



June 5, 2013

CLAY JARS

In his second letter to the fledgling church at Corinth, the Apostle Paul wrote these beautiful words about how God fills and uses our mortal humanness for divine purpose:

But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you. 2 Corinthians 4:7-12

Clay jars: bodies of flesh and bone...persons and personalities that are endowed with strengths and weaknesses, gifts and deficits; fragile human bodies that witness to the enduring realities of faith, hope and love that belong to God alone. This is how God blesses the world and calls it toward its destiny. We humans are the earthen vessels that bear God's holy gifts in the world and for God's people.

As May came to a close we said good bye to two members of the church staff who embodied God's treasures for us. Marilyn Belleau retired after serving as the Advocate Health Parish Nurse at Glenview Community Church for nearly 27 years. When Marilyn began her ministry with Lutheran General at GCC on August 1, 1986, she was one of six pioneers in the Parish Nursing ministry envisioned by the Rev. Granger Westberg. Marilyn has not only carried out this ministry; she has embodied it so thoroughly that it's nearly impossible to separate her personality from the position. I am grateful

for those of you who have borne witness to the importance of Marilyn's ministry. I want to assure you that I am committed to the personal pastoral ministry that is precious to this church. Toward that end, I am thrilled that the Rev. Dale Susan Edmonds will be serving as our Interim Coordinator of Congregational Care for the next months as we review the staffing needs of our ministries and plan for the future. Having served as a hospice chaplain Dale is familiar with the health care world. Dale will be serving half-time and is available through the church office. Please call on her with your pastoral and congregational care concerns.

Kathy Lifton, who has served for several years as our Director of Children's Ministry, also left us at the end of this program year. This congregation has no more sacred trust than the faith formation and Christian education of our children. As we seek to fulfill that trust, I am so pleased that Elizabeth Hartung-Ciccolini, our Minister for Youth, will also be serving as our Minister for Children. Elizabeth is a committed member of GCC and shares her incredible gifts for ministry with the 6, 7 and 8 Club and PYF. How blessed we are that Elizabeth has answered the call to become our Minister for Youth and Children!

All of us who serve on the pastoral and ministry staff of the Glenview Community Church are called not to do ministry on your behalf. Instead, we are called to enable each of you to fulfill your ministry, for Jesus' sake. All of us are clay jars. All of us are earthen vessels. Yet in us and through us, God intends to do amazing things! The treasure is in us, and it lives through us. From one clay pot to another, I humbly say: Let's do great things for God...and for God's children...and for God's world! See you in church!

Chuck Mize

WORSHIP SERVICES

JUNE 9, 2013

10:00 a.m. *Worship*

Scripture:

Psalm 146
1 Kings 17:8-24

Sermon:

"Creating a Space for Blessing"
Rev. Dr. Pam Keckler

JUNE 16, 2013

10:00 a.m. *Worship*

Scripture:

2 Samuel 11:26-12:10, 13
Galatians 2:15-16, 19-20
Luke 7:36-50

Sermon:

"No Modest Mercy"
Rev. Dr. Chuck Mize

HANDS OF PEACE WORSHIP SERVICE

Mark your calendar now for Sunday, July 14 at 10:00 a.m. as Hands of Peace participants and their host families join us for this interfaith worship service.



NAME BADGE ORDER

The Membership Board will be placing an order for GCC name badges. If you would like to order one, there is a signup list on the visitors' tables in the Narthex or the West Entrance and in the church office. You can also send a request by email to Susan Mann, akiteman@aol.com. First time badges will be provided. If you are requesting a replacement, a donation of \$5.00 would be appreciated to offset the cost and can be dropped off in the office. Thank you for being part of this effort to become better acquainted with members of our church family.

A BIG THANK YOU

Thank you, thank you, thank you! I'm so grateful for the recognition of the Parish Nurse Ministry at the worship service on May 19th. The service and reception honoring my 27 years at GCC was more than I ever expected. You are an amazing congregation and I will miss all of you deeply. Thank you for all the cards and the generous gift recognizing my retirement. I would love to hear from you so feel free to email me: mtbelleau@gmail.com.

*Blessings to each of you,
Marilyn*

COMMON GROUND JUNE 28, 7:00 PM

AHMAD SADRI "IRAN ELECTS!"

Iran's theo-democracy had lived with its internal contradictions for thirty years until the elections of 2009 were stolen by the incumbent right-wing party of President Ahmadinejad. After that, the contradiction that was the Islamic Republic of Iran seemed dead. It seemed Iran was heading for the plain religious dictatorship that was written into its otherwise democratic Constitution. Although straight forward tyranny is still an option, the path to it is not so clear at the threshold of the elections of June, 2013. What is in store for Iran? Ahmad Sadri will unpack the political scene in Iran during these fateful day

THANK YOU

We give a word of thanks to our Chancel Choir, Joyful Ringers, Primary Choir, Voices of GCC, Pilgrim Wind Ensemble, and all of our instrumentalists and soloists who shared their gifts and talents with the congregation during worship this past year. If you would like to sing or play this summer during worship, please contact the Director of Music Ministry and Organist, Gary Wendt by emailing Gary at gary.wendt@gccucc.org.

CELEBRATE!!!

We would like to congratulate our new hire to the facility staff, Gabriel Berumen on the birth of his new son Paul. It just so happens that Paul is the grandson of our staff member Miguel Del Rio. Yes, father and grandfather were blessed with the birth on May 28th.

Congratulations to parents Brandon and Amy Cooper on the birth of their daughter, Ceely Ruth Cooper, born May 30; Proud grandparents Bill and Heather Cooper.

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, October 13 will be the official installation of Rev. Dr. Chuck Mize as our new minister! Please join us for this special afternoon service as we mark this new chapter in the life of GCC.

LOOKING FOR A CAMP?

If you are looking for a camp this summer, United Church of Christ has something for everyone in the family. They also have adult retreats for a short weekend get-away to rejuvenate and refresh your spiritual self. Log on to www.il-odm.org to learn more about what is offered and to register.

Camp locations are:
Pilgrim Park Camp & Conference Center
Princeton, IL

Tower Hill Camp & Retreat Center
Sawyer, MI

MYRA LORIS LECTURE

Myra Loris will complete her lecture series on Chicago on Wednesday June 12 beginning with dessert at 7:00 p.m. Ms. Loris will begin at 7:30 p.m. and speak for an hour.

JUNE 12

"RICHARD J. DALEY and the CITY THAT WORKS," looks at some of the greatest weaknesses and strengths of the Mayor who became synonymous with the city of Chicago, including the 1968 Democratic National Convention.

TICKETS

\$15 for the lecture at the door or by calling Sandy Bradbury (847-729-9365). Chapters 3, 8 and 9 of the Glenview Community Church Women's Association, are sponsors of the program. All proceeds will benefit social service agencies.

RAINBOW GARDEN

HELP KEEP IT GROWING!

TOPP (The Organic Pantry Project), in cooperation with Glenview Community Church, has successfully established and nurtured the Rainbow Garden on the south lawn over the past 3 years. During this time, the garden has produced almost 300 pounds of fresh organic product that has been donated to the Northfield Food Pantry. Over the summers, the children of the GCC Sunday School have worked in the garden alongside volunteers, learning not only about this wonderful mission of feeding the hungry, but also about the miracles of nature in the garden.

If the Rainbow Garden is to continue, we need you! It is time for TOPP to transfer the management of the garden to GCC. The garden is not just for Sunday School! All congregation members are invited to be involved and we are looking for an individual or a small group of people to oversee the activities in the garden. Whether you are an experienced gardener or have never gardened before and would like to help, please contact Laura Heyser at 847.772.2844 or lcheyser@comcast.net and Karen Aldrich, moderator at kaaldrich@comcast.net.



LIKE ADVENTURE?

KNOW YOUR WAY AROUND A LEDGER?

Then Hands of Peace needs YOU! We are in search of a new board member who can serve as Treasurer. 3-year term starts in September. First year will be spent learning the ropes from current treasurer extraordinaire Jane Hund. Discover a meaningful way to become personally involved in fostering Middle East peace (and we have good snacks!) Interested in learning more? Contact Gretchen Grad at gradhop@gmail.com or 847-707-7033. (handsofpeace.org)

FAITH IN ACTION (FIAT)

Faith in Action Team has many opportunities for church members and friends to contribute their time, expertise and passion to stand for policies that promote peace and justice in our communities. Here are some events that will take place in the near future.

JUNE 15 AT 9:00 AM - NOON

COMMUNITY RENEWAL SOCIETY

Summer Leadership Council Meeting

Unity Temple, Oak Park

Not just for current leaders, this is a good place to learn skills to build power and influence for social justice, find out what has been accomplished and still needs work. For more information please contact Betsy Martin Betsywisemartin@att.net.

OCTOBER 5 AT 9:00 AM. – NOON

COMMUNITY RENEWAL SOCIETY

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP ASSEMBLY

Location TBD. Worship and learn how to take action for social justice. For more information please contact Nancy Mullarkey Mullarkeyn@hotmail.com.

ILLINOIS CONFERENCE UCC

ANNUAL MEETING/CELEBRATION

The Illinois Conference will hold its annual meeting in Oak Brook on Friday and Saturday, June 14-15, 2013. Please contact Rev. Keckler if you would like to attend. Your registration will be paid.

YOUTH MISSION TRIP

Our high school youth and chaperones will leave on their mission trip on June 9 for a week. Please remember them in your prayers. Thank you for all of your support!



SUNDAY SCHOOL

SUMMER NEWS

We are excited to announce our Summer Sunday School plans. The children will begin the morning in the sanctuary at 10:00 worship with a children's message. They will then embark on a biblical journey of "Fast Food" as they engage in a variety of exciting activities including story discussion, kitchen, and gym time. Our leaders include Diane Christiansen, Elizabeth Hartung-Ciccolini (Elizabeth.Ciccolini@gccucc.org) and helpers. It will be a fun-filled summer of food (allergy free). We look forward to welcoming families each Sunday.

HANDS OF PEACE

Invites you to a presentation by



DAOUD NASSAR

A PALESTINIAN FARMER TALKS ABOUT HIS "TENT OF NATIONS"

Daoud Nassar, founder of the Tent of Nations outside Bethlehem, will speak at GCC on Thursday, June 20 at 7:30pm about his family farm surrounded by Israeli settlements. Their land has become a center for peace and local education, hosting Israelis and visitors from around the world. The sign at their front gate reads "We Refuse to be Enemies."

Event sponsored by Hands of Peace. A free will offering will be collected.

Questions? Contact Gretchen Grad gradhop@gmail.com or 847-998-5576

CONFIRMATION

REGISTRATION FOR FALL

All incoming 7th graders should register for confirmation class by the end of June. If you did not receive a form in the mail, there are extras in the church office. Incoming 8th graders will stay with their same class and teacher. Questions, please contact Rev. Keckler.

CONFIRMATION/ YOUTH RETREAT

Classes will resume in September. Mark your calendars now for the Community Youth Retreat at Tower Hill on August 17-18. This is for incoming 7th/8th graders next fall, and PYF.



CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES OF 2013!!

We congratulate our high school seniors, class of 2013 and wish them God's blessings.

Ben Ach	Steve Mohr
Zach Baker	Mackenzie Morgan
Kimberly Bernstein	Lindsey Oldshue
Trevor Brown	Mara Pollard
Casey Chiappetta	Trace Powers
Audrey Crowder	Josh Raebel
Colin Davis	Michelle Rolf
Nicolle DeRoek	Carly Sands

Erica Hill	Sam Selby
Katie Iida	Bobby Shaw
Alex Kajcic	Ethan Spalding
Sam Koloms	Greta Stadler
Alex Krueger	Matt Stavins
Elizabeth Little	Olivia Stern
Michael McCarthy	Heather Tidwell
Emily Mitchell	

Cayla Dupuis	Isabelle Uhl
Nick Gabuzzi	Katie Vanderveen
Erika Grad	Nicolette Wells
Hannah Herrmann	Allyson Wojick



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT GCC

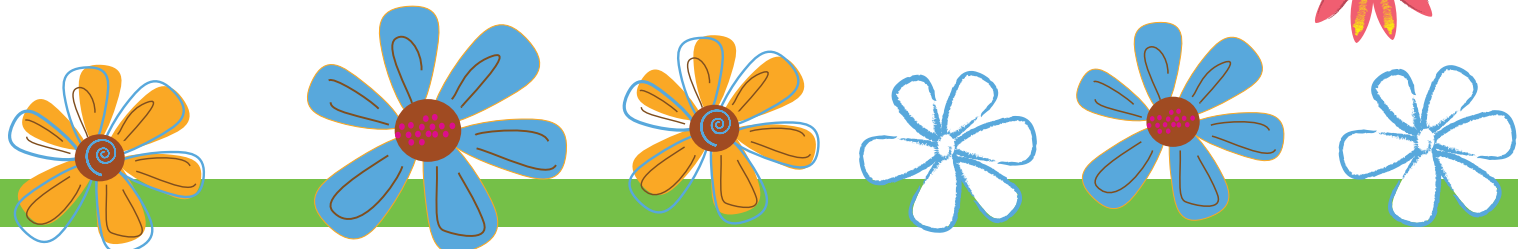
THUR	9:00 AM	Resale Shop Open Until 5:00 PM, Plymouth Rm
06/06	11:00 AM	Countdown to Fitness, Narthex
	4:00 PM	Hands of Peace Leadership & Operations Mtg., Parlor
	5:00 PM	Pre-Trip Mission Trip Mtg., Gym
FRI	9:00 AM	Resale Shop Open Until 1:00 PM, Plymouth Rm
06/07	8:00 PM	AI-Anon, Rm 201
	8:00 PM	AA Meeting, Parlor
SAT	9:00 AM	Resale Shop Open Until 1:00 PM, Plymouth Rm
06/08		
SUN	10:00 AM	Worship Service, Sanctuary
	11:00 AM	Refreshments After Worship, Narthex
06/09	11:00 AM	Membership Mtg., Library
MON	9:30 AM	Finding My Spirit, Library
	4:00 PM	Finance Board Mtg., Library
	6:30 PM	Faith In Action Mtg., Parlor
	6:30 PM	HOP, Founders Rm
	7:00 PM	Property Board Mtg., Rm 210
	7:00 PM	Women Spiritual Reading, Library
06/10	7:30 PM	Mission Outreach Board Mtg., Parlor

TUE	7:00 PM	Pastoral Care Board Mtg., Parlor
	7:00 PM	Services and Sacraments Board, Rm 210
06/11	7:00 PM	HOP Operations Committee, Rm 201
WED	7:00 PM	Children's Board Mgt., Parlor
06/12	7:00 PM	Music Board Mtg., Music Office
	7:00 PM	Myra Loris Chicago Lectures, Mayflower Rm
THU	11:00 AM	Countdown To Fitness, Founders Rm
06/13		
FRI	8:00 PM	AA Meeting, Parlor
06/14	8:00 PM	AI-Anon, Rm 201
SAT		No Event Scheduled
06/15		
SUN	10:00 AM	Worship, Sanctuary
06/16	11:00 AM	Refreshments After Worship, Narthex
MON	12:30 PM	No Events Scheduled
06/17		
TUE	11:30 AM	No Events Scheduled
06/18		
WED	9:00 AM	HOP Mailing, Mayflower Rm
06/19	7:00 PM	Pilgrim Wind Trio, Sanctuary

THE NEXT DEADLINE FOR THE BROADCASTER IS JULY 10, 2013 AT 9:00 AM SIXTH GRADE SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDENTS RECREATED THE LORD'S PRAYER.

Our Father, who art in heaven
Hallowed be Thy name
Thy kingdom come
Thy will be done
On earth as it is in heaven
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts
As we forgive our debtors
And lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from evil
For thine is the kingdom
and the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen

God who created us, who crafts greatness in heaven
You are so awesome
For a long time,
Live by God's word
Like what they do in heaven
Give us your goodness, your love, your hope.
Forgive us our bad deeds
And we will forgive the people that hurt us
Show us the right path away from evil
And help us to make good choices
For heaven is the kingdom
God is our leader, our light, and our Savior forever.
Amen



At the 8th grade Confirmation Retreat the Confirmands were asked this question: "What do I believe about God?" Here are some of their thoughts.

God loves everyone and God put us on this earth for a reason.

God is the one who will always be there for you, through the good and bad.

God is almighty, very powerful, and always forgiving.

I believe God is always with me and loves me endlessly and completely.

God is here always and is real.

God is the Father, Son, Holy Spirit. God is here to protect and guide us through life. God is also a brother, sister, mother, cousin, grandparent.

I believe that God is a spirit that takes faith, not sight.

God can take on different forms (burning bush, a person) and is inside each and every one of us, guiding us through life.

God loves all of us and is understanding.



PRAYERS BY OUR NEWLY CONFIRMED MEMBERS:

Help us to learn our lesson and understand our purpose. Enlighten us, for we only know so much. Give us a better understanding of you, God, and of life.

Please help people who are bullied to recover.

Dear God, please help us look past our prejudice and hate. Help us understand one another and see others as equals. Help us receive the rich friendships, brilliant minds, and great workers we have been denying ourselves.

I pray that everyone can find the love they deserve. I pray that I can be someone's inspiration --who changes another person's life.

Help us make time for you in our lives, God.

I pray that with the journey ending, we all find a new road to travel and explore, and that God is with us and guides us every step of the way.

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SUMMER OFFICE HOURS
Monday - Friday
8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
June 17 - August 16, 2013

PASTORS

Rev. Dr. Charles E. Mize, *Senior Pastor*
Rev. Dr. Pamela Keckler, *Pastor*

MINISTRY STAFF:

Elizabeth Hartung-Ciccolini, *Youth & Children Ministry*
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SUMMER PRAYER

The little cares that fretted me,
I lost them yesterday
Among the fields above the sea.
Among the winds at play;
Among the lowing of the herds,
The rustling of the trees,
Among the singing of the birds,
The humming of the bees.

The foolish fears of what may happen,
I cast them all away
Among the clover-scented grass,
Among the new-mown hay;
Among the husking of the corn
Where drowsy poppies nod,
Where ill thoughts die and good are born,
Out in the fields with God.

---Elizabeth Barrett Browning

