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FEBRUARY 10, 2016

THE NEXT SEVENTY-FIVE

September 29 is the birthday of Glenview Community Church. On September 29, 1941, a bold new concept for Christian community became a reality in Glenview when the members of the Glenview Congregational Church voted to disband so that they could charter a new congregation that anchored its future in the call of Jesus to follow Him, and in the love of Christ that makes us all one. This would not be a denominational church; a local outlet for the doctrinal and organizational perspectives of a larger entity. Instead, it would transcend the limiting particularities of established denominations in order to bring Christians of many traditions together in community, in order to both share God's love in the Glenview community, and to support and enrich it.

It's been an amazing seventy-five years! With God's help and the passionate, and persistent evangelistic leadership of the Rev. Robert Edgar, this inspiration for a community church turned a Congregational congregation that fit in a little frame building on Dewes Street (a building that's now a house...and that's smaller than most of its neighbors!) into a church for the community with over three thousand members.

And the building grew just as fast! The first installment of our present edifice – the eastern part of the sanctuary as well as the wing that includes the present parlor and library – was built in 1946, just five years after the church was chartered and as soon as construction could begin after World War II. Thirteen years later in 1959, the last major addition of the chancel and transept was completed. Since then the only external addition to our building was the west entrance and elevator. In this frantic expansion, practical needs for more space made perfect functional planning a luxury that the church

couldn't afford.

Like Glenview, the growth of our congregation stabilized in the 1960's. The bold concept of a non-denominational community church was difficult to maintain without a network of support. So, in 1961, Glenview Community Church joined the United Church of Christ – the successor denomination to the Congregational Churches and the least denominational denomination in the United States! And, when the names of the two lower level parish halls were changed to the Mayflower Room and the Plymouth Room in the 1970s, the church slid back into the comfortable roots of its Congregational past.

In the fifty or so years between its membership peak in the 1960s and today, our congregation has shrunk. With a current membership of 1,300, Glenview Community Church is one of the largest congregations in the United Church of Christ. Yet our membership is only 40% of what it once was: a decline typical of that of mainline, established churches.

So, as we celebrate the events of the last seventy-five years, I pray that our focus will be even more on the promise of the next seventy-five years. On January 31, the congregation voted to take a daring step into that future by authorizing a Capital Campaign to raise as many funds as possible to repair, renovate and renew our church's building. From rotting windows and crumbling masonry to collapsing plumbing, electrical, communication and environmental systems, our building is in precarious shape and inches ever closer to catastrophic failure. Add to that a facility that is inaccessible (two of our elevators have been condemned; can you name them?)...a facility with inadequate and hard-to-find rest

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WORSHIP SERVICES

FEBRUARY 10, 2016

ASH WEDNESDAY
7:00 - 9:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Scripture:
Isaiah 58:1-12
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Sermon:
Rev. Dr. Chuck Mize
In Secret

FEBRUARY 14, 2016

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT:
STEADFASTNESS

10:00 a.m.

Scripture:
Luke 4:1-13

Sermon:
Rev. Dr. Chuck Mize
Three Temptations

Mid-Winter Congregational Meeting

FEBRUARY 21, 2016

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT:

10:00 a.m.

Scripture:
Psalm 13
Luke 13:31-35

Sermon:
Rev. Dr. Pam Keckler
Are We There, Yet?



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rooms and no rest rooms on the sanctuary level...a facility that is worn and worn out by constant use, and the need is clear and critical.

I am so grateful for all the work that has been done by so many of you to bring us to this point: a useful life study of our facility to determine how much service is left in its several systems (and the answer is none!)... a collaborative planning process with The Kubala Washatko Architects that invited the congregation's input so that TKWA and Pepper Construction could produce a Master Plan to address the congregation's daily, weekly, monthly, quarterly, annual and occasional needs for ministry that our building supports; and all of this essentially within the current footprint of our building...a lofty vision for fundraising and the choice of Havey and Associates to help make that vision real...and especially the congregation's faith that authorized a Capital Campaign to provide a future for our facility that is more than inadequate band-aids on systemic failures.

Yes, the vision is daunting. Yes, making it a reality will take a significant commitment from all of us. The cost for making just the central core functional, inviting and gracious is nearly \$8 million. But, the estimate for simply digging out the failing infrastructure, replacing it, and putting our building back in its current confusing and inaccessible state is \$4.5 million!

Thank you for deciding to try...for lifting your sights...for investing in the message, ministry and mission of God's love through Glenview Community Church for the next seventy-five years! If we do this, we are not doing it for ourselves! We are doing it for God and God's people whom we have yet to meet...just as our present building is our inheritance from people of faith we never knew. Most of all, we are doing this because we know and love Jesus, and because we are committed to sharing Jesus' great love. In the words of Dr. Purd Dietz's great hymn:

***We would be building,
temples still undone
o'er crumbling walls,
their crosses scarcely lift,
waiting till love can
raise the broken stone,
and hearts creative bridge***

***the human rift.
We would be building,
Architect Divine,
reveal the shape of life
in Your design.***

See you in church!

Chuck Mize

MID-WINTER CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Glenview Community Church's Mid-Winter Congregational Meeting will be held in the Sanctuary following the Worship Service on Sunday, February 14, 2016. Agenda topics for this meeting include the presentation and vote for adoption of the Church Budget for 2016, reports from the Church Clerk, Treasurer and Stewardship Board, the election of the Church Clerk and Church Treasurer, and updates from task forces.

This notice constitutes the official call to meeting. All members of the church are urged to be present.

ENGAGE IN THE GCC COMMUNITY

Would you like to connect with more people at GCC? How about helping GCC to make Christ's message, ministry and mission of love real for all people?

You can do these things by serving on one of GCC's Boards. If you are interested, please reach out to any Board member or to Nancy Mullarkey, at Mullarkeyn@hotmail.com. The Leadership Committee is in the process of recruiting members to fill a variety of responsibilities to keep our Christian Community vibrant and loving.

LENTEN DEVOTIONALS

During this season of Lent, prepare yourself daily by reading a meditation from one of the UCC "Still Speaking" Writers. These booklets are available in the narthex and west lobby as well as in the church office. Pick up your copy there. Or, if you are unable to get to church and would like us to mail you a copy, please contact Rev. Keckler at 847-724-2210, Ext. 224.

STEWARDSHIP 2016: "GRACE UPON GRACE"

Through February 7, 387 pledging units have committed \$950,959 to sustain and grow the Message, Ministries and Mission of Glenview Community Church in 2016. THANK YOU to everyone who has pledged! And a special shout out of THANKS to the generous folks who've responded to our Grace Upon Grace campaign by increasing the pledge that they had already made for 2016!

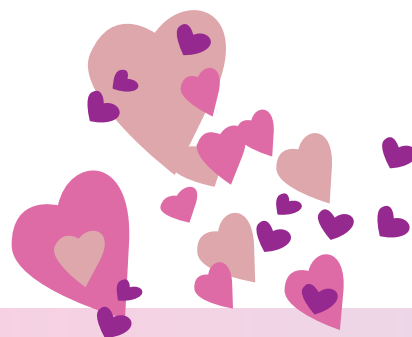
We are so close to achieving our Stewardship Goal! But we're still a little bit short. Last year 415 pledging units committed \$1,012,540. So we are short 28 pledges and about \$62,000 behind last year's totals. 30 folks have responded positively to the Grace Upon Grace campaign, committing an additional \$38,000. This is about half of the amount of increased pledges received for our 2015 extra mile Gifts So Rare campaign.

We are a faith community of 1300 members and about 450 potential pledging units. We need to raise an additional \$70,000 to \$150,000. That's about \$155 to \$333 per pledging unit—or about one Starbucks tall latte per week. If you have not yet made a financial commitment to your church for 2016, please do it today! And if you are moved to respond to God's amazing grace by increasing your pledge, you will have passed on God's blessings to those whom GCC supports—All God's People!

Grace and Blessings from Your Stewardship Board

LOST AND FOUND

Have you misplaced a jacket or coat? Are you missing a pair of reading glasses? We have several items hanging on coat racks in the church as well as five pairs of glasses in the church office. Please check to see if you may be the owner!



ADULT EDUCATION

The Shack, by William P. Young, a fictional perspective on the Trinity, will be read for a Lenten book study program sponsored by the Adult Education Board this year. The book was on the New York Times Best Seller list for fiction in 2008 and promises to stimulate much thought and discussion. Copies of the book (free) will be available at coffee hour as well as sign-up sheets for discussion groups. Groups will meet once a week beginning the week of **February 14**. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Anne Peruchini, mperuchini@gmail.com or 847-251-2604.

WOMEN'S RETREAT

MARCH 11-13, 2016 AT THE RENAISSANCE CHICAGO NORTH SHORE HOTEL - NORTHBROOK

A Spiritual Road Map from Birth to Old Age, with Dr. Bobbie McKay as your Guide. Deadline to register is **February 15, 2016**. Information is available in church office or contact Rev. Pam Keckler or Rev. Dale Susan Edmonds. Invite a friend!

60 PLUS LUNCHEON

All seniors are invited to the 60 Plus luncheon and program which will be held **Tuesday, February 16** at Noon. Bring a friend and join us! RSVP to Rev. Dale Susan Edmonds 847-724-2210, Ext. 230.

JOYFUL RINGERS 30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION CONCERT

The Simple Gifts Concert Series of the Glenview Community Church presents The Joyful Ringers 30th Anniversary Celebration Concert, directed by Gary Wendt, Minister for Music, on **Sunday, February 21** at 3:00 p.m. From gems of the liturgical year to John Williams, get ready for some aural fireworks! Utilizing five octaves of handbells and chimes and different handbell techniques, the fourteen member Joyful Ringers Handbell Choir will transport you. Join us as we celebrate this important milestone of GCC's music ministry.

VALENTINE'S DAY IS COOKIE DAY!

Yes, we have been baking cookies for the Night Ministry for 17 years and they are needed even more than in past years. When you are baking cookies for your loved ones, please bake a few more for the cold and hungry folks who visit the Night Ministry Bus. When they leave the bus, they take a package of cookies with them - sometimes this is all the food they have for the next day. The cookies are greatly appreciated and show our love and concern.

Bring your cookies to the church kitchen by the morning of February 14. Plainly mark them for the Night Ministry. Please no nuts or peanut butter.

The Night Ministry compassionately provides housing, health care, outreach, spiritual care and social services to adults and youth who struggle with homelessness, poverty and loneliness. Our church has helped support this agency for many years. On Sunday evening the PYF will divide the cookies into packages of 3 and then deliver them to the Night Ministry office. **This is truly an ALL church hands-on project.**

Questions: call Elizabeth Ciccolini at church - 847-724-2210 Ext. 233

SPRING YOGA

MONDAY EVENINGS

7:00 - 8:00 p.m., Room 201
March 7 - May 23 (no class 3/28) or

THURSDAY MORNINGS

9:00 - 10:00 a.m., Narthex
March 10 - May 26

Dress in comfortable clothes and bring a yoga mat. For questions or to register by **March 1**: kellygolding@comcast.net or 847-657-1314

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 all of you on **March 3, 2016**. Sponsored by the Fellowship Board.

HANDS OF PEACE



Hands of Peace presents **Triangulation: Mosque Battles, Theatre, and Civic Engagement**. Playwright/filmmaker Jamil Khoury from Silk Road Rising Theatre will introduce his latest work, **Mosque Alert**, and share selected video clips from the groundbreaking new play. **Mosque Alert** explores resistance to the building of mosques in communities across the U.S. with a specific focus on two families, one Muslim, the other Christian, living in Naperville, IL. Khoury's talk will address questions of religious pluralism, Islamophobia, and civil rights, drawing upon local, national, and international contexts. Join **Hands of Peace** for this special preview of **Mosque Alert** and discussion with playwrighter Jamil Khoury on **Thursday, March 3**, 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. in the Mayflower Room at GCC. The event is free and open to the public.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY POTLUCK

Join in fellowship, food and fun at the St. Patrick's Pot Luck Dinner **Sunday, March 6**, 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the Mayflower Room.

Entertainment will be provided by Whitey O' Day and The Sheila Tully Irish Dancers. An Irish Themed Main Dish will be provided - please bring a side dish or dessert to share! Suggested donation to offset the entertainment and food costs: \$5-10 for adults, kids are free! Please RSVP to Tom Thuresson (847)998-6150, tabin1@comcast.net or during Fellowship Hour on February 14, 21 or 28. Sponsored by the Fellowship Board.

FIELD TRIP TO TRINITY UCC

The 8th grade confirmands will take a field trip to Trinity UCC on Sunday afternoon, **March 6** for a special baptism ceremony and African American worship service. Trinity is our largest UCC church. We will be traveling by school bus. If any adults would like to come with us, please contact Rev. Pam Keckler for details.

COMMON GROUND KENNETH JAMES

**MARCH 16, 2016, 7:00 - 9:00 P.M.
Dreams, Healing, and The Self**

In this presentation, participants will consider ways to move from dreams to a deeper understanding of individual suffering, spiritual sustenance, and continuous healing by deepening the relationship to what Jung called the Self, the source and destiny of each individual life. Symbols in dreams are resources from the deep unconscious, the Self, offered to our waking identity, our Ego complex. Ways to remember dreams, and examples of how to work with dream imagery in waking life will be covered, and there will be ample opportunity of sharing.

NEW MEMBER OPPORTUNITY

Have you been attending GCC for a while and thinking about becoming a member? We will receive new members on Palm **Sunday, March 20** at the 10:00 worship service. There will be an informational session offered prior to that Sunday. If you are interested in joining the church, please contact Rev. Pam Keckler at pam.keckler@gccucc.org

"HOMETOWN" AUCTION

Plans are underway for our third "hometown" auction on **Sunday, April 10**. This year's event will also be celebrating the 75th Anniversary of GCC! This will be a live auction with a professional auctioneer. The Confirmation and Youth Board and the Fellowship Board are teaming up again to sponsor this event, with all proceeds supporting confirmation and youth programming, including this summer's mission trip to West Virginia. We look forward to participation from the entire congregation. Look for additional information in the upcoming weeks.

PYF REUNION THE AL & GLORIA YEARS

On **Sunday, April 17**, Al Guilfoyle, our PYF youth minister from 1976-1986, and his wife, Gloria, will be returning to Glenview for a PYF reunion/catered lunch. We will celebrate special times from PYF from 30+ years ago! More details to follow but please save the date if you are interested and pass along this information to any PYF kids from this era! Contact C.J. Sultz with any questions, cjsultz@comcast.net or 312-933-0413.

LIFE TOUCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

Our final proofing of the directory will be mid-February. We hope to have the directories available for members to pick up by the first of March. We will keep you informed. Thank you for your patience. If you had a free 8x10 portrait taken, perhaps it is in the church office!

PHONE SYSTEM

The church's venerable phone system (obtained used a number of years ago) is quickly failing. Some people can't get through...calls are dropped...our voice mail message hasn't been changed in weeks...calls can't be transferred...and voice communication becomes garbled. A new phone system has been ordered and will be installed in the next two weeks. If you can't get through, please send an email and we'll respond quickly!

Chuck Mize

PYF ON SUNDAYS

Each Sunday PYF meets in the Youth Room from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. to gather, learn, and grow together. This year's theme is **Narrate**. We will look at different ways stories are narrated each week in addition to the below activities.

FEBRUARY 14

Service Project: The youth will package cookies for the Night Ministry.

FEBRUARY 21

PYF will cook together.

FEBRUARY 28

Game On! The youth will enjoy a large group game and team building activities.

MARCH 6

Service Learning

MARCH 11

Lock In! Invitations to the lock will be mailed home. Please let me know if you do not get yours.

MARCH 20

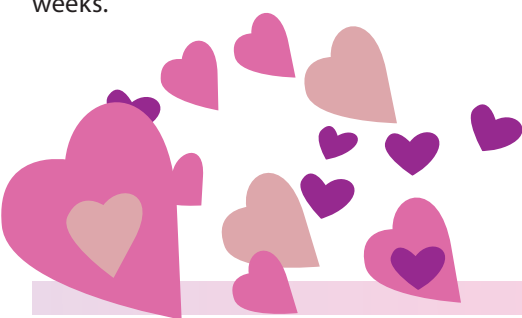
Easter Egg Fun!

PYF ON WEDNESDAYS (POW)

POW meets each Wednesday from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Enjoy a meal and learn a little bit more about the Bible. There will be open gym and youth room.

SWEET SUCCESS!!

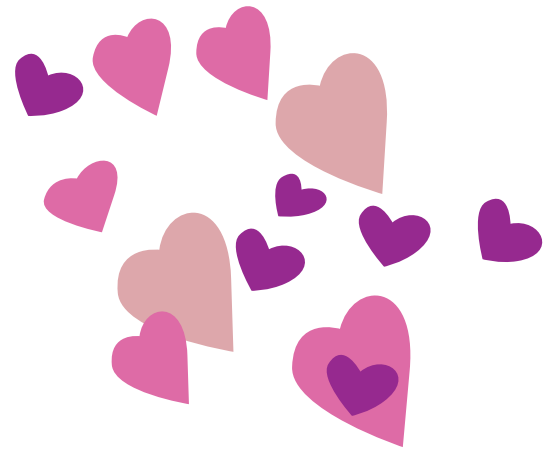
At a recent Fellowship Hour bake sale, the kids in Mr. Wagner's and Mrs. Clark's 8th grade confirmation classes raised over \$700 for San Lucas UCC in Humboldt Park! The kids thank everyone who supported their efforts to help others!



Event Time	Event Name	Primary Location
Thursday, 11 February 2016		
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
6:45 PM to 7:20 PM	Bell Rehearsal	Bell Room
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	BSA 156 Meetings/Parent Orientation/Founders	Mayflower
7:30 PM to 9:00 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Friday, 12 February 2016		
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, 13 February 2016		
8:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Mens Open Gym	Gym
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
Sunday, 14 February 2016		
8:30 AM to 10:00 AM	Confirmation Classes	Plymouth Room
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	GCC Mid-Winter Meeting	Sanctuary
11:30 AM to 12:30 PM	Joyful Ringers Rehearsal	Bell Room
3:00 PM to 4:00 PM	GCC Handbell Concert	Sanctuary
4:00 PM to 6:00 PM	PYF	Youth Room
Monday, 15 February 2016		
8:00 AM to 2:30 PM	No GCCNS Today	Room 205
Tuesday, 16 February 2016		
12:00 PM to 1:30 PM	60 Plus Luncheon	Mayflower
5:30 PM to 7:30 PM	12th Grade Dinner	Youth Room
6:45 PM to 9:00 PM	Sing To Live Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM	Finance Board Meeting	Room 210
Wednesday, 17 February 2016		
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
9:30 AM to 11:30 AM	Chapter 20 Meeting	Chapel
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	Common Ground	Chapel
Thursday, 18 February 2016		
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	North Suburban Day CPR Training	Mayflower
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	BSA 156 Meetings	Gym
7:30 PM to 9:00 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Friday, 19 February 2016		
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
1:00 PM to 3:00 PM	Pickleball	Gym

Event Time	Event Name	Primary Location
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	GCC Adult Volleyball	Gym
8:00 PM to 9:00 PM	AA MEETING	Parlor
8:00 PM to 9:00 PM	AL-ANON	Library
Saturday, 20 February 2016		
9:00 AM to 11:00 AM	Bell Rehearsal	Bell Room
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Pinewood Derby	Mayflower
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
Sunday, 21 February 2016		
8:30 AM to 10:00 AM	Confirmation Classes	Plymouth Room
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
11:30 AM to 3:00 PM	HOP Meeting	Room 210
3:00 PM to 4:00 PM	Joyful Ringers 30th Anniversary Concert	Sanctuary
3:30 PM to 4:30 PM	Voices of GCC	Room 201
4:00 PM to 6:00 PM	PYF	Youth Room
Monday, 22 February 2016		
9:30 AM to 11:00 AM	Spirit Group	Library
Tuesday, 23 February 2016		
10:00 AM to 10:30 AM	Telephone Training	Parking Lot
11:30 AM to 1:30 PM	WA Chapter 8 Meeting	Founders
5:30 PM to 7:30 PM	12th Grade Dinner	Youth Room
6:45 PM to 9:00 PM	Sing To Live Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:00 PM to 9:30 PM	Spiritual Council Meeting	Mayflower
Wednesday, 24 February 2016		
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	FISH	Mayflower
5:30 PM to 8:00 PM	POW / 87 Club	Mayflower

**THE NEXT DEADLINE FOR THE BROADCASTER IS
FEBRUARY 17, 2016 AT 9:00 AM**



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN TO BEGIN

At a special Congregational Meeting, held on January 31, the members present voted to approve the following motion:

I move that the congregation of Glenview Community Church authorize a Capital Campaign beginning February 1, 2016 and concluding July 31, 2016 to raise as many funds as possible for repairs, renovation and renewal of our church's facilities; using the professional fundraising services and support of Havey and Associates, Inc.

The Capital Campaign will begin immediately as we strive to raise sufficient funds to embark on an exciting new chapter in GCC's history—the repair, renovation and renewal of our 65-year-old building. Just as those who came before us had the faith, wisdom and vision to provide a facility which has nurtured and served the Congregation for many years, it is now our turn and our responsibility to bring GCC's building into the 21st century and beyond—to serve the needs of those who come after us.

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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...

When Jesus said, "I am the bread of life," he must have meant he was scattering bits of himself like a trail of crumbs leading us to speak and act and scatter forgiveness in his name, to the ends of the earth.

Rev. Susan Springer