

A PROPER WELCOME

The excitement is building for the start of Rev. Dr. Charles Mize ("Chuck" -- to all who will soon know and love him). I've been offered the opportunity to share a few final "words of wisdom"; this being, by far, my shortest Interim ever!

The Support Committee is hard at work preparing ways to meet and greet Rev. Dr. Mize. Obviously, you will want to take advantage of those opportunities. (Details offered elsewhere in this Broadcaster.)

Here are five words that may smooth the entry for everyone:

BE PATIENT:

You only want ½ hour appointment, but so do about 50 other people -- today. He won't be able to see everyone, be everywhere, attend everything at once, so unless it's an emergency, patience will be in order.

BE PROACTIVE:

You have two names to learn, they have hundreds. Yes, he may have seen you three or four times before, but until he tells you to stop, introduce yourself every time you greet him. The repetition is helpful.

PACE YOURSELF:

You've been storing up the ideas and the projects for some time now, and you're ready to roll. Of course, you've been waiting for his input. But first, he's got to learn where the bathrooms are; the difference between the west entrance and the office entrance; that the elevator does not go to the 3rd floor; and where in the world he's going to store all his books. He's as eager as you are, but he'll have to pace himself, too.

BE POSITIVE:

Yes, there have been hurts, and challenges in the past. And he will be a good, and compassionate listener. But when you bring problems, try to bring at least one or two ideas for solutions as well. Hopefully something that won't just be added to someone else's list, but where you are willing to take a significant working role, as well.

BE PRAYERFUL:

Pray for Chuck, for his losses (leaving a home of 18 years is not easy); for the staff (getting used to a new boss is not easy either). Pray for the Church and all the wonderful things that will be accomplished in partnership for the future. Pray for yourself, and give thanks for all the ways in which you will be open to grow and to change.

FINALLY, (I KNOW I SAID 5 THINGS...) DON'T FORGET JEANIE.

She has the challenge of needing to figure out who you are, how she fits in, and what opportunities she will want to pursue for herself. All the "Rules for Chuck" apply to her as well.

I give thanks for our unique time together in this month of February. I look forward, with great anticipation, to all that is to come.

God's Peace, Dale Susan

Rev. Dale Susan Edmonds, M.Div. GCC Guest Minister for February

WORSHIP SERVICES

MARCH 3, 2013

COMMUNION

10:00 a.m. Family Worship

Scripture: Isaiah 55:1-9; Luke 13:1-9

Sermon: Endless Patience

Rev. Dr. Charles Mize

No Sunday School Today

MARCH 10, 2013

10:00 a.m. Community Worship

Scripture:

2 Corinthians 5:16-21 Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Sermon:

Extravagant Welcome Rev. Dr. Charles Mize

MARCH 17, 2013

10:00 a.m. Family Worship

Scripture:

Philippians 3:4b-14 John 12:1-8

Sermon:

Embarrassing Devotion Rev. Dr. Charles Mize









DAYLIGHT SAVINGS SUNDAY, MARCH 10

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Elizabeth Hartung-Ciccolini who is attending seminary at Chicago Theological Seminary and is now officially a "Member in Discernment and In Care of the UCC." This step is part of the journey toward ordination and Elizabeth will be working with both CMA and her "In Care Committee" at GCC during the next two years of this process.

COMMON GROUND / GCC

FRIDAY, MARCH 22

The Stillborn God of the Islamic Reform presented by Ahmad Sadri

Mark Lilla's The Stillborn God: Religion, Politics and the Modern West (2007)\describes the emergence of modern liberal political philosophy after the demise of the Christian political theology. But the disestablishment of the church in the West remains a controversial process to this day. Fundamentalism and messianic movements have continued to brew in post-enlightenment Christianity and Judaism – as well as in other religions. Why does the God of the old-time-religion refuse to die? Why is the God of the reform so weak in keeping the promises of a modern religion that is compatible with science, democracy and human rights? And what are the implications for the reform movement in Islam?

IN SYMPATHY

We offer our sympathy and prayers to lan Lisk, Sr. and his family on the passing of Margaret Irene Lisk, on February 19, 2013. A memorial service was held at GCC on February 22.

We also offer sympathy to Dave Tosh, whose brother, Jack Tosh, recently passed, and Joe Bond, whose father recently passed, Ernest (Pat) Patrick Bond. Please hold Dave and Joe and their families in your prayers.

We offer sympathy to Pat Frey on the passing of her mother, Virginia Boyton, February 23, 2013. Our prayers are with Pat and her family.



THE LABYRINTH SUNDAY, MARCH 24

Walking, Praying, Meditating the Labyrinth

What is it? A Labyrinth is a spiritual tool dating back to ancient times. It offers a pathway of prayer and a walking meditation. It is not a maze, with tricks, obstacles, dead ends, and many paths; a labyrinth has a single pathway for entering and exiting. No directional decisions are necessary. Its whole is always visible; the Labyrinth represents a blueprint for your heart and soul. History: The earliest Labyrinths date from 3000 to 2500 BC. Labyrinth designs have been discovered among early Christian communities around 400 AD. During the 12th to 14th centuries, numerous cathedrals in Italy, Spain, and France had labyrinth designs built into the floor. The most renowned surviving labyrinth is in Chartres Cathedral, near Paris. It's believed that Christian pilgrims who could not afford to make the long journey to the Holy Land walked the Labyrinth as a metaphor for their journey to Jerusalem.

Spiritual Relevance for Today: Walking the Labyrinth is a personal journey. The single pathway that leads you to the center and out again enables you to free your mind from mundane thoughts and concentrate on the sacred. Your walk, pace, and personal experience are all your own.

When will I be able to participate in the Labyrinth experience? You are invited to walk the labyrinth at GCC in the Mayflower room on your choice of dates and times:

March 24, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., March 25, March 26, and March 27, 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Guides will be available during these times. You are also welcome to walk any time the church is open. (sponsored by the Pastoral Care Board)

HEALING TOUCH

Studies have proven Healing Touch to be effective in reducing pain, and relieving stress. It aids in the preparation and recovery of surgical procedures. Healing Touch sessions are still available for March 18 from 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. in the Library. Call (847) 804-6363 or email <u>s.h.johnson@comcast.net</u> for an appointment.

HAVE YOU SEEN IT?

There is a newer sofa located in the Narthex. Some of the fun in volunteering comes from seeing new and different merchandise as it arrives. This is true both with the Resale Shop and the Village Treasure House. A few weeks ago I was volunteering at the Treasure House and noticed this lovely couch. I kept going back to look at it and just felt that the colors and size were what our Narthex needed. I contacted Melinda Krueger (the W.A. FEDS chair person) and arranged to meet her and her husband, Steve (Property Board) in the Narthex on Sunday after church. I took one of the pillows from the sofa with me so we could compare colors with the carpet, valances, and side chairs. They were all very compatible and so it was decided that this would be a fine new sofa for that space. The following Tuesday, we had a Women's Association meeting and the couch was unanimously approved, but not sure how to pay for it. The very next day we received a letter from the Village Treasure House stating that the couch was a GIFT to the church!! So, we are very grateful to the Treasure House, FEDS, Property Board, and Women's Association for this comfortable and attractive newer couch that should be with us for several

Definitely a story with a happy ending, Dori Hirsch



Chapter 11 invites all children through 5th grade to join us after church on March 17th for an Easter Egg hunt. Weather permitting, the hunt will be held on the playground at 11:30 a.m. We are asking for a \$5 donation/family to help offset Rally



SATURDAY, APRIL 13 DEERFIELD HYATT 6:00 P.M.

Hands of Peace is celebrating 10 years of fostering dialogue and friendship among Israeli, Palestinian and American youth, and GCC has been a part of that every step of the way. Everyone is invited to this special gala to celebrate our contributions toward Middle East peace. There will be dinner, a silent auction, live music, birthday cake and lots of fun! Cocktail attire. Tickets are \$100. We'd love to have the best turnout possible from GCC! You can purchase tickets on the website: handsofpeace.org or contact Gretchen Grad 847-998-5576 gradhop@gmail.com



HOP Ambassadors:

Gretchen and Brian Grad, Debby Fosdick, Kelly and Dave Golding, Barbara (event chair) and Michael Lauesen, Betsy Martin, Sally and Tom Thuresson

RESCHEDULED DATE "THE INTERRUPTERS" MARCH 10



Eddie Bocanegra, who is featured in the documentary "The Interrupters," will discuss his work with Community Renewal Society and Cease Fire, an organization that works to resolve gang conflicts in violence prone neighborhoods of Chicago, on Sunday, March 10 in the Founders Room from 11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Bring your friends to learn

about root causes and current work to address the crisis. Sponsored by the Faith in Action Team and Mission Outreach Board. See the documentary at http://www.pbs. org/wgbh/pages/frontline/interrupters/.

FOOD ON THE FIRST

MARCH 3

Add to the celebration of Dr. Mize's arrival by bringing non-perishable food items to share with our hungry neighbors served by Northfield Township Food Pantry and Iglesia San Lucas. San Lucas, a UCC church in Chicago's Humboldt Park, was 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.

BE PREPARED

The Boy Scout Troop 156 is having thier annual "All You Can Eat" Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, March 2 beginning 7:30 a.m -11:30 a.m.

Enjoy table service by smiling, uniformed waiters and even umbrella service by the door men in the west parking lot of the church. All proceeds from this annual event support the outdoor activities of the Boy Scouts including camp-outs and summer camp. A donation of \$5 is suggested and tickets are available from any Boy Scout or at the door.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmands will have regular class during March except for March 24 & 31. We'll resume on April 7. All reports should be completed by April 7.

PYF 4:00 - 6:00 PM YOUTH ROOM

MARCH 3: PYF Cooks:

Pot Stickers; 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. we are meeting in the Youth room.

MARCH 8-9 LOCK-IN:

Please let Elizabeth know if you do not receive an invitation in the mail by March 1. Details to follow.

MARCH 17:

Mission Project:

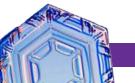
Easter Baskets: Please bring items for an Easter basket, toys, games, coloring, eggs, candy etc.

MARCH 24:

No PYF during Spring Break







WHAT'S HAPPENING AT GCC

VVI	AI 3	HAPPEINING AT
THUR	9:00 AM	Resale Shop Open Until 5:00 PM, Plymouth Rm
02/28	9:00 AM	GCC Yoga, Narthex
	11:00 AM	Countdown to Fitness, Founders Rm
	1:00 PM	Lenten Study Group, Library
	1:00 PM	Alzheimer's & Related Dementias Support, Narther
	7:30 PM	Chancel Choir, Sanctuary
FRI	9:00 AM	Resale Shop Open Until 1:00 PM, Plymouth Rm
03/01	1:00 PM	GCC Pickleball, Gym
	8:00 PM	Al-Anon, Rm 201
	8:00 PM	AA Meeting, Parlor
SAT	7:30 AM	BSA 156 Pancake Breakfast, Mayflower Rm
03/02	9:00 AM	Resale Shop Open Until 1:00 PM, Plymouth Rm
	9:00 AM	Men's Open Gym, Gym
SUN	8:45 AM	Confirmation Opening Prayers, Plymouth Rm
03/03	9:00 AM	Confirmation Classes, Various Rm
	9:00 AM	Lenten Small Group, Chapel
	9:15 AM	Primary Choir Rehearsal, Rm 201
	10:00 AM	Community / Family Worship, Sanctuary
	11:00 AM	Community Fellowship Hour, Mayflower Rm
	11:15 AM	Joyful Ringers Rehearsal, Bell Rm
	3:30 PM	Voices of GCC, Rm 201
	4:00 PM	PYF Cooks, Youth Rm & Kitchen
MON	9:30 AM	Lenten Small Group, Library
	12:30 PM	Called To Care, Parlor
03/04	1:00 PM	Pickleball, Gym
	7:00 PM	GCC Yoga, Rm 201
TUE	6:00 PM	Sing To Live Rehearsal, Sanctuary
03/05		
WED	9:00 AM	Resale Shop Open Until 1:00 PM, Plymouth Rm
03/06	1:00 PM	GCC Pickleball, Gym
	7:00 PM	BSA 156 Troop Mtg., Mayflower
	7:30 PM	CSA 156 Committee Mtg., Rm 213
	8:00 PM	Venture Crew, Rm 210
THU	9:00 AM	Resale Shop Open Until 5:00 PM, Plymouth Rm
03/07	9:00 AM	GCC Yoga, Nathex
	11:00 AM	Countdown To Fitness, Founders Rm
	1:00 PM	Lenten Small Group, Parlor
	4:30 PM	HOP Leadership & Operations Mtg., Parlor
	7:30 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
FRI	9:00 AM	Resale Shop Open Until 1:00 PM, Plymouth Rm
03/08	1:00 PM	GCC Pickleball, Gym
	8:00 PM	AA Meeting, Parlor
	8:00 PM	Al-Anon, Rm 201
SAT	9:00 AM	Resale Shop Open Until 1:00 PM, Plymouth Rm
03/09	9:00 AM	Men's Open Gym, Gym
SUN	8:45 AM	Confirmation Opening Prayers, Plymouth Rm
03/10	9:00 AM	Confirmation Classes, Various Rm
	9:00 AM	Lenten Small Group, Chapel
	9:15 AM	Primary Choir Rehearsal, Rm 201

	10:00 AM	Community Worship Service, Sanctuary
	10:00 AM	Sunday School begins in Rm 201
	11:00 AM	Leadership Committee Mtg., Founders Rm
	11:00 AM	Community Fellowship / Faith In Action, Mayflower Rm
	11:00 AM	Membership Board Mtg., Library
	11:15 AM	Fellowship Board Mtg., Rm 213
	11:15 AM	Joyful Ringers Rehearsal, Bell Rm
	3:30 PM	Voices of GCC, Rm 201
	4:00 PM	PYF, Youth Rm
	5:30 PM	St. Patrick's Day Pot Luck Dinner, Mayflower Rm
MON	9:30 AM	Lenten Small Group, Library
03/11	1:00 PM	Pickleball, Gym
	7:00 PM	GCC Yoga, Rm 201
	7:00 PM	BSA 156 Committee Mtg., Founders Rm
	7:00 PM	Finance Board Mtg., Library
	7:00 PM	Faith In Action Mtg., Parlor
	7:00 PM	Property Board Mtg., Rm 210
	7:30 PM	Mission Outreach Board Mtg., Parlor
TUE	6:00 PM	Sing To Live Rehearsal, Sanctuary
03/12	7:00 PM	HOP Operations Committee Mtg., Rm 201
	7:00 PM	Pastoral Care Board Mtg., Parlor
	7:00 PM	Adult Education Board Mtg, Founders Rm
	7:00 PM	Services and Sacraments Board Mtg., Rm 210
WED	9:00 AM	Resale Shop Open Until 1:00 p.m., Plymouth Rm
03/13	7:00 PM	BSA 156 Troop Mtg., Gym
	7:00 PM	Music Board Mtg, Music Office
	7:00 PM	Children's Board Mtg., Parlor
	7:30 PM	Youth and Confirmation Board Mtg., Youth Rm
	8:00 PM	Venture Crew, Rm 210



SATURDAY, March 23 7:00 PM

Lutheran Choir of Chicago

The Lutheran Choir of Chicago is a unique sacred choral ensemble with a rich spiritual tradition and an ever-expanding repertoire. For more than fifty years, their classic a cappella style has enlightened, educated and entertained the people of Chicago and the world. Wilbert Watkins, Conductor.

Saturday, April 13 8:00 PM

Sing to Live® Community Chorus

Sing to Live returns with the Sounds of Motown! General Admission: \$20, Seniors/Students: \$15, Breast cancer survivors complimentary. Tickets available online at <u>singtolive.org</u> or at the door.

TICKETED EVENT



FAQS AS REV. DR. MIZE BEGINS HIS MINISTRY AT GCC

As you all know by now the Chuck Mize era begins at GCC on March 1 as Dr. Mize assumes his position as our new Senior Minister, the sixth in our history. He preaches his first sermon on March 3. Here are answers to some frequently asked questions.



HOW DID THE SEARCH COMMITTEE SELECT DR. MIZE? HOW MANY CANDIDATES WERE CONSIDERED?

Following the Congregational survey which the Search Committee conducted last spring, the Committee considered the top 12 attributes which the Congregation listed as most important for our new Senior Minister. These included: effective preacher; effective in planning and leading worship; helps people develop their spiritual life; ministers effectively to people in crisis; is a person of faith; builds a sense of fellowship; encourages people to relate their faith to their daily lives; accepting of people with divergent views; compassionate and caring; deals effectively with conflict. The committee reviewed the credentials of approximately 60 candidates, conducted telephone, Skype and face-to-face interviews, listened to, watched and personally attended sermons and worship services. After nearly a year of work, prayer and discernment, the Committee concluded that Dr. Mize was the person whom God was calling to be our new Senior Minister. Importantly, Dr. Mize shared that he felt called by God to GCC, as well.

WHAT IS CHUCK'S BACKGROUND? IS HE AFFILIATED WITH THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST?

Chuck Mize grew up in Wood River, Illinois, a suburb of St. Louis. He received his B.A. degree in history and theology (summa cum laude) from Elmhurst College, where he met his wife, Jeanie Bond. He received his Master of Divinity degree from Eden Theological Seminary in St. Louis in 1980 and his Doctor of Ministry degree from Eden in 1995. He was ordained by the United Presbyterian Church in 1980 and granted full ministerial standing in the UCC that same year. Chuck has served congregations in Ohlman and Rosamond, Illinois (1980-84), Marine, Illinois (1984-85), and Clayton, Missouri (1985-95). Throughout his ministries, his particular strengths and loves have always been preaching, worship planning, music in worship, pastoral care and mission outreach. For the past 18 years Chuck has served as Senior Minister at Union Congregational UCC in Green Bay, Wisconsin. Union Church is one of the largest Protestant churches in Green Bay. It is an Open and Affirming congregation and has a strong history of community involvement and mission outreach.

WHAT IS DR. MIZE'S VISION FOR THE MINISTRY OF GCC?

Chuck was attracted to GCC by our diversity and our outreach into the larger community. He was especially excited about our decision to become an Open and Affirming church and by our dedication to the Hands of Peace ministry. He intends to spend the early part of his ministry listening and learning about our Congregation, its history, traditions and goals for the future. He believes in discussing proposed changes in worship and programs with the Congregation in advance and trying new things together, rather than dictating change. Chuck's hope for GCC is that it will be a vibrant, muscular, compassionate community of Christ that serves God by doing the work of Shalom with God's children and for God's world...that discovers its meaning and fulfills its calling by following Jesus... and that draws its strength from the unfailing love that is the Holy Spirit's abundant blessing for us.

HOW CAN WE GET ACCESS TO DR. MIZE? HOW CAN WE MEET HIM AND GET TO KNOW HIM BETTER?

Chuck is as anxious to meet us as we are to meet him. He encourages folks to call and make an appointment to chat or to stop by the church office even if they don't have an appointment. Plans are already underway for Chuck and Jeanie to participate in a number of small group activities (for example, the Adult Education Lenten book discussion groups). His desire and his style is to be accessible to everyone.

WHAT INTERESTING THINGS CAN WE LEARN ABOUT CHUCK AND JEANIE THAT WE MIGHT NOT OTHERWISE KNOW?

Chuck is an accomplished amateur engineer. He likes to repair small gas engines and pipe organs. He is also a St. Louis Cardinals baseball fan (Sorry, Cubs fans). In Wisconsin, he was President of the UCC camping ministry program, a member of the Board of Directors of the Green Bay Symphony, and was very involved in Habitat for Humanity. Jeanie is an early childhood educator and a master gardener. She was very involved in Union Church's support of Heifer International.







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