

PORTERS ON A WAGON TRAIN

Two of my predecessors died this month. Many of you knew and loved **Doug** Runnels. The Rev. Dr. Douglas C. Runnels served as Senior Minister of Glenview Community Church for eleven years – from 1990 to his retirement in 2001. Doug died at his home in Hopkins, Minnesota on Thursday, April 5. We will give thanks for his life and trust him to the everlasting care of our God at a memorial service at GCC on the month anniversary of his passing: Saturday, May 5 at 2:00 p.m., with a reception following in the Mayflower Room. In preparation for Doug's service I've been spending some time in the church archives. But the greatest gift in my posthumous acquaintance with Doug is my ongoing conversation with his widow Rachel - on the phone, by email, and in person. What a blessing!

It's unlikely that any of you knew my other predecessor who entered life everlasting this month. The Rev. John J. Staton served as Senior Minister of Union United Church of Christ in Green Bay for seven years – from 1982 to his retirement in 1989. John died at a care facility in Carmel, Indiana on Saturday, April 14. A celebration of the resurrection and thanksgiving for his life will be held at First Congregational UCC in Indianapolis on Sunday, April 13. Through my years in Green Bay I was blessed to come to know John very well. With extraordinarily gentle grace, he would surprise me at just the right time with an email, a letter, or a phone call that were consistently pastoral and gave me uniquely supportive encouragement that only someone else who had served in that ministry could do. What a blessing!

42 years ago I heard a sermon that I've remembered and that has stuck with me ever since. It was preached by the Rev. Dr. **Rudolph Raber** in Elmhurst College's Hammerschmidt Chapel for the 100th anniversary service of St. Peter's United Church of Christ in Elmhurst. His sermon was based on a singularly uninspiring text about Israel's journey through the wilderness from Numbers 33 (read it if you're really bored!). Dr. Raber titled his sermon Porters on a Wagon Train. His singularly inspiring message was that, in our day, we each are trusted to steward, care for and transport holy things. Then, when we have done that for a little while, we hand those holy things off to others.

Doug and John were porters for the holiest of treasures: the good news of God's love in Jesus Christ. Doug was a gospel porter for Glenview Community Church for eleven years; John was a gospel porter for Union United Church of Christ for seven years. Then they passed that work on to another and, with one porter in between in both churches, their treasures passed to me.

Our culture often has a superstar obsession. And, when we are smitten by our superstar, no one else can ever measure up. But that's not the way it works in a Christian community. We all bear the gifts. We all share the work. We are all porters; each of us unique. The Apostle Paul says it this way:

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die

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WORSHIP 10:00 AM APRIL

MUSIC SUNDAY
MISA CRIOLLA
BY ARIEL RAMÍREZ

performed by the Glenview Community Church Chancel Choir, soloists, and South American band Raíces del Ande.

Guillermo Muñoz Küster Director of Adult Choirs

MAY

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY COMMUNION

Scripture: Psalm 98 John 15:9-17

Sermon: Friends Together Rev. Dr. Pam Keckler

PYF SUNDAY

Scripture: Psalm 148, Revelation 21:1-6 John 13:31-35

Sermon: Various Sermons by the Youth Rev. Elizabeth Hartung-Ciccolini

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All Things New

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to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Just now, I am a porter of the gospel on God's wagon train of faith for Glenview Community Church. And I'm not alone. Because our congregational way believes that God has made each one of us a gospel porter. No one is exempt. No one can do that for us. We each bear holy things.

So give thanks with me for **Doug Runnels** and **John Staton**: two faithful porters on God's wagon train of faith from whose heritage I have received and, one day, whose hope I will pass on. But that's yesterday and tomorrow. This is today, and today the wagon train is ours. Friends, there's a world waiting for its cargo...the surpassing love of God in Jesus Christ!

See you in church! Chuck Mize

KNITTERS NEWS

We will continue to knit 8" squares for Knit-A-Square, as well as hats, mittens, gloves and scarves for our friends at **A Just Harvest**. We will also be knitting baby items for **The Night Ministry's Teen Parenting** program (RAPPP.) We will meet in the Library at church on Wednesday, May 2 from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.

LIFE EVERLASTING

We trust the promise of the resurrection for **Mary Dohring** who passed away on Thursday, April 12, even as we hold **her daughter Bonnie** and their family in our prayers. Services were private...and for **Marietta Paynter** who died on Monday, April 23 after a short illness, even as we hold her son **Bruce**, her daughter **Megan Anderson**, and their whole family in our prayers. A celebration of **Marietta's** life is planned for June 23 at GCC.



Join us on Sunday, April 29 for a special, music-filled service, as our Chancel Choir offers *Misa Criolla* by Argentinian composer **Ariel Ramírez**. Sung in Spanish and accompanied with original South American instruments, this lively and expressive mass will take you on a journey of the rhythms and sounds of the Andean region. Presented by the Chancel Choir, soloists, and South American band *Raíces del Ande*. Join us!

PEACE GROWS HERE

Hands of Peace is celebrating its 15th anniversary. As a founding sponsor, GCC has been part of that entire journey. All members are invited to attend the *Spring Benefit "Peace Grows Here"* on Sunday, May 6, 5:30-9:00 p.m. at the Chicago Botanic Garden to mark this unique program's development of peace-building and leadership skills in Israeli, Palestinian and American youth. Tickets are \$175 at handsofpeace.org or 847-707-7033.

PYF SPRING 2018

PYF is on Sundays from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. in the Youth Room unless otherwise noted.

APRIL 29 Staytreat Part 2: Capture the Flag.

MAY 6

PYF Field Trip: Navy Pier. Meet at the church at 12:45 p.m. We will take the train and water taxi to Navy Pier. We will return right around 6:00 p.m.

MAY 13 Youth Sunday

PYF HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP OPEN HOUSE INVITING ALL 8TH GRADE YOUTH AND THEIR PARENTS

The Faith Formation Ministry encourages and invites all 8th grade students and their parents for a fun and informational session about the PYF Program. This is a great opportunity to hear from PYF youth and church leaders about the program and its impact in supporting the transition to high school! The Open House will begin at 4:00 p.m. on May 20 in the Youth Room and include sessions for both parents and youth and will conclude with an ice cream social around 5:30. Please join us and if you have any questions contact Elizabeth Ciccolini at Elizabeth.Ciccolini@gccucc.org.

HELP WANTED FOR THE AUDIO/ VIDEO TEAM

The Audio/Video Team desperately needs additional volunteers to assist with the recording of audio and video of weekly services and periodic concerts. Our intrepid team currently consists of only 3 people. An additional 4-6 people would allow for , on a typical Sunday , one person to operate the cameras/video and another person to be responsible for recording the audio of the service. A team of 8 people would allow for a two person crew each week and provide flexibility in the event of schedule conflicts. The job is not that difficult and training would be provided. The commitment would be approximately one service a month and a periodic concert. Please contact Brian Grad at brian.grad@gmail.com if interested.

MYRA LORIS RETURNS "SIX YEARS THAT SHAPED AMERICA" 1946-1952

May 1 A **NEW WORLD/A NEW KIND OF WAR** scrutinizes the escalation of the Cold War, focusing on such issues as the Berlin Airlift, and also at the goals and consequences of both the creation of the United Nations and the Marshall Plan.

May 16 *SPIES, STALEMATE, AND "THE SUPER"* analyzes the changing national and foreign policies of the US that would result in the creation of the Hydrogen Bomb, the spy trials of the Rosenbergs, Alger Hiss and others and to a new and deadly "Police Action" in Korea.

June 5 *IKE, ADLAI, AND WE ALL LOVE LUCY* takes a look at the growing power of television as an entertainment, economic, social, and political force that would change America forever. Will look closely at the phenomenon of "*Uncle Miltie*", *I Love Lucy* and focus on the role of TV in the 1952 Eisenhower-Stevenson presidential campaign.

Because of the construction, scheduled to begin in early May, lectures will be given in the sanctuary, accessible from the West parking lot entrance. Bathrooms will be available in the basement located near the Gym. As in the past, simple refreshments will be served beginning at 7:00 p.m. and the lecture will begin at 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$15 per lecture or all three for \$35. Tickets are available at the door.

All of this is subject to change as the construction process evolves. We will adapt as needed to the circumstances as they develop.

NEEDED PUPPET ADULT LEADERS

After many years of puppet service, Bob and Connie Schiele have decided to move on to other pursuits. We are very grateful for their tireless dedication to the puppet mission. Their departure provides an opportunity for someone to be part of something unique and wonderful at our church. As an adult leader, you will help continue a successful Sunday School program that has been making GCC kids learn about the bible, while laughing, for over 20 years.

The time commitment is one hour about 20 Sundays per year, 10 mainly in the fall and 10 mainly in the winter. This hour coincides with the sanctuary service. You DO NOT need to have experience. You DO NOT need to have a puppeteer in the program. You DO need to have a wacky sense of humor. You DO get to interact with and mentor our awesome high school puppeteers, and watch them grow in skill and confidence. You DO get to sing off-key, though this is not a requirement. And most importantly, you WILL be a part of program that has been making Sunday school fun for kids for over 20 years. Oh yes...and you will have a great time (and all the donuts you can eat)!

We look forward to your involvement. For more information contact Jim Habel, 847-997-2537. Sincerely the Puppet Team.

GIVING GLIMPSE FEBRUARY 2018

The Message, Ministries and Mission of Glenview Community Church thrive because you fulfill your stewardship commitments and make faithful contributions. It is essential that we remain current in our giving and ensure the fiscal health of the church. In the midst of our busy lives, we offer you this update reminder to keep in focus our progress on completing our financial commitments to GCC. This Financial Snapshot will be updated monthly and included in the worship bulletin and Broadcaster.

SUMMARY: We are \$57,494 better than budget through February. Our approved budget defines an annual deficit of \$79,779, so if the balance of the year holds plan, we will end 2018 with an operating deficit of \$22,285.

| | YTD | Over/(Under)Budget |
|--------------------|-----------|--------------------|
| Pledge Fulfillment | \$196,059 | \$33,259 |
| Other Income | \$45,872 | \$15,793 |
| Expenses | \$226,86 | (\$8,442) |
| Net Total | \$15,063 | \$57,494 |



MUSLIM AMERICANS WHAT RESEARCH REVEALS

THURSDAY, MAY 17, 2018 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Muslim Community Center

As you know, during the Islamic month of Ramadan, Muslims fast daily from dawn until sunset. We break our fast by eating a light meal, usually dates and water, called iftar. In addition to iftar and dinner, guests will be enlightened by Meira Neggaz, Executive Director at the Institute for Social Policy and Understanding, with a presentation on what research shows about Muslim Americans. The event is free and seating is limited. Guests must register by April 30 by emailing mccinterfaithteam@gmail.com with the names of the people in your party.

TAKE A STAND AGAINST RACISM

FRIDAY, APRIL 27, 2018

Between 10:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

At libraries, houses of worship, civic organizations and governmental bodies all over Chicagoland.

The Muslim Community Center Interfaith & Outreach Committee supports *Stand Against Racism* demonstrations on Friday, April 27 between 10:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. in various locations throughout the area. This is part of the national *Stand Against Racism*, a movement of the YWCA. Show the world that you are helping to end racism and will no longer ignore or tolerate racism. For more information, click here *standagainstracism.org* or to find a location near you, please click *standagainstracism.org/search-results. php?province=IL*.

SOUL SPACE INTERFAITH / LADIES RETREAT

SUNDAY, APRIL 29, 2018 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Topic: What is The Golden Rule, and How Do We Live it?
Turkish Cultural Center

Christianity, Islam and Judaism all promote various interpretations of the social imperative we think of as the Golden Rule, commonly expressed as "Treat others as you wish to be treated." Our retreat, featuring speakers from each faith, will explore how each religion advocates and interprets the Golden Rule, including various texts and writings that explain and deepen our understanding. In discussion groups that follow, we'll consider our diverse perceptions of the Golden Rule as well as the obstacles that can hinder our efforts to practice it. For more information, click here: soulspaceinterfaith.org/spring-2018-retreat-info

RALLY FOR ACTION BY THE POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN

THURSDAY, MAY 3, 2018 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Second Baptist Church in Evanston

The Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival is uniting tens of thousands of people across the country to challenge the evils of systemic racism, poverty, the war economy, ecological devastation and the nation's distorted morality. Muslim Community Center will participate. We need you to step up and join our efforts.

DAUGHTERS OF ABRAHAM - WOMEN SEEKING PEACE THROUGH UNDERSTANDING

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9, 2018 7 p.m. St. Viator High School, Arlington Heights

DAUGHTERS OF ABRAHAM: Women seeking Peace through Understanding. Valarie Kaur's TED Talk: Revoluntionary Love in a Time of Rage.

Join the Daughters of Abraham for a dialogue about how Jewish, Muslim and Christian women can join together as a force for revolutionary love in a time of polarization. Learn to be a Love Warrior. For more information contact daughtersofabe@gmail.com.



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| 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM | Resale Shop Open | Plymouth Room Narthex |
| 6:15 PM to 7:20 PM | Yoga Bell Rehearsal | Bell Room |
| 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM | Chancel Choir Rehearsal | Sanctuary |
| Friday, 27 April 2018 | | Cancidary |
| 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM | Resale Shop Open | Plymouth Room |
| 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM | GCC Volleyball | Gym |
| Saturday, 28 April 2 | · | Cy |
| 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM | Men's Open Gym | Gym |
| 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM | Resale Shop Open | Plymouth Room |
| Sunday, 29 April 20 | · | i iyinloddi i toolii |
| 8:45 AM to 9:50 AM | Confirmation Classes | Plymouth Room |
| 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM | Church School Children Meet in Sanctuary | SanctuaryM |
| 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM | GCC Worship - Chancel Choir Sunday | Sanctuary |
| 11:05 AM to 12:00 PM | Fellowship & Refreshments | Mayflower |
| 11:15 AM to 12:30 PM | Bobbie McKay/Spiritual Life Teams | Plymouth Room |
| 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM | PYF | Youth Room |
| 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM | Primary/Voices Choir Family Dinner | Mayflower |
| Monday, 30 April 20 | | · |
| 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM | Construction Meeting | Chapel |
| 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM | Yoga | Room 201 |
| Tuesday, 01 May 20 | | |
| 9:15 AM to 10:00 AM | Music and Movement | Cradle/Toddler Roo |
| 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM | Movie Night | Room 201 |
| 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM | Myra Lorris | Sanctuary |
| Wednesday, 02 May | • | , |
| 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM | Resale Shop Open | Plymouth Room |
| 4:00 PM to 5:14 PM | FISH | Mayflower |
| 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM | Knitters/Crocheters | Library |
| 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM | 6th-12th Grade Wednesday Youth Group | Youth Room |
| 5:30 PM to 6:15 PM | Community Dinner | Mayflower Room A |
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| 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM | Men's Open Gym | Gym |
| 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM | Resale Shop Open | Plymouth Room |
| 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM | Doug Runnels Memorial Service | SanctuaryM |
| Sunday, 06 May 201 | · · | , |
| 8:45 AM to 9:50 AM | Confirmation Classes | Plymouth Room |
| 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM | Church School Children Meet in Sanctuary | SanctuaryM |
| 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM | GCC Worship Service - Confirmation | Sanctuary |
| | Sunday | |
| 11:05 AM to 12:00 PM | Fellowship & Refreshments | Mayflower |
| 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM | PYF - Off Site | Youth Room |
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| 10:15 AM to 11:00 AM | Music and Movement | Cradle/Toddler Roo |
| 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM | HOP Board Meeting | Chapel |
| 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM | Ministry Steering Groups | Founders |
| Wednesday, 09 May | 2018 | |
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Sanctuary

9:00 AM to 10:00 AM

7:30 PM to 9:00 PM

Yoga

Chancel Choir Rehearsal

SPIRITUAL LIFE TEAM

Spring is always the time for new life and new growth and our spiritual life team program is growing!!

WE HAVE FOUR NEW TEAMS STARTING IN 2018!

- 1. For women, led by Kelly Golding and Pam Riedy; spring 2018.
- 2. For men, led by Mike Lauesen, Doug Morgan and Jason Stutz; spring 2018.
- 3. For couples, led by Karen and Tom Aldrich; spring/summer 2018.
- 4. Our genesis team for everyone: female or male; any age; married or not; member of GCC or considering membership: led by Debby Shellard, Debby Fosdick and Kerry Karth; summer 2018.

We also have a national UCC event happening at GCC on Saturday, May 19, between 9:30 and 1:00 to demonstrate the spiritual life team program for all GCC members, friends and neighbors, and UCC churches in Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa and Indiana.

Come and see two teams in action; talk to team members about the program and make new spiritual connections!

FOR ALL SPIRITUAL SEEKERS!

Two opportunities to grow your spiritual life and two special events to lift your spirit!

MAY 19, 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. *Discover Your Own Spiritual Life:* A discussion and demonstration of the Spiritual Life Team Program at GCC. This program, based on powerful interfaith research, will help you discover your own spiritual life in the company of other spiritual seekers. You will see a demonstration of this program and a discussion to answer your questions. Lunch is available by reservation. Contact Bobbie: <a href="mailto:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbie:bobbi

MAY 30, 7:30 p.m. Satisfy Your Musical Spirit: A Performance of a contemporary spiritual opera, The King's Journey, with music by Bobbie McKay and story by Lew Musil, will be presented by singers and chamber orchestra from Northwestern University Bienen School of Music. This is the story of everyone who looks for God and finds God in an unexpected and powerful experience that transforms our lives. Performed in the Sanctuary. No reservations needed.



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OFFICE HOURS

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

