

Broadcaster

December 10, 2014

TRADITIONS

The Advent and Christmas seasons are uncommonly blessed with traditions: repetitive rituals that add meaning and preciousness to this beloved season. We light candles to remind us that, when the days are short and light is scarce, the light of God's love still shines. We bring evergreen trees in from outside and set them in the center of our homes because these trees that are always green witness that God's gift of life to us in Jesus is everlasting. The glittering ornaments and twinkling lights that bejewel the branches of these trees celebrate God's love that has come down to us from heaven to earth in the babe of Bethlehem. And the list goes on!

Some of these traditions are nearly universal, but some are more regional, more unique. In our years in Green Bay we discovered that December 6th is St. Nicholas Day. On the evening of December 5th, children hang their stockings or put their shoes outside their bedroom doors so that St. Nick can fill them with sweet treats. And in Glenview we have been blessed by this church's most beloved tradition – The Nativity – a pageant that is peerless in our experience. Precious traditions...repetitive rituals without which Christmas would not be Christmas as we know it and love it.

One of our great Christmas traditions is Charles Dickens' **A Christmas Carol**. That tradition is so powerful that it even made Scrooge a word in our dictionaries. When the ghosts of **Christmas Past**, **Christmas Present** and **Christmas Yet-to-Come** have their way with Ebenezer Scrooge, he is changed. He experiences delight for the first time in his greed-shriveled life. And he expresses that joy by blessing the Cratchit family with the prize Christmas goose for

their holiday feast. Just so, the heart of the **Grinch** (Dr. Seuss' version of Dickens' Scrooge) grew three sizes when he discovered the true meaning of this giving season. Is it possible for our hearts to grow three sizes at Christmas? Can the Christmas spirit really transform bitter Scrooges into blessed saints who give up using their resources to punish and impoverish others because they have experienced the joy of using their resources to bless and enrich others? Indeed it can...if our Christmas spirit is the Spirit of God.

In his first letter, St. John writes this:

We love, because God first loved us.

Or, for this season:

We give, because God first gave to us.

And what God first gave to us is the gentle beauty of pure love in human form. We didn't earn Him. We didn't deserve Him. Yet God gave us Jesus. And when we discover the pricelessness of that treasure, we can't help but give our whole lives in response to this manger gift.

That means that, of all our beloved Christmas traditions, giving is the most profound. It touches us in our deepest places. And we keep this tradition most purely when we give to those who can give us nothing of the resources of this world in return. Yet in this giving we will receive the greatest gifts: love shared, lives saved, and God's work done.

So join us at the Glenview Community Church as we do just that. Join us as we remember the story of Bethlehem...as we

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WORSHIP SERVICES

DECEMBER 14, 2014

Third Sunday of Advent

10:00 a.m.

Scripture:

Isaiah 61:1-4, Mark 1:1-8, John 1:6-8, 19-28

Sermon:

Refreshing Repenting

Rev. Dr. Chuck Mize

DECEMBER 21, 2014

Fourth Sunday of Advent

10:00 a.m.

Scripture:

Psalms 89, Romans 16:25-27, Luke 1:26-38

Sermon:

Building God's House

Rev. Dr. Chuck Mize

CHRISTMAS EVE

There will be three worship opportunities this year for Christmas Eve worship. Please note the new times for the first two services.

3:00 PM

Worship for All Ages, Intergenerational Choir and Primary Choir; Jazz

5:30 PM

Candlelight worship with Holy Communion. Music by Pilgrim Wind Ensemble and Guitarist.

11:00 PM

Candlelight worship, Music by Chancel Choir.

11:30 PM

Music of Christmas Worship.

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kneel at the manger...as we give in response to the greatest Gift.

You see, the miracle of traditions is that, when we do the same sacred thing over and over again, something new happens. We are transformed. And the words of Tiny Tim will come true. **God will bless us, every one!**

See you in church!

Chuck Mize

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS

There are a few copies left of the UCC Advent devotionals in the church office. . If you are unable to come to church and would like a copy, please call the church and we will mail you one.

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS CALENDARS

Pick up a calendar that will fit inside a Christmas card to give to a friend or neighbor. The calendar lists all the programs and services happening this season at Glenview Community Church. Available in the church office.

LIFE EVERLASTING

We trust the promise of the resurrection for our longtime member, **Ed Dohring**, who died on Thursday, December 4th after a brief illness, even as we hold his wife **Mary**, his daughter **Bonnie** and their family in our prayers. We will give thanks for Ed's life in a memorial service in the new year.

UPCOMING CONCERTS



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2014 7:00 PM
Annual Toy-ful Celebration Holiday Concert with the Glenview Concert Band 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.



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2014 7:30 PM
Do-It-Yourself Messiah
The Christmas portion of Handel's Messiah will be performed in the "Do It Yourself" tradition with the entire community invited to join in. Led by the Chancel Choir, soloists and instrumentalists, all accompanied by the Waukegan Symphony Orchestra. Admission: Free Will Offering.



60 Plus Christmas Extravaganza!

Join us on Tuesday, December 16, 2014 in the Mayflower Room at 12:00-1:30 p.m.

A CHRISTMAS TREE FOR THE MEMORIAL GARDEN

The Glenview Community Church Memorial Garden Committee has purchased from GCC's PYF a seven foot Frasier Fir tree, a stand, and delivery and installation of said tree to the GCC's OUTDOOR Memorial Garden during December, it can be used by church members to add their own choice of ornaments/decoration on the tree or on the ground near the tree (if hanging, you need to provide your own "hanging device") in memory of, or in honor of, a person or persons they wish to remember in this new, added way in the 2014 Christmas season.

After the month of December, it will be removed. If one has placed an ornament or remembrance of any kind on or next to the tree, in order for it not to be discarded, the person who placed it there must remove it not later than January 1, 2015.

This comes to the GCC church members with LOVE from the members of the GCC Memorial Garden Committee.

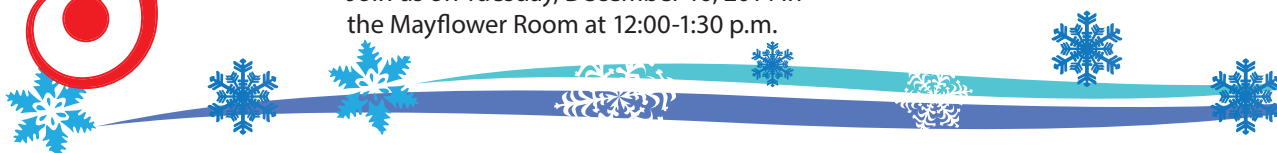
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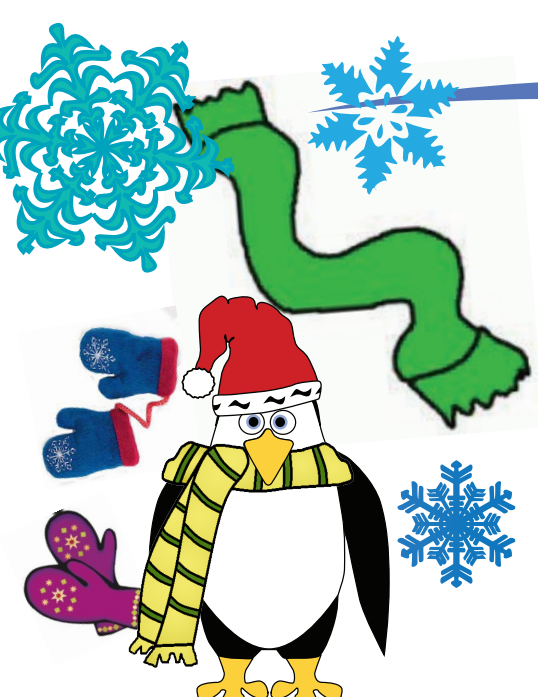
CHRISTMAS OFFERING

This year's Christmas offering will be distributed to the following agencies: Feed My Starving Children, Connections for the Homeless and Cornerstone Community Outreach. The Mission Outreach Board thanks you in advance for your thoughtful and gracious gifts for these agencies who support those most in need locally and abroad.

WOMEN'S WINTER RETREAT WEEKEND

Mark your calendars now for the annual winter retreat for all GCC women and their friends: January 30-February 1, 2015 at the Hyatt Deerfield on Lake-Cook Road. We'll begin Friday evening and conclude Sunday morning. Watch for details and registration forms.





SPREAD THE WARMTH

Please visit the Mission Tree in Narthex from now until December 14 and drop off your donations of new, adult sized cold weather items--gloves, hats, headbands, socks, etc. Items will be distributed through The Night Ministry, a long-time GCC partner agency. When you make your donation, take a hand-made card from the tree to display on your own tree as a reminder of your support or make a gift in someone's name. The Night Ministry provides Chicago's vulnerable youth and adults with basic self-care supplies, health care, housing and supportive services for homeless youth, referrals to other resources, and more. Services are offered at the moment of need on the street, through a mobile health bus, and shelter. www.thenightministry.org

FAIR TRADE

Mark your calendar for December 14! This will be your next opportunity to purchase Fair Trade products! Stock up on certified coffee, tea, chocolate, honey, marmalade and almonds for the holidays! These items make wonderful gifts or stocking stuffers! Thank you for continuing to support this valuable program helping small farmers and their families around the world.



CONFIRMANDS

Regular classes will resume on December 14 at 8:45 in the Plymouth Room.

SERVICE PROJECTS

Thanks to all the confirmands who have completed a variety of service projects this fall. From helping with A Just Harvest to raking leaves for Helping Hands; from being part of the 150 plus GCC delegation who participated in Feed My Starving Children to singing the chicken song when you helped with the Heifer Store. Keep up the great work and outreach to others!

ADULT EDUCATION

SUNDAY, DEC. 14, 2014
9:00 AM IN THE CHAPEL

Dr. George Brent of Wilmette and a Holocaust survivor, will be with us to tell his experiences during World War II and how he survived being held captive at Auschwitz.

Because of the holiday season, this will be the last program until the new year.

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2015 LINNEA CALENDARS

Perfect for Christmas, hostess, and birthday gifts...or as a gift for yourself! Beautiful monthly designs in both wall and desk sizes (with or without frames). Purchase at coffee hour or contact Sandy Bradbury sandbag4@me.com. All proceeds benefit local social service agencies.



CHRISTMAS, PIZZA AND FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14

Join us for Pizza after the worship service on December 14. There will be pizza, Christmas music, fellowship, kids crafts and games in the gym. Please bring a side dish or a dessert. RSVP during coffee hour or just show up! Sponsored by the Children's and Fellowship Boards.

PILGRIM YOUTH FELLOWSHIP 4-6 PM

DECEMBER 14 / MISSION PROJECT
We will be assembling new mother kits for the Night Ministry. Please bring in any of the following; diapers, onesies, pacifiers, baby blankets, baby lotion, baby soap, diaper cream, bottles, etc. 4-6 p.m. Youth Room.

DECEMBER 21 / CHRISTMAS PARTY!

POW (PYF on Wednesdays)

Each Wednesday from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
We started a new book of the Bible 11/12. Please join us!

PYF WINTER TRIP!

1/23-1/24: Cascade & the Kalahari. Cost is \$110 for tubing, and \$160 for skiing. Deposit of \$75 due 12/10. Attendance requirement is 4 times.

PYF MISSION TRIP!

6/14-6/19: Marvell, AK. Cost of the trip is \$320 and the deposit of \$75 is due January 10th. Attendance requirement is 8 times.



PONDERING IN SILENCE...

"But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart..."

This Advent season, take a moment to reflect on scripture from Luke 2, and consider all that Mary was experiencing and hearing about her future. Be open to God's spirit of comfort and guidance.

Comfort us, O God,
with a comfort that strengthens us for the world.

Comfort us, O God,
with a comfort that encourages us
to trust you.

Comfort us, O God,
with a comfort that inspires us to
be messengers of hope that our
world may be transformed,
and that it may begin here,
in this place, right where I am.

Speak to me, O God, and may I
listen and ponder...



A MANGER PRAYER

Amazing God, you love us so much that you came to us as an infant.

Born in a stable because there was no room at the inn.

You call us to love the world as we have been loved by you.

Wrapped in swaddling clothes, you slept in a manger because there was no crib.

You command us to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Shepherds welcome you.

You call us to create an inclusive church in which everyone is welcomed and loved.

No one was turned away from the stable door.

You keep calling to us to open our doors, to

welcome the outcasts, house the homeless, feed the hungry, and turn over the tables in the temple.

Lambs and cows, chickens and donkeys, men, women, children...

Angels of all kinds surrounded you.

Help us create a world and a church in which all of your children are safe and loved, affirmed, welcomed, and fully accepted, where we all have a community of angels surrounding us.

Help us follow you with all of our hearts and minds and souls and strength, for you are our hope and redeemer. Amen.

---From Frances A. Bogle, *Before the Amen*



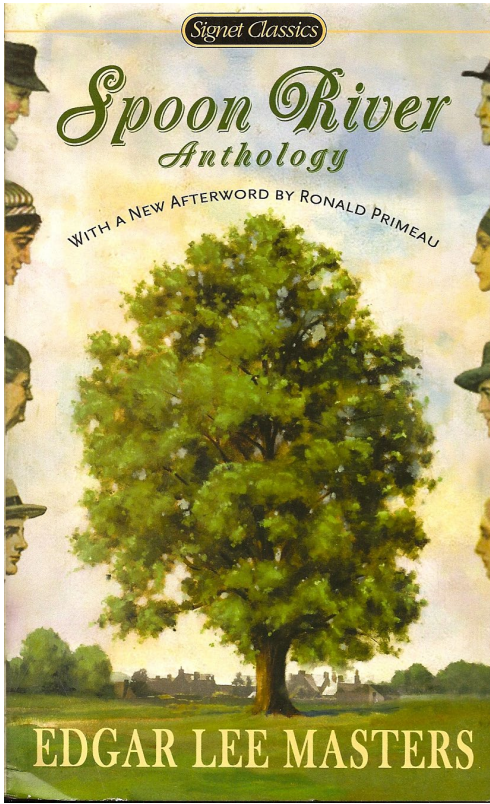
GCC MUSIC & MOVEMENT

Registration is now open for the winter session of Music and Movement classes for young children. Classes will begin the week of Jan. 5 and continue for 12 weeks. Classes will meet on Tues. mornings at 9:15 and 10:15 and Wed. mornings at 9:15, 10:15 and 11:15. These classes offer children ages 6 months to 4 years the opportunity to enjoy a morning of fun as they explore the world of music. Everyone will sing, dance, and play a variety of instruments as well as meet new friends. Sign language will also be incorporated into the class. Parents/sitters are required to attend the class with their child/children. Registration forms can be found on the church's website and the GCCNS website. Please contact Debbie Berg at debbieberg23@gmail.com with any questions you might have.

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 11:00 p.m. service on Christmas Eve or the 10:00 a.m. service on December 28th. If you are interested in helping or have any questions, please call Sarah Koloms at (847) 724-3140 or contact by email at Koloms5@comcast.net. Leave a voice mail if I am not home, and I will get right back to you! Thank you in advance for your service!!





SPoon RIVER CENTENNIAL

Born in 1868, Edgar Lee Masters grew up in the small towns of central Illinois known as “Lincoln Country,” which nurtured his writer’s instincts decades later as he practiced law in Chicago with Clarence Darrow. When Masters published *Spoon River Anthology* in 1915, some readers immediately hailed it as ground-breaking, even revolutionary,

while others condemned it as cynical, even immoral. One hundred years later, this slim volume of poetry from “beyond the grave”—a collection of free-verse epitaphs spoken from the cemetery of the fictional town of Spoon River, Illinois—remains one of our state’s most acclaimed literary works, though no longer quite so provocative as it initially seemed.

To celebrate the “Spoon River Centennial,” GCC’s Adult Education Board will host a pair of Wednesday evening programs in January. On January 14, longtime GBS English teacher and self-proclaimed “poetry pragmatist” Allan Ruter will offer a mixed-media presentation entitled “Welcome to Spoon River,” combining a lively introduction to the book along with a rich assortment of visual images from his recent visit to Masters’ hometowns, including the cemeteries where the actual residents who became fictional characters are buried. And on January 28, a cast of GCC readers will bring selected epitaphs from *Spoon River Anthology* to life in a special staged reading. Both programs will take place in the Founders Room at 7:00 p.m.

Though you certainly do not need to read *Spoon River Anthology* in order to attend and enjoy these programs, you may want to sample its accessible and evocative epitaphs beforehand. To that end, you can purchase a copy of the book for just \$3 in the Mayflower Room during upcoming Sunday coffee fellowship times.

STEWARDSHIP 2015—RENEWING OUR COMMITMENT BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING FOR ALL GOD’S CHILDREN!

The season of Advent is one of excitement and expectation. Just as the ancient shepherds were startled by the angels’ **good tidings of great joy**, we are captivated by the good news of God’s blessing of love in the form of human flesh for all humanity. Just as the three wise men sought the fulfillment of Isaiah’s prophesy, **we make our way to kneel at the manger** to bless the baby Jesus and to receive **His blessing of peace and grace**.

Now is the time to make a difference in the world! If you have made your financial commitment to GCC for 2015, **THANK YOU!** If not, **We need your help now!** Please make your 2015 financial commitment before year end. **Give Thanks for God’s abundant blessings in your life, and pass them on abundantly and joyfully!**

Your Stewardship Board

STEWARDSHIP 2014—CATCHING UP

In the midst of all the excitement and activities of the Christmas season, we ask you to remember the Glenview Community Church and all it does to share God’s love. Your financial support is crucial to our message, ministries and mission. If your financial commitment is complete, thank you! If it is not, you will soon receive a giving statement from our Business Administrator. **Please review the statement carefully and please complete your financial commitment prior to the end of the year.** GCC depends on every financial commitment dollar to meet its annual budget. In the spirit of this giving season, monetary support for GCC beyond your financial commitment will reduce our dependency on financial reserves.

December is traditionally a month when GCC is blessed by your generous stewardship. With your help, we can make this December one of extraordinary blessing for God’s work in Glenview. **THANK YOU!**

GCC NURSERY SCHOOL 2015-2016 REGISTRATION!

Preschool registration is now open to all. GCC member and Director, Marcia Kiraly, invites you and your children ages 2-5 to visit the school and see a class in action. We are NAEYC accredited and offer a variety of enrichment classes in Exploration, Music and Spanish and Parent’s Day Out programs.

For complete information, please visit our website www.gccns.com or contact Marcia Kiraly by email marciak@gccucc.org or call at (847)729-1440 to schedule a tour of the school!

We look forward to seeing you soon!



BROADCASTER DEADLINES FOR 2015

DEADLINE DATE	PUBLICATION DATE	SPECIAL INSERT	ENVELOPE DATE
January 7	January 14		
January 21	January 28		
February 4	February 11	Lenten Calendar	
February 18	February 25		
March 4	March 11		One Great Hour of Sharing
March 18	March 25		
April 8	April 15		
April 22	April 29		
May 6	May 13		
May 20	May 27		
June 3	June 10		
July 1	July 8		
August 19	August 26		
September 2	September 9		Neighbors In Need
September 16	September 23		
October 7	October 14		
October 21	October 28		
November 4	November 11		
November 18	November 25		Thanksgiving
December 2	December 9		Christmas

BROADCASTER DEADLINES & GUIDELINES

Please submit your articles by 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday one week prior to the publication date to Tania McCarthy tania.mccarthy@gccucc.org.

Please keep articles brief to 80 words - no all caps - no centering. Your article will run one publication, unless dictated by the church bylaws for church business.



Event Time	Event Name	Primary Location	Event Time	Event Name	Primary Location
Thursday, 11 December 2014			4:15 PM to 5:15 PM	FISH	Room 7
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room	6:00 PM to 8:00 PM	PYF/POW	Youth Room
9:00 AM to 10:00 AM	Yoga Classes	Narthex	Thursday, 18 December 2014		
6:15 PM to 7:15 PM	Bell Choir Rehearsal	Bell Room	9:00 AM to 12:00 PM	GCCNS Holiday Sing a Long	Founders
7:30 PM to 9:30 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary	9:00 AM to 5:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
Friday, 12 December 2014			9:00 AM to 10:00 AM	Yoga Classes	Narthex
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room	6:15 PM to 7:20 PM	Bell Choir Rehearsal	Bell Room
1:00 PM to 3:00 PM	GCC Pickleball	Gym	6:30 PM to 8:00 PM	Pastoral Care Mtg	OFF SITE
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	Arrow of Light - Cub Scouts	Mayflower	7:30 PM to 9:30 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
8:00 PM to 9:00 PM	AA MEETING	Parlor	Friday, 19 December 2014		
8:00 PM to 9:00 PM	AL-ANON	Library	9:00 AM to 12:00 PM	GCCNS Holiday Sing a Long	Parlor
Saturday, 13 December 2014			9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
8:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Men's Open Gym	Gym	1:00 PM to 3:00 PM	GCC Pickleball	Gym
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room	8:00 PM to 9:00 PM	AA MEETING	Parlor
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	A Toy-Ful Celebration Holiday Concert	Sanctuary	8:00 PM to 9:00 PM	AL-ANON	Library
Sunday, 14 December 2014			Saturday, 20 December 2014		
8:45 AM to 9:50 AM	Confirmation Classes	Plymouth Room	8:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Men's Open Gym	Gym
9:00 AM to 10:00 AM	Adult Ed	Chapel	9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
9:15 AM to 9:45 AM	Primary Choir Rehearsal	Room 201	7:30 PM to 9:00 PM	Do-It-Yourself Messiah	Sanctuary
10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	Glenview Community Church Worship Service	Sanctuary	Sunday, 21 December 2014		
10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	Sunday School Children Meet in Sanctuary	SanctuaryM	8:45 AM to 9:50 AM	Confirmation Classes	Plymouth Room
11:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Christmas, Fellowship & Pizza	Mayflower	9:15 AM to 9:45 AM	Primary Choir Rehearsal	Room 201
11:15 AM to 12:00 PM	Leadership Committee Mtg.	Founders	10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	Glenview Community Church Worship Service	Sanctuary
11:15 AM to 12:15 PM	Membership Board Mtg	Library	10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	Sunday School Children Meet in Sanctuary	SanctuaryM
11:30 AM to 12:30 PM	Bell Choir Rehearsal	Bell Room	11:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Fellowship and Refreshments	Mayflower
2:00 PM to 3:30 PM	678 Club	Youth Room	11:30 AM to 12:30 PM	Bell Choir Rehearsal	Bell Room
4:00 PM to 6:00 PM	PYF	Youth Room	4:00 PM to 5:30 PM	Intergeneration/Voices Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
4:00 PM to 5:00 PM	Voices of GCC Rehearsal	Room 201	4:00 PM to 6:00 PM	PYF	Youth Room
Monday, 15 December 2014			Wednesday, 24 December 2014		
7:00 PM to 8:00 PM	Yoga Class	Room 201	1:00 PM to 2:00 PM	Intergeneration Choir/Voices Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Tuesday, 16 December 2014			3:00 PM to 4:00 PM	Intergenerational Christmas Eve Service	Sanctuary
9:00 AM to 12:00 PM	GCCNS Holiday Sing a Long	Founders	5:30 PM to 6:30 PM	Christmas Eve Service	Sanctuary
9:15 AM to 10:00 AM	GCC Music & Movement	Cradle/Toddler Room	10:30 PM to 11:00 PM	Christmas Eve Service (Musical Prelude)	Sanctuary
10:15 AM to 11:00 AM	GCC Music & Movement	Cradle/Toddler Room	11:00 PM to 11:55 PM	Christmas Eve Service	Sanctuary
12:00 PM to 1:30 PM	60 Plus Luncheon	Mayflower			
6:00 PM to 8:00 PM	PYF 12th Grade Dinner	Youth Room			
7:00 PM to 8:00 PM	Spiritual Council Mtg	Mayflower			
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	STL Rehearsal	Sanctuary			
Wednesday, 17 December 2014					
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room			
9:15 AM to 10:00 AM	GCC Music & Movement	Cradle/Toddler Room			
10:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Chapter 20 Christmas Brunch	Founders			
10:15 AM to 11:00 AM	GCC Music & Movement	Cradle/Toddler Room			
3:00 PM to 4:30 PM	Bible Study	Parlor			
3:30 PM to 4:30 PM	Coping With Grief	Library			



**THE NEXT DEADLINE FOR THE BROADCASTER IS
JANUARY 7, 2015 AT 9:00 AM**

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