

A PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

Wow! What a celebration on Sunday! I was stunned and overwhelmed by the tremendous expressions of appreciation, the many specific comments about the impact of my ministry and by your generous retirement gift of \$19,000. Peggy and I will spend the gift wisely, finding just the right golf cart for us and making other purchases of lasting value that will remind us constantly of you.

Peggy and I are finalizing our plans to relocate to our home in Florida. We will be leaving for Florida July 3rd. Unfortunately we have not yet sold our house in Glenview but we hope that will occur before too many more weeks pass.

Some have inquired about the exit interview that Richard Blackburn did and others have asked about my annual report. Both are available on the website. Go to <u>www.gccucc.org</u> and click on Resources. Then click on Executive Board ... read more. Click on May 2011 and the exit interview is included in the packet. Click on Annual Congregational Meeting and my annual report is included in that packet.

Several have indicated interest in having copies of my sermons. They also are available on the website. Go to <u>www.gccucc.</u> org and click on Sunday Service Sermons. Sermons from 2007 through 2011 are available for reading and/or printing. Earlier sermons are in the archives and Tania McCarthy can help you access them.

Thank you for the many expressions of appreciation and encouragement you have shared with Peggy and me in recent weeks. We have enjoyed sharing meals, coffee, and conversation with you. We treasure the notes, cards, and emails we have received. As I mentioned in my previous article we hope to hear from you. We care about you and your families. We want to know how you are doing and how the life and ministry of Glenview Community Church is progressing. We want the very best for Glenview Community Church and we want to hear about the exciting things that are happening here.

Our mailing address is 573 Inner Circle, The Villages, FL 32162. Peggy's email address is *peggyroberts48@hotmail.com* and her cell phone number is (334)750-5588. My email address is *howardroberts47@hotmail.com* and my cell phone number is 847-840-9582. Send us a note. Give us a call. We will enjoy hearing from you. If you're in Florida, let us know. We'd love to see you.

For nine and a half years Peggy and I have journeyed with you. Now our journey is leading in a different direction from yours. We have been richly blessed by your lives, by your care and friendship and we are grateful for every memory of you that we carry with us. As we journey separate ways may we be assured that no matter where we go or what we encounter we are loved and cared for by God. May the love and grace of God help us to know the world is too dangerous of a place for anything but the truth and too small of a place for anything but love. May we daily open ourselves to God. May God take our minds and think through them, take our voices and speak through them, take our lives and love through them. Amen.

Howard

WORSHIP SERVICES

There will be special music each Sunday.

JULY 3, 2011 Communion 9:30 a.m.

Scripture: Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49 and 58-67 Song of Solomon 2:8-13

Guest Preacher: "Looking for love..." Dr. Scott Haldeman, *Chicago Theological Seminary* Rev. Nina Fockens will assist with worship

JULY 10, 2011

9:30 a.m.

Scripture: 2nd Samuel 11:1-15, 12:1-13a, Song of Solomon 7:1-12

Guest Preacher:

"...in all the wrong places!" Dr. Scott Haldeman, *Chicago Theological Seminary* Moderator, Bill Dailey will assist with worship

JULY 17, 2011

9:30 a.m.

Scripture: Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24, Genesis 28:10-19 a

Sermon: "Place of Blessing" Rev. Dr. Pam Keckler

JULY 24, 2011

Hands of Peace young adults will be our guests

9:30 a.m. Rev. Dr. Pam Keckler, preaching

JULY 31, 2011

9:30 a.m. Scripture: *Matthew 14:13-21* Elizabeth Hartung- Ciccolini, preaching



Guest Preacher

Dr. W. Scott Haldeman Associate Professor of Worship at Chicago Theological Seminary

We welcome to our pulpit on July 3 and July 10, Dr. W. Scott Haldeman. Scott is Associate Professor of Worship at Chicago Theological Seminary, Chicago, Illinois. Specializing in the history, theology and practice of US Protestant worship. Scott is also interested in the less formal ways human beings ritualize themselves in relation to various categories of identity, such as race, gender and sexuality. Scott graduated from Oberlin College B.A. 1986 and received M. Div. and Ph D, from Union Theological Seminary (NYC) 1990, 1998. He is the author of Towards Liturgies that Reconcile: Race and Ritual among African-American and European-American Protestants and numerous articles.

On Call Schedule

On Call During July 1-14 and July 27-31 If you have a pastoral emergency or death while Rev. Keckler is at General Synod and on vacation during part of July, please contact one of the ministers during the dates listed. Their name and phone number will also be on the church phone message when you call after office hours.

July 1 through July 7 Rev. Bob Warskow 847-421-4640

July 8 through July 14 Rev. Nina Fockens 847-205-9916

July 27 through July 31 Rev. Janet Aldrich 224-616-1949

Transitional Senior Minister

Rev. Dr. Doug Busby, our Transitional Senior Minister will begin work officially on Monday, August 1 and will be preaching on Sunday, August 7 on the theme "Transitions." We look forward to welcoming him to Glenview Community Church.

Fall Worship and Program

The schedule will begin on Rally Day Sunday, September 11. We will offer a variety of worship services, adult education opportunities and regular Sunday School and Confirmation classes. More details will be forthcoming later this summer. Here is the updated schedule as revised by the worship/program staff and ministers and approved by the Executive Board.

8:00-8:45 a.m.

Time for Spiritual Reflection

9:00 - 10:00 a.m. Adult Education Seminar

9:15-10:00 a.m.

Small Groups; *Parents, Bible Study, etc.* Confirmation Classes; *7th and 8th Grades*

9:15 to 9:45 a.m. Primary Choir Rehearsal

10:00-11:00 a.m. Worship

Sunday School

The Sunday School children will join their families in worship on the first Sunday of the month for communion, etc.

4:00-5:00 p.m.

2nd Sunday Worship (On the second Sunday of each month) Voices of GCC rehearsal PYF (runs until 6 pm)

Volunteer Opportunity

We are looking for a volunteer sub who would like to help one hour a week in the sanctuary when our regular volunteer is unable to help. The task is to replace offering envelopes in the pew racks as well as straighten Bibles, hymnals and other paper so that our sanctuary is ready for any weekend weddings and in preparation for the next Sunday morning worship service. If you have an interest in this please contact Rev. Pam Keckler.

Broadcaster Deadlines

The following dates are the Broadcaster deadlines for the summer: July 27, August 17. Regular schedule after August 17. Submit articles by 9:00 a.m., Wednesday to Tania McCarthy via e-mail at <u>tania.mccar-thy@gccucc.org</u>.

Summer office hours are June 13th through August 9th. The church office will be open 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

HANDS OF PEACE Farewell Dinner



Please join us for our Farewell Dinner, where you can see and hear for yourselves the impact that Hands of Peace is having on the Israeli, Palestinian, Arab Israeli, and American participants.

A delicious Middle Eastern dinner and a silent auction will be followed by cultural performances by the Hands of Peace participants. You will also hear reflections from participants, staff and the annual Olive Branch will be announced.

Seating is limited, so avoid disappointment and reply ASAP (by July 15). Tickets are \$50/guest, and \$25/ host and participant family members.

To purchase tickets by check, make the check out to Hands of Peace (write Farewell Dinner) in the memo line, send it to Adam Heffez, Assistant Program Director, HOP, 1000 Elm Street, Glenview, IL 60025. Purchase online on our website <u>www.</u> <u>hands-of-peace.org.</u>

Lost and Found

Having you been missing some items, unable to find them? Have you thought about looking in the church's Lost and Found Closet? The church office has accumulated items through out the church year. Please feel free to stop by the church office and check to see if we have any of your lost items here.

Items not claimed by September 11 will be donated to the Resale Shop. Thank you very much.

Church Staff

Altar Flower Dates Available

We still have a few dates available for altar flower purchase. The dates are:

July 17, August 7 & 28, October 9 & 16, November 13, 20 & 27. If you would like to purchase one of these dates, please contact Jane Payne in the Church Office.

Community Renewal Society Listening Campaign

The Missions Outreach Board has just launched a congregational Listening Campaign in conjunction with our partners at the Community Renewal Society. Members of the Board and church at large, including Kristine Voelker, Tom Lutz, Nancy Mullarkey, Tracy Sawires, Laura Heyser, Karen Patterson-O'Brien, Cindy Bond and Bill Ryan will be contacting members of the congregation to schedule one-on-one meetings, with the purpose of determining what issues of justice are of importance to the church. Another goal of the campaign is to build stronger internal relationships and identify leaders within the congregation. We will then report back to the Community Renewal Society at the end of the summer, and our feedback will be used to direct the Community Renewal Society's efforts to work for more justice in the world. If you are interested in being part of this campaign, please contact Bill Ryan *billjryan@sbcglobal.net*, any of the church members cited above, or any member of the Missions Outreach Board. Thank you.

Global Leadership Summit

Calling all "leadership and board members" of the church to join Rev. Pam Keckler for the Global Leadership Summit sponsored by Willow Creek Association in Barrington.

Dates are Thursday-Friday, August 11-12.

Speakers include: Howard Schultz, President of Starbucks Corporation; Michelle Rhee, Founder of websites including <u>StudentsFirst.og</u>.

Please contact Pam if you would like to be part of this event or for more information.

Community Vacation Bible School

Children ages Pre-school through 5th grade are invited to be part of a Community Vacation Bible School at the Glenview United Methodist Church July 10-14 from 6-8:30 pm. There will be Bible stories, crafts, sports, snacks, and music. To register online go to: <u>www.</u> <u>glenviewumc.com.</u>

Summer Sunday School

Children are invited to worship with their parents in the Sanctuary on Sunday, July 3. There will be no gardening or Sunday school activities that day. Childcare will be available. Gardening and Sunday school activities will resume on July 10.

Fall Confirmation Registration

Calling all 7th graders! It's time to register for Confirmation class this fall. Forms are in the church office or on the church website. Please complete the form and return to Rev. Keckler by July 15. Incoming 8th graders do not need to register.

Community Youth Retreat

The incoming 7th and 8th grade classes are invited to attend a youth retreat on August 20-21. We will travel to Tower Hill UCC Camp in Sawyer, Michigan for an overnight, learning and fun time together. Our theme is "Choices of the Journey." PYF will act as leaders, along with our adult chaperones. Spaces are filling up and we may only take 50 so sign up soon! A check for \$75 reserves your space. Details will be sent to you later in July. Questions, contact Rev. Keckler.

Simple Gifts Summer Concert Series Sunday, July 10, 3:00 p.m.

Join us for an afternoon of classical piano as Mark Damisch shares his music that promotes peace and goodwill in parts of Europe, Asia and the Middle East.

A freewill donation will be collected to enefit the Hands of Peace program.

Reflections and Thanks from our Youth

Our 25 youth and their adult chaperones recently returned from their Mission Trip to Logan, West Virginia. Here are some of their comments:

Thank you so much for sponsoring us and showing us support. Because of your donations we were able to help the lives of so many people – especially children.

While we were there we were able to assist at a day care for children whose lives can seem so hopeless.

We had so much fun with everyone from the community. We loved helping their scattered lives in rebuilding homes, etc.

The community was in need of help and we were able to: paint houses, build wheelchair ramps, work at the Salvation Army, plant seeds in a community garden, landscape, visited a retirement center, replace a rotted part of a deck, clean and repaint the inside of a house and keep the elders and youth company. We also ran a Kids' Club.

Thank you so much for putting money towards our trip. I helped build a wheel chair ramp for a couple who had not left their house in one year.

The people of Logan appreciated our efforts. Along with building a wheel chair ramp, painting houses and dancing with elderly people, we were able to form friendships with other kids from different churches.

We did a lot of great work in the community. This trip also gave us all a chance to grow our relationships with each other and with God.

This was my first mission trip and the experience was incredible!

Thank you for your support. With it PYF was able to really impact the people there.

Some of us painted the living room and one bedroom in a local family's home. With the fresh paint comes a fresh start. We helped people start on a path to change their lives. GLENVIEW COMMUNITY CHURCH 1000 Elm Street Glenview, IL 60025-2897

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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

Thursdays	6/30, 7/14
	6:30 pm Bell Rehearsal, Bell Rm
Fridays	7/1,7/8, 7/15, 7/22, 7/29 8:00 pm AA Mtg., Parlor 8:00 pm Al-Anon Mtg., Rm 201
Sundays	7/3, 7/10, 7/17, 7/24, 7/31 9:30 am Worship Service, Sanctuary 10:30 am Fellowship Hour, Narthex
Monday	7/11 7:00 pm Finance Board Mtg., Founders Rm
Wednesday	7/13 7:00 pm Music Board Mtg., Rm 201

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Memorial Service for Catherine Creyke

There will be a private memorial service for Catherine (Kitty) Creyke on July 9 at 1:30 p.m. in the Memorial Garden for family and old friends. Kitty passed away on January 10 at age 98. She is survived by her two daughters, Caroline Creyke <u>carolinx@aol.com</u> and Paulett Creyke Liewer <u>pcliewer@gmail.com</u>, 6 grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren.

In Remembrance

We remember Philip Edward Greene, III who died on June 9, 2011. Phil was a long time member of GCC before moving to Chicago. Our thoughts and prayers are with those who loved and cared for him.

Our Sympathy

Our sympathy and prayers to Barbara Lothian and family on the death of her mother, Betty Wallace on June 18, 2011.