

Broadcaster

Glenview Community Church

May 13, 2009

Pilgrim's Progress

Peggy and I were engaged and we were preparing to leave my parents' home after a visit. I had my things in the car, but Peggy wasn't quite ready yet. My uncle observed what was going on and said, "You might as well get used to it. You'll spend half your life waiting." That was over forty years ago. Isn't it amazing how a statement can be burned into our memories? If my uncle were correct, then I have spent twenty of the last forty years waiting. I wonder if he saw impatience written all over my face and identified with me because of the times he waited on my aunt.

Maybe his comment about spending half a life waiting referred to the many other situations in which he had to wait. He earned his living as a truck driver. For many years he hauled oil from the oil wells to the refinery. He spent a lot of time waiting for his tanker truck to be filled at the oil well and to be emptied at the refinery. He often hauled livestock to market and had to wait for farmers to load their animals onto his truck and wait at the stockyards for the livestock to be unloaded. He hauled feed and fertilizer from warehouses to a farm supply store. He had to wait both places for employees to load and unload his truck. He spent his share of time in the offices of doctors and dentists waiting for his turn. When he became ill, he waited in the hospital for test results, he waited to go to surgery, he waited for his body to heal, and he waited to learn if the cancer was in remission or actively destroying his life. Maybe he was right. Maybe we do spend half of our lives waiting.

All of us have spent our share of time waiting. We wait in the check out line at Dominick's or Macy's. We wait for a movie to begin and for worship service to end. I wait for a sermon idea. Then I wait for it to ferment and germinate. Sometimes you wonder why I spent time waiting on that idea. We wait for test results in school and in the hospital. We wait to be seated in a restaurant. We wait to be served and then we wait for the check. We wait for a word about the condition of a friend following surgery. We spend hours in the ICU waiting room to be with a family member for ten

minutes. Maybe we do spend half of our lives waiting.

All of us are waiters. Maybe my uncle exaggerated when he said that I would spend half my life waiting, but we have invested an amazingly large amount of time waiting. Waiting is one of the givens in life. The question with which we must wrestle is not whether we will wait but what kind of waiters will we be? Will we permit the season of waiting to strengthen us? Will we be able to wait with a kind of eager expectation and anticipation of God's care and grace that will come to us during the waiting? When we find ourselves in a situation that calls for waiting, let us receive the gift to wait as an opportunity to do some constructive self examining and growth work in our relationship with God, in our relationships with family members, friends, people we don't like, and people we don't know. We may not wait well, but that doesn't have to be our approach forever. Those who wait on God find their strength renewed and discover ways to be conductors of God's love and grace to others. What kind of waiter are you? What kind of waiter do you want to be? Now is an excellent time to reflect on the kind of waiters we have been, to confess our waiting failures, to seek God's assurance of forgiveness, and to renew our covenant to wait on God and through our waiting to become servants to others.

Howard

Summer Worship Music

CALLING ALL GCC MUSICIANS...

We are fortunate to have such tremendous musical talents within our own congregation, and are honored each year to hear them lead us musically in our worship services. If you are interested in playing or singing for one of our summer services (June 14-September 6), please contact Andy Lewis or Gary Wendt:

Andy: 847.724.2210 X31
andy.lewis@gccucc.org

Gary: 847.724.2210 X51
gary.wendt@gccucc.org.

SUNDAY SERVICES

MAY 17, 2009

Mission Moment

8:30 a.m. *Bell Choir*

10:30 a.m. *Bell Choir*

Scripture:

Psalms 98; John 15:9-17

Sermon:

"Choices"

Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts

MAY 24, 2009

Summer Worship Services Begin

9:30 a.m.

Scripture:

Acts 1:1-11 and Ephesians 1:15-23

Sermon:

"A Few Good Witnesses... Looking for Hope"

Rev. Dr. Pam Keckler

MAY 31, 2009

Youth Sunday

9:30 a.m.

Worship planned and led by Elizabeth Ciccolini, Rev. Pam Keckler, and PYF

JUNE 7, 2009

Senior - Youth Sunday

9:30 a.m. *Chancel Choir*

Scripture:

Psalms 130, Mark 3:20-35

Sermon:

"Helicopter Parents"

Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts

GCC CAREER NETWORK

Monday, May 18

12:00 or 7:00 p.m.

Obama's Making Home Affordable Plan

Guest Speaker: John Crumlish

Mortgages during Tough Economic Times
How Affordable is Obama's Making Home Affordable Financial Stability Plan?

Our speaker, John Crumlish is a mortgage consultant and loan officer at Diamond Bank – a financial institution that features an extensive selection of financial services, including deposit and lending solutions and a comprehensive mortgage division.

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 (5/18, 6/1, 6/15) at 12 p.m. and 7 p.m. at Glenview Community Church for about 1 ½ hours. We share experiences, resources, job openings, hear speakers and support one another. Members also have access to a Yahoo! Group to get resources, share information and be alerted of opportunities. Contact Alek & Renee Jablonski at 847-486-1920 or Rev. Pam Keckler at 847-724-2210 for more information.

Annual Congregational Meeting

By a vote of the Executive Board, the Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 26, 2009 at 7:30 pm. The purpose of the meeting will be to receive nominations and elect the Moderator, Vice-Moderator, and board members; receive the annual reports of the leadership; and, vote upon a proposed Constitutional amendment mandating the adoption of a GCC church budget in which income and expenses are in balance and do not result in a deficit budget for the Church.

This notice constitutes the official call to meeting. All members of the church are urged to be present.

60 Plus Luncheon

May 19 at 12 noon in the Mayflower Room
Dr. David Beigler presenting

Because of a family emergency, Dr. David Beigler, Chief of Orthopedic Trauma North Shore University Health System, was unable to be with us at our last luncheon.

However, he has promised to present, "Anterior Approach Total Hip Replacement", a procedure he is specifically trained to perform, at our May 19th gathering.

All ages are welcome to attend. Questions? Call Marilyn Belleau, Parish Nurse at 847-724-2210 ext. 30.

Adult Education

Sundays 9:30 am in the Chapel

MAY 17

Travel through Iran with Bill Helmuth, world traveler and story-teller. Amazingly, Bill completed this solo trip about seven months ago. He'll enthusiastically guide you through his adventure and answer questions you might have. As a former GCC member, he looks forward to talking with his old friends.

MAY 24

Memorial Day Sunday

No Adult Education

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

LECTIO DIVINA

Thursday, May 14, and the second Thursday of each month. How does God speak to you today? Take an opportunity to bring prayer and meditation into focus. Join us as we use Scripture to discern God's meaning in our lives. We meet from 9:30 to 11 am in Room 5. Facilitator: Marilyn Belleau, Parish Nurse ext. 30.

It's That Time Again Time To Update The DIRECTORY

Please check your directory to make sure all the information is correct. If you have any changes to be made, please email them to Jane Payne - -jane.payne@gccucc.org.

**DEADLINE FOR ALL CHANGES WILL BE
June 5, 2009**



GCC WALKERS

On May 17 we will head for some areas of Glenview where nature has been "improved" upon by the creative use of tax dollars. We will meet at 12:45 p.m. in North parking lot. Newcomers warmly welcomed.

Broadcaster Deadlines

The following dates are summer deadlines for the Broadcaster. Please remember that all articles need to be received by 9:00 a.m. the week before.

Summer Deadlines
6-3-09, 7-10-09, 8-13-09,

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8-20-09, 8-27-09 and continuing weekly.

Called To Care Ministry AT GCC

The essence of this UCC Ministry is the message of the Good Shepherd as a source of hope, strength, and peace with an ever-present love for each member of His flock. A Called to Care companion is a commissioned Church member who will walk with another Church member during a time of need and provide a listening presence, compassionate caring, and a prayerful heart. If you or another Church member could benefit from having a Called to Care companion visit, please contact Advocate Parish Nurse, Marilyn Belleau at 847-724-2210, ext. 30 or marilyn.belleau@gccucc.org. Or if you are interested in becoming a Called to Care companion, please contact Marilyn.



Many of you have heard that the Swine Flu (H1N1) has made people in the US sick and that Homeland Security has declared a public health emergency. Don't panic - here are some facts:

Swine Flu is a respiratory disease usually found in pigs caused by a flu virus. People do not usually get swine flu but it does happen. It is being passed from person to person just like the seasonal flu is passed by cough, sneezing, and touching something with flu virus and then touching your mouth or nose.

Signs and symptoms include: fever, cough, sore throat, body aches, headache, chills, fatigue, and possible diarrhea and vomiting.

Protect yourself! wash your hands, stay in good health, get plenty of sleep, exercise, manage your stress, drink plenty of fluids – especially water, eat nutritious food, and again WASH YOUR HANDS.

Please remember to: cover your mouth when you sneeze or cough, avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth, try to avoid close contact with sick people; and stay home from work or school if you are sick.

There are prescription medicines that can treat swine flu, but these are only offered if you are diagnosed with this type. Just use good common sense in avoiding this latest flu.

Marilyn Belleau, Parish Nurse

Mitzvah Day Collections

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!

Sincerely,
Mary Anne Peruchini

The Simple Gifts

Concert Series is pleased to present:

“Ring Them Bells II”

Saturday, May 16, 3:00 p.m.

Our Joyful Ringers team up with the bell choirs of St. David's, Holy Trinity and Northfield Community to present a program of sacred handbell music. The concert is the culmination of a day long workshop with renowned clinician David Weck of the Agape Ringers. Free will offering goes to charity.

Don't miss these exciting concerts in our sanctuary!



God Bless America For Those Who Gave Their All

To honor the men and women of the military who have served our country both here and abroad, the 2nd annual concert “God Bless America—For Those Who Gave Their All” will be presented on Sunday, May 24th at 4:00 pm in the sanctuary. As our special guest, The Navy Band Great Lakes Wind Ensemble will be the highlight of the event, along with Tricia Melzer-Swaydrak and members of the Chancel Choir. The concert

Mission Moment

Our next Mission Moment will be presented by Mary Gallagher from New Foundation Center (formerly Wilpower) at both services on Sunday, May 17. New Foundation Center partners with people with mental illness to recover and pursue lives of meaning and purpose. Please join us on Sunday, May 17, to learn more about the important work that New Foundation Center does, partly through the support of GCC and our missions giving. (Remember, 10% of GCC's collected pledges are used to support a variety of benevolent agencies, including New Foundation Center.) Mary will also be available for fellowship hour following both services to answer further questions.

Thanks from your friends on the Missions Outreach Board.

Trio Voce,

Sunday, May 17th, 4:00 p.m .

Trio Voce, a chamber ensemble which includes Jasmine Lin, violin, Marina Hoover, cello, and Patricia Tao, piano. Each of these ladies has won prizes as a soloist; all have toured throughout the United States. They team up to present a concert of Brahms, Ravel and Rachmaninov. Free will offering.

Book Exchange

To celebrate another great year of Sunday School, the Children's Board is sponsoring a book exchange to promote summer reading among the young people of our congregation -- along with a book donation drive to benefit at-risk Chicago-area elementary and middle schools.

Between now and May 16, please drop off your gently used pre-K through 8th grade books. Then join us on May 17 for our book exchange. For every 2 books donated, your child can take home 1 new book for summer reading. Remaining books will be donated to Bookworm Angels, a nonprofit organization serving more than 94,000 children who read below grade level in 174 inner-city schools.

Look for our posters for more information.

Sunday School

Teachers wanted. No experience necessary. Full and part time positions available. Great pay. Contact Kathy.Lifton@gccucc.org.

Confirmation

8TH GRADE

8th Graders and Parents – PYF Open House on Sunday afternoon, May 17 from 3:30-5:30 p.m. in the youth room. Dr. Jim Shellard will talk about high school and we'll hear from other parents and youth about PYF. Did we mention fun and food? We look forward to welcoming you to PYF.

Confirmation

May 17 is the last class until September. Remember, you can begin your service projects and worship reflection sheets any time this summer. Closing prayers in Youth Room.

Looking Ahead...

Youth Sunday will be on May 31 at 9:30. Four seniors are busy preparing their sermons.

Join us and support our youth. PYF Stock Sale for workcamp will conclude on that morning. Thanks to all for your support.

High School Senior Breakfast will be on June 7 before the 9:30 worship service. Watch for your invitation in the mail.



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Ministerial Staff

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Rev. Dr. Pamela Keckler, *Minister for Spiritual Formation*

Rev. Sally Iberg, *Minister for Mission and Ministry*

Directors:

Marilyn Belleau, *RN, Health Ministry*

Kathy Lifton, *Children's Ministry*

Elizabeth Ciccolini, *Youth Ministry*

Debby Shellard, *Children's Choirs*

Gary Wendt, *Organist, Instrumental Music*

Andrew Lewis, *Adult Choir*

Affiliates:

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	
	9:30 am	Lectio Divina, Room 5	
	11:30 am	WA Bridge Marathon, Mayflower Rm	
5-14	6:15 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal, Bell Rm	
	7:00 pm	CEMC Rehearsals, Rm 201	
	7:30 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Rm, Sanctuary	
Fri	9:00 am	Resale Shop, Plymouth Rm until 1:00 pm	
	4:30 pm	WA BBQ Drive Through, West Entrance	
	6:00 pm	NSVYR Volleyball, gym	
	8:00 pm	AA Mtg., Parlor	
5-15	8:00 pm	AI - Anon Meeting, Rm 201	
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SAT	9:00 am	Resale Shop, Plymouth Rm until 1:00 pm	
	5-16	3:00 pm	Ring Them Bells Concert, Sanctuary
Sun	8:30 am	Sunday School, Rm 105	
	5-17	9:30 am	7th Grade Confirmation Class, Rm 8
	9:30 am	Fellowship Hour, Mayflower Rm	
	9:30 am	Adult Education, Chapel	
	9:30 am	Mission Moment Meeting, Rm 5	
	10:15 am	Confirmation Closing Prayers, Youth Rm	
	10:30 am	Sunday School Gathering, Rm 201	
	11:30 am	Fellowship Hour, Mayflower Rm	
	12:00 pm	Mitzvah Day Brunch, Mayflower Rm	
	4:00 pm	Trio Voce Concert, Sanctuary	
	6:00 pm	Voices of GCC & Primary Choir Dinner, Mayflower Rm	

Mon	12:00 pm	Career Networking, Plymouth Rm
5-18	7:00 pm	BSA 156 Com. Mtg., Founders Rm
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	7:00 pm	Career Networking, Plymouth Rm

Tues	9:30 am	WA Board Mtg., Parlor
5-19	12:00 pm	60 Plus Luncheon, Mayflower Rm
	7:00 pm	Executive Board Mtg., Mayflower Rm
	7:00 pm	Boy Scout Key 3, Rm 210
	7:00 pm	Pilates, Rm 201

Wed	9:00 am	Resale Shop, Plymouth Rm until 1:00 pm
5-20	9:15 am	WA Chapter 11, Parlor, Cradle/Toddler
	9:30 am	Chapter 20, Chapel
	6:30 pm	BSA Troop 156, Gym
	7:00 pm	Venture Crew, Rm 210

Congratulations

Scott and Stephanie Ford are proud new grandparents again. Stephanie's daughter Shannon Brennan, and her husband Bill had their second child, Colleen Marie Brennan on Wednesday, April 15.

Pastoral Care

We offer our sympathy to the family of John Bevington, who died on May 1, 2009. Please keep his wife, Karen, and their 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