



## TOMORROW

A little more than a hundred years ago, one of the great Thanksgiving hymns was written by the Rev. William P. Merrill at the Forty-First Street Presbyterian Church in Chicago where he was the pastor. That hymn is titled, **Not Alone for Mighty Empire**. For me, this is the most profound phrase from that hymn:

**Standing in the living present, memory and hope between,  
Lord, we would with deep thanksgiving,  
praise Thee more for things unseen.**

**Memory and hope between:** after our annual meeting, that's where we are at Glenview Community Church. On Sunday, May 21, the congregation voted to enter into a two-year interim – **memory and hope between** – of living with and fine tuning a new governance structure and the Interim Constitution and Bylaws that set it forth. Our old structure, Constitution and Bylaws have served GCC for a long time. Now we enter into a between time of trying something new...something streamlined and simplified... something focused on deepening, expanding and contemporizing our Message, Ministries and Mission. We'll have two years to live with it and adjust it...two years to live into it and determine if it is the structure we need to most effectively, persuasively and transformingly make God's love real in the world today. So with our structure we live between memory and hope.

And we do the same with our budget. In our budget, memory is the financial legacy that has been so generously provided by those who have gone before us. Their bequests have allowed us to make our living stewardship and our living Message, Ministries and Mission meet. We often talk

about this situation in terms of a deficit. The truth is that GCC can't have a deficit budget. What we have is a balanced budget that depends on legacy reserves to achieve that balance. So memory is our financial heritage. And hope is a renewed vitality for our stewardship. GCC has been using the same stewardship methodology for a number of years. Beginning now we will be experimenting with a new stewardship methodology to grow our stewardship. And in that is our hope.

**Memory and hope between:** this is not just where GCC voted to be on May 21. It's where we always are. We live between the memory of God's providential goodness that has brought us thus far, and the hope that God's providential goodness will lead us to that home where all God's people live in peace. Memory propels us toward thanksgiving as we are overwhelmed with the goodness and the grace that have led us and sustained us. And hope keeps us keeping on: believing that our fleeting circumstances pale in comparison to the reliability of God's promises and the constancy of God's love.

So, as we live between memory and hope, I pray that the interim structure will invite you in! Find a place on a ministry team. Create a new ministry team. Engage for 6 weeks, 6 months, or 6 years! Put your hands on God's love and let your hands make God's love real. That's what church is all about: not meetings, but building a house for ALL God's people!

Yes, between memory and hope is **the living present:** the place where, together, we belong to God on the journey. As Jesus promises us:

## WORSHIP 10:00 AM MAY

**SEVENTH SUNDAY  
IN EASTERTIDE** 28

**Scripture:**  
Acts 1:6-14, John 17:1-11

**Sermon:**  
*In Remembrance: A Choice*  
**Rev. Dale Susan Edmonds**

*Guest Pianist, Kent Wehman*

**JUNE**

**PENTECOST SUNDAY  
AND COMMUNION** 04

**Scripture:**  
Acts 2:1-13, I Corinthians 12:4-13

**Sermon:**  
*The Visible Church*  
**Rev. Dr. Charles E. Mize**

***In my Father's house there are many dwelling places.***

What a joy it is to share with you this blessed place that is **memory and hope between...**this blessed church whose story is woven on the loom of change by the unchanging love of our God in Jesus Christ. Because He is our today, we have a tomorrow...as we follow Him on the way. In this living present, I'll see you in church!

*Chuck Mize*

## SPIRITUAL COUNCIL REPORT TO THE CONGREGATION

Items discussed at the Spiritual Council meeting on May 16, 2017 included:

### Treasurer's Report:

Expenses have been well managed in 2017 with General & Administrative down \$7,000 and Property down \$21,000 from 2016 year to date. Net income from operations through April 30, 2017 is \$1652.

### Stewardship:

Pledges have increased over \$100,000 in the last two months with the current total at \$968,200. This represents pledges from 361 families and includes 64 pledges that were increased throughout the campaign.

### Slate for 2017-2018 Spiritual Council:

Two slates were approved for the next Spiritual Council year beginning June 1, 2017. One slate lists members if the new governance proposal is adopted and the second slate provides for interim members through Sept. 30 if the current constitution remains in effect. The slate will be voted on by the congregation on May 21, 2017 after the vote is taken on the proposed governance structure.

### 2017 Budget:

Spiritual Council approved the proposed budget recommended by the Finance Board. Thanks to a recent significant increase in pledges by certain members, the mission allocation was able to remain at the historic level. The proposed deficit for 2017 is \$154,999 which would leave approximately \$405,867 in the unrestricted reserve fund at year end. The budget will be voted on by the Congregation at the May 21, 2017 Annual Meeting.

### Missions:

We celebrated Rev. Mize's report that GCC was the top outreach-giving church in the Northern Illinois Conference of the UCC with \$202,500 donated in 2015. The next closest church gave \$144,000. GCC's contributions include the Mission Outreach

budgeted donations and gifts made by the Women's Association, the youth, and the congregation to various recipients.

### Forward in Faith:

Approved contract with architecture firm TKWA for up to \$10,000 covering both existing work and completing the revision of the master plan to fit within our budget.

### Interim Constitution and By-Laws:

Recommended congregational approval of the proposed Interim Constitution and By-Laws, as revised to add seats at Spiritual Council for the Women's Association and Nursery School.

### Food Allergy Concerns:

The proposal for the best way to address food allergy concerns continues to be revised and will be presented at the next Spiritual Council meeting.

The next Spiritual Council meeting is scheduled for June 27, 2017.

## NAME BADGES AND FASTENERS

Have you misplaced your name badge? Do you need a new one? We have additional magnet backs for your name badge, located on the visitor's table in the narthex. For those who need pin/clip backs, we will be ordering those as well. Please contact Rev. Pam Keckler to order a badge, etc.

## LOOKING FOR USHERS!

Do you like to greet and meet people? Are you a newer member of the church who would like to get to know other members? Then you might like to be on one of our usher teams. Each team serves every 7 weeks and helps seat people, pass out programs, collect offerings, and welcome visitors. For more information or to volunteer, contact our Chief Usher, Bill Roenitz at: [redrook9@comcast.net](mailto:redrook9@comcast.net);



**ALL ABOARD**  
**June 11 Luncheon June 11**

Climb onto the GCC Express as we transition our ministries and put ourselves "on track" for the exciting year ahead! Everyone is welcome. Please bring a salad or a dessert. It will take place immediately following the church service in the Mayflower Room. Feel free to place your items in the kitchen refrigerator prior to the service. Contact JoAnne Peters at [jo.gramma.peters@gmail.com](mailto:jo.gramma.peters@gmail.com) or 847-729-4077. Make sure you don't miss it!

**GCC Express • June 11, 2017**

## COMMON GROUND JUNE 21 7:00 – 9:00 PM



Join us on June 21 at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel for a program led by Pauline Viviano titled, **Paul's Theology—Relevant or Obsolete?** Paul of Tarsus was a controversial character in his own day and remains so today. He is acknowledged by some as the greatest Christian theologian, but for others he is to be condemned for distorting the gospel. By focusing on Paul's epistles to the Romans and to the Corinthians we will explore the theological and practical sides of Paul's understanding of salvation as achieved in Jesus' death and resurrection and consider whether Paul's theology continues to have meaning for us today.

## CONFIRMATION FALL ENROLLMENT

**Parents** – If your child is entering 7th grade this September, you will be receiving information about our two-year Confirmation program for 7th and 8th graders. We meet Sunday mornings from 8:45 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. Registration forms will be sent to you or you may pick up a form in the church office. Questions, see Rev. Pam Keckler who coordinates this program.

## 2017 SUMMER MUSIC AND MOVEMENT

Summer music and movement classes for young children will be offered on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings at GCC in Room 107. Classes will be held at 9:15 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. for children ages 6 months - 5 years. Summer classes will be offered as "drop in" classes to accommodate your busy summer schedules. "Sign-Up Genius" will be our mode of registration.

### Tuesday class dates are:

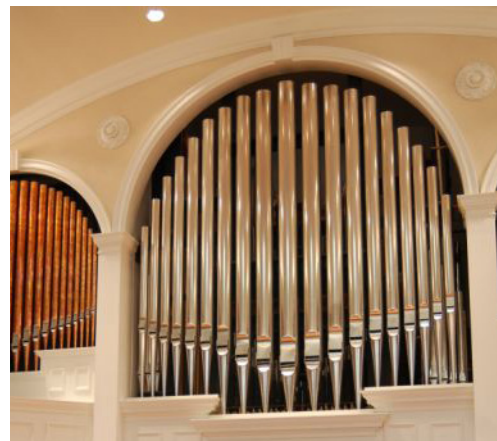
June 6, 20, 27 July 18, 25 August 1

### Wednesday class dates are:

June 7, 21, 28 July 19, 26 Aug. 2

If you wish to be on the e-mail distribution for this registration process or have any questions, please contact Debbie Berg at [debbieberg23@gmail.com](mailto:debbieberg23@gmail.com). Non-GCCNS families are welcome as well, so share the information with your friends and neighbors that might be interested.

We hope to see YOU this summer.



## ORGAN WALK 6

The Simple Gifts Concert Series of the Glenview Community Church presents Organ Walk 6 on Sunday, June 4, from 3:00 – 5:00pm. Join us as we walk (or drive) to hear three of the North Shore's finest instruments and organists! We will begin at the New Church, 74 Park Drive in Glenview at 3:00pm to hear Dr. Kirstin Synnestvedt, continue to St. David's Episcopal Church, 2410 Glenview Road, to hear Dr. Julia Brueck and walk on to GCC to hear our own Gary Wendt. A free will offering will be collected to benefit the Northfield Township Food Pantry. Don't miss this fun finale to the 2016-17 Simple Gifts concert season!



## GCC PRIMARY CHOIR

Students from Voices of GCC work with the 3 and 4 year olds in Church School preparing them to sing in the worship service on June 4.

**THE CHURCH BUILDING AND OFFICE WILL BE  
CLOSED ON MEMORIAL DAY, MONDAY, MAY 29. WE  
WILL REOPEN ON TUESDAY, MAY 30.**



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# SENIOR SERMONS



## JULIA SULTZ

How do we find faith in God? I know many of us, especially in today's society, struggle with this question. In a novel we recently read in English class, ***A Prayer for Owen Meany***, Owen, one of the main characters, is describing how he can have faith in God to his best friend John. Owen is drawing a rational parallel between how John knows there is a statue outside the church even though it is dark and his own belief in God. Owen states **"YOU ABSOLUTELY KNOW SHE'S THERE—EVEN THOUGH YOU CAN'T SEE HER?"**

"Yes!" John replies. And Owen states **"WELL, NOW YOU KNOW HOW I FEEL ABOUT GOD, I CAN'T SEE HIM—BUT I ABSOLUTELY KNOW HE IS THERE!"**

Even with this analogy by Owen Meany, John has a hard time having faith in God as the story progresses. John eventually ends up gaining some faith because he sees the miracle of Owen Meany. I am a John. It is really hard to see something that doesn't physically exist. Especially as someone who is a math person and very much believes in logic, faith is even harder to wrap my head around. But it also amazes me. How can something that has no definite proof have billions of worshipers? I think it's due to the pure moral values of the Christian faith such as the golden rule and acceptance.

Even as someone who doesn't always believe in the presence of God, I find it easy to follow the teachings of Christianity. It doesn't take faith to know that loving your neighbor like yourself is a good thing to do. Christianity helps lay out the way that people should live a moral, healthy life. Also from Christianity, I have learned how to be accepting of others. Especially in this church, where we even have the motto of "no matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here." I love being able to say that I am a Christian who believes in gay marriage and rights for all people, regardless of their sexual and gender identity, and that this is something that my denomination believes as well. Not only is acceptance something that is said, it is something that is practiced. When I joined PYF my freshman year, I was one of the few kids from ***Attea*** surrounded by all the people from ***Springman***. I had never gone to school with these people and only interacted with them for limited times in church. Now, I am happy to say that some of these people are my best friends. Also, this year we welcomed the youth and Pastor Chris from Holy Trinity. It was so cool to learn from Pastor Chris in addition to Elizabeth and it brought a whole new dimension to PYF. To me, this is what it means to be a Christian, accepting and loving of everyone around you.

To quote Owen Meany again **"A PERSON'S FAITH GOES AT ITS OWN PACE."** What I love about this church and especially PYF is that they let me figure out my faith and beliefs at my own pace. Mr. Karth back in confirmation let me express all my doubts and taught me in a way that fits my logical thinking. In PYF, all my peers have been accepting of my questioning and help explain things in a way that makes sense to me. Christianity is more important as a way for me to live my life as opposed to being a God for me to have faith in. I believe that even though I may not always have faith that God is there, I can call myself a Christian based on the moral principles Christianity has taught me to follow.



## KATELYN ORNDUFF

***In God we live, move and exist.*** This is from Acts. This scripture resonates with me because of my faith journey where I feel God at work in so many ways. It's amazing how God works through us whether we realize it or not. My time in PYF and my faith journey as a whole have given me so many opportunities to not only feel God's presence surrounding me, but to also see Him at work in myself and others.

One way that I see God at work is on our trips. This past summer, I traveled with PYF to Logan, WV for our annual mission trip. I was stationed in the Kids Club, working with the children of the community. Working with these kids really allowed me to feel God's omnipresence. I could see God's presence while working with one little girl in particular, a second grader named Lauren. Lauren is a little sweetheart with a deep desire to learn despite the extreme poverty she lives in. She devoured the books in the reading corner with so much enthusiasm, I couldn't help but smile. Reading with her and listening to her excitement, I truly felt like God was working in both of us giving her the strength to pursue learning and giving me guidance in how best to respond to her. My experience with Lauren and the rest of the kids in Logan showed me that God truly does exist in each and every one of us, guiding us down the right path, just as Paul proclaimed. In the book of Acts, we see Paul explain God to the people of Athens saying that ***In God we live, move and exist.***

We also see Paul tell the people that God gives life, breath, and everything else to us.

This idea that God is our Heavenly Father and that we owe everything to Him can be a difficult concept to comprehend, especially as a teenager when everything is confusing and new; however, my experiences in GCC have proved to me that I owe God everything. The kindness and warmth I feel every time I walk through these doors never ceases to amaze me. The people of this church are my family and have supported me and watched me grow over the years. We are all brothers and sisters in Christ. GCC is a Christian community that lives into that.

My peers in PYF, the adult leaders, and the members of this congregation remind me that GCC is my home and for all of this, I thank God. He gives me my life and my spirit, but he has also provided me with this safe place and with so many incredibly special people who have nurtured my growing faith throughout my childhood.

The music ministry of GCC has always been an extremely important part of my life, and a place where I connect with God and feel His presence. Children's choir will forever hold a special place in my heart because it provided me with so many amazing brothers and sisters in Christ who have been a constant support system in my life. Music has the power to bring people together and is where I feel my own personal connection to God the most. I think my passion for music was part of His plan for me and I know He is surrounding me when I use music to worship and to brighten the lives of others. God is present in the entire church, but I think He especially lives in the beautiful music.

I am reminded of a time on fall retreat of my junior year when the upper class girls sat around our coffee table together, staying up late into the night simply listening to each other as we discussed not only school drama but also deeper philosophical questions. The levels of respect and open-mindedness displayed by all the girls created such a safe environment and really made me realize what a special group PYF is and how incredibly blessed I am to grow as a Christian alongside such supportive friends. God was definitely present that evening as we talked into the hours of the night, dwelling in each of us as we shared our own stories and as we listened to each other. We all felt God's love was living and moving in us.

God's love and guidance has brought so many important people into my life. I want to thank all the adult leaders and the youth of PYF. You have all been such a significant part of my life and my faith journey, offering me love and support along the way. Thank you to my parents for giving me the opportunity to attend this church and for always encouraging me to grow in my faith. To Mrs. Debby Shellard: thank you for nurturing my love of music and providing me with such an incredible environment to feel God's presence. To Elizabeth: thank you for everything you do for the youth of this church. You have been such an incredible mentor to me and have helped me to open my mind and heart to God. And finally to the congregation: thank you for being such amazing brothers and sisters in Christ.



## BEN SCHWABE

Hi, everyone. I'm Ben Schwabe, and I'm a senior at New Trier High School.

Somewhat unsurprisingly to some of you, today I'm going to talk about what Pilgrim Youth Fellowship has meant to me.

I was forced to go to my first PYF meeting as a freshman, and I was thrust into a group in which I knew virtually no one and spent my Mondays through Fridays 8 miles away from. I did not immediately love it. I did not even like it at first. I was decidedly neutral about the prospect of spending two hours on Sunday nights at church, and was relatively shy during our weekly meetings. That changed in May that year, when I was signed up by my mom to help with the Confirmation retreat. Being three years ago, my memories of the trip are hazy, but after

6 hours in a hot van trekking back and forth from Wisconsin, I had finally opened myself up to the other people on the trip, and had found that the other 5 people suffering through the ride were incredibly welcoming and interesting people as well.

I've learned that like everything else, the more you put into PYF, the more you get out of it. Putting in the time to come to each meeting and interact with each person has been one of my best decisions of the last four years.

And that's because PYF is a family. The sort of sitcom family which holds within it people of vastly different personalities and interests, not immune from mistakes and sometimes hilariously disorganized, but a support structure rivaling some "real" families.

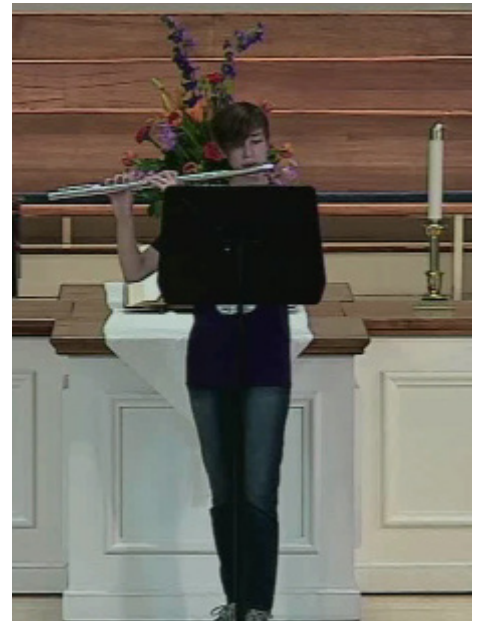
Consider this: during my sophomore year, we went as a group to the funeral of a senior in PYF's mother. It was a four to five hour event held downtown, basically consuming an entire Sunday night. Even so, a sizeable number of people showed up to make the journey, a large amount of which were freshman and sophomores, people who didn't know this member that well but were still willing to take the time out of their always-busy schedules to support them.

PYF as a group has been especially key to me due to my separation from almost everyone in the group. It has provided me with a home away from home and a set of friends completely different from those that I have at New Trier, and a place to truly distance myself from the ever-busy life of high school. It has always been nice to be able to completely forget about my regular life for a few hours each week.

It is truly a community in that friendships develop across grades and social circles, a group in which each person has gifted me with a lasting memory.

These are people with whom I have played countless Wednesday afternoon games of sardines, spent hours searching the dunes of Michigan for a lost phone, danced in a Sonic parking lot, shared delirious 4 A.M. van conversations about dinosaurs and human anatomy, and laughed and cried with

during weeks in Arkansas and West Virginia. All this has made the impending end of PYF a sad one for me. It is hard to see something so important to you begin to come to a close, and just as sobering to realize that while the group will continue to grow and prosper, you may soon become merely a footnote in one of Elizabeth's old mission trip stories. An odd feeling overcomes you when you go help one last time on a confirmation retreat and realize that regardless of how many kids you can convince to join, you won't spend a single meeting together. The scripture read earlier today said "I will not abandon you as orphans". This promise of unending connection truly reflects the impacts of PYF. The friends I have gained who have gone on to colleges and gap years and the like still are important influences on me to this day. And so against the backdrop of finality that is this "Senior Sermon" and our upcoming graduations, it is the lasting relationships I have made in this group that will not cease to exist once I leave this place.



Event Time	Event Name	Primary Location
<b>Wednesday, 24 May 2017</b>		
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
<b>Thursday, 25 May 2017</b>		
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
9:00 AM to 10:00 AM	Yoga	Narthex
<b>Friday, 26 May 2017</b>		
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
8:00 PM to 9:00 PM	AA Meeting	Parlor
8:00 PM to 9:00 PM	AL-ANON	Library
<b>Saturday, 27 May 2017</b>		
8:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Mens Open Gym	Gym
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
<b>Sunday, 28 May 2017</b>		
10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	Church School Children Meet in Sanctuary	SanctuaryM
10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	GCC Worship	Sanctuary
11:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Fellowship and Refreshments	Mayflower
11:15 AM to 12:30 PM	WA Chapter 11 (Making Lunches)	Kitchen
<b>Monday, 29 May 2017</b>		
8:00 AM to 8:30 PM	Church Closed - Memorial Day	Sanctuary
<b>Tuesday, 30 May 2017</b>		
7:30 PM to 8:30 PM	CSA 156	Room 213
<b>Wednesday, 31 May 2017</b>		
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
<b>Thursday, 01 June 2017</b>		
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
9:00 AM to 10:00 AM	Yoga	Narthex
6:15 PM to 7:20 PM	Joyful Ringers Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	BSA 156 Troop Mtg	Mayflower
7:30 PM to 9:00 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
<b>Friday, 02 June 2017</b>		
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
8:00 PM to 9:00 PM	AL-ANON	Library
<b>Saturday, 03 June 2017</b>		
8:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Mens Open Gym	Gym
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
<b>Sunday, 04 June 2017</b>		
10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	Church School Children Meet in Sanctuary	SanctuaryM
10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	Glenview Community Church Worship Service	Sanctuary
11:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Fellowship and Refreshments	Mayflower
3:00 PM to 4:00 PM	Organ Walk 6	Sanctuary
<b>Monday, 05 June 2017</b>		
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	156 Committee Mtg	Founders
<b>Tuesday, 06 June 2017</b>		
7:30 PM to 8:30 PM	Childrens Board Meeting	Youth Room
<b>Wednesday, 07 June 2017</b>		
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	Properties Board Meeting	Room 210

The next Deadline for the Broadcaster is May 31, 2017 at 9:00 AM

# GIVING GLIMPSE

## APRIL 2017

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. 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 Giving Glimpse will be updated monthly and included in the worship bulletin and Broadcaster.

	Amount Received	Amount* Pledged	Over/Under
April	\$ 73,775	\$ 56,088	\$17,687
YTD	\$350,937	\$373,146	-\$22,209

**NOTE:** \* The Amount Pledged will be the monthly and YTD pledges budgeted for 2016 until the 2017 budget has been approved by the GCC congregation.

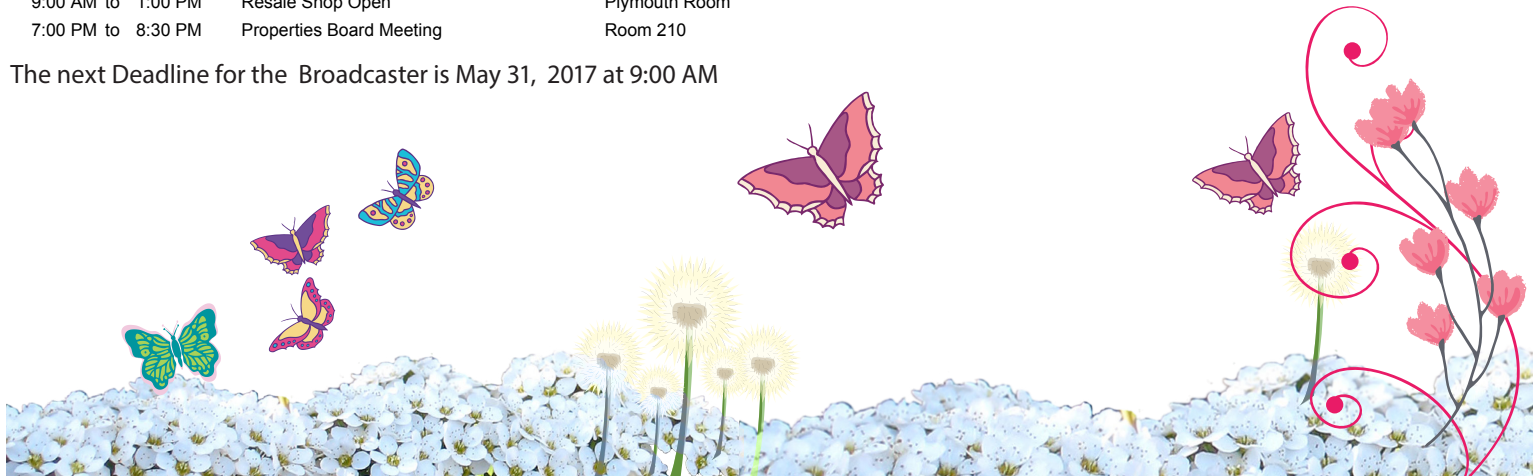
## MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR JUNE PLOEN

Some of our members may remember June Ploen, who taught first grade at Lyon School in Glenview for 23 years. June passed away on February 7 of this year. The family will celebrate her life at a memorial service on Saturday, June 3 at 11:00 in the GCC Sanctuary.

## SERMONS NOW ON VIDEO

Have you been away or unable to attend church on Sunday? You now can keep up on the sermons by watching the video.

Just go to the website at [gccucc.org](http://gccucc.org) and click on ABOUT US and then click on Sermons. The most recent video sermon is at the top, scroll down for an earlier version.



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Children and Youth*

### OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday

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

