

Pilgrim's Progress

This is the seventh time I have left a congregation. Four previous times were to accept invitations to serve another congregation, one time was to accept a summer missionary assignment in Guyana, South America, and one was to accept the position of Executive Director of an Assisted Living Facility. This time is similar and different to all of those. This leaving is similar in that it involves saying goodbye to members of a congregation who have been a part of my life. We have worked and planned together. We have encouraged and challenged each other. We have laughed and cried together. We have experienced joy and pain together. We've celebrated births, baptisms, confirmations, and weddings. We experienced poignant worship experiences. We've grieved the deaths of family members and members of the congregations. We've grieved the loss of members of the congregation who have moved to other places.

However, leaving Glenview Community Church is different for me. In addition to leaving you as a congregation, by retiring I'm also leaving the called ministry. Will I ever serve in some capacity as a minister again? Perhaps. I may be invited as a guest minister—to lead seminars or Bible studies or to assist at a wedding or funeral. But always these will be guest appearances. I will not function as the called minister of a congregation again. So this is different for me.

I will have no official connection or function with Glenview Community Church. This is part of ministerial ethics in many denominations. This is stated in the Manual on Ministry for the United Church of Christ and expresses clearly the commitment that a minister is to make to a congregation when tenure of service ends. I make this commitment to you as I end my service as your Senior Minister.

Our relationship is changing and will be different but I have not died and so it is

possible to continue to be in contact. I will enjoy hearing what is happening in the life of ministry of Glenview Community Church, but I will have no input related to what you are doing. I will not make comments about what is happening or is not happening. I will not be party to conversations about what should or should not be occurring, about what a member of the staff is or is not doing. I will not return to function in any ministerial role unless invited by the Senior Minister and/ or the Executive Board and I will only accept the invitation if it is clear that I am a quest and I will come as one supporting the ministry of the congregation and the ministers who serve with you. I have experienced the difficulty that this "benign involvement" caused in three congregations I have served. I do not want to cause any difficulty for my successor. I want to do nothing that will inhibit your bonding, establishing, and building a loving, trusting, caring relationship with the ministers you call to serve Glenview Community Church.

I hope I hear from many of you. I'll provide contact information in the next issue of the Broadcaster. I have a deeply vested interest in what happens here. I invested nine and a half years here and completed my ministry as a called minister here. I want the very best for Glenview Community Church and I want to hear about the exciting things that are happening here.

Howard



JUNE 1, 2011

WORSHIP SERVICES

JUNE 5, 2011

9:30 a.m.

a.m. Chancel Choir

Scripture: Psalm 8, Matthew 25:31-46

Sermon:

" Getting the Final Exam Question Early" Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts

We will recognize all of our graduating high school seniors

JUNE 12, 2011

9:30 a.m.

m. Chancel Choir

Scripture: Mark 14:3-9, Exodus 20:1-6

Sermon:

"Shutting Down the Club, Opening Up the Church" Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts

JUNE 19, 2011

9:30 a.m.

Pilgrim Wind Ensemble

Scripture: Psalm 84, Hebrews 13:1-16

Sermon:

"What Geese Can Teach Us About the Church" Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts

JUNE 26, 2011

9:30 a.m.

Chancel Choir

Scripture: Philippians 1:1-11, Micah 6:6-8

Sermon: "Mental Snapshots" Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts

Your Church Needs You!

Consider joining a board for next year. The new year for our church boards starts soon, and there are a few openings to fill. This is a great opportunity for you to get involved in the activities of GCC. Yes, we are entering a year of transition, but it is also a period of tremendous opportunity and growth. We have the ability and opportunity to make our own history. Many in the congregation are working to improve and grow the church next year. Please consider joining them on one of the twelve boards. If you are interested, please contact Moderator Bill Dailey (847)840-2683 or Church Clerk Bob McGee (847)729-0057.

Thank You!

What a wonderful time we experienced at the Ordination Service of Rev. James Coyl into the Christian Ministry on May 22, 2011. Special thanks to our In Care committee who guided Jim all of these years and supported him along the way: Chairperson, Barbara Schwarting, Beth Herbert, Earle Shultz, John Witt, and Mary Lambert. We appreciated the choir who shared music, the Pastoral Care Board and Women's Association Chapter 8 and other donors of cookies and flowers at the reception. We wish to recognize Tracy Sawires and her family, along with the Men's Ministry who prepared the building, moved equipment and whatever else needed to be done. Thanks to Tom Lutz for recording the worship service. Services/Sacrament Board who prepared and served communion, the Fellowship Board providing Greeters for all of our visitors. It does take a village to ordain a minister! Thanks to all and any who we unintentionally omitted.

Glenview Community Church presented two gifts to Jim – a Spiritual Formation Bible as well as a white stole with a gold cross, which he may wear for weddings, funerals, baptisms, and times of Communion. Jim is now the pastor of St. Paul United Church of Christ in Chelsea, Michigan and would appreciate our continued prayers.

Broadcaster Deadlines

The following dates are the Broadcaster deadlines for the summer: June 22, July 27, August 17. Regular schedule after August 17. Please make all submissions by 9:00 a.m.

WELCOME SUMMER! Join Us for Summer Brunch Sunday, June 5th

Serving 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Mayflower Room

As a departure from our traditional Pancake Breakfasts, this will be 'Pancakes PLUS' Serving Pancakes, 'Egg Skillets', Raffle Prizes & Entertainment!

This is a fundraiser for GCC....we hope you will join the fun & fellowship. Tickets are on sale at the door.

Adults: \$6.50 Pancakes \$7.50 'Egg Skillets' Children 4 and above: \$5.00 Raffle Tickets: \$1.00 Each

Please contact Sally Thuresson at (847) 724-2366 for details or if you have any questions.

Sunday Services

A "Service of the Word" will be added from 8:30 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. focusing on the sermon, scripture and non-musical elements of worship. From a practical standpoint, this will most likely run a little shorter to provide time to transition to 9:15 a.m. activities mentioned below. From 9:15 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. there will be time for Bible Study, Small Group Discussions, Adult Education and Confirmation. Our traditional service will move from 9:30 a.m. and will now start at 10:00 a.m. for one hour. The goal is to have the children and youth join us once per month. The fellowship and coffee hour will start at 11:00 a.m. At 11:15 a.m. there will be time to dialog with the minister. In addition, the goal is to have a Sunday afternoon service once per month from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. with a different worship style that may vary from month to month. Our goal is provide everyone with more options to attend worship and participate in other Sunday activities.

This change will also give our Sunday School and Confirmation teachers the option of attending services each week and taking communion on the first Sunday of the month, which was not possible with the past structure where worship, Sunday School and Confirmation all started at 9:30 a.m. Staff and laypersons will be working together to make this all happen. Thoughts and ideas should be shared with the ministers and moderators. The summer worship will continue with one service at 9:30 a.m.

Lloyd Bettis, Past Moderator

GCC Rummage Sale WEEKEND OF JUNE 25 DONATE ITEMS NOW!

GCC will be having a rummage sale on the weekend of June 25. Individual chapters of the GCC Women's Association will be sponsoring this year's sale to raise money for their missions outreach work. Some of the agencies currently supported by the women's association chapters include Youth Services of Glenview/ Northbrook, A Just Harvest, Northfield Food Pantry, San Lucas UCC, By the Hand Club for Kids, etc... so be assured that the rummage sale proceeds will be put to good use!

Please donate clothes, books, household items, toys, bikes, sports equipment, etc... in good condition and bring them to the west entrance (off the big parking lot) on any Sunday from 9:00 a.m. -9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. where we will have volunteers in place to take the items. If you need to drop off items at an alternate time or will be bringing a large item, please contact Tracy Sawires (contact information below) to arrange a time. We can NOT take couches or other large upholstered pieces of furniture, cribs, high chairs, or car seats.

If you would like to have a good time and support our efforts by volunteering for set up, pricing, day of sale, or post sale activities and are available for any period of time between June 20 - June 29, please contact Tracy via email or phone <u>esnstsms@hotmail.com</u>, (847)832-0063. Watch for additional details in the coming weeks!

GCC MEN'S MINISTRY BARBEQUE Thursday June 2nd 6:00 p.m.



Join us for our 3nd Annual Men's Ministry Barbeque to be held at the home of John Demler, 83 Coventry Road, Northfield, IL. Even if you've never attended a Men's Ministry event before you are welcome to join us for this evening of fellowship and good food.

Please RSVP to John Demler at *johndem-ler@comcast.net* or David Aki at *dave254@comcast.net*.

SPRING SALE

The Resale Shop Spring 50% off sale started on Wednesday, May 25. Good merchandise and great bargains are available. Don't miss this opportunity and visit our website at www.theresaleshopglenview.com. If you are interested in volunteering at the shop, contact Addy Ford at *addyford@comcast.net* or (847)998-0906. You need not be a member of the Women's Association to volunteer.



The GCC Beginning Bell Choir will start Thursday, June 2, 6:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m. and will continue to rehearse through the end of June. All are welcome!

This is an opportunity for you to explore the wonderful world of bell ringing. We will begin with basic ringing techniques, note reading and counting. Just give Gary Wendt a ring for more information: (847)724-2210 x51 or gary.wendt@gccucc.org



Join us for a Simple Gifts Concert "Sing To Live" on Sunday, June 12, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. Admission is \$10.00 at the door.

The Sing to Live Community Chorus provides complimentary concert tickets to breast cancer survivors as part of its mission to provide the gift of music to the breast cancer community.

Sing with Us, Volunteer or Donate

For more information please visit their website at www.singtolive.org or email them at *info@singtolive.org* or call (773)250-sing.

Sing to Live is an Illinois Not-for Profit Organization.

COMMUNITY KITCHEN

Twice a month, all year long, GCC participates in a mission to serve the homeless and needy a full, hot nutritious dinner at The Community Kitchen (A Just Harvest) in Rogers Park.

A group of volunteers leaves the church the third Wednesday of the month at 4:00 p.m. On the first Sunday, the volunteers leave at 3:30 p.m. They're back around 7:00 p.m.

We have loyal and dedicated volunteers who continue to shop for the food, make chili here in the GCC kitchen, and transport food donations from Whole Foods in Northbrook. Many of our members and friends of members consistently volunteer to transport the food and serve our hearty meal at The Community Kitchen. We are grateful to all these wonderful people!

We need a total of eight volunteers each time to fill the coming summer dates. If you haven't done this before we encourage you to give it a try. Most of the first-timers enjoy the experience so much they sign up again! We make it easy and fun for you. It's a good way for singles, families, board groups or Womens' Association chapters to participate together.

The following dates need volunteers:

WEDNESDAYS	SUNDAYS	
June 15	July 3	
July 20	August 7	
August 17	September 4	

Please call Sandra Frantz at (847)998-6696 or email her at *Sandra-Frantz@ sbcglobal.net*. Detailed instructions are available by email. Just ask! Thank you.



"Make a joyful noise to the Lord!"

Both Primary Choir and Voices of GCC surely did this on Mother's Day as they presented the musical sermon "Life of the Party". All voices could be heard due to a recent purchase of wireless microphones by the music board using the Nutting Fund. These microphones were also used by the youth of our church during Youth Sunday. We anticipate this sound equipment to be used many times throughout the years. A big thank you to all involved in making the children of our church heard by all! I also wanted to thank the choir families for my lovely end of the year gift at the choir dinner. I am so looking forward to next year as we tackle "Joseph and Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat"! Have a fabulous summer break!

Mrs. Shellard

Sunday School

Beginning in June and continuing through the summer, Sunday school aged children are welcome to join their parents in the sanctuary to worship. Following the children's message, children will be dismissed to the garden to learn about and assist in the production of produce to benefit the Northfield Food Pantry. Nursery care will be available. (There will be no garden activities on July 3.)

Confirmands **CURRENT 7TH GRADE**

Do you want to do a fun service project on June 5? We need helpers to serve pancakes at the breakfast from 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Also help is needed Saturday morning on June 4 to set up. Let your teacher or Rev. Keckler know you are available and the time. Thanks!

All High School Seniors

All high school seniors are invited to join us in worship on Sunday, June 5 at 9:30 a.m. We will reserve a pew for you up front. Please bring your robe to wear (if you wear one for graduation). There will be a time in the service for you to introduce yourself and say what your plans are and/or what you will remember from being at GCC. Meet Rev. Keckler in the Narthex at 9:20 a.m.

INTRODUCTION

Rev. Dr. Douglas Earl Busby, Transitional Senior Minister Glenview Community Church

On May 24, 2011 the Executive Board approved the recommendation of the Interim Search Committee to retain Rev. Dr. Douglas Earl Busby as our Transitional Interim Minister.

Rev. Busby was ordained in 1998 through the Chicago Metropolitan Association, United Church of Christ. He earned a Master of Divinity (1997) and a Doctor of Ministry (2003) from the Chicago Theological Seminary (CTS) and a second Doctor of Ministry



from the Graduate Theological Foundation in South Bend, IN (2005). He completed a one-year interim minister-training program through CTS.

Rev. Busby has served as Assistant Minister or Interim Minister to churches in Elmhurst, IL; Benton Harbor, MI; and Elkhart & Bremen, IN. He was an Adjunct Professor at CTS on "Theology and Medicine", a Lecturer at Sancta Sophia Seminary on "Theology and Medicine", and currently serves as a Lecturer at Purdue University North Central with courses on "Moral Philosophy (Ethics), Introduction to Philosophy, and Religions of the West (Judaism, Christianity & Islam).

Rev. Busby also preaches, lectures and writes on spiritual healing, and conducts healing services. He is the author of a book entitled, "Coming Together for Spiritual Healing," published in January 2007. He also has a love for music and is an accomplished musician as a trumpet player.

Rev. Busby completed his theological training following a successful career as a medical doctor serving private and public entities ranging from the Cleveland Clinic and Blue Cross Blue Shield to a consultant on Aerospace Medicine and the FBI and FAA.

Besides traditional responsibilities for a Transitional Senior Minister, we anticipate Rev. Busby will bring special skills to our music and health ministry programs. He is anxious to meet our members and staff to help us identify and resolve perceived conflicts that exist within our congregation to create a healthier environment. Staff responsibility will be shared between Rev. Busby and Reverend Keckler. Andy Lewis, Gary Wendt and Marilyn Belleau will report directly to Rev. Busby. The balance of the staff and the Nursery School will report to Rev. Keckler during this transition.

Rev. Busby's ultimate goal is to create an environment for a successful transition to a new Senior Minister. Rev. Busby will start on August 1, 2011 and will be moving to temporary quarters in Glenview from Valparaiso, IN. His wife, Christina, will remain at their family home in Valparaiso since she has intensive travel obligations throughout Indiana and the Midwest with new responsibilities with Rotary International.

Rev. Busby has worshipped at GCC in the past and views this opportunity to be one of the high points of his career. He has two daughters and grand children in the immediate area and looks forward to the opportunity to interact with them on a more frequent basis.

Lloyd Bettis, Past Moderator

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OFFICE HOURS Monday - Friday 8:30 am - 4:30 p.m.

MINISTERIAL STAFF Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts, Senior Minister Rev. Dr. Pamela Keckler, Minister for Spiritual Formation

DIRECTORS: Marilyn Belleau, RN, Health Ministry Kathy Lifton, Children's Ministry Elizabeth Hartung-Ciccolini, Youth Ministry Debby Shellard, Children's Choirs Gary Wendt, Organist, Instrumental Music Andrew Lewis, Music

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

Return Service Requested

At A Glance

THRS	6/2	9:00 am Resale Shop open until 5:00 pm, Plymouth Rm 4:30 pm HOP Leadership Mtg., Parlor 7:00 pm BSA 156 Troop Patrol Mtg., Founders Rm 7:00 pm HOP Operating Commttee Mtg., Rm 201 7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
FRI	6/3	9:00 am Resale Shop open until 1:00 pm, Plymouth Rm 9:30 am Resale Shop Mtg., Founders Rm I1:30 am Daisy Girl Scouts, Founders & Rm 8 8:00 pm AA Mtg., Parlor 8:00 pm Al-Anon Mtg., Rm 201
SAT	6/4	8:00 am Scout Masters Mtg., Founders Rm 9:00 am Resale Shop open until 1:00 pm, Plymouth Rm
SUN	6/5	8:30 am Pancake Breakfast, Mayflower Rm 9:30 am Worship Service, Sanctuary 0:30 am Pancake Breakfast, Mayflower Rm
MON	6/6	No scheduled events
TUE	6/7	7:00 pm Children's Board Mtg., Rm 201 7:00 pm Adult Ed Board Mtg., Founders Rm
WED	6/8	7:00 pm BSA 156 Troop, Gym & Mayflower Rm 8:00 pm Venture Crew. Rm 210

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The Directory Change Slip is double sided this year. Do not pass go, pick up \$200 or buy a hotel! Instead, fill out your information AND your emergency info (for internal use only). Forms are in the pews, office and Narthex. Please call or email Jane Payne (847)724-2210 or *jane.payne@gccucc. org* or drop off the form in the office. Deadline is now!

Membership Board

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