between now and November 8th, prayerfully consider what your commitment will be toward our \$1.2 million goal to sustain and grow the Message, Ministries and Mission of GCC in 2016 and beyond

Trusting in God's Promise, **Your Stewardship Board**

WA Chapter 8 Meeting THE NEXT DEADLINE FOR THE BROADCASTER IS OCTOBER 21, 2015 AT 9:00 AM

Music and Movement

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Cradle/Toddler Room

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Founders

9:15 AM to 10:00 AM

10:15 AM to 11:00 AM

11:30 AM to 1:30 PM



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OFFICE HOURS

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

PONDERING IN SILENCE...

To be fully human, fully myself to accept all that I am, all that you envision, this is my prayer.

Walk with me out to the rim of life, beyond security.

Take me to the exquisite edge of courage and release me to become.

Sue Monk Kidd