

Broadcaster

Glenview Community Church

January 21, 2009

A Pilgrim's Progress

We are now well into a new year. This is an appropriate time to call attention to some new people and new things at the church.

We have a new staff member. Perhaps you have met him or talked with him on the phone. Dale Wittenberg is our new Church Business Administrator. Dale was able to begin working in December and thanks to the graciousness of Char Lillquist he has been able to work with Char during the close of one fiscal year and the beginning of another. We are greatly indebted to Char for her generous assistance during this transition. We also are indebted to Dale for the way he began at full speed from the first day on the job. Take the opportunity to meet Dale, introduce yourself, and welcome him to GCC.

The new face at the reception desk on Tuesday evenings is Owen Newberry. Owen has completed his college degree and is job searching. While he is doing that, he has graciously volunteered to assist at the desk. When you come to the church on Tuesday evenings, introduce yourself to Owen and thank him for assisting us in this very helpful way.

Also assisting at the desk is Larry Kemp. Larry is volunteering his time to help us on Sunday mornings. Thank you Larry.

During the Advent/Christmas season you may have noticed new crèche figures. These figures were purchased with gifts given in memory of William Laystrom. Marilyn Laystrom commented that Bill would have been thrilled with the new crèche figures.

During worship on Sunday, January 18 we dedicated a Prayer Shawl Ministry. Several women from the Women's Association are involved in this new ministry.

You may also have noticed some new signs communicating the time of the worship services. Thank you to the Women's Association for providing interchangeable signs to indicate the time of the worship service for the upcoming Sunday. These signs are easily attached to the sign on the south west corner of the lawn.

I hope you have noticed the baseboards are completed in the lower level following

our last flooding. Also new carpet has been installed in rooms 5 and 7.

Periodically, several instrumentalists who are members of our congregation play for worship services. As of this month, they will be rehearsing the first Monday evening of each month and will be known as The Pilgrim Wind Ensemble under the direction of Gary Wendt. On occasion they will be playing for worship services and accompanying the choir on anthems. Gary has additional information about this group on another page.

New small groups are forming now for the winter session. These vary from Bible study to stress strategies to your role in building up the church. Check out the offerings. You can sign up in the Mayflower Room on Sunday or call the office and Kathie Mann will assist you in registering.

Although we invite everyone attending worship to sign the Friendship Book, not everyone does. However, many visitors do sign the book and give us contact information. We had 13 visitors on December 21, 93 visitors on Christmas Eve, 13 visitors on December 28, 4 visitors on January 4 and 6 visitors on January 11. Many of these visitors are looking for a faith community. By being welcoming and inviting, each of us can help many guests to experience the truth of our invitation that no matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

These are a few of the new people and new things that you may notice during this new year at GCC. May this newness invigorate us to new growth throughout the year.

Howard

Two SERVICES

After considering the varied views of various members of the Congregation, the Executive Board has voted to continue the practice of offering two Worship Services on most Sundays. Those who took part in the discussions are appreciated.

Tom Amos, *Moderator*

Sunday Services

January 25, 2009

"PATHS TOWARD PEACE" Interfaith Sunday 9:30 a.m.

Interfaith Sunday will be offered on Sunday, January 25 at 9:30 a.m. and will be followed by a number of Seminars. This family service will be of interest to children and young adults and one of the Seminars will be specially designed for families. The theme will be "Paths toward Peace" and will include participants from the Jewish, Muslim, Bahai, and Buddhist faiths.

All are welcome, and be sure to invite your neighbors and friends.

February 1, 2009

8:30 a.m. Vocal Solo/Ensemble
10:30 a.m. PYF Singers

Scripture:

Psalm 62: 5-12; Mark 1:14-20

Sermon:

"No Way To Run A Revolution"
Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts

February 8, 2009

8:30 a.m. Bell Choir
10:30 a.m. Chancel Choir

Scripture:

Psalm 147: 1-11; Isaiah 40:21-31

Sermon:

"Source of Strength"
Rev. Dr. Pamela Keckler

New Member ORIENTATION

FEBRUARY 8TH

Glenview Community Church will hold an orientation meeting for those considering membership at GCC on Sunday, February 8 from 3:00 to 5:00 pm, followed by dinner together at Pasta Luigi. Anyone interested in membership at GCC should contact Linda Binaei, Director of Member Engagement at linda.binaei@gccucc.org or 847 724-2210 x 29 immediately. New members will be received during the 10:30 worship service on Sunday, February 15.

WANTED: GCC Members to Mentor Families

The Membership and Fellowship Boards at GCC are introducing a Mentor Program for new members. The purpose of the Mentor Program is to support new church members by inviting, encouraging and informing them of all that GCC has to offer. With your help we can successfully connect new members to church activities, group outings, or even better a seat next to you during a Sunday service. If you are interested in being a mentor, please contact Director of Member Engagement, Linda Binaei, 847-724-2210 for more information.

2009 Budget PROPOSAL

An Important Meeting on Finances will be held on February 1 after the second Worship service. Your Finance board will present their proposal for the 2009 Budget.

This is the time for those interested to hear details and a time to have questions answered. The Budget proposal will be voted on at the Mid-Winter Congregational Meeting on Sunday, February 8 between services.

From THE OFFICE

If you haven't yet picked up your 2009 offering envelopes, please stop in the office at your earliest convenience and pick them up. If you pre-ordered envelopes your box will have your name on it. If you did not pre-order, extra boxes of envelopes are available. Due to high postage costs offering envelopes will not be mailed.

Thanks and Happy New Year!

An Evening at PASTA LUIGI

**Coming soon on
February 8th.**

Come out of the cold and into the warm fellowship of a night at Pasta Luigi. Come for the spaghetti dinner, the singing waiters and waitresses, and come with your family and friends. Tickets are available during the coffee fellowship hours and in the office. Come and get 'em while they're hot (and cheaper than at the door!)

Prayer Shawl MINISTRY

The Women's Association has begun a Prayer Shawl Ministry and members and friends of GCC are invited to participate. During worship on January 18 we dedicated this special ministry and offered a blessing for those who knit or crochet the prayer shawl, as well as the recipients. As the shawls are finished, the pastoral team of the Ministers and Parish Nurse will distribute the shawls to designated people where comfort and prayers might be extended. If you would like to be part of this ongoing work please contact Barbara Schwarting at 847-258-5466.

Lenten DEVOTIONS

Calling all writers – and non-writers—to submit reflections and poems for our 2009 Lenten Devotional Book. This book is a compilation of writings from church members and others which are then used as daily readings during Lent. Our theme for this year is: "Obstacles on the Journey – Things That Get in Your Way." You are invited to write about your personal experiences and struggles on your spiritual journey and what seems to get in your way as you're trying to grow, etc. If you need some more help or want to talk, call Rev. Pam Keckler. You may email your work or put in Pam's box in the office. Deadline is February 2.

Altar Flowers FOR 2009

There are still dates open for altar flowers for 2009. If you would like to purchase flowers, the cost is \$50.00 and forms are available in the Narthex and Church Office.

Women's RETREAT

Thirty women met last weekend in Deerfield for their annual winter retreat and had a wonderful time together. We made our way through the snowy roads and settled into our sacred space for reflection on our spiritual journey: our past, present and future. UCC Minister and Life Coach Marsha Thomas was our retreat leader and helped us in looking at our passions and values as women. Marilyn Belleau, Parish Nurse, and Rev. Pam Keckler led our Sunday worship and communion.

Adult Education

**SUNDAYS 9:30 AM IN THE CHAPEL
January**

25 No Adult Education (Interfaith Sunday)

February

1 Nick Bubnovich –the Tale of the Grand Inquisitor from Brothers Karamazov

8 No Adult Education—all congregation meeting at 9:30

15 Debbie Burdick book review

22 Allan Ruter; Hamlet, Huck Finn and the Apostle Paul

GCC Nursery School REGISTRATION

The 2009-2010 school year registration is underway. The dates are:

JANUARY 21, 2009

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - OPEN HOUSE!

FEBRUARY 4, 2009

9:00 a.m. - Open Lottery Deadline

Please check out our website at www.gccns.com or contact Marcia Kiraly for information and to schedule a tour of the school!

A NEW CLASS OFFERED

Sign, Say, & Play® Classes: A series of six classes designed to enable small groups of parents and their babies (6-24 months) learn signs in a relaxed, supportive, and entertaining atmosphere while at the same time being introduced to important concepts from the lead child development researchers in the field, Drs. Acredolo and Goodwyn. Participants enrolled will receive the Sign, Say & Play® Starter Kit. January 20 and 27, February 3, 10, 17 and 24 at 9:30 a.m. -10:30 a.m.

To register in Sign, Say & Play® class please contact: Jamie Stevens - 847-767-6210 -or- jbstevens@mail.com. You can also pick-up registration information at GCCNS or visit www.gccns.com

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Ministerial Staff

Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts, *Senior Minister*
Rev. Dr. Pamela Keckler, *Minister for Spiritual Formation*
Rev. Sally Iberg, *Minister for Mission and Ministry*

Directors:

Marilyn Belleau, *RN, Health Ministry*
Kathy Lifton, *Children's Ministry*
Elizabeth Ciccolini, *Youth Ministry*
Linda Binaei, *Member Engagement*
Debby Shellard, *Children's Choirs*
Gary Wendt, *Organist, Instrumental Music*
Andrew Lewis, *Adult Choir*

Affiliates:

Marcia Kiraly, *Director, GCC Nursery School*
Barbara Thewis, *Manager, Resale Shop*

At A GLANCE

Thurs 9:00 am Resale Shop, Plymouth Rm until 5:00 pm
1-22 1:00 pm Minister's Mentor Mtg., Rm 210
6:15 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Bell Rm
7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Rm, Sanctuary

Fri 9:00 am Resale Shop, Plymouth Rm until 1:00 pm
1-23 6:00 pm NSVYR Volleyball, Gym
8:00 pm Al-Anon Mtg., Rm 201
8:00 pm AA Mtg., Parlor

Sat 8:30 am Interfaith Rehearsal, Sanctuary
1-24 9:00 am Resale Shop, Plymouth Rm until 1:00 pm
9:00 am Men's Open Gym, Gym

Sun 4:00 pm Voices Rehearsal, Rm 201
1-25

Mon 6:30 pm CEMC Rehearsal, Rm 201
1-26

Tues 11:30 am Chapter 8 Mtg., Founders Rm
1-27 7:00 pm Executive Board Mtg., Mayflower Rm

Wed 9:00 am Resale Shop, Plymouth Rm until 1:00 pm
1-28 6:30 pm BSA Troop 156 Mtg, Gym, Mayflower Rm
7:00 pm Venturing Crew, Rm 210

Congratulations

Congratulations to the proud parents Amy and Mike Eccleston on the birth of their new son, Quinn Ryan on December 8, 2008. Brennan and Madeline are overjoyed to have a new brother.

Broadcaster DEADLINE

Please submit all articles by 9:00 am, Wednesday, one week in advance to publishing via email at tania.mccarthy@sbcglobal.net.

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