

Broadcaster

GLENVIEW COMMUNITY CHURCH

MARCH 9, 2011

Pilgrims Progress

We began the reflective, introspective season of Lent on March 9th, Ash Wednesday. If we use this season as an opportunity for spiritual discipline we may be surprised at the resurrection we experience on Easter and beyond.

Lent originated as a period of intense instruction and preparation through special prayer and fasting for those candidates who, on Easter eve, would be baptized and who on Easter morning, for the first time, would participate in Communion. Forty is a symbolic, biblical number. The children of Israel wandered in the wilderness for forty years. Moses was on the mountain forty days receiving the Ten Commandments. Jesus' was in the wilderness forty days following his baptism, wrestling with temptations. Jesus' wilderness experience has the most significance for Lent.

The mood and intention of Lent are preparation and training. In the first centuries of Christianity, a three-year period of training and instruction were required of those who wanted to unite with Christianity. How about that for a new member orientation class! Eventually, the instructional period for converts was reduced to forty days or less. The practice varies within denominations and within congregations in denominations. Some have instruction during Lent for new members and conclude the instruction with baptism on Easter for those who have not been baptized. Other congregations make no connection between Lent and uniting with Christianity. The sermons I'm preparing for the Lenten season revolve around the theme, The Miracles of Jesus. Actually a better translation of the word "miracle" is sign. Jesus did all kinds of things to draw pictures for people of God's love and what life was like when God ruled in people's lives. Our tendency is to add something extraordinary and supernatural to the word miracle. Often the result is that something positive that happens for which

we have no immediate explanation we may call it a miracle. The significance of the signs or miracles of Jesus is that they were for the benefit of the believers or followers of Jesus. These signs provided encouragement to them. The signs were never events or situations that caused people to become believers in God or followers of Jesus. All of the miracles or signs of Jesus are open to other interpretations other than the ones the earlier followers gave to them. As we explore some of these signs during this Lenten season I will be inviting you to consider other interpretations to these signs in an effort to help them to be real and have application in our lives.

The sermons during Lent are about Jesus and people and some of the signs that Jesus used to emphasize God's love, compassion, and care for people. These signs of Jesus express his desire to communicate the constant love and presence of God to all people.

May the sermons help us recognize times when the love and grace of God are at work in our lives. May these signs help us be more loving and graceful in our responses and interactions to others. May these signs help us to love God with all our hearts, minds, and souls and to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Howard



Time change on March 13.
Remember to set your clocks
ahead one hour.

SUNDAY SERVICES

MARCH 9, 2011

ASH WEDNESDAY

6:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Individual Prayers and Communion
Transept and Chapel

(Refreshments available in the Parlor)

7:30 p.m.

Worship and Imposition of Ashes

Music:

*Katherine Hughes &
Kevin Kizer*

Scripture:

Isaiah 58:1-9, Psalm 51

Meditation:

"Marked"

Rev. Dr. Pam Keckler

MARCH 13, 2011

9:30 a.m.

Chancel Choir

Scripture:

Genesis 33:1-11, John 6:1-15

Sermon:

"The Miracle of Sufficiency"

Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts

MARCH 20, 2011

9:30 a.m.

*Chancel Choir &
Joyful Ringers*

Scripture:

Job 11:13-20, Luke 8:26-39

Sermon:

"The Miracle of Treatment"

Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts

Happy GCC Volunteers!



All a-board! We hope you enjoyed learning more about GCC Boards and activities Sunday, February 27 and how you can help out. Thanks to everyone who helped make it a success.

If you still have your yellow volunteer sheet, please mail it in or leave it in the offering plate or in the office.



If you didn't get one, they are on the visitor tables. Thinking about joining a board? Give Bill Dailey (847)724-3563 or me a jingle.

May God Bless, Phyllis Scott
(847)729-2409 & Membership Board

Wanted: Soup Makers

Would you and a friend or board member enjoy making a simple soup during Lent for our mid-week Bible study for 25 people? Each Wednesday evening from March 16 through April 13 we will offer a simple soup supper from 6:15-6:45 p.m. in the Mayflower Room. We are looking for people to purchase bread and soup (or make your own) and then clean up afterwards. You will be reimbursed for the items you purchase.

Please contact Rev. Keckler or Marilyn Belleau if you would like to help. Thank you!

Minister Search Update

The Executive Board has approved the appointment of a Search Committee for an Interim Minister. The committee will be made up of the three moderators, Lloyd Bettis, Bill Dailey and Constance Filling, and the Church Clerk, Bob McGee. Once a new Vice Moderator for next year has been slated, that individual will also join the committee. The Interim Minister Search Committee has begun meeting to determine the position requirements and skills required. Our target is to have an Interim Minister in place shortly after Howard's retirement is effective. Any questions or comments can be directed to any of the committee members.

Mid-Week Lenten Soup – Study – Worship

Join us for a Lenten time together on Wednesday evenings beginning March 16. The theme will be "Telling Our Stories". We'll offer a simple soup supper from 6:15-6:45 p.m. followed by a Lenten study at 6:45 centered on stories of Jesus and then informal worship. We'll conclude by 7:30 p.m. Leaders: Rev. Pam Keckler and Marilyn Belleau, Parish Nurse. If you are planning to eat supper, please call the office with a reservation. A free will donation basket will be available for the meal.

PYF STOCK SALES

Support this year's PYF Mission Trip to Logan WV, by purchasing stock for \$10.00 per share. Money raised will support the expenses of the youth attending, purchase craft and reading supplies for the children of Logan WV and help with the cost of home repairs in the community. As an added bonus this year, with every \$10.00 purchase made on or before March 25th, you will receive a chance to win 4 Cubs tickets for Sunday, April 3rd at 1:20 p.m. section 123, Row 14, Seats 101-104. Thank you to Nuveen Investments for their donation of the baseball tickets. Forms are available in the church office to purchase stock.

If you have any questions please contact Marion Brown at (847) 863-4156.

"Think Fair Trade First!"

That is the title of a children's book by Ingrid Hess. It was given to me by a friend and presents the 8 principles of fair trade in a fun way.

- 1. Creating jobs for people who aren't usually hired:** In many countries Fair Trade organizations hire the disabled, those who aren't educated, and women, all of whom have a hard time getting a job. Fact: Over 7.5 disadvantaged producers and their families are benefiting from Fair Trade.
- 2. Caring for the environment:** Fair Trade products are made and shipped in ways that don't hurt the Earth. Using recycled materials, re-planting trees to replace wood that is used and using organically grown and biodegradable packing materials are common Fair Trade practices. Fact: More than one billion people have no access to clean water.
- 3. Capacity building:** Fair Trade organizations teach producers how to set up their businesses, understand the marketplace and be independent. They give producers information about how products are selling and teach them how to invest in their business so they can create even more good jobs. Fact: The average non-Fair Trade supply chain has 18 links. Fair Trade drastically reduces this number to allow more money to go to the producers.

You'll learn more of these principles in this column next month.



Equal Exchange Products will be sold on **March 13** during Coffee Hour

See you there.

Blanche Hansen

Chapter 20

We will meet on Wednesday, March 16 at 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel

After a short business meeting our program will be Mark Lefens, a member of GCC.

When Mark was a child he read about Antarctica never dreaming that one day he would go there for 3 months. Please join us for an exciting story of Mark's trip.

All are welcome.

St. Pat's 60 Plus Luncheon March 15th at 12 noon in the Mayflower Room



Come for an afternoon of St. Patrick's Day fun with Irish Trivia and Irish Songs. There seems to be a little bit of Irish in all of us, so help celebrate this special day.

We will have an amazing soup and bread luncheon will a "special Irish dessert". Mark your calendar NOW and remember to ask a friend.

Any questions, or need a ride – Call Marilyn Belleau, Advocate Health Care Parish Nurse at (847)724-2210 ext. 30.

Lenten Devotional Booklets

Ash Wednesday began March 9. Devotional booklets are available for pick up in the church office or you may request a copy and we will mail one to you.



Social Action Film Series "THE VISITOR"

Friday, March 11 at 7 p.m.

In a world of six billion people, it only takes one to change your life. In actor and filmmaker Tom McCarthy's follow-up to his award winning directorial debut *The Station Agent*, Richard Jenkins ("Six Feet Under") stars as a disillusioned Connecticut economics professor whose life is transformed by a chance encounter with a young immigrant couple. Together they grapple with the treatment

Chapel Open During Lent

The Chapel will be open during Lent for your prayer and meditation beginning March 10 through April 20. Come Monday through Friday anytime from Noon until 6:00 p.m. If you are here before noon and would like to pray in the Chapel or Sanctuary, please come to the front office and we will unlock it for you if the space is not being used.

Hands of Peace Gala 2011

Come and dance the night away with the **Not for Profit Band** at the second annual Hands of Peace Gala 2011, on Saturday, April 16, 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. at the Hyatt Deerfield, 1750 Lake Cook Rd.

Tickets are \$90 per person or \$1000 for a table of 12. There will be a Grand Raffle for \$200 to win a spot on the sold out trip to Israel and Palestine. Winner need not be present. If interested in raffle tickets, contact Gretchen Grad at hands-of-peace@comcast.net. Grab a partner and show off your dance moves for this fun filled evening!

of immigrants and the legal process post 9/11. A poignant and often funny film about rediscovering joy in the most unexpected places.

This film is being shown at the Unitarian Church of Evanston, 1330 Ridge Avenue, Evanston, Illinois. Contact for information by phone (847)864-1330 or by visiting their website at www.ucevanston.org.

Feel free to attend on your own or contact Tracy Sawires esnstsms@hotmail.com, (847)832-0063 if you would like to be part of a GCC group going to the film.

Books Available

The Missions Outreach Board is making copies of Howard Roberts' books available for purchase in the Mayflower Room March 13. Howard has had twelve books published. The cost of each book is \$10, \$5 of which will go to the church for the Mission Outreach Board to use for missions. Howard will be available to autograph books for those who wish.

Sunday School

Sunday school students are collecting clean plastic milk jugs, liter soda bottles, water bottles, and other plastic containers with lids to use as incubators for our seedlings in the Rainbow Garden. This year TOPP anticipates beginning our planting season in May and TOPP members and volunteers will be busy helping students prepare and plant the garden for another bountiful growing season. The harvest from the Rainbow Garden supports the Northfield Food Pantry. Interested volunteers should contact Laura Heyser at (847)724.2526.

Confirmation

March 13 is regular class at 9:30. a.m. March 20 is our 8th grade Scavenger Hunt, along with other activities including:

5:00-5:30 p.m.

Assemble Easter baskets with PYF

5:30 p.m.

Pizza supper with PYF

5:45-7:30 p.m.

Program and refreshments

Parents will meet at 7:00 p.m. with PYF parents to learn more about our high school youth program as well as plan for the Confirmation retreat.

PYF

March 20:

PYF will meet as usual at 4:00 p.m., and then at 5:00 will welcome the 8th grade Confirmands; working together to make Easter Baskets for the children's Easter event and then enjoying pizza and fellowship.



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OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday

8:30 am - 4:30 p.m.

MINISTERIAL STAFF

Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts, *Senior Minister*

Rev. Dr. Pamela Keckler, *Minister for Spiritual Formation*

DIRECTORS:

Marilyn Belleau, *RN, Health Ministry*

Kathy Lifton, *Children's Ministry*

Elizabeth Hartung-Ciccolini, *Youth Ministry*

Debby Shellard, *Children's Choirs*

Gary Wendt, *Organist, Instrumental Music*

Andrew Lewis, *Music*

AFFILIATES:

Marcia Kiraly, *Director, GCC Nursery School*

Barbara Thewis, *Manager, Resale Shop*

Return Service Requested

At A Glance

THRS	3/10	9:00 am	Resale Shop open until 5:00 pm, Plymouth Rm	MON	3/14	12:00 pm	Meditation and Prayer, Chapel
		9:30 am	Lectio Divina, Rm 5			7:00 pm	Finance Board, Founders Rm
		11:00 am	Healing Touch, Library (by appointment only)	TUE	3/15	12:00 pm	Meditation and Prayer, Chapel
		12:00 pm	Meditation and Prayer, Chapel			12:00 pm	60 Plus, Mayflower Rm
		6:00 pm	Healing Touch, Library (by appointment only)			4:30 pm	Hebrew School, Various Rms
		7:30 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary	WED	3/16	9:00 am	WA Chapter 11, Founders Rm
FRI	3/11	9:00 am	Resale Shop open until 1:00 pm, Plymouth Rm			9:30 am	WA Chapter 20, Chapel
		12:00 pm	Meditation and Prayer, Chapel			12:00 pm	Meditation and Prayer, Chapel
		8:00 pm	AA Mtg., Parlor			6:00 pm	PYF Small Groups, Youth Rm
		8:00 pm	Al-Anon Mtg., Rm 201			6:15 pm	Lenten Soup & Study, Founders Rm
SAT	3/12	9:00 am	Resale Shop open until 1:00 pm, Plymouth Rm			7:00 pm	Pilgrim Wind Ensemble, Sanctuary
		9:00 am	Men's Open Gym, Gym			7:00 pm	BSA Troop 156, Gym & Mayflower Rm
SUN	3/13	7:30 am	Wellness Screening, Plymouth Rm			8:00 pm	Venture Crew, Rm 210 & Gym
		8:45 am	Primary Choir Rehearsal, Rm 201				
		9:30 am	Confirmation Class, Various Rms				
		9:30 am	Worship Service, Sanctuary				
		9:30 am	Sunday School, Various Rms - start in Rm 201				
		10:20 am	Confirmation Closing Prayers, Youth Rm				
		10:30 am	Fellowship Hour, Mayflower Rm				
		10:30 am	Fellowship Board Mtg., Rm 213				
		10:45 am	Adult Education, Chapel				
		10:45 am	Joyful Ringers Rehearsal, Bell Rm				
		10:45 am	Membership Board Mtg., Parlor				
		3:30 pm	Voices of GCC, Rm 201				

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Broadcaster Deadlines:

Submit articles by 9:00 a.m., Wednesday to Tania McCarthy
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