



Beautiful & Fall

Broadcaster

NOVEMBER, 2018

THE PLAN

As promised last May at the Annual Meeting, I said I would share my plans sometime in the fall about the time-line for my remaining ministry at GCC. It's taking time to look at one's history, remembering those stories and people that are still with us in our souls. And then looking ahead to what could be or may be, not knowing for sure.

As of January 1, 2019 I prepare to transition my ministry to half-time. Half-time ministry for a pastor is about 20-25 hours per week, or 5-6 units per week. A day is made up of three units: morning, afternoon, evening. My commitment is to work 5-6 units per week. For example, Sunday morning, Monday all day, and Tuesday afternoon and evening. This, of course, may change, depending upon my schedule, funerals, UCC meetings, etc. It might be good to call or email if you want to meet me, rather than just dropping by. It will be strange and different, as I've only done full-time ministry for 27 years, on call 24/7. But I think it should work well.

From January through May, 2019 I will continue the half-time hours. My final 8th grade Confirmation Class will be confirmed in May. Then, I will be on sabbatical from June 1 through September 30 (making up for one that was missed when Chuck first arrived). I don't have definite plans yet, but hope to share them later next spring. Part of my time will be working on a specific project for the future of the church.

When I return October 1, get ready for a big party! I've chosen a worship and celebration time for Sunday, October 20, 2019. This is the date closest to when I was first installed

at GCC, on October 22, 1995. There will be many ways to rejoice together that weekend.

October through December, 2019, I will continue my half-time work, and, also, clean out shelves and files, and sort through all those books! My ministry at GCC will conclude on January 3, 2020.

It feels strange to write all of this on paper, but I like the plan. I'm still in a good place. I still have ministry and work to do! I may not know what's next, but God is with me.

"For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, I will let you find me, says the Lord..."

Jeremiah 29:11-14a

Continuing the Journey...

Pam

WORSHIP 10:00 AM NOVEMBER

**GENEROSITY SUNDAY
VETERANS DAY:
Giving Thanks for our Veterans**

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Scripture:
James 1:22-25; Matthew 5:31-46

Sermon:
The Dream that Hardens into Deed
Rev. Dr. Chuck Mize

NOVEMBER

**THANKSGIVING SUNDAY
Retirement Celebration for
our Business Administrator,
Dale Wittenberg**

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Scripture:
Philippians 2:5-11

Sermon:
*The Unfailing Purpose of Our
Noblest Creed*
Rev. Dr. Chuck Mize

NOVEMBER

**HOLY COMMUNION
Reign of Christ and Memorial Sunday**

25

Scripture:
Habakkuk 2:1-4, Revelation 21:1-6a

Sermon:
To See the Towers Gleaming in the Light
Rev. Dr. Chuck Mize

2019 GENEROSITY CAMPAIGN: MAKE A DIFFERENCE WITH GOD'S LOVE

What is the impact of your pledge? Our pledges determine the church operating budget.

- 2% Music
- 10% Missions and Programs
- 22% Operations and Property
- 66% Pastors and Staff

How do I know what amount to pledge? \$3,600 is the average amount we need from pledging families to balance the budget. If you are already pledging above the average, we need you to sustain that pledge. (Thank you!) If you pledge below the average, consider moving towards \$3,600 as you're able. If you can't increase your pledge this year, please sustain your pledge from prior years. Your pledge commitment demonstrates deep faith in our partnership as a church community. Why is a balanced budget so important? Our congregation's giving must meet our congregation's needs. After years of closing budget gaps by drawing down reserve funds, we now have the ability to achieve a balanced budget for 2019. Expenses have been reduced in a serious and challenging way. If pledging remains steady and we ALL take part and remain committed to previous pledge levels, we will have a balanced budget. Getting the church back to fiscal health will benefit everyone! How do I submit my pledge? Complete a pledge card and mail or drop it into the collection plate OR send an email to the Business Administrator at giving@gccucc.org. You can also sign up for electronic giving, go to www.gccucc.org for details. Your pledge is important and every pledge counts!

THANK YOU, MEN'S MINISTRY!

With our facility staff reduction made necessary by budget constraints, the GCC building hours needed to be reduced. Those reductions included Monday evenings and Saturday mornings. However, thanks to generous Volunteer Facility Staff members from the Men's Ministry, GCC has been open on Monday evenings and Saturday mornings! Many thanks to

David Aki
Paul Bauerschmidt
Lloyd Bettis
Scott Frerichs
Peter Grant
Dale Grenolds

Steven Isaacs
Marvin Lutz
Mike Lynch
John Miller
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Mark Warnsman

Chuck Mize

SPIRITUAL COUNCIL MEETING REPORT OCTOBER 23, 2018

At the October Spiritual Council meeting, GCC's very active Ministries shared their news, and the Construction Committee reported good progress.

Pastors' Reports: Elizabeth reported on the continuing engagement of the youth and children in PYF, the Wednesday evening programs, and church school. Planning for the mission trip to Birmingham is underway, with active participation from the youth. Pam attended the meeting of the Chicago Metropolitan Association of the UCC and heard some good ideas about environmental responsibility and e-giving that she has shared with the relevant Ministries and Teams.

Construction Update: Construction has caused some disturbances, such as fire alarms and the occasional power outage, but the work is proceeding well and expected to be completed on our target dates.

Treasurer's Report: Year to date, we are about \$67,000 ahead of budget. Pledge fulfillment is slightly under budget, but non-pledge contributions have been strong.

Generosity: The Generosity campaign is off to an energetic start. Letters have been sent, and pledges have started coming in. At the time of the meeting, the Generosity Team had received 90 pledges, totaling approximately \$315,000.

Welcoming a New Business Administrator: GCC has hired a new Business Administrator, who will take over the job after Dale Wittenberg retires at the end of the year. Lucinda Fuller has many years of experience as a corporate and church business administrator, and she knows GCC well because she sings in the choir. Be sure to welcome Lucinda when you see her in the office or the choir loft!

SAFETY INFORMATION

A "Safety Information Meeting" was held recently for all head ushers, ushers, teachers, ambassadors/greeters of the church. Thanks to Steve Gale, Brian Tidwell and Bill Roenitz for organizing and leading this session about the latest safety information and procedures in the church. Chief Usher Bill Roenitz has also put together an Usher Guidelines which will be available to all of our ushers. During the construction months, each usher team will provide an usher to stay in the transept area to help negotiate stairs, directions, etc. If you would like to be on an usher team, please let Rev. Pam Keckler or Bill Roenitz know. We always welcome new people and subs for this important ministry.



CHILDREN AND TEEN FAITH FORMATION MINISTRY

Faith Formation has had some important conversations in the last few weeks. We mourn the loss of lives by the violence in Pittsburgh and elsewhere. The conversations have taken place almost at all grade levels. The church school teachers had a fruitful meeting about how things are going this fall and discussed emergency plans for the children on a Sunday morning. It is always important to know where your closest exit is in case of a fire or any other emergency arises. Please contact me at elizabeth.ciccolini@gccucc.org if you have any questions.



A friend of mine from high school, Yvette Alt Miller, writes for Asih.com. She ended one of her articles regarding the shooting with this statement. **Let our charity, our prayers, our mitzvot, our acts of kindness bring light into the world in memory of the eleven precious lights that were just snuffed out. Don't continue with life as usual. Make sure the massacre has changed you.** I discussed this and the rest of the article with our teens. It provided for a great conversation and about how actions can bring about change.

Peace, Elizabeth

CHURCH SCHOOL SERVICE PROJECTS

CARDS FOR THE POINSETTIA DELIVERY

November 25 – The church school children will write and make Christmas Cards to be delivered along with the Poinsettias.

WELCOME HOME BAGS FOR NEW MOTHERS

January 6 – The church school children will make welcome home bags for new mothers at the Night Ministry. It is a wonderful tradition because we also celebrate Epiphany when Jesus receives his gifts from the wise man. We will need donations of diaper bags, diapers, diaper cream, diaper wipes, bottles, new born clothing, blankets, socks, small toys and pacifiers. Please drop off your donations to Pastor Elizabeth's office.

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

December 15 from 2-4 p.m. This is a great way to get to know the greater GCC community and introduce our friends and neighbors to our great community. See page 7 for details



612 YOUTH GROUP (PYF AND MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH)

November 7 – 612 Youth Group will assemble snack mixes for the Night Ministry. 5:30 p.m. in the youth room.

We will continue to have a regular Wednesday meetings while district 34 and district 225 are in school. 5:30-7:30 p.m. with dinner. Please bring a donation of \$8 to cover the cost of the dinner. You may send a check for more than one meal.

PYF NOVEMBER & DECEMBER (GCC'S HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP)

November 9 - 11 - Fall Retreat - Tower Hill Contact Elizabeth for more details.

November 18 - Pizza Snack 5-6 p.m. We will eat pizza and spend time together before Thanksgiving break.

December 2 Pageant

December 9 Mission Project - Christmas stockings for **The Night Ministry**. Small group topic **Hunger for Stuff**, Matthew 6:19-21.

December 16 Christmas Party at Holy Trinity, 4-5:30 p.m. We will make Christmas cookies.

December 23 Pizza Snack, 4 -5 p.m. We will eat pizza and spend time together before the winter break.





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67th Annual Christmas Pageant "The Nativity"

DECEMBER 2
10:00 AM AND 1:00 PM

The Nativity will be held on Sunday, December 2. Kids with a last name starting A-M will be in the 10:00 a.m. service and kids with a last name starting N-Z will be in the 1:00 p.m. service. The Pageant is an amazing GCC and holiday tradition and we hope you will encourage your children's participation because we can't do it without them! Here is the information for kids and youth:

KINDERGARTEN AND 1ST GRADE (Children of Light)

A mailing was sent on November 1 and you should have also received an email with a Sign Up Genius link. One rehearsal on the morning of Saturday, December 1. Contact Meredith Estes with questions or if you did not receive the mailing or email (meredithestes@gmail.com or 773-251-6204).

2ND GRADE (Banner Children and Cherubim)

A mailing was sent on November 1 to all parents of kids who have not already decided to be Cherubim ("pink angels"). Those parents should have also received an email with a Sign Up Genius link. The Cherubim schedule has already been provided to parents. One rehearsal on the afternoon of Saturday, December 1 for Banner Children. Contact Meredith with questions or if you did not receive the mailing or email (info above).

3RD GRADE (Zum Galis/Shepherds)

A mailing was sent on November 1 and you should have also received an email with a Sign Up Genius link. One rehearsal on the afternoon of Saturday, December 1. Contact Meredith with questions or if you did not receive the mailing or email (info above).

4TH - 6TH GRADES (Children of All Nations)

Sign up Genius email was sent in late October. One rehearsal on the afternoon of Saturday, December 1, which is when they will also pick out their costumes. If you did not receive the email with the link or for questions, please contact Genevieve Schuberth (genschub1@aol.com or 773-680-3815).

7TH GRADE (Zum Galis/Shepherds)

Mailing sent out October 15. One rehearsal on the afternoon of Saturday, December 1. Contact Kathy Vega with questions or if you did not receive the mailing (847-209-4789 or kdvega@comcast.net). Participation counts as Confirmation service or worship credit.

8TH GRADE (Drummer, Stage Helpers, and Page, plus carolers)

A mailing was sent on October 15 to parents of kids who have not already decided to be Walking Angels. Walking Angel schedule has already been provided to parents. Specific parts have additional rehearsals in addition to the one on the afternoon of Saturday, December 1 and those will be communicated once roles have been selected. Carolers practice on the afternoon of Saturday, December 1. Contact Kathy Vega with questions or if you did not receive the mailing (847-209-4789 or kdvega@comcast.net). Participation counts as Confirmation service or worship credit.

CHILDREN OF ALL GRADES IN THE VOICES OF GCC CHOIR

Choir practice in the morning of Saturday, December 1 and afternoon practice based on their part. Information about the morning rehearsal will be provided by the Voices choir moms.

HIGH SCHOOL KIDS

Youth who are Walking Angels and Tableau Angels, as well as playing a specific role, have received rehearsal schedules.

Are your kids not yet old enough to participate or would you like to play a role in some way? Then be a Zum Gali (nomadic person) or part of a Zum Gali family! We'd love to have any adults (individuals, couples, groups), as well as parent(s) with children ages 1-5 years old. Simple costumes are provided, there is a rehearsal on the afternoon of December 1, and you can participate in either service. Please contact Kathy Vega if interested (847-209-4789 or kdvega@comcast.net).

For any general Pageant information, please contact C.J. Sultz (cjsultz@comcast.net or 312-933-0413).

Event Time	Event Name	Primary Location
Thursday, 08 November 2018		
9:00 AM to 10:15 AM	Yoga	Room 201
6:15 PM to 7:20 PM	Joyful Ringers Rehearsal	Choir Room
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	Pack 156 Scouts	Gym
7:30 PM to 9:00 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Saturday, 10 November 2018		
8:00 AM to 11:45 AM	Men's Open Gym	Gym
8:45 AM to 11:45 AM	Resale Pop Up	West Entrance
Sunday, 11 November 2018		
8:45 AM to 9:50 AM	8th Grade Confirmation Class	Youth Room
10:00 AM to 10:15 AM	Church School Children Meet in Sanctuary	SanctuaryM
10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	GCC Worship Service	Sanctuary
11:05 AM to 11:30 AM	Refreshments and Fellowship	Narthex
6:00 PM to 7:00 PM	7th Grade Confirmation Class	Youth Room
Monday, 12 November 2018		
6:00 PM to 9:30 PM	Pageant Rehearsal	Gym
6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	Pageant Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:00 PM to 8:00 PM	Yoga	Room 201
Tuesday, 13 November 2018		
9:15 AM to 10:00 AM	Music & Movement Class	Cradle/Toddler Room
10:15 AM to 11:00 AM	Music & Movement Class	Cradle/Toddler Room
6:00 PM to 6:58 PM	Executive Committee	Cradle/Toddler Room
6:30 PM to 8:00 PM	Myra Loris	Sanctuary
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	Ministry Steering Group Meeting	Gym
Wednesday, 14 November 2018		
9:15 AM to 10:00 AM	Music & Movement Class	Cradle/Toddler Room
10:15 AM to 11:00 AM	Music & Movement Class	Cradle/Toddler Room
11:00 AM to 11:45 AM	Music & Movement Class	Cradle/Toddler Room
4:15 PM to 5:15 PM	FISH	Youth Room
5:30 PM to 7:30 PM	612 Group	Youth Room
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM	GCCNS Board Meetings	Room 201
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	Womens Assoc Meeting	Cradle/Toddler Room
Thursday, 15 November 2018		
9:00 AM to 10:15 AM	Yoga	Room 201
6:15 PM to 7:20 PM	Joyful Ringers Rehearsal	Choir Room
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	Pack 156 Scouts	Gym
7:30 PM to 9:00 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Saturday, 17 November 2018		
8:00 AM to 11:45 AM	Men's Open Gym	Gym
Sunday, 18 November 2018		
8:45 AM to 9:50 AM	8th Grade Confirmation Class	Youth Room
10:00 AM to 10:15 AM	Church School Children Meet in Sanctuary	SanctuaryM
10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	GCC Worship Service	Sanctuary
11:05 AM to 12:15 PM	Retirement Reception for Dale Wittenberg!	Gym
2:00 PM to 5:00 PM	Pageant Rehearsal	Sanctuary
4:00 PM to 5:55 PM	PYF	Youth Room
6:00 PM to 7:00 PM	7th Grade Confirmation Class	Youth Room
Monday, 19 November 2018		
5:00 PM to 6:30 PM	Pageant	Gym
6:00 PM to 9:30 PM	Pageant Angel Practice	Sanctuary
7:00 PM to 8:00 PM	Yoga	Room 201
Wednesday, 21 November 2018		
9:30 AM to 10:45 AM	Chap 20	Chapel

GIVING GLIMPSE SEPTEMBER 2018

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 and ensure the fiscal health of the church. 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 Financial Snapshot will be updated monthly and included in the worship bulletin and Broadcaster.

	YTD	Over/(Under)Budget
Pledge Fulfillment	\$640,972	(\$4,028)
Other Income	\$150,673	\$47,900
Expenses	\$976,105	(\$26,756)
Net Total	(\$184,460)	\$70,628

SUMMARY: We are \$70,628 better than budget through September. Our approved budget defines an annual deficit of \$79,779, so if the balance of the year holds plan, we will end 2018 with an operating deficit of \$9,151.

GOOD NEWS FROM THE SPIRITUAL LIFE TEAMS AT GCC


Four new spiritual life teams are starting: a women's team; our Genesis team for men and women; our couples team and our men's team. The Women's Team and the Genesis Team are full! But our team for couples is still available for new couples. You will find this a powerful way to enrich your relationship. Bringing spiritual life to the center of any relationship changes everything!

The Men's Team is open to any man at GCC of any age, employment, profession, married, single, widowed or divorced. You can bring a friend from another church or from work or any place at all. Or bring a neighbor. We're here to change the misconception that men aren't spiritual. We know a lot better!

When our men's team gets started we will pass the 100 person mark for people who are now on or who have been on a spiritual life team at GCC. And that's a powerful message of how important spiritual life is at Glenview Community Church.

**DISCOVER GOD
SHARE THE GIFT
CHANGE YOUR LIFE
CHANGE THE WORLD!**

THE NEXT DEADLINE FOR THE BROADCASTER IS NOVEMBER 14, BY 9:00 AM



GLENVIEW CLERGY ASSOCIATION

WE GIVE THANKS: INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Reflection by Rev. Dr. Eun-Hye Choi, Pastor of UMC
Participation in the Choir open to all

NOVEMBER 20, 2018 / 7:30 PM
GLENVIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
727 HARLEM AVE. GLENVIEW, IL 60025

Monetary offering will be divided equally among: *Wesley Child Care, Glenview Youth Services, & Northfield Township Food Pantry.*
Donations of staple foods will also be collected for the *Northfield Township Food Pantry*

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS

The Advent devotionals have arrived and are in the front office. The season of Advent officially begins on Sunday, December 2. It is a time when we prepare for the coming of Jesus among us. The theme of this year's booklet is Come, Lord Jesus. "As we wait this Advent, grant Holy One that ours be an active, risk-full, leaning-in kind of waiting." If you are unable to come to church but would like a copy mailed to you, please contact Rev. Keckler.

MEMORIAL SUNDAY

On Sunday, November 25, we will remember and give thanks for those who have died in the past year. We have a list of those for whom GCC provided ministry. If you would like a friend or loved one recognized, please email me at chuck.mize@gccucc.org with the person's name and date of death. Thank you!

Chuck Mize

GIVING THANKS FOR OUR VETERANS

On Veterans Day, Sunday November 11, we will recognize and give thanks for GCC members and friends who are serving and have served our nation in the Armed Forces. We don't want to leave anyone out! If you are among this dedicated number, please contact me at chuck.mize@gccucc.org with your branch of the service (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard), rank, and where you served so we can include you on November 11. Thank you!

Chuck Mize

LIFE EVERLASTING

We trust the promise of the resurrection for GCC member **Dorothy B. Faierson**, who passed away one month shy of age 105, on Sunday, October 21, 2018, even as we hold her son, **Dr. Richard Faierson** and family in our prayers. A celebration of **Dorothy's** life was held on November 3, 2018 at Chestnut Square at The Glen.

MISSION PARTNER HIGHLIGHT

Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) is a Christian non-profit organization dedicated to feeding children nutritionally complete meals with the hope of eliminating starvation. Kids and adults come together to hand-pack meals designed to improve the lives of malnourished children. These meals are then donated to partners around the world, which include schools, orphanages, churches, or malnourishment centers.

This will be GCC's 5th year of packing food for starving children. Our church has packed over 146,000 meals in the past 4 years, which translates to feeding 400 children for an entire year. **FMSC** produces a meal for 22 cents and feeds a child for an entire year for only \$80! Over 90% of donations are spent directly on meal production.

Melissa Aki was blessed with the opportunity to travel to Nicaragua to see the **FMSC** food in action. When visiting a school that receives the Manna Pack Rice meals, she was able to help serve lunch to a classroom of 5 and 6 year olds. These schools do not have enough money for plates and cups. If a child forgets to bring these, they do not get their meal for the day. One little boy ate some manna pack rice and then put a cover on his bowl and put it in his backpack. Some of Melissa's group were concerned that he didn't like it and asked him why he didn't finish his lunch. This little boy told them he needed to take the rest home to give to his little sister otherwise she wouldn't have anything to eat. This is the type of children you are feeding when you pack meals.

We encourage you to join the GCC packing day on Saturday, December 15 from 2-4 in the afternoon at the **FMSC** site at 742 E. Park Ave, Libertyville, IL. This is a great family activity; anyone 5 years old and up is able to volunteer. Also, feel free to invite friends and family members to join our church community for this fun packing event.

To register, contact me, Melissa Bacon-Aki, at mbaconaki@comcast.net or Betsy Martin at betsywisemartin@att.net (847-657-7595) and we will add you to the group. You can also go to fmsc.org and click on Volunteer. Join Code for Glenview Community Church is 1504282. **Turn hunger into hope with your own two hands!**

NOVEMBER FAITH IN ACTION EDUCATION

Dreading difficult conversations with your family or friends over the holidays? Come to an interactive workshop, **Navigating Hot Button Topics During The Holidays**. Thursday, November 15 from 7-8:30 p.m., Pollak Room on first floor of Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane. Free. To ensure a space please register on Library website: www.northbrook.info/events/navigating-hot-button-topics-during-holidays. Last minute arrivals are welcome as space permits. Presented by **RAIN (Racial Awareness in the Northshore)** and **SURJ (Showing Up for Racial Justice)**. You will have a chance to practice your new conversational skills! For more details, contact Terri Morgan, 312-835-1778, or Terrimorgan922@gmail.com.

WHY IT MATTERS

Myra Loris returns with a six-part series, with each lecture focusing on a different thesis and why it matters. The first three lectures will be held this fall. The series will conclude in Spring 2019. Refreshments begin at 7:00 p.m. Lecture is at 7:30-8:30 p.m. Cost is \$15 per session or \$35 for all three sessions. Tickets are available at the door. Questions: call Beryl Bills (847) 724-1694.

November 13: WHY IT MATTERS: Words. The power of words, of specific language, both past and present, written and oral, to shape the destiny of the American nation. The session will focus specifically on the language of the Declaration of Independence and how it was expanded and refined by the Suffragists, by Lincoln, by MLK and many others. The "pen" may indeed be mightier than the "sword".

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

OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - FRIDAY
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

REGULAR CHURCH HOURS

MONDAY AND FRIDAY
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY
8:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
SATURDAY
8:00 a.m. - noon
SUNDAY
8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Pondering In Silence

Every hardship; every joy; every temptation is a challenge of the spirit; that the human soul may prove itself. The great chain of necessity wherewith we are bound has divine significance; and nothing happens which has not some service in working out the sublime destiny of the human soul. —*Elias A. Ford*