

What Will Make Your Heart Sing? Sabbatical Plans

In its program to support clergy renewal, the Lilly Endowment asks a simple question: what will make your heart sing? Whether one is planning a three month sabbatical, a two-week vacation or a weekend get-away, this question gets to the point. Webster defines sabbatical as "a break or change from normal routine." The United Church of Christ describes it as a time for rest, renewal, and recovery.

Twenty-five years ago, research showed that clergy dealt better with stress than most professionals. Today, stress leads to higher rates of drug abuse, alcoholism, and suicide among doctors, lawyers, and clergy. Sabbatical is viewed as a preventive or restorative strategy leading to renewed energy, enthusiasm, creativity and commitment.

Planning for this sabbatical began a year ago when I asked ten members of GCC if they would be willing to work with me in preparing for this time away. I am grateful to Gary Berkenstock, Lloyd Bettis, Don Clark, Amy Davis, Dick Gottfred, Gretchen Grad, Bill Ryan, Jane Sanderson, Tracy Sawires, and Jackie Seter for the support they have given me. With them I have been able to clarify what really makes my heart sing -- having time to read, to write, to walk by the lake.

The focus of my reading will cover two primary areas of interest: church vitality and rhetoric. Resources for church vitality include the Gallup Organization, Alban Institute and the Lombard Mennonite Peace Center. Another is Robert Schnase's book, Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations -- radical hospitality, passionate worship, intentional faith development, risk-taking mission and service, and extravagant generosity.

The other area I will explore is rhetoric or the art of persuasion. Jay Heinrichs wrote "Thank You for Arguing: What Aristotle, Lincoln, and Homer Simpson Can Teach Us About the Art of Persuasion". Heinrichs lists additional sources including: "Rhetoric" by Aristotle, "On the Ideal Orator" by Cicero, "On Christian Doctrine" by Augustine, and Kenneth Burke's, "A Rhetoric of Motives".

I also plan to participate in one or two workshops at the lowa Writer's Festival and spend a few days at the Benedictine Monastery in Wisconsin. Reading, writing, walking will make the months between May 15 and August 15 race by. I am grateful that GCC has extended this opportunity to me.

Rev. Sally Iberg



Celebrations

On Sunday, May 10 at both coffee hours, please join us in wishing Rev. Sally Iberg a joyful send-off as she begins her 3 month sabbatical leave!

Celebrations will be held at coffee hour after both the 8:30 and 10:30 services in the Mayflower Room.

You won't want to miss the musical entertainment and delicious treats! Come and share your good wishes with Sally. Would you like to contribute a dessert? Contact Gretchen Grad at gmgrad@comcast.net or 847-998-5576. thank you!

1st Sunday Conversations

Some have expressed interest in conversation with the Senior Minister regarding sermons, worship, and other topics. After visiting the Senior Housing Fair in the Mayflower Room join us in Room 5 for conversation.

SUNDAY SERVICES

MAY 3, 2009

Church Music Sunday

8:30 a.m. *Pilgrim Wind Ensemble*

Scripture:

Colossians 3:12-17

Sermon:

"Music: One Faith Expression" Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts

10:30 a.m.

Chancel Choir and
University of Illinois and

Chicago Choirs

MAY 10, 2009

4th Graders will receive their Bibles

8:30 a.m. Voices of GCC

10:30 a.m. Voices of GCC &

Primary Choir

Scripture:

Jeremiah 1:4-10; Timothy 3:14-17

Sermon:

"How We Got The Bible" Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts

MAY 17, 2009

Mission Moment

8:30 a.m. Bell Choir

10:30 a.m. Bell Choir

Scripture:

Psalm 98; John 15:9-17

Sermon:

"Choices"

Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts

Financial Summary

As of March 31, 2009, year to date, a summary of pledges received to date (Pledges Made), payments received against the pledges made (Pledges Paid), total revenues (including Pledges Paid) received (Total Revenues), and actual expense paid (Expenditures) is summarized below:

Pledges Made \$966,302 Pledges Paid \$307,675

Total Revenues \$391,644 Expenditures \$357,154

Respectfully submitted Rob Hevey Treasurer

An Opportunity

Are you facing challenges in the Job Market? On Sunday, May 10 from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m., join Andrew Olson, with 25 years of executive search experience will discuss "Organizing Yourself for a Career Change – First Steps." This session will be held in room 5 in the lower level of GCC. Join us for a very helpful program for those who wish to change careers, find employment, or return to the workforce.

GCC Career Network AN INSIDE TRACK ON RECRUITERS

MONDAY, MAY 4TH

12:00 & 7:00 p.m. in the Plymouth Room guest speakers: Regina Rekus and Jaclyn Laino on *The Inside Track on Recruiters*.

Come learn more about how recruiters search for employees, the different tools they use and pick up some resume and networking tips too. Regina and Jaclyn are Personnel Consultants at Medix Staffing Solutions – a national staffing company specializing in the engineering, environmental, health care, insurance, scientific and IT industries. They will be available afterwards to discuss your resume and any opportunities Medix may have available.

If you are unemployed, returning to work, considering a job change or looking to expand your business network please join us! The GCC Career Network meets every other Monday at 12 p.m. and 7 p.m. for about 1½ hours. We share experiences, resources, job openings, hear speakers and support one another. Members also have access to a Yahoo! Group (http://groups.yahoo.com/group/GCCCareerNetwork) to get resources, share information and be alerted of opportunities. Just show up and bring a friend or neighbor.

Contact Alek & Renee Jablonski at 847-486-1920 or Rev. Pam Keckler at 847-724-2210 for more information.

Adult Education

Sundays 9:30 am in the Chapel

MAY 3

May is Older Americans Month...

In honor of Older Americans Month, Wendy Thornton will share with you the "Good News-Bad News". A story that illustrates how to create a long-range plan to allow an aging parent or spouse to receive care at home and postpone or prevent the need for care in a nursing home.

Ideas, suggestions for future Adult Education programs? E-mail Chris Calandra at ccalandra4@comcast.net

CMA Annual Spring Meeting

May 2 is the date and Christ Church of Chicago is the location of the Annual Spring Meeting of the Chicago Metropolitan Association. Registration forms are in the church office. If you can attend and are willing to serve as a delegate, please let Dr. Roberts know.

SAVE THE DATE

Take a night off cooking and enjoy the catering of Goode & Fresh at the next **GCC Spring BBQ** on MAY 15.

Sponsored by the Women's Association, Chapter 11.

Forms can be picked up in the church office.

BSA Pancake Breakfast

The annual Pancake Breakfast hosted by Boy Scout Troop 156 is scheduled for Saturday, May 9, 2009 in the Mayflower Room of Glenview Community Church located at the corner of Elm Street and Glenview Road. Doors open at 8:00 AM through 11:30 AM.

Tickets are \$5 and available from any Troop 156 Boy Scout or at the door. You can also buy tickets from uniformed Boy Scouts before and after each church service at Glenview Community Church on Sunday, May 3.

Proceeds will be used by participating Scouts to attend camping and high adventure trips.

For more information contact Assistant Scoutmaster Jeff Martin evenings at 847-729-0966 or you can e-mail him at jeffwmartin@comcast.net

All are welcome to attend.



Day Sunday, May 17

Mitzvah Day, May 17, is coming soon! In preparation we are collecting items that will help various projects. Please donate any of the following items: hotel toiletries (small soaps, shampoo, conditioner, hand cream, toothbrushes/paste) for health care kits for the homeless, old eye glasses for organizations that distribute glasses to those in need, used printer cartridges that will be recycled, old athletic shoes without metal eyelets (Nike recycles shoes into playground surfaces). Labeled bins for these items will be located near the church office and in the Narthex. Thanks for your help!!

Mitzvah Day Project DATE CHANGE

Change in date for Mitzvah Day project at The Grove: Project will take place on May 17 along with all other projects; not May 24 as previously announced! Please sign up for all projects no later than May 10. GCC will be host for the kick-off Brunch at noon for all participants! Please join us for this time of service and interfaith fellowship.

Thanks for all of your help with this important project.

Sincerely, Mary Anne Peruchini

SWEET SUPPORT FOR VILLAGE TREASURE HOUSE

Sweet Tomatoes (2351 Willow Road) will donate 15% of sales generated between 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Thursday, May 7 to Village Treasure House. Just present a special VTH coupon (available at the shop) or simply mention Village Treasure House when paying for your meal and beverage. Enjoy a hearty meal while helping VTH with its mission of supporting women and families in crisis.

We hope to see you there!

Knitters Group

The Knitters group will meet on Tuesday, May 12 at Noon in Room 5 at church. Anyone is welcome to join and learn how to knit or work on prayer shawls or other items. Bring a sandwich for your lunch if you wish. Questions? Call Nan Hinchsliff at 847-724-4836.

Simple Gifts is Proud to Present;



Bella Voce

May 2, 2009 7:30 p.m.

ANDREW LEWIS

Originally founded in 1982 as His Majestie's Clerkes, Bella Voce specializes in bringing little known pieces and neglected composers to their audiences. Wynne Delacoma of the Chicago Sun-Times declares the group "a perfect balance of the celestial and the earthly".

DON T MISS THE OPPORTUNITY TO SEE THIS HIGHLY ACCLAIMED GROUP IN OUR OWN SANCTUARY!

DIRECTED BY

The Simple Gifts Concert Series is proud to present Bella Voce, Saturday evening, May 2nd at 7:30 p.m. Our own Andy Lewis is the director of this acclaimed 24 voice a capella chamber group. Tickets are \$35, \$28, and \$22 for seniors and students. Tickets are available at the door or go to www.bellavoce.org.

"Silence and Music" is a program of folk songs and anthems of Ralph Vaughan Williams, Herbert Howells and more.

Bella Voce is committed to keeping the art of polyphonic, a capella singing alive.

Special Concert by GARY WENDT, Organist and the CHANCEL CHOIR May 1 & 3

Our very own Chancel Choir and organist Gary Wendt will be collaborating with the choirs of the University of Illinois at Chicago in both a concert performance and worship service of Maurice Duruflé's enchanting and moving Requiem, Op. 9.

You can hear the concert on Friday, May 1, 7:30 pm, at St. Francis of Assisi Church, 813 W. Roosevelt Rd. in Chicago. The Requiem will be repeated at Glenview Community Church at the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, May 3. We will have over 100 musicians in

our Sanctuary singing praises and thanks to God! A special envelope offering for Friends of Music will be gratefully accepted.

Not only is this collaboration a significant educational and spiritual experience for all the musicians but UIC and GCC additionally share the cost of the orchestra at significant savings for both institutions.

So mark your calendars: Friday, May 1 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Francis of Assisi Church and Sunday, May 3 at GCC at the 10:30 a.m. service.

See you there! Andy Lewis

Confirmation

8th Graders and Parents – PYF Open House on Sunday, May 17 from 3:30-5:30. Mark your calendars now. Stop by the youth room to hear about the youth program, meet the high school youth and enjoy some snacks and pool/ping pong. We look forward to welcoming you to PYF.

PYF Stock Sale

It's time to support our PYF Youth who are going on workcamp this summer from June 14-19. This year we've chosen to go to a Native American Reservation at Cass Lake in Minnesota. The youth will do several work projects which may include painting, insulating homes, caulking windows, cleaning, building wheelchair ramps or yard projects. Part of the week is also spent helping at Kids Club, which is a ministry for the community children. We are collecting various school supplies and books for the children on the reservation. The list is available at coffee hour or on the bulletin board by the Youth Room. Stock sales continue through May 3 as well as on Youth Sunday, May 31. Cost is \$10 a share. The youth look forward to talking to you about their upcoming mission trip. Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

PYF Topics and Events

May 3

Mini Trip to Chicago

We will take the train downtown and head to Millennium Park for a Photo Scavenger Hunt and sight seeing. We will meet at the church at 1:15 p.m. to walk over and catch the 1:39 p.m. train and be back at church by 6:15 p.m. Come and join us for this outing. Fun, snacks and adventure – RSVP would be helpful.

SACK DINNERS FOR THE NIGHT MINISTRY

PYF will meet on Wednesday May 6 instead of May 10. We are going to make sack dinners to bring down on Thursday May 7. We will meet from 8:30-9:30 p.m.



By the Hand Club

By the Hand Club (an organization helping inner-city children) is looking for packaged socks and underwear for all ages child -adult. If you would like to donate, look for the drop boxes at church. If you have any questions, please contact Kim Vanderveen of the Women's Association, Chapter 11; 847-730-3335.

Congratulations Confirmation Class of 2009

We congratulate these 8th Graders who were confirmed on April 26, 2009. We also thank their teachers for two years of service: Vicki Buzard, Monty Davis, Kerry Karth, and Bob McGee.

Benjamin Ach Zachary Baker Kimberly Bernstein Trevor Brown Casey Chiappetta **Audrey Crowder** Colin Davis Cayla Dupuis Dominic Gabuzzi Erika Grad

Hannah Herrmann Erica Hill Katherine lida Samuel Koloms Alexander Krueger Elizabeth Little Phoebe Metz **Emily Mitchell** Steven Mohr Mackenzie Morgan

Lindsey Oldshue Mara Pollard Joshua Raebel Nicolle De Roeck Michelle Rolf Carly Sands Samuel Selby **Robert Shaw** Ethan Spalding Greta Stadler

Matthew Stavins Olivia Stern Heather Tidwell Isabelle Uhl Katherine Vanderveen Nicolette Wells Allyson Wojick

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

At A Glance

Thurs	9:00 am	Resale Shop, Plymouth Rm until 5:00 pm
4-30	10:00 am	WA Joyce Schrager Lecture, Mayflower Rm
	6:15 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal, Bell Rm
	7:30 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Rm, Sanctuary
Fri	9:00 am	Resale Shop, Plymouth Rm until 1:00 pm
5-1	6:00 pm	NSVYR Volleyball,Gym
	8:00 pm	AA Mtg., Parlor
	8:00 pm	Al - Anon Meeting, Rm 201
Sat	9:00 am	Resale Shop, Plymouth Rm until 1:00 pm
5-2	11:30 am	Leadership Committee Mtg., Founders Rm
	7:00 pm	Concert Series "Bella Voce", Sanctuary
Sun	8:30 am	Sunday School, Rm 105
5-3	9:30 am	7th Grade Confirmation Class, Rm 8
	9:30 am	Fellowship Hour, Mayflower Rm
	9:30 am	Adult Education, Chapel
	9:45 am	Primary Choir Rehearsal, Rm 201
	10:15 am	Confirmation Closing Prayers, Youth Rm
	10:30 am	Sunday School Gathering, Rm 201
	11:30 am	Fellowship Hour, Mayflower Rm
	11:45 am	Confirmation Youth Board, Youth Rm
	4:00 pm	Concert Series, Ross Updegraff, Sanctuary
	4:00 pm	GCC Voices Rehearsal, Rm 201
	4:00 pm	PYF Gathering, Youth Rm

MON	12:00 pm	Career Networking, Plymouth Rm
5-4	7:00 pm	Pilgrim Wind Ensemble Rehearsal, Sanctuary
	7:00 pm	Career Networking, Plymouth Rm
	7:00 pm	Personnel Task Force, Rm 201
Tues	7:00 pm	Properties Board, Library
5-5	7:00 pm	GCC Book Club, Parlor
Wed	9:00 am	Resale Shop, Plymouth Rm until 1:00 pm
5-6	6:30 pm	BSA Troop 156, Gym
	7:00 pm	Venture Crew, Parlor
	7:00 pm	Called To Care, Rms 210, 213 & Upper Rm

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Pastoral Care

We offer our sympathy to Patti Thompson on the death of her mother, Lottie Stocklosa, on April 20. Please keep Patti and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

We offer our sympathy to Karen Aeschlimann on the death of her mother, Jean Benson in Naples, Florida, in March. Please keep Karen and her family in your prayers.

Broadcaster Deadline

Please submit all articles by 9:00 am, Wednesday, one week in advance to publishing via e-mail at tania.mccarthy@gccucc.org