

#### **EASTER**

One of my favorite TV shows is **Overhaulin'** on the Velocity Network. In each episode of this show, the **Overhaulin'** crew secretly "steals" a beloved vintage vehicle from its owner and renovates or replaces every part and bolt: wheels, tires, engine, transmission, interior, paint, sound system...everything! The climax is called the **Reveal**; the moment when the owner is presented with his better than new car. It's always a thrilling and emotional moment. Even though the old car is hardly recognizable in its overhauled reality, the core of the original car remains.

Sometimes the resurrection promise of Easter feels like *Overhaulin'* for people. But Easter isn't a renovation that's accomplished with paint and parts. Easter is a transformation that is a new beginning. It's not yesterday updated for today. It's today that's the beginning of our tomorrow. Easter is God's promise, God's gift, God's work.

However, we can't recognize and receive the promise of God's tomorrow for today unless we know and acknowledge the reality of our yesterday. In my February report to the Spiritual Council (Executive Board), I reflected on what I know about the yesterday reality of the Glenview Community Church after a year of service as your Senior Pastor. The following is what I shared in that report.

**ONE** You are more wounded and divided than I first understood you to be. That means that there is still much healing to accomplish in this congregation...much of the past to put in proper perspective so that we can claim our future...much culture to change. The challenge is to rediscover the amazing story of God's love that has been and is at work in and through the Glenview Community Church, and then to invite oth-

ers into the dynamic ministries of this congregation in effective and infectious ways.

**TWO** You can be too rooted in the past, whether that past is sacred traditions or outmoded understandings. An example of an outmoded understanding is how we understand membership and participation. This church (and many like it) focuses on recruiting members and then involving those new recruits in the church's governance. So the question is: "What board would you like to serve on?" Unfortunately, people aren't interested in committing to institutions any longer. The challenge for us is to focus on making disciples of Jesus who commit themselves to ministries that make God's love real and physical in the world rather than making members who sign up to run the church. So the question is: "How can we change people's lives with God's love today?

**THREE** You are more anxious to live and thrive...to claim a future of vitality and faithfulness...than any congregation I've ever known. That means that you are making room for the Holy Spirit and the promise it holds for this congregation. The challenge is to keep trusting the Spirit and not to fall victim to fear.

**FOUR** You underestimate the uniqueness and the treasure that this church is. There is no other church in Glenview with the ability to express the reality of God's inclusive love that GCC possesses. There is no other church in Glenview...and few in Chicagoland...that has the ability to praise God in music the way that GCC does. There are few churches in our United Church of Christ that have the resources to make a difference for God today the way that GCC does. And the list goes on. The challenge is to embrace what we already are, even as we

### **WORSHIP SERVICES**

APRIL 13, 2014
A DEMONSTRATING CHURCH
PALM SUNDAY

10:00 a.m.

Scripture:

Matthew 21:1-11

Sermon:

Rev. Dr. Chuck Mize

APRIL 17, 2014 MAUNDY THURSDAY

7:00 p.m.

**Worship with Holy Communion** Rev. Dr. Chuck Mize

APRIL 18, 2014
GOOD FRIDAY
WORSHIP WITH GODSPELL, JR.

2:00 p.m. Open Rehearsal

**7:00 p.m. Worship**Voices of GCC and Youth Chior,
Directed by Debby Shellard
Rev. Dr. Chuck Mize

APRIL 19, 2014
HOLY SATURDAY EASTER VIGIL

A meditative Service

**7:00 p.m. Worship** Rev. Dr. Chuck Mize

APRIL 20, 2014 EASTER SUNDAY

Festival Worship & Communion

**9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.** Rev. Dr. Chuck Mize increase and share the blessings that God has trusted to us.

In a secular organization, the next step after such an analysis would be to strategize and assign tasks to address the challenges.

But the Glenview Community Church is what its name says it is: a church! So the next step for us is to pray...to make room for the Holy Spirit...to open ourselves to receive and participate in the miracle of Easter in this congregation of God's people. God will make us new because God's Easter promise and purpose is to make all things new.

We do have work to do. But our work begins with God's work. And God's great work among us is Easter work. It is resurrection. It is life.

This year, I pray that our Easter celebration will not simply be a remembering of what happened once a long time ago outside of Jerusalem's city walls...or what happened once a long time ago at 1000 Elm Street. This year, I pray that our Easter celebration will be God's renewal of each of us and this church, so that we become resurrection and life for the communities where we live and the people to whom we witness. See you in church!

Chuck Mize

shouting and palms!

# HOLY WEEK WORSHIP PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 13 10:00 AN

Long ago the anonymous and forgotten people of Israel welcomed Jesus to Jerusalem with a raucous parade. They sang, they shouted, they waved palm branches and carpeted Jesus' way with their coats and clothing. Join us as we welcome Jesus to GCC and in our lives in worship with singing,

#### MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 17 7:00 PM

We will gather in worship to remember Jesus' Passover meal with His disciples, and how He became our Passover lamb through word and sacrament. The name of the day comes from the Latin word mandatum, which means commandment. It is on this night that Jesus gives His disciples a new commandment:

"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

—John 13:34-35

#### GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 18 2 PM & 7:00 PM

What more appropriate day for us to remember the story of Jesus' life than on this day? We will do that in a worshipful drama as our Voices of GCC Children and Youth Choir present Godspell. Join us at 7 p.m. for this moving witness. If you can't come at 7 p.m., you are welcome to attend the 2 p.m. open dress rehearsal.

#### HOLY SATURDAY – EASTER VIGIL, APRIL 19 7:00 PM

Join us in the Founders Room for a service new to the Glenview Community Church. We will keep watch in the twilight between death and resurrection. This meditative service of repentance and forgiveness, hope and anticipation, darkness and light, is one of the most beautiful of the whole Christian year. Join us!

# EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 20 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

Join us as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord in identical festival services of worship with Holy Communion.

#### **GCC ROOM USAGE**

This is just a quick reminder to everyone that uses the church facility.

- For organizational purposes, please remember to fill out a Room Reservation Form at least 2 weeks in advance of your event if possible, including the gym.
- Also, for safety and security only use the areas requested on the Room Reservation Form.
- Please make sure a "Liability Waiver" form has been filed with Susan Woodsome for each individual participating in extracurricular sports activities.
- By following the Room Usage Policies we can all be more assured that each event goes off as planned.

Thank you so much!



#### **PLANT SALE**

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 ORDERS**

Sunday, April 20

#### PICKUP/DELIVERY

Saturday, May 17 9:30 a.m. – noon

If you have any questions, please call Sue Hoffmann (847)998-0164 or email Jill Ruter at <a href="mailto:jill.ruter@comcast.net">jill.ruter@comcast.net</a>

Forms are at the church office.

# FIND YOUR HEART'S DESIRE... IN THE GCC PARKING LOT

On Saturday, May 17, between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Chapter 3 of the Women's Association will hold their very first garage sale. Come rain or shine you will be able to find treasures including antiques, collectibles, seasonal decorations, accessories, sporting goods, and household items. Unbelievable prices. All proceeds from the sale will support Youth Services, Onward House, Hands of Peace, Northfield Food Pantry, and other charities the Chapter supports.

#### LIFE EVERLASTING

We trust the promise of the resurrection for our long-time member Marian Johnson, who died on March 25, 2014, even as we hold her son, Dick and his family in our prayers. A memorial service will take place in the church sanctuary on Saturday, April 12 at noon. A reception will follow in the

#### **FAIR TRADE**

Fair Trade products will be sold on April 13th during Fellowship. In addition to coffee, tea, chocolate and almonds we are now selling honey and jam!

# WORDS THAT MADE AMERICA- MYRA LORIS

Myra Loris, a humorist and outstanding storyteller, will bring these mesmerizing tales to life.

May 6: "AND AIN'T I A WOMAN" which looks at the more than 100 year struggle for women's suffrage in the US, beginning with the Seneca Falls Convention in 1848 with Elizabeth Cady Stanton, and following through Susan B. Anthony into the 20th Century struggle for suffrage culminating in the 1920's passage of the 19th Amendment.

#### May 27: "WITH MALICE TOWARDS NONE"

looks at the power of Abraham Lincoln's speeches and writings in changing the course of the nation's history, focusing on the Emancipation Proclamation, the Gettysburg Address and the struggle to pass the 13th Amendment which freed the slaves.

June 17: "HUMOR AND COMEDY in AMERICAN CULTURE" looks at the effects of the nations humorists, in words and writings, to shape the destiny of the country and to both create and reflect significant social changes. It includes an in depth look at Mark Twain, Will Rogers, Steven Colbert and others as both entertainers and social critics.

Join us on Tuesdays, May 6, May 27 and June 17 for a dessert at 7:00 p.m. and lecture by Myra Loris at 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Tickets can be purchased during coffee hour after worship on Sunday or in the church office during the week. You can also call Beryl Bills to make a reservation (847)241-1694. TICKETS: \$15 per lecture or \$35 for the three lecture series.

#### **LARGE PRINT**

We now offer large print bulletins of the worship service. Please ask an usher for a copy.

#### **GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 18 AT 7:00 PM**

Have you ever wondered what would happen if Jesus appeared to us here today in Chicago? Well, Voices of GCC and Primary Choir try to answer that question when they present Godspell Jr. on Good Friday, April 18 at 7:00 p.m. Come hear the well-loved score of Stephen Schwartz with songs, "Day by Day", "All Good Gifts," "You are the Light of the World" and many more! Come support our youth singers while they help to lead us in worship through a Good Friday service that you will not forget!

### HANDS OF PEACE TUNE INTO PEACE GALA SATURDAY, APRIL 26

#### **DOUBLE TREE HILTON @ 6:00 P.M.**

Once again Hands of Peace is celebrating its efforts of fostering dialogue and friendship among Israeli, Palestinian and American youth. Glenview Community Church has been a part of HOP 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, 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 Hands of Peace website: <a href="https://www.handsofpeace.org">www.handsofpeace.org</a>.

Hands of Peace is also seeking local host families who can open their homes and their hearts for our Middle East participants during our Summer Program, which will take place from July 6 - 24! For information on hosting, please visit our website www.

handsofpeace.org or call Host Family Coordinator Gail Tatsuda at (847)559-0599. Applications are available online.



#### **CONFIRMATION CLASSES**

Our last confirmation classes are April 13 and April 27, 2014. No class on Easter Sunday, April 20. 8th graders will be confirmed on May 4 at the 10:00 worship service. The 7th graders will assist with morning tasks before and after the service. We will be registering 6th graders for confirmation later this month.



# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY SUNDAY, APRIL 13

Join us for pizza, bingo and celebration on April 13 at 11:15-12:30 p.m. in the Plymouth Room following worship.

#### **SUNDAY, APRIL 27**

Calling all 4th, 5th and 6th graders! We are having a party on April 27. It will feature karaoke, pizza, an ice-cream sundae bar, & open gym between 7:00 -9:00 p.m. Meet in the Plymouth Room.

#### **FISH IN APRIL**

Join us for after school faith and fun, "FISH" on April 24, May 1, and May 8. We will meet after school and enjoy a snack, a short Bible lesson, complete one part of a three week service project, and have time for gym games or other games. This is for K-5th grade. We will split up into age appropriate groups. We are asking that you sign up in advance by sending an email to elizabeth. ciccolini@gccucc.org. There will be a snack sign up. Please list the names and ages of the children and the dates your children can attend in the email. All three days would work out best but we understand schedules.

# PYF IN APRIL ON SUNDAYS 4-6 PM

#### **APRIL 13 - MISSION PROJECT**

Animal Beds. We will be making beds for an animal shelter.

Questions email <u>pyf.gcc@gmail.com</u>. Hope to see you soon! Elizabeth.

### WHAT'S HAPPENING AT GCC

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|-------|----------|---|--|--|
| THUR  | 9:00 AM  | Resale Shop until 5:00 PM, Plymouth Rm            |  |  |
| 04/10 | 9:00 AM  | GCC Yoga, Narthex                                 |  |  |
|       | 11:00 AM | GCC Working Out With Weights, Mayflower Rm        |  |  |
|       | 6:15 PM  | Bell Choir Rehearsal, Bell Rm                     |  |  |
|       | 7:30 PM  | Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary                |  |  |
| FRI   | 9:00 AM  | Resale Shop, Plymouth Rm                          |  |  |
| 04/11 | 1:00 PM  | Pickleball, Gym                                   |  |  |
|       | 7:00 PM  | Adult Volleyball, Gym                             |  |  |
|       | 7:00 PM  | CSA 156 Service Fair, Mayflower Rm                |  |  |
|       | 8:00 PM  | AA Meeting, Parlor                                |  |  |
|       | 8:00 PM  | Al-Anon, Library                                  |  |  |
| SAT   | 8:00 AM  | Men's Open Gym, Gym                               |  |  |
| 04/12 | 9:00 AM  | Resale Shop, Plymouth Rm                          |  |  |
|       | 12:00 PM | Marian Johnson Memorial, Sanctuary                |  |  |
|       | 1:00 PM  | Marian Johnson Reception, Mayflower Rm            |  |  |
|       | 7:30 PM  | Sing To Live Concert, Ticketed Event, Sanctuary   |  |  |
| SUN   | 8:00 AM  | Stewardship Board Mtg., Upper Rm                  |  |  |
| 04/13 | 8:45 AM  | Opening Prayers/Confirmation Classes, Plymouth Rr |  |  |
|       | 9:15 AM  | Primary Choir Rehearsal, Rm 201                   |  |  |
|       | 10:00 AM | Palm Sunday Worship, Sanctuary                    |  |  |
|       | 10:00 AM | Sunday School, Sanctuary                          |  |  |
|       | 11:00 AM | Fellowship Hour, Mayflower Rm                     |  |  |
|       | 11:15 AM | Bell Choir Rehearsal, Bell Rm                     |  |  |
|       | 11:15 AM | Fellowship Board Mtg., Rm 213                     |  |  |
|       | 11:15 AM | Leadership Board Mtg., Founders Rm                |  |  |
|       | 12:00 PM | Kids Bingo, Mayflower Rm                          |  |  |
|       | 3:30 PM  | Voices of GCC Rehearsal, Rm 201                   |  |  |
|       | 4:00 PM  | PYF, Youth Rm                                     |  |  |
|       | 5:30 PM  | Children's Musical Rehearsal, Sanctuary           |  |  |
| MON   | 9:30 AM  | Finding My Spirit, Library                        |  |  |
| 04/14 | 1:00 PM  | Pickleball, Gym                                   |  |  |
|       | 6:00 PM  | Children's Musical Rehearsal, Sanctuary           |  |  |
|       | 6:30 PM  | Faith In Action Team, Parlor                      |  |  |
|       | 7:00 PM  | BSA 156 Patrol Leasdership Mtg., Founders Rm      |  |  |
|       | 7:00 PM  | Children's Board Mtg., Youth Rm                   |  |  |
|       | 7:00 PM  | Planning Committee Mtg., Rm 213                   |  |  |
|       | 7:00 PM  | GCC Yoga, Rm 201                                  |  |  |
|       | 7:15 PM  | Finance Board Mtg., Library                       |  |  |
|       | 7:30 PM  | Mission Outreach Board Mtg., Parlor               |  |  |
| TUE   | 8:30 AM  | GCC Music and Movement, Cradle Toddler Rm         |  |  |
| 04/15 | 12:00 PM | 60 Plus Luncheon, Mayflower Rm                    |  |  |
| =     | 5:30 PM  | Children's Musical Rehearsal, Sacntuary           |  |  |
| WED   | 9:00 AM  | GCC Music and Movement, Cradle Toddler Rm         |  |  |
| 04/16 | 9:30 AM  | Chapter 20 Mtg., Parlor                           |  |  |
|       | 1:00 PM  | Weekly Bible Study, Parlor                        |  |  |
|       | 5:30 PM  | Children's Musical Rehearsal, Sacntuary           |  |  |
|       | 6:00 PM  | PYF Wednesdays, Youth Rm                          |  |  |
|       | 8:00 PM  | Venture Crew, Rm 5 and Gym                        |  |  |

| THU   | 9:00 AM  | GCC Yoga, Narthex                                 |  |  |
|-------|----------|---|--|--|
| 04/17 | 9:00 AM  | Working Out With Weights, Mayflower Rm            |  |  |
|       | 6:30 PM  | North Sub. Family Day Care Mtg., Founders Rm      |  |  |
|       | 7:00 PM  | Maundy Thursday Service, Sanctuary                |  |  |
| FRI   | 2:00 PM  | Dress Rehearsal for Godspell, Jr., Sanctuary      |  |  |
| 04/18 | 7:00 PM  | Good Friday Worship with Godspell, Jr., Sanctuary |  |  |
|       | 8:00 PM  | AA Meeting, Parlor                                |  |  |
|       | 8:00 PM  | Al-Anon Meeting, Library                          |  |  |
| SAT   | 9:00 AM  | Men's Open Gym, Gym                               |  |  |
| 04/19 | 7:00 PM  | Easter Vigil, Founders Rm                         |  |  |
| SUN   | 9:00 AM  | Easter Sunday Worship, Sanctuary                  |  |  |
| 04/20 | 11:00AM  | Easter Sunday Worship, Sanctuary                  |  |  |
| MON   |          | Church Building is Closed                         |  |  |
| 04/21 |          |   |  |  |
| TUE   | 8:30 AM  | GCC Music and Movement, Cradle Toddler Rm         |  |  |
| 04/22 | 11:00 AM | Lily Pick Up, Narthex                             |  |  |
|       | 11:30 AM | WA Chapter 8, Founders Rm                         |  |  |
|       | 6:30 PM  | Operating Committee Mtg., Mayflower Rm            |  |  |
|       | 7:00 PM  | Spiritual Council Mtg., Mayflower Rm              |  |  |
| WED   | 8:30 AM  | GCC Music and Movement Class, Cradle/Toddler Rm   |  |  |
| 04/23 | 9:00 AM  | Resale Shop, Plymouth Rm                          |  |  |
|       | 1:00 PM  | Weekly Bible Study, Parlor                        |  |  |
|       | 6:00 PM  | PYF Wednesdays, Youth Rm                          |  |  |
|       | 7:00 PM  | BSA 156 Troop Mtg., Mayflower Rm                  |  |  |
|       | 7:00 PM  | Wednesday Night Bible Study, Parlor               |  |  |
|       | 8:00 PM  | Venture Crew, Rm 5 & Gym                          |  |  |
|       |          |   |  |  |

# THE NEXT DEADLINE FOR THE BROADCASTER IS APRIL 23, 2014 AT 9:00 AM

#### **THANK YOU**

Thank you for the beautiful plant arrangement given in honor of my 20th Ordination Anniversary. What a beautiful expression of your support and care.

Blessings, Becky Erb Strang, Pastor, St. Paul UCC New Bremen, OH

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SATURDAY, APRIL 12 7:30 PM SING TO LIVE® COMMUNITY CHORUS

**TICKETED EVENT** 

"The Best of Broadway": Enjoy the sounds of America's most endearing shows, past and present, from the time-honored hits of the golden age to the intimate gems of more contemporary musicals. Wilbert Watkins, Conductor. General Admission: \$20, Seniors/Students: \$15, breast cancer survivors complimentary. Tickets available online at <u>singtolive.org</u> or at the door.

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