

Pilgrims Progress

Most major events occur just like any other events. Only after the events and their impact on our lives become long lasting do we begin to recognize and identify them as major events. Leaving my parents' home and going away to college was a major event in my life. However, at the time it seemed merely the normal thing to do. I had no idea when I left for college that I would never live in my hometown again. That thought did not cross my mind at the time. We do anticipate that some events will have a major impact on our lives because we are aware that similar events have had a major impact on others. The birth of a child, the death of a spouse, or retirement are major events for many people.

Easter is an important day in the life of the church and for those who identify themselves as Christians. A significant amount of time and energy are focused toward Easter in anticipation of its arrival. Then Easter comes and goes like any other day and we are immediately back to our normal routines. Nothing extraordinary happened. Oh, if you were in church on Easter, the music was more spectacular than usual and there were a couple more people in worship than usual but other than that it was pretty much a "same o, same o" kind of day.

The appearances of the risen Christ have prominent importance in the Gospel of John. What Jesus said during these appearances are afterwords that have had lasting meaning and value for his disciples then and for disciples through the centuries.

Frederick Buechner has these observations about the resurrection of Jesus. "The way the Gospel writers tell it, in other words, Jesus came back from death not in a blaze of glory but more like a candle flame in the dark, flickering first in this place, then in that place, then in no place at all... It was the most extraordi-

nary thing they believed had ever happened, and yet they tell it so quietly that you have to lean close to be sure what they are telling. They tell it as softly as a secret, as something so precious and holy, and fragile, and unbelievable, and true, that to tell it any other way would be somehow to dishonor it. To proclaim the resurrection the way they do, you would have to say it in whispers: 'Christ has risen.' Like that."

"All the wonderful things that are going on around us on Easter Sunday can sometimes make us more conscious than usual that nothing even close to all that wonderful is going on inside ourselves.

"That is why the Sundays after Easter are so precious, and precious because, in their comparatively subdued, low-key way, they seem not only closer to how the resurrection actually took place as the Gospels describe it but, more important still, closer to the reality of the resurrection as you and I are apt to experience it. These everyday Sundays without all the flowers and music and exaltation are like the kind of day that Luke describes in his account of two disciples on their walk from Jerusalem to Emmaus some seven miles away." (The Longing for Home, p. 143-144) May we hear a lasting word for our lives in the afterwords of Easter. May the meaning of Easter take root in our lives and burst forth filling our lives with promise and hope every day.

Howard

Church policy provides Good Friday as a holiday. However, with Good Friday meditation and worship opportunities, the Monday after Easter is the practical day for the building to be closed. That day is also a holiday for the Nursery School. Therefore, the church building will be closed on Monday, April 25.

HOLY WEEK

APRIL 21, 2011

MAUNDY THURSDAY

COMMUNION

7:30 p.m.

Pilgrim Wind Ensemble and Men's Chorus

Rev. Dr. Pam Keckler

APRIL 22, 2011
GOOD FRIDAY

7:30 p.m.

Chancel Choir Faure Requiem

Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts Andy Lewis

APRIL 24, 2011
EASTER SUNDAY

9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. Chancel Choir , Voices of GCC and Joyful Ringers

Scripture:

Mark 16:1-8, 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Sermon:

"The Miracle of Resurrection" Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts

MAY 1, 2011

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

COMMUNION

9:30 a.m.

Chancel Choir

Scripture: John 20:19-31

We will confirm 26 eighth graders.

Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts Rev. Dr. Pam Keckler

Chancel Choir presents Fauré Requiem

The Chancel Choir will perform the masterpiece, Requiem, by Gabriel Fauré, for the Good Friday Service, Friday, April 22, at 7:30 p.m. with professional orchestra and soloists taken from the choir conducted by Director of Music, Andrew Lewis.

The Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts will preside over the Good Friday service, offering readings and meditations.

Chapel Open During Lent

The Chapel will be open during Holy Week for your prayer and meditation Monday through Friday from Noon until 6:00 p.m. If you are here at other times, please come to the office and we will open the chapel if it is not in use.

Mid-Week Lenten Soup – Study – Prayers

Special thanks to all the Boards and groups who helped with soup and bread preparation for our Wednesday Lenten times together. We are grateful to: Pastoral Care Board, Services and Sacraments Board, the Hinchsliff and Winton families, Membership Board and the Men's Ministry.

SOLID ROCK

GCC Men's Ministry cordially invites all GCC members and friends to attend a presentation by Solid Rock Carpenters on Wednesday, May 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the GCC Founders, refreshments will be served.

Solid Rock Carpenters was started in 2005 by Scott and Jeff Engle. They have had about 30 teams travel to Louisiana and Mississippi to build more than 20 homes with Habitat for Humanity.

In addition they have worked on many different Habitat projects including: Blitz and "Accelerated" builds, framing of houses in Glenview that were shipped to Louisiana, building a playground and building beds for homeless shelters.

Donations will be accepted to support future Solid Rock Carpenters projects. To learn more about Solid Rock Carpenters go to: www.solidrockcarpenters.org.

Adult Education Program

There will be no Adult Education presentation on May 1 due to the open forum discussion on the times/numbers/days of upcoming church services during coffee hour. There will be no Adult Education on May 8 due to celebration of Mother's Day

Come to a **PARTY!**

A Worship Brainstorming Party, that is... The Planning Committee of the Executive Board, the Moderators, Ministers



and Program Staff met recently to discuss the impact of having one worship service the past 9 months and our future recommendation to Executive Board followed by a report to the congregation at the Annual Meeting on May 24. We would like to hear ideas from the congregation concerning what you would like in a worship service, specifically thinking of two different services, what you don't want, suggested times and styles or types of worship, etc. Because of our time restraints, we are planning to hold two brainstorming sessions during the coffee hours on Sunday, May 1 and May 8 both at 10:45 a.m. We are aware these are busy days, but hope that you can give a few minutes to provide input. Since this is a brainstorming event, all ideas will be put on an easel, but no comments or opinions of others' suggestions will be permitted. The ground rules will be read before we begin. If you are unable to attend but have ideas, please submit them in writing to one of the moderators or ministers. Children are welcome to attend these sessions, and snacks will be available. Hope to see you at the party!!

The Resale Shop

The Resale Shop will be closed Holy Week, Wednesday, April 20 through Saturday, April 23. It will reopen on Wednesday, April 27.

Visit our website at <u>www.theresaleshop-glenview.com</u>.



Jim Coyl Ordination Service

Save the date: Jim Coyl will be ordained into the ministry on Sunday, May 22 at 3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Reception to follow after the service.



Let's Get in Shape! Core Fusion Classes for

Core Fusion Classes for Men and Women

When Traditional Core Exercises with a touch of Pilates, Balance Training and "Boot Camp" meet, you have a fusion class that will challenge your core muscles (abdominal and back muscles). There will be a variety of exercises that will help get you in shape.

Join Yvonne Bennett, personal trainer, for these core classes that promise to meet and exceed your expectations and keep you coming back for more.

When: Tuesdays, May 3, 17, 24, 31 **Time:** 7:00 p.m. - 7:45 p.m. in the gym **Cost:** \$40.00 for all 4 weeks

Minimum of 8-10 participants for the class to be held. Questions? Call Marilyn Belleau, Advocate Health Care Parish Nurse, at (847)724-2210 ext. 30



Monday, May 2 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 3 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Please join us for the 6th annual GCCNS Spring Boutique. Over 20 vendors, most of them new to our boutique, will be selling jewelry, purses, workout wear, home décor, personalized stationery, children's clothes, toys and more. Visit www.gccns.com/springboutique for a list of our wonderful vendors.



10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Stories by the kids were chosen to be published in a coffee table book in honor of the By The Hand Club's 10th anniversary. The following story is by two second grade girls who participated in the American Girl Fashion Show last year sponsored by GCC.

FEELING FANCY

We were chosen because we got A's, B's, and C's on our report cards. Ms. Christine, from By The Hand, called our mothers and told them the news. "Congratulations! We are proud of you," they said. Our moms were almost as excited as we were. "It's the chance of a lifetime!" we said.

The night before the show, we stayed at Ms. Emily's house. She was a Team Leader from By The Hand. We ate pizza and had a sleepover with three other girls who were going to be models too. We were excited and a little nervous about the show. "Will people like us, or will they laugh at us?" we wondered. We were smiling on the outside, but inside our stomachs were turning and saying, "Ewww!" Eventually we went to sleep and dreamed about the show.

The next morning, we drove to the pretty hotel where the event was happening. It was a big building where rich people stay and it smelled fresh, like it was really clean. Ms. Emily told us to be on our best behavior, and we were.

As soon as we arrived, we went upstairs to a room where we tried on our clothes. One of our dresses was green and one was lavender. They both had full skirts and were fitted especially for us. They were fancy and made us feel beautiful. Our mothers were very excited and wanted to help us get ready for the fashion show, but they could not come with us. There were about thirty-five girls from other places at the show. There were big girls and little girls all around the room stepping into dresses, brushing their hair, and talking with each other. The room was as busy as a grocery store full of people. We were quiet and watched the

scene, clutching our baby dolls tight to our chests.

Then, the show started. Right before we walked out our stomachs felt tight, because we didn't know anyone in the audience, and the lights were very bright. But clothes made us feel so fancy that we forgot to be nervous for a little while.

We stepped out on the runway and a spotlight shined on us. When we walked the runway, we carried an American Girl doll, which was dressed up just like us. It was so exciting! The runway seemed like a long way to walk down and a long way back, and we had to go to the very top tip of it. We smiled and held our heads up high. We were so happy. When we walked down the runway, we looked right into the crowd of people, and they smiled back and clapped for us. We liked getting so much attention. We thought we were going to be famous because important people took pictures of us.

We felt beautiful. At the show, we learned we could do something to make us feel proud of ourselves. Now we feel more confident in other areas of life, like tests at school, gym, and meeting new people. When we doubt ourselves, we just remember the runway and say, "We can do this! Don't be afraid of new things or new people!" We feel confident we could be models again and people would enjoy watching us. Now that we're experienced, maybe we could get paid this time.

Jakhia Chatman and Ashanti Adams



GCC CHILDREN'S MUSICAL

Please mark your calendar and plan to see this year's GCC Children's Musical Life of the Party on either Sunday, May 8th (Mother's Day) during the 9:30 a.m. service or Monday, May 9th at 6:30 p.m. The play focuses on the lives of sisters Mary and Martha and their brother Lazarus. The show appeals to all ages with songs that range from lighthearted and humorous to moving and dramatic. And you don't want to miss the youngest cast members with their "sheepish" grins!

Rebuilding Together GCC April 30 Work Date Sign Up NOW!

AGES 14 AND OLDER

GCC is participating again in the Rebuilding Together project on Saturday, April 30. The GCC project this year is in Waukegan and we will be working on a house that belongs to a widowed mother raising five foster children. This work day is open to ages 14 and older and we have volunteer drivers lined up if you want to carpool from GCC. You can sign up for an 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. shift or a 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. shift. There will be storage related construction projects, organization/purging/hauling, and landscaping to be done at the site. Duties will be assigned by the house captain upon arrival. RSVP to GCC member Kristine Voelker at kristine voelker@yahoo.com ASAP so we can put a strong GCC team together. Low-income elderly and families with disabled members often have no place to turn when the roof begins to leak, the front steps crumble or interior home improvements need to be done. Rebuilding Together's goal is to help preserve those homes and neighborhoods and assure a warm, safe and dry home for people in need. Home ownership stabilizes and strengthens communitie (www.rebuildingtogethernsc.com).

Confirmation

7th Grade

Thank you for the lovely portraits of Holy Week you created. They will be on display around the church for the next few weeks. On May 1 you will attend worship with your teachers as our 8th graders are confirmed at 9:30 a.m..

8th Grade

The overnight retreat weekend is April 29-30. Review the information letter and turn in your forms as soon as possible.

PYF

Enjoy spending Easter Sunday, April 24, with your families; there will be no PYF that afternoon.

Congratulations

Warren & Judy Fellingham are thrilled to announce the "homecoming" of their new grandson, Warren Luther Fellingham, IV born April 3, 2011. Proud parents are Warren, III & Sharon Fellingham. GLENVIEW COMMUNITY CHURCH

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AFFILIATES:

Marcia Kiraly, *Director, GCC Nursery School* **Barbara Thewis,** *Manager, Resale Shop*

Return Service Requested

At A Glance

THRS 4/21 6:30 pm NS Family Day Care Assn., Rm 201

7:30 pm Maundy Thursday Worship Service, Sanctuary

8:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

FRI 4/22 12:00 pm Good Friday Meditation, Chapel

7:30 pm Worship Service, Fauré Requiem, Sanctuary

8:00 pm AA Mtg., Parlor

8:00 pm Al-Anon Mtg., Rm 201

SAT 4/23 9:00 am Men's Open Gym, Gym

SUN 4/24 9:00 am Easter Worship Service, Sanctuary

11:00 am Easter Worship Service, Sanctuary

MON 4/25 Building Closed Easter Holiday Observance

TUE $\,$ 4/26 $\,$ 11:30 am WA Chapter 8, Founders Rm

4:00 pm Hebrew School, Various Rms

7:00 pm Executive Board Mtg., Founders Rm

WED $\,$ 4/27 $\,$ 6:00 pm PYF Small Groups, Youth Rm

7:00 pm BSA 156 Troop Mtg., Gym & Rm 201

8:00 pm Venture Crew, Rm 210 & Gym

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Pastoral Care

Our prayers and sympathy to Sally Sargent and her family upon the death of her mother, Vida Larson on April 15, 2011.

Broadcaster Deadlines:

Submit articles by 9:00 a.m., Wednesday to Tania McCarthy via e-mail at <u>tania.mccarthy@gccucc.org.</u>