



January 14, 2015

GIFTS MOST RARE

As I write my first Broadcaster article of 2015, I am filled with gratitude for your faithful and generous support of the message, ministries and mission of the Glenview Community Church.

In 2014, your response to challenges to go above and beyond your already generous support for GCC has been nothing less than phenomenal! For our parking lot and drainage system campaign **Asphalt and Drains, Oh My!** (over \$100,000)...for the **Heifer International Living Gift Market** (nearly \$7,000)...for olive trees for the peacemaking ministry of **Tent of Nations** in the West Bank (over \$1,000)...for **Feed My Starving Children...**for **A Just Harvest...**for **Hands of Peace...**for **Matanya's Hope...**and for so many other ministries you have made joyful stewardship come alive at GCC.

But, first and foremost, your vital stewardship is also obvious in your financial support of the ongoing life of the Glenview Community Church. Utility bills...insurance bills... staff salaries...office and cleaning supplies...computers and copy machines don't provide much motivation for giving. But without funding for these mundane physical expenses, GCC would not be equipped to be a transforming spiritual community for our congregation and beyond. And in this basic financial support of GCC's ongoing life you have excelled!

At the Mid-Winter Congregational meeting last February, you approved a budget that included a transfer from our unrestricted reserves for two purposes: \$131,564 for operating expenses and \$60,000 to the Capital Reserve. The amount of unrestricted

reserve dollars that was actually used to support our ongoing operating expenses was \$102,000, or \$29,000 less than budgeted! And we did this in the year when we began providing health insurance for our full-time lay staff members and when we experienced a significant increase in our property insurance cost to secure flood insurance after our previous carrier cancelled that coverage. What amazing giving!

But 2014 is in the books. As God leads us forward, we must now build on what has been by focusing on what shall be. Our Stewardship Board has led us in an inspiring campaign to support the message, ministries and mission of GCC in 2015. Who doesn't know that we are **Blessed to be a Blessing?** As of this writing, our financial commitments for 2015 total \$922,000. Let me put that in perspective. In 2013 our stewardship campaign reached a modern low of \$811,000. That means that our campaign for 2015 already exceeds the campaign of two years ago by \$111,000. That's good news! But for GCC to become financially sustainable, we need to fulfill our goal of \$1,100,000. In order to reach that goal, I have encouraged the Stewardship Board to conduct a second mile campaign in this season of Epiphany...the season of light. Here is the campaign:

**Gifts Most Rare
An Epiphany campaign to brighten the light of God's love at the
Glenview Community Church**

As the magi brought Gifts Most Rare to Jesus, so God invites us to bring our treasures in praise, devotion and commitment to

WORSHIP SERVICES

JANUARY 18, 2014
SECOND SUNDAY IN EPIPHANY
Martin Luther King, Jr. Sunday

10:00 a.m.

Scripture:

I Samuel 3:1-10, John 1:43-51

Sermon:

Rev. Dr. Charles E. Mize

The Greater Things

JANUARY 25, 2014
THIRD SUNDAY IN EPIPHANY

10:00 a.m.

Scripture:

Jonah 3:1-5, 10, Mark 1:14-20

Sermon:

Rev. Dr. Charles E. Mize

Follow Me!

FEBRUARY 1, 2014
FOURTH SUNDAY IN EPIPHANY
Communion Sunday

10:00 a.m.

Scripture:

1 Corinthians 8:1-13,
Mark 1:21-28

Sermon:

Rev. Dr. Charles E. Mize

Love Builds Up

the work of love for Christ, the Light of the world. In the words of the third verse of **As With Gladness Men of Old** by William Chatterton Dix:

**As they offered gifts most rare
at thy manger, rude and bare,
so may we with holy joy,
pure and free from sin's alloy,
all our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to thee, our heavenly king!**

I know that many of you have stretched and grown in your financial commitments to GCC. Some of you have made a financial commitment for the very first time. Now I urge us to stretch and grow even more. The Stewardship Board will be offering us that opportunity in the coming days. If you have already made a financial commitment, please consider increasing it. And if you have not yet made a financial commitment, please do so today!

The campaign was introduced on Epiphany Sunday, January 11th. It will conclude on Transfiguration Sunday, February 15th. On that same Sunday we will gather following worship for our Mid-Winter Congregational Meeting where we will adopt a budget for 2015. How we respond to **Gifts Most Rare** will determine the shape of that budget. More importantly, it will determine whether GCC will move into its future with strength and confidence, or hobbled by financial resources insufficient for the needs of our message, ministries and mission.

Because of your overwhelming generosity in 2014, I am confident that you will respond generously and successfully to **Gifts Most Rare**. Together, we will brighten the light of God's love at the Glenview Community Church. See you in church!

Chuck Mize

ADULT EDUCATION PRESENTS

ADULT EDUCATION

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14 AND 28

"Spoon River Centennial": Spoon River Anthology, Edgar Lee Masters' slim volume of verse from "beyond the grave" that remains one of Illinois' most famous literary works, turns 100 this year. To celebrate its centennial, the Adult Education Board will host a pair of Wednesday evening programs at 7:00 p.m. on January 14 and 28. Though you need not read the book beforehand, you may purchase your own copy for just \$3 in the Mayflower Room during coffee hour.

Please check the Glenview Community Church website for updates to the Adult Education programming at www.gccucc.org.

COMMON GROUND

Common Ground Glenview is hosted by the Glenview Community Church. Lectures are usually held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. \$10.

JANUARY 21 • JIM KENNEY

Spirituality and / or Religion?

What is "spirituality?" What is "religion?" What's the difference? More and more Americans describe themselves as "spiritual but not religious (SBNR)." What does this phrase mean? What does it portend for the future of faith in America? Join Jim for a scintillating exploration of this topic.

FEBRUARY 18 • CANCELLED

JERROL LEINER

What Clergy Don't Want You To Know

In a recent article, popular author Rabbi Rami Shapiro creates a list of

things he says clergy would rather keep secret. For example: "Clergy have no innate authority," "Prayer doesn't work the way you think it does," "Anything you claim to know about God is a product of your imagination," and "Theology is a defense of an already-held position." In this series, we will explore those statements – agreeing with some, disputing others, but always savoring the challenge Rabbi Rami sets before us.

MARCH 18 • JOHN WASIK

Seven Bad Ideas in Economics

Did you ever wonder why certain toxic economic mantras keep resonating in the media? Based on a new book by Jeff Madrick, John Wasik explores the most dangerous economic ideas and why they are hurting average citizens across the world.

60 PLUS

Join 60 Plus on Tuesday, January 20 from noon - 1:30 p.m. for lunch and a program. All seniors are welcome. RSVP to Rev. Dale at (847)724-2210, Ext. 230 or dalesusan@edmonds@gccucc.org.

MEMORIAL GARDEN

There are several ornaments that were left on the Christmas tree in the Memorial Garden. They have been removed and are now in the church office. Please pick them up in the next two weeks. Thank you.

OH, THE WEATHER OUTSIDE IS FRIGHTFUL!

With the New Year has come a dose of serious winter for our area. When severe weather becomes dangerous, Glenview Community Church will close. During the week, the closing policy is directly tied to District 34. If the schools are closed, so is the church! On weekends, please watch for an eblast or call the church before venturing out. Thank you for your understanding.

Chuck Mize

WINTER RESALE SHOP SALE

Our Fall/Winter Sales are going on right now and would love for you to come in and check out the bargains. We will progressively lower our percentage off in the next four weeks but to have the best selection we suggest you shop early. Please remember that the proceeds help the Women's Association and local charities.



STEWARDSHIP 2015 GIFTS MOST RARE

The magi brought their extravagant gifts to the manger—gold, frankincense and myrrh—precious and rare gifts suitable for a king. This was their way of acknowledging the priceless gift which they received—the gift of God's abundant, all-embracing love through Jesus, the King of all humanity.

As they offered gifts most rare at thy manger, rude and bare, so may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy, all our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to thee, our heavenly king!

As the wise men brought **Gifts Most Rare** to Jesus, God invites us to bring our treasures in praise, devotion and commitment to the work of love for Christ, the Light of the world.

During this second phase of our 2015 Stewardship campaign, beginning with Epiphany and concluding on Transfiguration Sunday, February 15, **we have the opportunity to illuminate God's love at Glenview Community Church.**

We have received financial commitments totaling over \$920,000. If everyone would give just a little, or a little bit more, **we can reach our \$1.1 million goal.**

Why is this important? It will enable us to adopt a budget at the Mid-Winter Meeting on February 15 that does not depend on bequests (the first one in three years) that will sustain and grow GCC's **Message, Ministries and Mission** of God's abundant love in the world. With our **Gifts Most Rare**, like the wise men, we can give thanks for God's abundant blessings in our lives, and pass them on abundantly and joyfully.

Your Stewardship Board



16TH ANNUAL COOKIE DAY

Hard to believe we have been baking cookies for **The Night Ministry** for 16 years and they are still needed as much, or even more than they were in the past.

FEBRUARY 8 IS THE SPECIAL DAY. Please have your cookies in the church kitchen by that morning. Since so many other food activities go on there, be sure to plainly mark them 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. GCC has helped support this agency for many years. Our cookies are divided into packages of 3 by the 678 Club and PYF and then delivered to the Night Ministry office. This is truly an all church hands-on mission project.

Questions: call Elizabeth Ciccolini at church (847)724-2210 ext. 233

PYF JANUARY/FEBRUARY SUNDAYS 4-6 PM

JANUARY 18TH

Final Exam Prayer Vigil and Comfort food. Take a break from final exams and join us to consider faith in the midst of finals.

FEBRUARY 1ST

You can sign up to go the Good News Community Kitchen. We will leave church at 3:00 p.m.

FEBRUARY 8TH

Mission Project: Packaging cookies for the night ministry.

FEBRUARY 15

Splatter Painting! Bring something to splatter paint.

FEBRUARY 22

Game On! We will play a large group game and other team building activities.

Questions email pyf.gcc@gmail.com - Hope to see you soon! Elizabeth

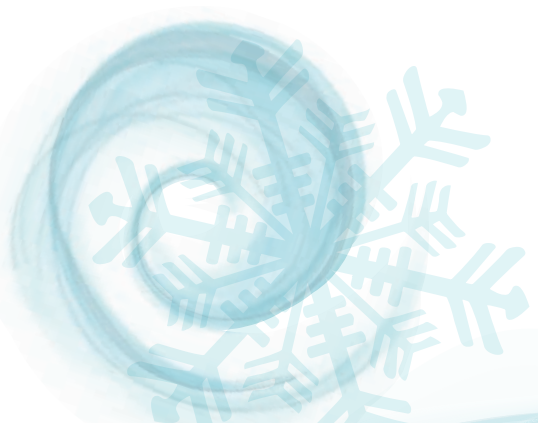
GCC YOGA IN WINTER

GCC Yoga begins on Monday evenings January 19 - March 2, 7-8:00 p.m. in the Narthex or Thursday mornings January 22 - March 5, 9-10:00 a.m. in Room 201. Dress in comfortable clothes and bring a yoga mat. Seven classes are available for a fee of \$70, scholarships available. Contact Kelly Golding to reserve your spot; 847-657-1314 or kellygolding@comcast.net.

FAIR TRADE

Thank you to everyone who made purchases at our sale of Fair Trade Products in December! Your next opportunity to purchase will be Sunday, January 25 during Fellowship.

Remember: Behind every chocolate bar there is a person. Will you make a New Year's resolution to buy more Fair Trade this year?



PRAYER OF

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr,

**FROM THOU, DEAR GOD: THE PRAYERS
OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.**

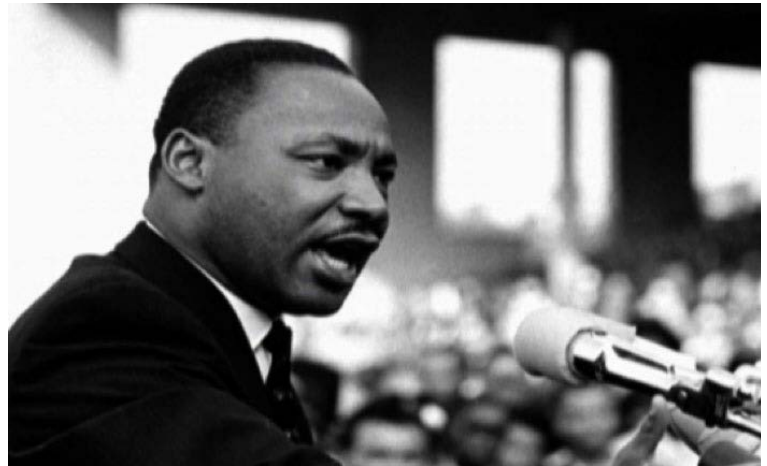
We thank thee, O God
for the spiritual nature of humankind.
We are in nature but we live above nature.
Help us never to let anybody or any condition
to pull us so low as to cause us to hate.

Give us strength to love our enemies
and to do good to those
who despitely use us and persecute us.

We thank thee for thy Church, founded upon thy
Word,
that challenges us to do more than sing and pray,
but go out and work
as though the very answer to our prayers
depended on us and not upon thee.

Then, finally, help us to realize that
we were created to shine like stars
and live on through all eternity.

Keep us, we pray, in perfect peace;
help us to walk together, pray together,
sing together, and live together
until that day when all God's children,
black, white, red, and yellow
will rejoice in our common band of humanity
in the kingdom of our Lord and of our God
we pray, Amen.



MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. FAITH IN ACTION ASSEMBLY

Chuck Mize, our Senior Pastor, will lead the GCC delegation to the Community Renewal Society Martin Luther King Day Faith in Action Assembly on January 19th at Liberty Baptist Church. Join Chuck, Jeanie Bond, the Faith in Action Team, and hundreds of people of faith from across the Chicago Metropolitan Area at this public meeting with Cook County President Toni Preckwinkle, State Senator Daniel Biss, Chicago and Illinois elected officials, and Chicago Mayoral candidates to celebrate Dr. King and to show your support for:

- ***Reducing violence through the Reclaim Campaign;***
- ***Removing barriers to employment for people with non-violent felony records;***
- ***Reforming and increasing statewide education funding;***
- ***Winning a Community Benefits Agreement for jobs and affordable housing on Chicago's west side***

Please contact Nancy Mullarkey (Mullarkeyn@hotmail.com) or Betsy Martin (betsywisemartin@att.net) for more information, to register for the meeting, or to find out about carpooling to Liberty Baptist Church, 4849 South Martin Luther King Drive, Chicago. The meeting time is 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Don't miss this important opportunity to act for justice! Join us on Monday, January 19th!



SUCCESSFUL MISSION TREE COLLECTIONS

Over the month of December we delivered 3 large contractor sized garbage bags of donations to the Night Ministry - many hats, scarves, socks, long underwear and prophetically, coats and fleeces in the last load. Our donations are already at work in the community and very needed. Thank you for your generosity! Below is a copy of a post that the Night Ministry made on Face Book on January 7th.

On days like today, we are poignantly reminded of why we do what we do.



Last night, The Night Ministry's emergency overnight youth shelter, The Crib, operated far above capacity to make space for those who badly needed respite from the cold. This morning, Syncere, a devoted staffer at The Crib, dropped by our administrative offices to collect yet another cart of winter weather items to shield those at The Crib who have to make a journey to school or work. This reserve of hats, scarves, gloves and blankets were all donations from generous supporters.

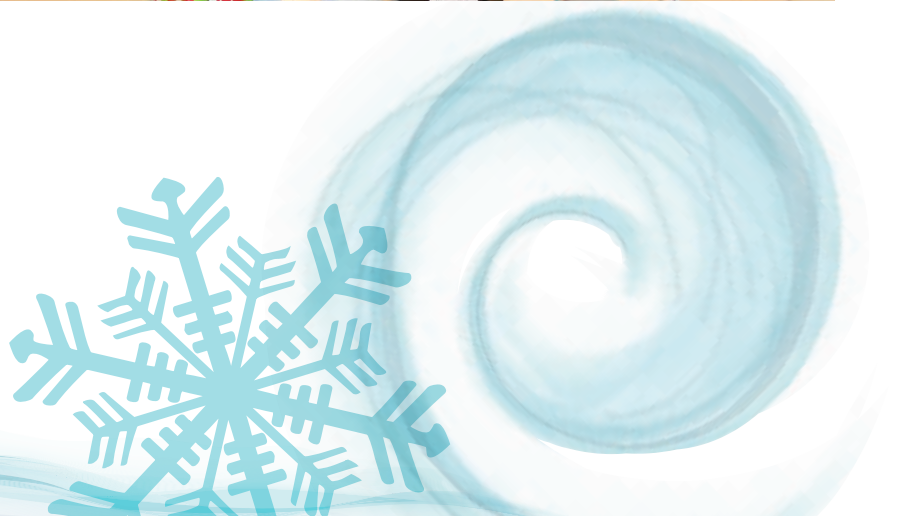
Last night at the Bus, Health Outreach Minister Kim cheered when the temperature finally reached 8* by the second stop of the evening, Pilsen. She encountered many individuals who still planned to sleep in the cold. Our hearts are heavy imagining that reality. Visitors were offered blankets, hats, scarves, sweaters and bus cards to reach nearby warming centers.

The Night Ministry is thankful for all of the staff like Syncere (pictured below) and Kim who are working so hard during this frigid time to keep others safe and warm. We are also so grateful for all the winter weather items and bus cards that supporters have donated. These items are truly saving lives this week.

MAKING MISSION A TRADITION



The ladies of Chapter 7 of the Women's Association alternate chapter meetings with service projects they can do with their children. In the past, they have made a meal at Ronald McDonald House, packed food at Feed My Starving Children, and for the second year, wrapped presents as part of the Glenview/Northbrook Youth Services Holiday Gift Program. It's a great opportunity for fellowship for moms and kids alike and most importantly, reminds us of the importance of helping others.



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT GCC

Event Time	Event Name	Primary Location
Thursday, 15 January 2015		
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM	Constructive Conversations Facilitators Mtg.	Parlor
7:30 PM to 9:30 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Friday, 16 January 2015		
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
1:00 PM to 3:00 PM	GCC Pickleball	Gym
8:00 PM to 9:00 PM	AA MEETING	Parlor
8:00 PM to 9:00 PM	AL-ANON	Library
Saturday, 17 January 2015		
8:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Men's Open Gym	Gym
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
Sunday, 18 January 2015		
8:45 AM to 9:50 AM	Confirmation Classes	Plymouth Room
10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	Glenview Community Church Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	Sunday School Children Meet in Sanctuary	SanctuaryM
11:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Fellowship and Refreshments	Mayflower
11:15 AM to 12:15 PM	Fellowship Mtg	Room 213
11:30 AM to 12:30 PM	Bell Choir Rehearsal	Bell Room
11:30 AM to 12:30 PM	New Member Classes	Parlor
4:00 PM to 6:00 PM	PYF	Youth Room
Monday, 19 January 2015		
7:00 PM to 8:00 PM	Yoga Class	Room 201
Tuesday, 20 January 2015		
12:00 PM to 1:30 PM	60 Plus Luncheon	Mayflower
6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	Finance Committee Mtg	Room 210
6:45 PM to 9:00 PM	Sing To Live Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM	GCCNS PTA Mtg.	Founders
Wednesday, 21 January 2015		
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	Chapter 20 Meeting	Chapel
11:30 AM to 1:30 PM	GCCNS Open House - New Families	Parlor
3:00 PM to 4:30 PM	Bible Study	Parlor
4:15 PM to 5:15 PM	FISH	Room 7
6:00 PM to 8:00 PM	PYF/POW	Youth Room
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	BSA 156 Troop Mtg	Gym
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM	Common Grd.-Jim Kenney Spiritually and/or Religion	Founders
8:31 PM to 9:00 PM	Venturing Crew	Gym
Thursday, 22 January 2015		
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
9:00 AM to 10:00 AM	Yoga Classes	Narthex
6:15 PM to 7:20 PM	Bell Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	New Member Classes	Parlor
7:30 PM to 9:30 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary

THE NEXT DEADLINE FOR THE BROADCASTER IS JANUARY 21, 2015 AT 9:00 AM

REGULAR CHURCH HOURS

The Glenview Community Church is open seven days a week. The regular hours for the church (excluding special events) are as follows:

Monday-Friday:	8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Saturday	8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Sunday	8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Event Time	Event Name	Primary Location
Friday, 23 January 2015		
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
1:00 PM to 3:00 PM	GCC Pickleball	Gym
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, 24 January 2015		
8:00 AM to 12:00 PM	GCCNS - Dad's Day	Room 211
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Cub Scout Pit Crew Workshop	Gym
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
Sunday, 25 January 2015		
8:45 AM to 9:50 AM	Confirmation Classes	Plymouth Room
9:15 AM to 9:45 AM	Primary Choir Rehearsal	Room 201
10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	Glenview Community Church Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	Sunday School Children Meet in Sanctuary	SanctuaryM
11:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Fellowship and Refreshments	Mayflower
4:00 PM to 5:00 PM	Voices of GCC Rehearsal	Room 201
Monday, 26 January 2015		
9:30 AM to 11:00 AM	Spirit Group	Library
7:00 PM to 8:00 PM	Yoga Class	Room 201
Tuesday, 27 January 2015		
11:00 AM to 1:30 PM	Chapter 8 Mtg.	Founders
6:30 PM to 6:59 PM	Operating Committee Meeting	Mayflower
6:45 PM to 9:00 PM	Sing To Live Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:00 PM to 8:00 PM	Spiritual Council Mtg	Mayflower
Wednesday, 28 January 2015		
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
3:00 PM to 4:30 PM	Bible Study	Parlor
4:15 PM to 5:15 PM	FISH	Room 7
6:00 PM to 8:00 PM	Girl Scouts	Room 8
6:00 PM to 8:00 PM	PYF/POW	Youth Room
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	Adult Ed-Spoon River Centennial	Founders
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	BSA 156 Troop Mtg	Gym
8:31 PM to 9:00 PM	Venturing Crew	Gym

LIFE EVERLASTING

We trust the promise of the resurrection for **Maggie Bemm**, long time GCC member and former Director of the Glenview Community Church Nursery School, who died on Christmas Day, even as we hold her family in our prayers. A memorial service will be held at GCC on Saturday, February 14, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. A reception will immediately follow the service...and for **Lizabeth Gardner** who died on January 4, even as we hold her daughter **Karen and her family** in our prayers. Services for **Lizabeth** will be private.

We also trust the promise of the resurrection for **Carol and Clare Sente's mother, Olga Ann Sente**, who passed away on October 8th, even as we hold **Carol, Clare and their family** in our prayers...for **Bridgett Prewett's mother, Devona Foley**, who passed away on November 24, even as we hold **Bridgett, Walter, Sydney and their family** in our prayers...for **Brian Grad's mother, Patricia Grad** who passed away on December 18, even as we hold **Brian, Gretchen, Erika, Dana and their family** in our prayers...for **Cathy Ach's mother, Barbara Rhodes Zinke**, who passed away on December 29, even as we hold **Cathy, Sam, Jessica, Ben, Aaron and their family** in our prayers...and for former member **Nancy Spears** who passed away on Christmas Day, even as we hold **her husband Richard and their family** in our prayers. A memorial service for **Nancy** was held on Saturday, January 10 at the Winnetka Covenant Church.

BROADCASTER DEADLINES AND PUBLICATIONS 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. , Wednesday one week prior to the publication date to Tania McCarthy tania.mccarthy@gccucc.org.

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.

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PONDERING IN SILENCE...

In this season of short days and long nights
of gray and white and cold,

Teach me the lesson of beginnings:
that such waitings and endings
may be a starting place,

a planting of seeds which bring to birth
what is ready to be born –

Something right and just and different,
a new song, a deeper relationship,
a fuller love –
in the fullness of your time.

O God, grant me your sense of timing.
---- Ted Loder