

January 30, 2014

FOR A LITTLE WHILE

On Saturday, January 25th I officiated at the memorial service for the Rev. Walter Robert Grunewald, Jr. at the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Twinsburg, Ohio where Bob's daughter, the Rev. Kay Krejci, is the pastor. Bob was ordained on June 28, 1942 at St. John's Evangelical and Reformed Church in Dayton, Ohio and served as a minister in the Evangelical and Reformed Church and then the United Church of Christ for over 71 years! With his brother, the Rev. Dr. Harold Grunewald and his sister Eloise's husband, the Rev. Richard Disseler, he was one of three third generation Grunewalds in the ministry, following his grandfather Robert and his father Walter Robert, Sr. And he is followed in ministry by his niece Ellen Disseler and his daughter Kay who served as Student Pastor at Samuel United Church of Christ in St. Louis (where I served as Pastor) from 1988-1990, whose ordination I preached in 1991, and who served as Minister of Christian Life at Union UCC in Green Bay for 13 years while I served that congregation as Senior Minister. It was a weekend overflowing with emotion and the blessings of deep friendship. Bob, Kay and their family have been in our lives for nearly thirty years. In March, 2003 I officiated at the funeral for Bob's wife, Janet. Kay's invitation to me to officiate at her dad's memorial service is a great honor and a gracious trust.

In his life and ministry, Bob was a porter. That's a word that belongs more to yesterday's colloquialisms than it does to today's jargon. But some of us remember what porters are, and what they do. Porters are servants who carry (port) things that belong to someone else – most often luggage. Just so, Bob was a porter who gave his life to carrying things that belonged to another. In Bob's case these things were not the luggage of travelers...they were the gifts

and graces of our God. For 71 years as an ordained minister and for most of the 25 years before he was ordained, Bob cared for the treasures of God and shared them with God's people. Because Bob stood in a long family line he knew this role better than most. His family and his place in its pastoral parade taught him that he was not a superstar or a lone ranger. Instead, he learned at an early age that he was called to carry on the family tradition by carrying what he received from his grandfather and father who went before him, and then by passing on these gifts and graces to his daughter and niece who go after him. It's a humbling perspective.

There aren't many pastors who are blessed to serve in ordained ministry for 71 years. Yet even 71 years isn't so very long. So it is for us. It's hard for me to believe that my first anniversary with you is just five weeks away. But one year isn't so very much next to Bob Warskow's 25 years of service in this congregation...and 25 years isn't so very much next to the 73 years of this congregation's history of ministry. For each of us, life is just for a little while. Yet, in this little while, one of our greatest blessings is to be porters...to carry and steward the gifts and graces of our God.

I believe that that's what we are called together to do: to be porters...to carry and steward the gifts and graces of our God... to receive the gifts and graces of our God from those who have gone before us...to share God's love in Jesus Christ in our day... and then to pass these treasures on to those who will go after us.

That means that we cannot appropriately give thanks for our past, nor can we responsibly invest in our future unless we are faith-

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WORSHIP SERVICES

FEBRUARY 2, 2014

Communion Sunday

A FOLLOWING CHURCH

10:00 a.m.

Scripture:

Psalm 27:1, 4-9 Matthew 4:12-23

Sermon:

Leave...and Follow Rev. Dr. Pam Keckler

FEBRUARY 9, 2014

A BLESSING CHURCH

10:00 a.m.

Scripture:

Matthew 5:1-16

Sermon:

Let Your Light Shine Rev. Dr. Chuck Mize

FEBRUARY 16, 2014

A CHALLENGING CHURCH

10:00 a.m.

Scripture:

Matthew 5:17-37

Sermon:

Rev. Dr. Pam Keckler

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ful porters today. We best honor the history and tradition of the Glenview Community Church by strengthening its gospel witness and work in this time and place so that, one day, the church we pass on to the next generations is more vital, compassionate and influential than the church we received. This treasure is ours for a little while...but that doesn't diminish the fact that, just now, it is ours to carry and to steward.

So many ministries wait for us to add our hands and hearts to them! So much of God's work in this urgent present will not be done unless we commit adequate financial resources to support it!

Bob Grunewald lived on this earth for 96 years and 5 months to the day...and he gave over 71 years of that lifespan to ordained ministry. Because he knew that it was just for a little while, he gave his full commitment and devotion to God's graces and gifts. For us also, God's gifts and graces are just for a little while. So let us receive them gratefully. Let us witness to them faithfully, imaginatively, personally and persuasively. And let us pass them on joyfully...confident that, in this little while, God is at work through us. See you in church!

Chuck Mize

WELCOME HOWARD AND PEGGY

On Sunday, February 9th our former Senior Minister and his wife, Howard and Peggy Roberts, will worship with us at the Glenview Community Church! Please join us in a warm Welcome Home to Peggy and Howard on that day.

Chuck Mize

PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO BAKE COOKIES FOR THE NIGHT MINISTRY

Next Sunday, February 9th is our 15th Cookie Day for this great agency. Cookies should be delivered to the church kitchen by Sunday, February 9th. Be sure your cookies are plainly marked for the Night Ministry. In the past we have given 3,000 cookies - which is one month's supply. Let's see if we can match this - or beat it.

MID-WINTER CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Glenview Community Church's Mid-Winter Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 23, 2014, at 11:15 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Agenda topics for this meeting include the presentation and vote for adoption of the Church Budget for 2014, reports from the Church Clerk, Treasurer and Stewardship Board, the election of the Church Clerk and Church Treasurer, and a vote for approval of a family directed bequest for an enhanced sound and video capture system.

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

2014 BUDGET Q&A SESSIONS

The Spiritual Council (Executive Board) and Finance Board will be hosting two question and answer sessions on the proposed GCC 2014 Budget in the Parlor at 11:15 a.m. on two Sundays, February 9 and February 16. Please join us for these informational sessions to get any of your questions answered on the 2014 budget prior to the Mid-Winter meeting on February 23.

60 PLUS CELEBRATES A NEW YEAR!

Join us on Tuesday, February 18, from noon until 1:30 p.m. to welcome the New Year. Contact Rev. Dale at (847)724-2210 ext 230 if you will be able to attend.

FOOD ON THE FIRST

The first Sunday of the month is coming! Hunger is here, in our community and nearby. Please remember to bring nonperishable food items to share with our hungry neighbors served by Northfield Township Food Pantry and Iglesia San Lucas, a UCC church in Chicago's Humboldt Park, founded in 1976 by Rev. Jorge Morales, with financial help from GCC. Each month, one of these pantries receives our donations. Financial contributions in an envelope marked for the Food Pantry are also welcome.

ADULT EDUCATION

SUNDAY AT 9:00 AM
IN THE FOUNDERS ROOM

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

Pieter Fockens shares his "Living Stories" growing up in the Netherlands prior To World War II.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

Nick Bubnovich, "The Historical Jesus From Schweitzer to Aslan." In a two-part presentation, GCC member Nick Bubnovich surveys several authors' treatments of the historical Jesus, including Albert Schweitzer's The Quest for the Historical Jesus, Reza Aslan's The Zealot, and one or two titles by John Dominic Crossan.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Sally Thuresson shares her "Living Stories."

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Steve Crews, "Unmerited Grace." Frequent GCC visitor (and hopefully new member), Steve Crews has written for the Chicago Tribune and served as Mayor Jane Byrne's press secretary. Steve shares his "Living Stories."

ADULT EDUCATION BOARD has a few

remaining copies of Harry Kraemer's book From Values to Action, which are available for purchase at \$15.00. In addition, for those who were unable to attend Harry's presentation on January 21, we have taped the presentation and burned CDs. A two-disk set is available for \$5.00. Contact Tom Aldrich at 847-846-3294.

COMMON GROUND

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28 AT 7:00 PM IN THE FOUNDERS ROOM

John Wasik, "Keynes' Way to Wealth." John Maynard Keynes was not only the world's most famous economist and godfather of the post-World War II economic order, he was also a terrific investor. John Wasik

IN SYMPATHY

We remember Marshall V. Johnson, age 93, who passed away on January 15, 2014 in Bloomington, Illinois. Marshall and his wife (the late Shirley Johnson) were members of GCC since 1958. Our prayers are with the daughters Mary Bible and Gail Vandevender and their families.

WH	IAT'S	HAPPENING AT GCC
THUR	9:00 AM	Resale Shop, Plymouth Rm
01/30	9:00 AM	GCC Yoga, Narthex
	11:00 AM	GCC Working Out With Weights, Mayflower Rm
	6:45 PM	BSA 156 Mtg., Founders Rm
	7:00 PM	New Member Class, Parlor
	7:30 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
FRI	9:00 AM	Resale Shop, Plymouth Rm ???
01/31	1:00 PM	Pickleball, Gym
	7:00 PM	Adult Volleyball, Gym
	8:00 PM	AA Meeting, Parlor
	8:00 PM	Al-Anon, Rm 201
SAT	8:00 AM	Men's Open Gym, Gym
02/01	9:00 AM	Resale Shop, Plymouth Rm
SUN	8:45 AM	Open Prayers/Confirmation, Plymouth Rm
02/02	9:00 AM	Adult Education Program, Founders Rm
	9:15 AM	Primary Choir Rehearsal, Rm 201
	10:00 AM	Worship, Sanctuary
	10:00 AM	Sunday School, Sanctuary
	11:00 AM	Fellowship and Refreshments, Mayflower Rm
	11:15 AM	Bell Choir Rehearsal, Bell Rm
	3:30 PM	Voices of GCC, Rm 201
	4:00 PM	PYF, Youth Rm
MON	12:30 PM	Called To Care, Founders Rm
02/03	1:00 PM	Pickleball, Gym
	7:00 PM	BSA 156 Committee Mtg., Founders Rm
	7:00 PM	GCC Yoga, Rm 201
TUE	8:30 AM	GCC Music and Movement, Cradle Toddler Rm
02/04	6:45 PM	Sing To Live Rehearsals, Sanctuary
,	7:00 PM	Council of Moderators, Parlor
WED	9:00 AM	GCC Music and Movement, Cradle Toddler Rm
02/05	9:00 AM	Resale Shop, Plymouth Rm
,	1:00 PM	Pickleball, Gym
	1:00 PM	Weekly Bible Study, Parlor
	6:00 PM	PYF Wednesdays, Youth Rm
	7:00 PM	Wednesday Night Bible Study, Parlor
	7:00 PM	BSA 156 Troop, Mayflower Rm & Gym
	8:00 PM	Venture Crew, Rm 5 and Gym
THU	9:00 AM	The Resale Shop, Plymouth Rm
02/06	9:00 AM	GCC Yoga, Narthex
	11:00 AM	Working Out With Weights, Mayflower Rm
	7:00 PM	HOP Operating Committee, Rm 213
	7:30 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
FRI	9:00 AM	The Resale Shop, Plymouth Rm
02/07	1:00 PM	Pickleball, Gym
	8:00 PM	AA Meeting, Parlor
	8:00 PM	Al-Anon Meeting, Rm 201
SAT	8:00 AM	Men's Open Gym, Gym
02/08	9:00 AM	The Resale Shop, Plymouth Rm
SUN	7:30 AM	Stewardship Board Mtg., Upper Rm
02/09	8:45 AM	Open Prayers/Confirmation Classes, Plymouth Rm

	9:00 AM	Adult Education Program, Founders Rm
	9:15 AM	Primary Choir Rehearsal, Rm 201
	10:00 AM	Worship, Sanctuary
	11:00 AM	Sunday School, Begins in the Sanctuary
	11:00 AM	Fellowship and Refreshments, Mayflower Rm
	11:15 AM	Bell Choir, Bell Rm
	11:15 AM	Budget Q&A, Parlor
	11:15 AM	Fellowship Board Mtg., Rm 213
	11:15 AM	Membership Board Mtg., Library
	11:30 AM	Family Fun and Pizza, Plymouth Rm
	2:00 PM	678 Club, Youth Rm
	3:30 PM	Voices of GCC, Rm 201
	4:00 PM	PYF , Youth Rm
MON	9:30 AM	Finding My Spirit, Library
02/10	1:00 PM	Pickleball, Gym
	6:30 PM	Faith In Action Team, Parlor
	7:00 PM	BSA 156 Patrol Leaders Mtg., Mayflower Rm
	7:00 PM	Parent Confirmation Class, Founders Rm
	7:00 PM	GCC Yoga, Rm 201
	7:30 PM	CSA 156 Committee Mtg., Rm 213
	7:30 PM	Mission Board Mtg., Parlor
TUE	8:30 AM	GCC Music and Movement, Cradle Toddler Rm
02/11	9:30 AM	WA Mtg., Parlor
	6:45 PM	Sing To Live Rehearsal, Sanctuary
	7:00 PM	Adult Education Board Mtg., Founders Rm
	7:00 PM	Pastoral Care Board Mtg., Parlor
	7;00 PM	Service and Sacraments Board Mtg., Rm 210
	7:00 PM	Confirmation and Youth Board Mtg., Youth Rm
WED	9:00 AM	GCC Music and Movement, Cradle Toddler Rm
02/12	9:00 AM	Resale Shop, Plymouth Rm
	1:00 PM	Pickleball, Gym
	1:00 PM	Weekly Bible Study, Parlor
	6:00 PM	PYF Wednesdays, Youth Rm
	7:00 PM	Wednesday Night Bible Study, Parlor
	7:00 PM	BSA 156 Troop, Mayflower Rm & Gym
	8:00 PM	Venture Crew, Rm 5 and Gym

2014 DUAL-NARRATIVE TRIP TO ISRAEL & PALESTINE

Jeanie and I are thrilled to be joining this exciting, meaningful and life-changing trip on October 13 - 24, 2014 and look forward to sharing this unique experience with you! Sponsored by GCC and Hands of Peace There are three ways you can learn details about the trip:

See the tour web-site: $\underline{www.medjitours.com/open-tour/dual-narrative-trip-to-israelpalestine}$

Contact the tour Group Leaders: Betsy Martin, 847-657-7595 or betsywisemartin@att.net

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August 19, 2013 - June 13, 2014

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23 3:00 PM IF MUSIC BE THE FOOD OF LOVE....

A benefit concert for Northfield Township Food Pantry. Musicians will perform a variety of vocal and instrumental works. Proceeds to benefit Northfield Township Food Pantry. Admission: A freewill offering will be taken

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

PYF JANUARY/FEBRUARY SUNDAYS 4-6 PM

FEBRUARY 2ND

Souper Bowl Sunday: We will go to the Just Harvest community kitchen

FEBRUARY 9TH

Mission Project: Packaging cookies for the night ministry.