

HOUSE OR HOME?

In your conversational vocabulary do you often use the word acquisitive? It describes the characteristic of acquiring...and it describes what we are so prone to do. After moving from Green Bay to Glenview I know just how aptly words describes us. It amazes me that we have so much stuff. And, if you're like us, there are a number of reasons that we hang on to that abundance: necessity, usefulness, sentiment, monetary value and simply the inertia that makes us procrastinate away our good intentions to lighten the load.

Well, in these last weeks, we've moved most of our possessions and eliminated a few of them. At least in most of the rooms our new house is beginning to feel settled and comfortable, and the familiarity of our things has turned a necessary house purchase into a welcoming home. We experienced the back side of that transformation when we visited our Green Bay home at the end of February to take care of some chores. We lived in that house for nearly two decades and loved it, making an abundance of memories there and sharing it with family members and friends. But, after that February visit, Jeanie and I agreed that it's just a house now. It's not our home.

What is it that transforms a house into a home? Our recent experience suggests that familiar furnishings are significant in that transition. But even more significant is the friendship and the love that we give and receive. So it is with the church. The sanctuary at the Glenview Community Church is an impressive, inspiring sacred space. Indeed, it is the house of God. But how it is transformed...how powerfully it becomes home for this family of faith when we fill the seats and pews. As I write this

I have felt that transformation and been deeply moved by it twice: on November 18th for Trial Sermon Sunday, and on March 3rd when we first gathered for worship as pastor and people. You've filled this church, and I hope you were as inspired by those experiences as was I. When we fill the church to praise our God together, God's house becomes our home.

Even as Jeanie and I try to decide where to put familiar things and where to find the ones we've already placed, we're feeling very much at home in Glenview and at the Glenview Community Church. And that's because of you and your welcome. For us, you're transforming house to home.

In these remaining Sundays of Lent... through Holy Week...and into the resurrection future of Easter, that's exactly what God is working to do for all of us...to welcome us home to the love that never ends. Nothing is more certain to turn a house into our home. How I look forward to making a welcome home with you...and to working together to heal this world into a welcome home for all of God's children.

See you in church!

Chuck Mize

LENTEN WORSHIP PALM SUNDAY

March 24, 10:00 a.m. Worship

MAUNDY THURSDAY March 28, 7:30 p.m. Worship

GOOD FRIDAY March 29, 7:30 p.m. Worship

EASTER SUNDAY March 31, 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Worship Services

WORSHIP SERVICES

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

MARCH 24, 2013 PALM SUNDAY

10:00 a.m.

Family Worship

Scripture: Philippians 3:4b-14 Luke 19:28-40

Sermon: The Lord Needs... You! Rev. Dr. Charles Mize

MARCH 31, 2013 EASTER

9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.

Family Worship Family Worship

Scripture: John 20:1-18

Sermon: **Everlasting Love** Rev. Dr. Charles Mize

CONGRATULATIONS TO DON CLARK

Donald Clark, Jr. will become the UCC's first General Counsel after having spent the previous decade as the denomination's special counsel. Don's new role began March 1st. Congratulations, Don!

CHUCK IS HERE!

Our new senior minister Chuck Mize and his wife Jeanie would like to get to know you! Sign up to attend an informal conversation following coffee hour on any Sunday from April 7 to May 19. Sign up will be during coffee hours on March 10, 17 and 24.

INTERESTED IN SERVING ON A BOARD?

The Leadership Committee is charged with finding volunteers to serve on a variety of church boards each year. The list of boards can be found in the front of the church directory. Serving on a GCC board is a great way to meet new people and can be very rewarding. If you are interested in serving on a board or have any questions, please contact Karen Aldrich, Vice Moderator, at *kaaldrich@comcast.net* or 847-729-1168.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all who baked cookies for the Night Ministry. PYF and 678 Club packaged 2,100 cookies and the Night Ministry is thankful. The number has dropped over the past few years, and we are going to reinvent the activity for next year. So get ready to bake so we can set a new record in 2014!

Dori and Elizabeth

IN SYMPATHY

We offer our thoughts and prayers to the family of Michael Ranz who died on March 2, 2013. Michael was the former husband of Lynne Ranz and father of Rachel and Eric.

Memorial Service – Virginia Boynton A memorial service will be held for Virginia (Ginger) Boynton on Monday, March 18 in the sanctuary at 2:00 pm, followed by a reception in the Mayflower Room.

60 PLUS LUNCHEON

Tuesday, April 16, at 12 noon in the Mayflower Room

Come for an afternoon of good food and friends. You



will have the opportunity to hear Kate Paz from Mather LifeWays speak about a unique program called **"Telephone Topics"**. Did you know you can learn about property tax exemptions, and alternative medicine all from the comfort of your own home? Join the fun and talk to others while discovering something new. Telephone Topics is a FREE program for individuals who want to have fun and stay active. Don't have a ride? Don't worry, all programs are live over the phone. You will be amazed at just how much one call can change your day!

If you need a ride, please call Marilyn, Parish Nurse at (847)724-2210 ext. 230

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?

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.

SPRING PLANT SALE

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION, CHAPTER 1

Help us beautify our church gardens by purchasing your flats of flowering annuals, hanging baskets, pots, and herbs from the Women's Association this year. We even deliver!

> **DEADLINE FOR ORDER** Sunday, April 14

PICKUP/DELIVERY Saturday, May 18 9:30 a.m. – noon

If you have any questions, please call Sue Hoffmann (847)998-0164.

Forms are online at *<u>gccucc.org</u>* or at the church office.

JUSTICE ON THE MOVE

The CMA Justice and Witness Committee is offering a "Justice on the Move" Conference on March 16 at the Chicago Theological Seminary from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.. The objective is to gather UCC people according to their particular justice interests for study of specific issues and guidance on how to effect societal change. Four alternative justice topics will be offered:

- New Jim Crow/mass incarceration
- Radical peacemaking as a public-health
- issue
- LGBTQ
- Immigration

Register at *justiceonthemove.eventbrite.com*. or contact Dick <u>Conser conselr@gmail.com</u> with any questions.

IL CONFERENCE, UCC HAS A FUND-RAISING EVENT

A special fund-raising event is being sponsored by the Illinois Conference. They have reserved the Theater of Western Springs for a private showing of Horton Foote's Pulitzer Prize winning play, The Trip to Bountiful. For a \$50 donation, the evening includes a ticket to the play and hors d'oeuvres for the community of the Illinois Conference and friends. Proceeds to benefit youth and young adult ministries. For tickets & information contact Naomi Else at (708)344-4470 or ilconfnaomi@gmail.com

THE LABYRINTH SUNDAY, MARCH 24

Walking, Praying, Meditating the Labyrinth 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)

HANDS OF PEACE 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: <u>handsofpeace.org</u> or contact Gretchen Grad 847-998-5576 <u>gradhop@</u>. <u>gmail.com</u>

HOP Ambassadors:

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

FAIR TRADE COFFEE

Chapter 19 will be selling Fair Trade products following the service on March 17. According to Fair Trade USA, five million men, women, and



children in developing countries benefit from the sale of Fair Trade products worldwide. An item that is Fair Trade certified is produced in a socially and environmentally responsible way: No children are employed, the environment isn't threatened, the working conditions are safe, and the labor force is justly compensated.

THE EASTER EGG HUNT IS BACK!

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 church lawn at 11:30 a.m.. We are asking for a \$5 donation/family to help offset Rally Day costs.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday school students, teachers, and Children's Board members are preparing these activities for the next few weeks.

On Sunday, March 17, immediately following the worship service, Chapter 11 has invited children through 5th grade to participate in an Easter Egg Hunt on the church lawn. A \$5 donation is requested to defray Rally Day costs. On Palm Sunday, March 24, Sunday school students will begin the hour in the sanctuary and be dismissed after the children's message to create cards to accompany the lilies that are delivered to shut-ins after the Easter service. Sunday school is not in session on Easter Sunday so that families may worship together either at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Fourth graders will receive their Bibles during the April 7 family worship service. Regular Sunday school classes will resume on April 14.

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.

678 CLUB

March 17 at 2:00 p.m. in the Youth Room. 678 club will prepare Easter baskets for the Northfield Food Pantry. Bring \$10 for supplies.

PYF 4:00 - 6:00 PM YOUTH ROOM 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

THUR	9:00 AM	Resale Shop Open Until 5:00 PM, Plymouth Rm		
03/14	9:00 AM	GCC Yoga, Narthex		
	11:00 AM	Countdown to Fitness, Founders Rm		
	1:00 PM	Lenten Study Group, Library		
	7:30 PM	Chancel Choir, Sanctuary		
FRI	9:00 AM	Resale Shop Open Until 1:00 PM, Plymouth Rm		
03/15	1:00 PM	GCC Pickleball, Gym		
	6:30 PM	CSA 156 Blue & Gold Dinner, Mayflower Rm		
	7:00 PM	GCC Adult Volleyball, Gym		
	8:00 PM	Al-Anon, Rm 201		
	8:00 PM	AA Meeting, Parlor		
SAT	9:00 AM	Resale Shop Open Until 1:00 PM, Plymouth Rm		
03/16	9:00 AM	Men's Open Gym, Gym		
SUN	8:45 AM	Confirmation Opening Prayers, Plymouth Rm		
03/17	9:00 AM	Confirmation Classes, Various Rm		
	9:00 AM	Lenten Small Group, Chapel		
	9:15 AM	Primary Choir Rehearsal, Rm 201		
	19:00 AM	Sunday School, Begin in Rm 201		
	10:00 AM	Community Worship, Sanctuary		
	11:00 AM	Community Fellowship Hour, Mayflower Rm		
	11:00 AM	Leadership Committee Mtg., Founders Rm		
	11:15 AM	Fellowship Board Mtg., Rm 213		
	11:15 AM	Joyful Ringers Rehearsal, Bell Rm		
	11:30 AM	Easter Egg Hunt, Church Lawn		
	2:00 PM	678 Club, Youth Rm		
	3:30 PM	Voices of GCC, Rm 201		
	4:00 PM	PYF, Youth Rm		
MON	1:00 PM	Pickleball, Gym		
03/18	2:00 PM	Memorial - Virginia Boyton, Sanctuary (reception follows)		
	7:00 PM	BSA 156 Patrol Leaders Council Mtg., Founders Rm		
	7:00 PM	GCC Yoga, Rm 201		
TUE	9:30 AM	WA Mtg., Parlor		
	12:00 PM	60 Plus Luncheon, Mayflower Rm		
	6:00 PM	Sing To Live Rehearsal, Sanctuary		
03/19	7:00 PM	Executive Board Mtg., Mayflower Rm		
WED	9:00 AM	Resale Shop Open Until 1:00 PM, Plymouth Rm		
	9:00 AM	WA Chapter 20, Chapel		
03/20	1:00 PM	GCC Pickleball, Gym		
	7:00 PM	BSA 156 Court of Honor Mtg., Mayflower		
	7:00 PM	Pilgrim Wind Trio Rehearsal, Sanctuary		
	8:00 PM	Venture Crew, Rm 210		
THU	9:00 AM	Resale Shop Open Until 5:00 PM, Plymouth Rm		
03/21	9:00 AM	GCC Yoga, Nathex		
	11:00 AM	Countdown To Fitness, Founders Rm		
	6:30 PM	North Suburban Family Child Care Assos., Rm 201		
EDI	7:30 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary		
FRI	9:00 AM	Resale Shop Open Until 1:00 PM, Plymouth Rm		
03/22	1:00 PM	GCC Pickleball, Gym		
	7:00 PM	Common Ground, Founders Rm		

	7:00 PM	GCC Adult Volleyball, 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		
03/23	9:00 AM	Men's Open Gym, Gym		
SUN	9:00 AM	Walk The Labyrinth, Mayflower Rm		
03/24	9:00 AM	M Adult Ed, Lenten Study, Chapel		
	10:00 AM	Community Worship Service, Sanctuary		
	11:00 AM	Community Fellowship, Mayflower Rm		
	11:15 AM	Joyful Ringers Rehearsal, Bell Rm		
MON	9:30 AM	Finding My Spirit, Library		
03/25	1:00 PM	Pickleball, Gym		
	4:00 PM	Walk The Labyrinth, Mayflower Rm		
TUE	11:30 AM	WA Chapter 8, Off Site		
03/26	4:00 PM	Walk The Labyrinth, Mayflower Rm		
	7:00 PM	Sing To Live, Sanctuary		
WED	1:00 AM	GCC Pickleball, Gym		
03/27	4:00 PM	Walk The Labyrinth, Mayflower Rm		

THE NEXT DEADLINE FOR THE BROADCASTER IS MARCH 30, 2013 AT 9:00 AM

HEARTS AND HANDS SUNDAY, APRIL 7

Come one, come all to the Mayflower Room after the service on April 7. You will have a chance to see what our GCC boards and committees are doing. Find out how you can participate in the many activities offered here at GCC throughout the year. Come join the fun!

If you have any questions, please contact DeAnne Frank of the Membership Board.

Here are some of the Boards and Committess being represented on Sunday:

Adult Education Board Children's Board Confirmation & Youth Board Fellowship Board Properties Board Finance Board Membership Board Mission Outreach Board Music Board Pastoral Care Board Services & Sacraments Board Stewardship Board Rainbow Garden Men's Ministry Youth Choirs Ambassadors \Puppet Ministry Chancel Choir \A Just Harvest Women's Association \The Resale Shop Hands of Peace GCC Nursery School Christmas Pageant Joyful Ringers Gardening

FAITH IN ACTION TEAM (FIAT) VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Eddie Bocanegra told the compelling story of his life and his redemptive work with his fellow ex-offenders, families victimized by violence, and at risk youth. On Sunday, March 10, he asked GCC members to find ways to engage in social justice ministries that can help to reduce the violence in Chicago. GCC's Faith in Action Team has many opportunities for church members and friends to contribute their time, expertise and passion to stand for policies that promote peace and justice in our communities. Here is a calendar of events that will take place in the near future.

DATE	ΑCTIVITY	CONTACT
IMMEDIATE AND ON- GOING	Sign post cards asking state legislators and sena- tors to condition their support of any gun legisla- tion on the inclusion of anti-trafficking provisions (mandatory background checks, mandatory reporting of lost/stolen firearms, and registration of hand guns similar to the way motor vehicles are registered.)	Nancy Mullarkey <u>Mullarkeyn@hotmail.com</u>
MARCH 16 8:30 AM – 1:30 PM	JUSTICE ON THE MOVE CONFERENCE Chicago Metropolitan Association Chicago Theological Seminary Learning opportunity sponsored by the new Justice and Witness Ministry of Chicago area UCC churches	Dick Conser <u>conselr@gmail.com</u>
MARCH 30 1:00 – 3:00 PM	MASS INCARCERATION SEMINAR Unitarian Church of Evanston 1330 Ridge Avenue, Evanston	Dale Griffin DaleCGriffin@comcast.net
APRIL 7 11:00 AM - NOON	HEARTS AND HANDS SUNDAY Meet FIAT at the Mission Outreach Board Table Get information about FIAT and sign up for op- portunities to influence social policies	
APRIL 8 6:30 – 7:30 PM	GCC FAITH IN ACTION TEAM MEETING Church Parlor	<i>JUST COME</i> – Your neigh- bors across Illinois need you
APRIL 16 ALL DAY	DAY OF FAITH AT THE CAPITOL Bus trip to Springfield with Community Renewal Society churches from all over Chicagoland	Nancy Mullarkey <u>Mullarkeyn@hotmail.com</u>
JUNE 15 9:00 AM - NOON	COMMUNITY RENEWAL SOCIETY <i>Summer Leadership Council Meeting</i> Unity Temple, Oak Park Not just for current leaders, this is a good place to learn skills to build power and influence for social justice, find out what has been accomplished and still needs work	Betsy Martin <u>Betsywisemartin@att.net</u>
OCTOBER 5 9:00 AM. – NOON	COMMUNITY RENEWAL SOCIETY ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP ASSEMBLY Location TBD Worship and learn how to take action for social justice	Nancy Mullarkey <u>Mullarkeyn@hotmail.com</u>

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OFFICE HOURS Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

PASTERS Rev. Dr. Charles E. Mize, Senior Minister Rev. Dr. Pamela Keckler, Minister for Spiritual Formation & Church Operations

MINISTRY STAFF: Marilyn Belleau, RN, Health Ministry Kathy Lifton, Children's Ministry Elizabeth Hartung-Ciccolini, Youth Ministry Debby Shellard, Children's Choirs Gary Wendt, Music & Organist Stephen Blackwelder, Adult Choir

AFFILIATES:

Marcia Kiraly, Director, GCC Nursery School



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COMMUNITY CONCERTS

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.

turday, 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 *singtolive.org* or at the door. **TICKETED EVENT**

