

Happy Thanksgiving Broadcaster

NOVEMBER 25, 2015



Christmas Pageant



Once again this year, a young boy, David, from Glenview in the year 2015, dreams about what it is like to watch as the story of the birth of Christ unfolds before him.

Throughout his dream, he sees Angels and Shepherds experience a night of wonder and awe. He watches as the people of Israel make their long journey past Roman soldiers to be counted in the census. He is amazed to see the three Magi, and follows them as they make their journey to find the Child. All of their journeys will end with a gathering at the place where Jesus is born. David's dream ends when he understands that he needs to bring together the children of all the world with hope for Peace on Earth.

The Nativity will be presented on December 6 at 10:30 AM and 2:00 PM. This is the 64th year the Pageant has been performed in our sanctuary. Our story is told like no other. It is told with the magic of song and the grace of dance. The glorious costumes and the enchanted faces of the children from our church enhance the beauty of this tradi-

tional pageant. All who come together for this service worship and celebrate the story of the birth of the Christ child, and will feel the renewal of the Spirit of Christmas.

We encourage your children to participate in the Pageant and continue to build on the tradition of the last 63 years. The high school youth who are now Tableau Angels or Kings or Mary were once six-year-old Children of Light who climbed the big stairs to see Baby Jesus (and a certain girl who was Gabriel in 1983 is now the Pageant director!). There is a reason that the busy youth of today make time to participate in this special tradition.

The Pageant is our gift to the community. This year, invite a friend or neighbor to come and share the unique joy of this performance with you. It will set the mood for the Christmas season in a very special way.

C.J. Sultz, Pageant Director

WORSHIP SERVICES

NOVEMBER 29, 2015
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT: FAITH
HOLY COMMUNION
10:00 a.m.

Scripture:
Luke 21:25-36

Sermon:
Rev. Dr. Chuck Mize
Lift Up Your Heads!

DECEMBER 6, 2015
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Pageant Sunday
10:30 a.m.
&
2:00 p.m.

DECEMBER 13, 2015
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT: Joy
10:00 a.m.

Scripture:
Philippians 4:4-7
Luke 3:1-18

Sermon:
Rev. Dr. Chuck Mize
Turn Around, Look at Me!



CALLING ALL PARENTS IF YOU HAVE KIDS YOUNGER THAN KINDERGARTENERS!

We welcome you to participate in GCC's 64-year-old tradition, "The Nativity" (better known as "The Pageant"). Start out your holiday season, and hopefully a lifelong tradition for your children, by participating as "Zum Galis," the people of Israel that the Romans called to be counted in the census. We need "a cast of thousands" to participate. You need only to show up to one practice on the afternoon of Saturday, December 5 and then choose to be in either the 10:30 a.m. or 2:00 p.m. service on Pageant Sunday, December 6. Simple costumes are provided. We'd love to have one or both parents and any children that are 1-5 years old. If you are interested, please email Kathy Vega at kdvega@comcast.net and indicate which service is better for you. She is also happy to answer any questions. Thank you for your consideration!

CHRISTMAS EVE AT GCC

Because of shifting attendance patterns, we are experimenting with the time of our late Christmas Eve Service this year. Many churches (including GCC) have experienced a decline in attendance at 11 p.m. services. In response to this trend, we are moving the late service up by two hours, to 9 p.m. We are trying this earlier hour this year to see if it is a better time for more people. We will also offer our 3 p.m. intergenerational service and our 5:30 p.m. service with communion. Thank you for your patience and understanding! If you'd like to discuss this change, please feel free to contact me at 847-724-2210, x 222.

Chuck Mize

MEMORIAL GARDEN CHRISTMAS TREE

The Glenview Community Church Memorial Garden Committee again brings you a PYF Christmas Tree, seven feet tall. It will be standing outdoors in the Memorial Garden on Sunday, December 6, ready for you to use to remember someone you love, or several someones you love. The choice of ornament(s) is up to you; just bring your own "hanging device(s)". After the month of December, it will be removed, so please remove ornaments not later than January 4, 2016. Brought to you with love, GCC Memorial Garden Committee

YOU ARE INVITED!

You are invited to attend a presentation to discuss the needs, future plans, and proposed capital campaign for the Message, Ministries and Mission of the Glenview Community Church. At these small gatherings you will see how the 20 Patterns, problems/solutions, presented to the congregation by **The Kubala Washatko Architects (TKWA)** on August 30, are evolving into a master plan. Each presentation will last about an hour where remarks and discussion will be informal. No financial commitments or gifts will be asked for at these meetings. Child care will be provided.

The Awareness / Education meetings will be held on:

1. **Sunday, November 29, 2015 at 11:15 a.m. in the Chapel**
2. **Sunday, December 13, 2015 at 11:15 a.m. in the Chapel**
3. **Sunday, January 3, 2016 at 11:15 a.m. in the Chapel**
4. **Sunday, January 10, 2016 at 11:15 a.m. in the Chapel**

In addition, the congregation is invited to three important events:

1. **Sunday, January 17, 2016 in the Sanctuary**, TKWA will present the completed master plan for our facility.
2. **Sunday, January 24, 2016 in the Founders Room**, an open forum for the congregation concerning the master plan and the capital campaign.
3. **Sunday, January 31, 2016 in the Sanctuary** a Special Congregational Meeting to act on authorizing a capital campaign to carry out the master plan.

Please RSVP to Susan Woodsome at 847-724-2210, ext. #225 or susan.woodsomes@gccucc.org to indicate which Awareness / Education meeting you will be attending. We look forward to your involvement in this exciting process!

The Capital Task Force

YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!

At its October meeting, the Spiritual Council approved a statement concerning the campus of Glenview Community Church that brings several previously existing policies together in one statement. The only change in the long-standing policies extends the tobacco and tobacco product free zone from the building to the campus. The purpose of the statement is to protect the health and well-being of each person who visits our campus.

Glenview Community Church is a Christian community of acceptance and welcome for all God's people. Because we strive to make our campus (buildings and grounds) a place of sanctuary and safety for each person who comes here, our campus is:

***Tobacco and tobacco product free
Alcohol, recreational drug and substance free
Weapon free including guns, rifles, knives, explosive devices and look-alikes.***

Thank you for helping us to make the campus of Glenview Community Church a place of sanctuary and safety for all God's people.



STEPS ALONG THE SACRED JOURNEY ON RACE

The Faith In Action Team (FIAT) invites the congregation to join their **Sacred Journey On Race**. The following are opportunities to learn about, talk about, and do something about racism in our society.

JANUARY 18, 2016, 9:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M.

Martin Luther King Day Faith in Action Assembly. Location to be announced.

HANDS OF PEACE HOST FAMILIES NEEDED FOR HANDS OF PEACE JULY 2016 SUMMER PROGRAM

Hands of Peace (HOP) was created in 2002, by GCC member Gretchen Grad and now serves 46 teens, ages 15-17, every summer in the Chicago program. By bringing together Israeli, Palestinian and American youth, the program creates a cohesive and dedicated group of youth committed to each other and to peace in the Middle East.

We are looking for families who can host one or two participants during the 2016 summer program (July 13 to August 1).

Please visit the HOP website handsofpeace.org for more information and contact host family coordinator Vera Ginburg at 847-251-0231 or veraginburg@att.net.

SAVE THE DATE

The Hands of Peace Spring Chicago Benefit will be held at the Museum of Science and Industry, Sunday, April 17, 2016. Volunteer support is critical to making this event a success. For more information about the event or volunteer opportunities, contact Gretchen Grad at gradhop@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 8:00 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 **December 3**. Sponsored by the Fellowship Board.

HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT THE NEW CONSTRUCTIVE CONVERSATIONS MINISTRY?

What is it? A confidential process where members of the congregation can ask for help to resolve issues with one another.

Do we have a problem at GCC with conflict? If not, why do we need this ministry? Thankfully, this ministry was not created in response to a specific problem – GCC is a great place to be and we want to keep it that way! Think of this ministry as a tool to help maintain and strengthen the health of our community, like an inoculation you receive to prevent getting sick.

How does it work? Anyone can take advantage of this completely confidential process by contacting a member of the Constructive Conversations Ministry team (Cathy Ach, Leanne Drennan, Debby Fosdick, Kelly Golding, Gretchen Grad, Mary Ellen Johnson, Reverend Chuck Mize, Brad Smith, or C.J. Sultz) to get the tools to try to resolve the issue on their own or take advantage of a trained church facilitator for assistance.

What if I have questions? The Constructive Conversations Ministry team is available to address any questions, concerns, comments, etc., so please do not hesitate to reach out to any of them.

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL BOOKS

Advent begins this year on Sunday, November 29. UCC Devotional booklets are available in the church office.

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 December 2 will be pasta. Vegetarian options are available. There will be a basket for donations and we will need a few desserts.

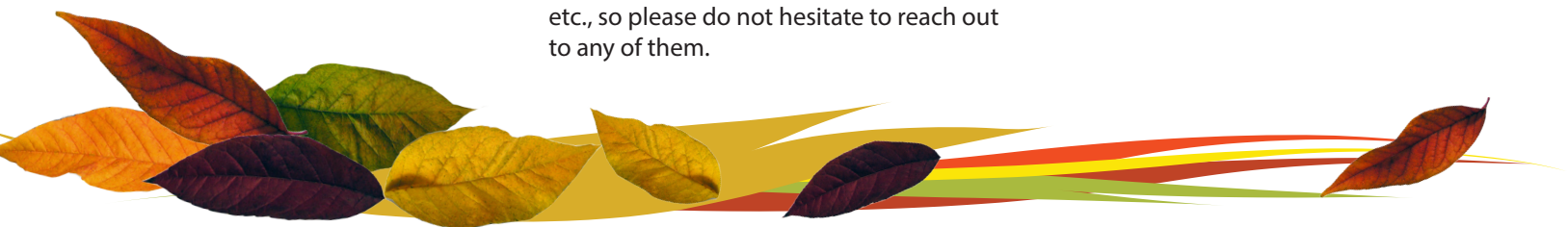
SHARE THE GIFT OF LEARNING

Many adults need help with basic English reading, writing or speaking skills. Share the gift of learning! Call Oakton Community College at 847-635-1426. Required four-part training dates: January 7 and 12, 2016 and February 6 and 20, 2016.



WANTED! COMMUNION SERVERS

Would you like to participate in serving communion? The Services and Sacraments Board welcomes anyone, high school-aged or older, to serve communion to our congregation. You can choose the Sunday that works for you, practice the morning of the service, and participate in our worship service in an important and meaningful way. If you are interested, please contact Margaret Lutz at lutz106@comcast.net or Julie Tillman at jandjtillman@sbcglobal.net.



APPRENTICES WANTED!

GCC is looking for two good apprentices, one for our Clerk, Bob McGee, and the other for our Treasurer, Dave Aki. Each of these two outstanding servants of our congregation will transition their work to an individual who is interested in seeking election to the position in 2017. If you are interested in serving GCC in one of these important roles, please contact Bob bmcgee750@gmail.com, Dave dave254@comcast.net, Nancy Mullarkey Mullarkeyn@hotmail.com or any other member of the Leadership Committee.

GCC Bylaws prescribe the duties of each of these elected church officers as follows:

The Church Clerk, with assistance from church staff, shall maintain an accurate and detailed record of the proceedings of the Church; an accurate register of members, including additions and terminations to the Church rolls and baptisms; records of the attendance at church services and board and committee meetings; and the retention of all church correspondence and all written official reports in good order. The Clerk shall make a complete report at the Midwinter Congregational Meeting. The Clerk shall be custodian of all official records of the Church and of the Church Seal. The records shall be kept in a place of safety. The Clerk serves as secretary of the Spiritual Council, the Midwinter Congregational Meeting, the Annual Congregational Meeting, and the Leadership Committee.

The Treasurer shall be responsible for the accurate record keeping for financial records of receipts and disbursements, operating and trust fund accounts and all other official monetary instruments held by the Church. The Treasurer shall submit an annual financial report at the Midwinter Congregational Meeting. The Treasurer shall perform such other fiscal control activities as directed by the Finance Board or specified within the Constitution and Bylaws. The Treasurer serves on the Executive Board and as a member of the Finance Board.



SPREAD THE WARMTH AND FIGHT HUNGER IN OUR COMMUNITY

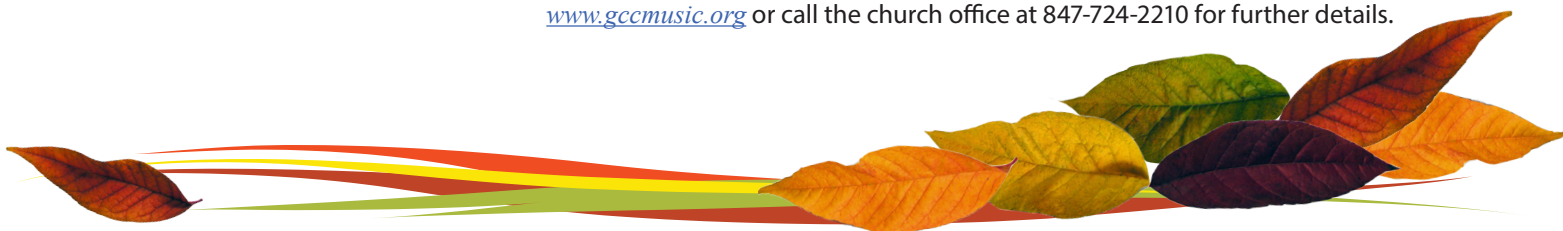
Please visit the **MISSION TREE** in the Narthex from December 1 thru December 14 and drop off your donations of new, adult sized cold weather items-gloves, hats, headbands, socks, etc. These items will be distributed through The Night Ministry, a long-time GCC partner agency. Also, please use the **MISSION TREE** as a drop point for **FOOD ON THE FIRST** donations in December. We will be collecting food until December 14 in an effort to stock the shelves of the pantry at San Lucas UCC during this time of great need. When you make a donation, take a hand-made card or ornament (provided by Tom and Rosalie Amos) from the tree to display on your own tree as a reminder of your support.

FOOD ON THE FIRST

Food insecurity is affecting families and children in our community. Please consider participating in GCC's Food on the First program by bringing non-perishable items to church on the first Sunday of each month. Monetary contributions are also accepted. Checks can be made out to GCC with a notation indicating Food on the First. Please place your items next to the **MISSION TREE** in the Narthex or at the table by the West entrance. The food and money collected supports San Lucas UCC and the Northfield Township Food Pantry.



Bring your family to the **22nd Annual Toy-ful Celebration** concert at the Glenview Community Church on Saturday, December 19 at 7:00 p.m. Join the Chancel Choir, directed by Guillermo Muñoz Küster, and the Glenview Concert Band, under the direction of Greg Wojcik, for a festive evening of holiday music and fun. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.; Christmas carol sing along 6:45. This concert benefits the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves Toys for Tots program. The concert is free, but please bring an **unwrapped new toy** (or toys) to donate to the Marines to help make some child's Christmas morning a little brighter. Visit www.gccmusic.org or call the church office at 847-724-2210 for further details.



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

**Please return to Susan in the office (susan.woodsone@gccucc.org) by
December 11, 2015 - \$17.00 per plant**

Please Print

Name _____

Address _____

Please place my order for _____ poinsettia(s) to be used for the holiday season.

Donated By: _____

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Please check your choice below:

_____ I will pick up the plant after the Christmas Eve Service.

_____ Please deliver plant to a GCC homebound member.

_____ I am a GCC senior, unable to pick up my plant and would like it delivered to me.

_____ **I would like to help deliver plants to the homebound.**

***** See Other Side For Altar Flower Order Form**





2015

Join Us As We Celebrate
The Advent and Christmas Seasons at

Glenview Community Church

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24

7:30 PM Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at the Techny Towers Conference & Retreat Center, Northbrook, Illinois

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29
First Sunday of Advent

10:00 AM Worship. Holy Communion. Church School Children will stuff stockings for the Night Ministry as a service project.

GCC Mission Tree: Drop off your donations of new hats, gloves, headbands and socks for the Night Ministry by December 14, 2015.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6
Second Sunday of Advent

10:30 AM and 2:00 PM - The Nativity
The Christmas Story told in music, dance, pantomime, and narration. 64th Annual Christmas Pageant for the community.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13
Third Sunday of Advent

10:00 AM Worship
11:00 AM Fellowship, Pizza & Christmas Crafts. Join us for lunch after worship. Pizza will be provided. Please bring a side dish, fresh fruit or dessert. There will be Christmas crafts, open gym and other games. Join us for this great intergenerational event!

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15

12:00 PM 60+ Luncheon Celebrates Christmas! Join us in the Mayflower Room.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19

7:00 PM 22nd Annual Toy-ful Celebration Holiday Concert
Glenview Concert Band and GCC Chancel Choir to benefit U.S. Marine Corps Reserves **Toys For Tots** program. Concert is free but please bring a NEW unwrapped toy to go toward a child's Christmas.

The Pastoral Care Board is looking for volunteer delivery of a poinsettia to our home-bound members. Contact Sarah Kolom, koloms5@comcast.net.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20
Fourth Sunday of Advent

10:00 AM Worship. Church School Children will write and color Christmas Cards to be delivered with the poinsettias.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24
Christmas Eve

3:00 PM Christmas Eve Worship for All Ages, Intergenerational and Primary Choirs, and Jazz.
5:30 PM A Reflective Christmas Eve Worship, Carols, Communion and Candle light. Music by The Pilgrim Wind Ensemble.
9:00 PM Candlelight Christmas Eve Worship, Carols, Candlelight. Music by The Chancel Choir.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27
First Sunday in Christmastide

10:00 AM Worship

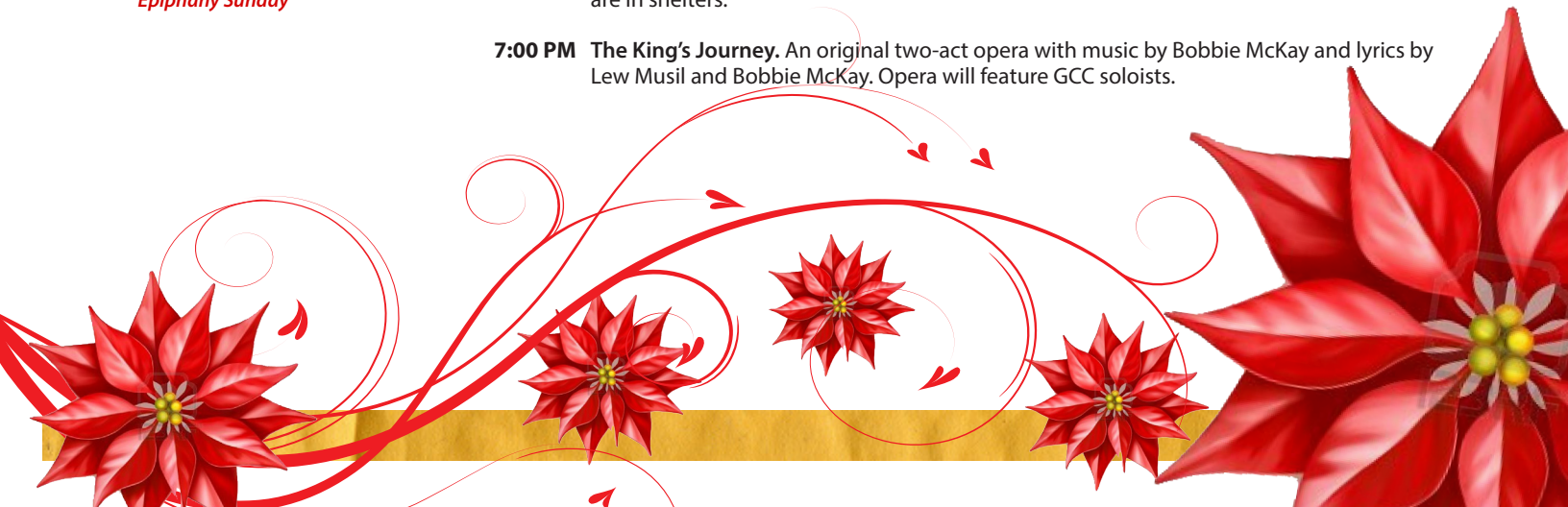
SUNDAY, JANUARY 3, 2016
Second Sunday in Christmastide

10:00 AM Worship

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 2016
Epiphany Sunday

10:00 AM Worship. Holy Communion. Church School children will package bags for new babies that are in shelters.

7:00 PM The King's Journey. An original two-act opera with music by Bobbie McKay and lyrics by Lew Musil and Bobbie McKay. Opera will feature GCC soloists.



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT GCC

Event Time	Event Name	Primary Location
Thursday, 26 November 2015		
8:00 AM to 9:00 PM	Church Closed, Thanksgiving Holiday	Sanctuary
Friday, 27 November 2015		
8:00 AM to 9:00 PM	Church Closed, Thanksgiving Holiday	Sanctuary
Saturday, 28 November 2015		
8:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Mens Open Gym	Gym
Sunday, 29 November 2015		
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 12:15 PM	Awareness & Education Informational Presentation	Chapel
Monday, 30 November 2015		
9:30 AM to 11:00 AM	Spirit Group	Library
6:30 PM to 8:30 PM	Yoga Classes	Room 201
7:00 PM to 9:30 PM	Tableau Angel Practice	Mayflower Room A
7:30 PM to 8:30 PM	Cub Scout Committee Meeting	Room 213
Tuesday, 01 December 2015		
9:15 AM to 10:00 AM	Music and Movement	Cradle/Toddler Room
10:15 AM to 11:00 AM	Music and Movement	Cradle/Toddler Room
11:30 AM to 1:30 PM	WA Chapter 8 Meeting	OFF SITE
6:30 PM to 7:45 PM	Baby Angel Practice	Sanctuary
7:00 PM to 9:30 PM	Walking Angel Practice	SanctuaryM
7:30 PM to 8:30 PM	Childrens Board Meeting	Youth Room
Wednesday, 02 December 2015		
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
9:15 AM to 10:00 AM	Music and Movement	Cradle/Toddler Room
10:15 AM to 11:00 AM	Music and Movement	Cradle/Toddler Room
11:00 AM to 11:45 AM	Music and Movement	Cradle/Toddler Room
3:00 PM to 4:30 PM	Bible Study	Parlor
4:00 PM to 5:15 PM	FISH	Mayflower
5:30 PM to 6:30 PM	Community Dinner	Mayflower Room A
5:30 PM to 6:45 PM	GCC Community Dinner	Mayflower
7:00 PM to 9:30 PM	Tableau Angel Practice	Sanctuary
Thursday, 03 December 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 9:00 PM	Pageant Dress Rehearsal	SanctuaryM
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	BSA 156 Meetings	Mayflower
Friday, 04 December 2015		
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
1:00 PM to 3:00 PM	Pickleball	Gym
8:00 PM to 9:00 PM	AA MEETING	Parlor
8:00 PM to 9:00 PM	AL-ANON	Library
Saturday, 05 December 2015		
8:30 AM to 3:45 PM	Final Pageant Rehearsal	Sanctuary
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
Sunday, 06 December 2015		
10:30 AM to 11:30 AM	GCC Christmas Pageant - The Nativity	Sanctuary
2:00 PM to 3:00 PM	GCC Christmas Pageant - The Nativity	Sanctuary
Monday, 07 December 2015		
12:00 PM to 1:30 PM	Called to Care	Founders
6:30 PM to 8:30 PM	Yoga Classes	Room 201
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	BSA 156 Committee Mtgs	Founders
Tuesday, 08 December 2015		
9:15 AM to 10:00 AM	Music and Movement	Cradle/Toddler Room
10:15 AM to 11:00 AM	Music and Movement	Cradle/Toddler Room
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM	Adult Ed Meeting	Library
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	Services & Sacraments Meeting	Room 210
7:30 PM to 8:30 PM	Confirmation & Youth Board Meeting	Youth Room
Wednesday, 09 December 2015		
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
9:15 AM to 10:00 AM	Music and Movement	Cradle/Toddler Room
10:15 AM to 11:00 AM	Music and Movement	Cradle/Toddler Room
11:00 AM to 11:45 AM	Music and Movement	Cradle/Toddler Room
3:00 PM to 4:30 PM	Bible Study	Parlor
4:00 PM to 5:15 PM	FISH	Mayflower
5:30 PM to 8:00 PM	POW / 87 Club	Mayflower
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM	Properties Board Meeting	Room 210



STEWARDSHIP 2016: TRUST IN THE PROMISE

Last Sunday was another amazing day of worship at Glenview Community Church! As we recognized and thanked the members who have served our nation as veterans, our spirits were lifted by the glorious strains of God Bless America, Battle Hymn of the Republic and America the Beautiful. As we prayed for the families in France and Lebanon who are grieving the loss of loved ones, we joined them in a moment of silence and solidarity. We are all children of God, and, though we live in a dangerous world, we still trust in God's plan for us and God's promise of a future with hope.

Through November 12, we have received financial commitments from 224 families totaling \$558,513. We still have a way to go to reach our \$1.2 million goal to support and grow the Message, Ministries and Mission of Glenview Community Church. But with God's help we can make it!

If your pledge is in, THANK YOU! If not, you'll be hearing from us. WE PROMISE!

Blessings from Your Stewardship Board

BRING A TOUCH OF HOLIDAY CHEER TO OTHERS!

Volunteers are needed to help deliver Poinsettias after Christmas. This delivery is a wonderful way you can reach out to church members and friends who are ill or home-bound. It takes a little of your time, but means so much to those receiving the plant. You may pick up the poinsettia for delivery after the 9:00 p.m. service on Christmas Eve or the 10:00 a.m. service on December 27. If you are interested in helping or have any questions, please contact Sarah Koloms by email at koloms5@comcast.net. Thank you in advance for your service!!



**THE NEXT DEADLINE FOR THE BROADCASTER IS
DECEMBER 2, 2015 AT 9:00 AM**

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Rev. Dr. Pamela Keckler, *Pastor*
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...

Moments of grace, epiphanies, and great insights are lost to us because we are in too much of a hurry to notice them. Slow down or you'll miss the good stuff.

Author Unknown

