



Pilgrim's Progress

A woman approached Jesus. Matthew (Mt. 15:21-28) identifies her as a Canaanite, meaning she probably was from a more rural section in that region. Mark says she was a Gentile from Syria in the region of Phoenicia.

Several factors make this a most unusual event. First, a woman never approached a man in public. Second, if a man approached a woman in public, the woman was expected not to look at him and was not to respond in conversation with him. Third, the woman in this story was a Gentile and should have kept away from the home of an observant Jew if you follow Mark's account, and kept away from a Jewish man. Not only did this woman approach Jesus. She spoke out to him and cleverly and incautiously talked back to Jesus while asking for his help. This is outrageous. Yet, she does all of this with tenacity and wit. This woman is on a mission--a crusade even--on behalf of her daughter, and she will let nothing, no custom, no expectation, no rule, nothing stand in her way. She was one pushy woman!

Why was she so aggressive? This mother was willing to take any risk in the hope of finding healing for her daughter. Every parent who has had a child in a life-threatening situation knows this and knows the willingness to take any risk for the sake of the child.

Here was a woman willing to break any and every social custom if necessary to get help for her daughter. I do not know what you think about this woman. I do not know how you respond to her aggressiveness. I do not know what your preconceived ideas are about how women are supposed to act, but I can tell you this, I want this woman on my side. She was persistent and refused to accept no for an answer. She is one of the most effective advocates of an oppressed person depicted anywhere. Her daughter was oppressed by illness. This woman kept on seeking the help she needed from the one she was convinced could help her. Who of us would not love to be

able to think on our feet as quickly as this woman did? When Jesus made his statement about throwing food to the dogs, she shot back at him that even dogs get leftovers. It was her way of saying, "Look, I'm not asking for a seven course meal. I will gladly receive what is left after all the others have had their fill!" What was Jesus to say? I get the feeling that Jesus had never met anyone quite like this woman. No one had been so persistent and so tough with Jesus. Some of Jesus' responses and statements to others had been firm, confrontive, and seemed to leave some people nearly speechless. This is the only dialogue available where I sense Jesus being nearly speechless. But Jesus does say that the woman's persistence is evidence of her faith, her confidence in him that he really can do something significant for her daughter. He said that kind of confidence and faith does bring healing and her daughter is made well.

This woman was a seeker of the highest order. She was seeking help and care for her daughter as well as for herself. She was willing to risk ridicule, rejection, and public condemnation to express her need to the one she was convinced could help her.

This woman symbolizes a need in all of us. We are all in need of God's kindness, care, healing, and help. And this woman symbolizes for us that people who are oppressed need relief from their misery. They are not to be ignored but are in need of God's mercy and grace. It is almost as if this woman taught Jesus something about God of which Jesus was unaware. That's pretty hard for us to imagine! It is nearly impossible to wrap our minds around that picture of Jesus. I tell you, this is one of the most difficult biblical stories there is. It is both a repelling and a compelling story. Let's read it, wrestle and struggle with it, and see what blessing this passage will give us before we are finished with it or rather before this story is finished with us.

Howard

SUNDAY WORSHIP

JULY 18
9:30 a.m.

Scripture:

Isaiah 5:1-7, Luke 12:49-56

Sermon:

"Warning Labels"

Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts

JULY 25
9:30 a.m.

Scripture:

Matthew 6:7-13

Sermon:

"How Do You Pray?"

Rev. Dr. Pamela Keckler

Hands of Peace young adults will join us for worship.

AUGUST 1 - COMMUNION
9:30 a.m.

Scripture:

Psalms 107 and Luke 12:13-21

Sermon:

"Storage for Life"

Rev. Dr. Pamela Keckler

AUGUST 8
9:30 a.m.

Scripture:

Deuteronomy 6:1-9, Luke 10:25-37

Sermon:

"Jesus: Model for Living"

Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts

AUGUST 15
9:30 a.m.

Scripture:

Isaiah 58:9-14, Luke 13: 10-17

Sermon:

"Is Apologizing Enough?"

Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts

GCC Bylaws Change

At the June 22, 2010, Executive Board meeting the following Bylaws change in italics was adopted in Article II, Section A, Point 2. Article II: Executive Board Standing Committees

SECTION A. NAMES AND MEMBERSHIP
Executive Board Standing Committees shall consist of the following:

2. *Personnel and Ministerial Relations Committee composed of the Immediate Past Moderator, as Chair, plus four At-Large members of the Executive Board, and one member of the Finance Board appointed by the Chair of the Finance Board. All At-Large members will serve a 3-year term with the first two years served during their At-Large appointments to the Executive Board and a third year served after completion of their two-year term on the Executive Board. If an At-Large member is unable to serve the third year, then the Moderator, with Executive Board Approval, shall appoint another member of the Executive Board to fulfill the final year. If the office of Immediate Past Moderator is vacant, the Moderator shall nominate and the Executive Board shall elect one of the At-Large members as Chair. The Vice Moderator shall serve as an ex-officio, non-voting member. The Moderator may be invited at the pleasure of the chair.*

Financial Summary

A Year-to-Date summary as of May 31, 2010.

Pledges Received to date:
Pledges Made - \$969,878
Payments received against the Pledges Made: Pledges Paid - \$391,321

Total Revenues received (including Pledges Paid): Total Revenues - \$489,322
Total Actual Expenses paid: Total Expenditures - \$449,485

*Respectfully submitted, Rob Hevey,
Treasurer*

CALLING ALL WALKERS

We meet on Sunday following the worship service in the north parking lot at 10:45 a.m.

Future walks:

August 8, walk leader, Elinor Swiger;
September 9, walk leader, Steve Lindell;
October 10, walk leader, Jim Hunt;
November 14 walk leader, Nan Hinchsliff.

For more information call Pieter at (847)205-9916. Come, even if you haven't walked with us before.

Worship Plans

Having one worship service at 9:30 for a one year trial period is being explored. The initiative for this consideration came from the staff during its annual worship and program planning meeting in June. Then, the idea was discussed at the June Executive Board Meeting and the Executive Board will vote on this matter at its August 28th meeting. The upside of this change includes better utilization of handbell choir and instrumentalists with the chancel and children's choirs, opportunity for the entire congregation to worship at the same time, opportunity for a more robust fellowship time following worship. The downside is that having one worship service will impact Adult Education, Confirmation, Sunday school, and will provide only one worship time option for the congregation. Adult Education seminars will need to be shifted either before worship (8:30), after worship (10:45), or to an evening time. Confirmation classes will attend worship once a month and have regular classes the other Sundays each month. Building space will be at a premium with rooms needed simultaneously for Confirmation classes and Sunday school classes at 9:30 a.m. Parking will also be at a premium with Sunday school, Confirmation, and worship occurring at the same time. Pam Keckler's availability to lead in worship will be reduced due to her involvement with Confirmation and Sunday school.

Please share your views with a member of the Executive Board prior to the August 28th meeting. If the decision is to have one service at 9:30, it will be for a trial period of one year. Opportunity will be provided at mid-year to provide input about how things are going. At the end of the year, the Executive Board will review how things have gone for the year and based on observations, input, and feedback from members, staff, boards, and program participants will recommend whether this should be a permanent arrangement or return to the schedule of two worship services.

Save The Date For RALLY DAY

September 12th after the 9:30 service. Donations can be made to **Glenview/Northbrook Youth Services, Night Ministry, or Northfield Food Pantry.**



WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!!

GCC is sponsoring an American Girl Fashion Show to raise funds for 3 children's causes:

*Common Threads of Chicago
By the Hand
Glenview Youth Services*

We are now searching for models to feature the American Girl historically inspired and hip new girls clothing that will be presented at the fashion show. Girls that fit a size 6X or size 10 are needed. Members, relatives and friends of GCC are being offered a priority modeling opportunity! For a model application or questions, please contact Fran Oldham at foldham@comcast.net or Amy Eccleston at eccleston5@comcast.net

Recruiting is also ongoing for volunteers for mailing, soliciting raffle prizes, working backstage with the models, or hosting at the event. Interested? Contact Melinda Krueger at melinda-k@sbcglobal.net or (847)256-7502.

Called To Care Ministry

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.

Grocery Bags Needed

A member of the GCC congregation is collecting plastic grocery bags to create water resistant sleeping mats for people living in shelters or on the street. Please place your plastic grocery bags in the marked containers near the west entrance or office entrance.

Thank you from the GCC Missions Outreach Board.

A VERY LARGE & HEARTFELT THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who contributed Treasures to the Rummage Sale. The response was overwhelming, far exceeding expectations. Without your generosity the Rummage Sale could not have been such an outstanding success.

Profits exceeded \$8,000.00!!!
Plant Sale exceeded \$700.00!!!

A Special Word of Gratitude to All Who Worked

Countless hours were spent receiving donations, hauling, picking up, sorting, pricing, selling, cashiers, bag checkers, security, cleaning up and packing for distribution to charities. Over 150 volunteers plus staff helped, and with apologies for those we did not remember, our work heroes and our thanks go to:

Sam Ach, Dave, Melissa, Tyler, Michael & Megan Aki, Tom & Rosalie Amos, Val & Kelly Anderson, Mike Barron, Kathryn Bettis, Esther Blackwelder, Scott & Beth Brady, Dee Dee Brannigan, Steve, Carolyn, Audrey, Mitchell & Ella Brown, Mary Buchannan, Dianne Carroccia, Larry & Julie Chandler, Elizabeth Ciccolini, Kara Clark, Sally & Greg Connell, Bonnie Curland, Bill & Cindy Dailey, Mike, Amy & Jack Davis, Glenn Davis, Ann Deakyne, Leslie Decker, Della Deme, Jane Demler, Janis Duncan, Art & Dagny Engle, Martha Fergus, Pieter & Nina Fockens, Debby Fosdick, Sandy Frantz, Scott, Anne, Zimmie & Porter Frerichs, Pat Frey, Joyce Fridell, Alex & Julia Hermann, Brian, Gretchen, Dana, Erika Grad, Dad Ed & Mom Judy, Barb Griffiths, Rob Hevey, Sally Hicks, Steve & Kelly Hill, Nan Hinchsliff, Sue Hoffman, Jim & Pat Hunt, Marv & Mary Ellen Johnson, Bob & Diane Kappus, Kerry Karth, Pam Keckler, Carolyn Keller, Glenn Kelly, Mark Lefens, Scott & Barb Lothian, Tom & Margaret Lutz, Will Lyon, Darcie Martin, Meg, Tom & Dave Macfadden, Ellen McCarthy, Mike McFaul, Bob McGee, Terri & Mackenzie Morgan, Nancy Mullarkey, June Mussay, Barry & Heidi Nelson, Karen Patterson-O'Brien, Laura Olsen, Mary Anne Peruchini, Donna Peterson, Will Phalen, Sharon, Mellisa & Heather Pratt, Beth Reid, Friend: Soo Fouts, Kathy Riddell, Stephen & Chris Jett-Rivard, Peggy Roberts, Clark Ross, Jill & Ned Ruter, Jane Sanderson, Mark, Tracy, Evan & Nick Sawires, Steve & Ellen Scholly, Sally Schreiner, Janet Schroeder, Jackie Seter, Cathy Shapiro, Earle & Ruth Shultz, George & Diane Silca, Cathy Stieber, Joan Striebel, Sylvia Studt, Nick Swanson, Al & Marilyn TeRonde, Barbara Thewis, Tom & Sally Thuresson, John, Julie & Lauren Tillman, Kathy Tomita, Kristine Voelker, Marilyn Webster, Nancy Winans, Nancy Winton, Rob & Susie Woodsome, Julie & Lauren Zylke.

A special thank you to Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts, Rev. Dr. Pam Keckler, Tania McCarthy, Jane Payne, Jennifer Helgren, Kris Lezon, Samantha Barkho and Wesley Luczcz for the extra support through the entire Rummage Sale process.

AGAIN THANK YOU from the Resource Development Committee, Steve Brown, John Tillman, Tracy Sawires, Margaret Lutz, Kerry Karth, Debby Fosdick, Larry Chandler, Gretchen Grad, Sally Thuresson

THE BENEFITS

The Benefits of the Rummage Sale extended far beyond the Dollars raised to support the operating budget June 18 & 19, 2010

FELLOWSHIP:

Over 150 volunteers logged countless hours and found a camaraderie with friends and people they did not know: Receiving Donations, Hauling, Sorting, Pricing, Selling, cashiers, bag checkers, security, Packing for distribution to charities and Clean Up. Tracy Sawires called 112 members who she was not familiar with to request assistance. Many good conversations were had. Almost 20% of those she called responded with hours worked.

DONATIONS and OUTSTANDING ASSISTANCE:

An extraordinary amount of donations, far surpassing any estimate, filled the Gym, Plymouth Room, Mayflower Room and Founders Room.

The Village Treasure House: Donated many items. Several of their volunteers helped price and gave Day of Sale Assistance.

GCC Resale Shop: Donated wire hangers and items they do not sell in their shop, provided clothing rods and tiered racks for display of clothing and linens, distributed Rummage Sale flyers and gave pricing advise and are consigning items too expensive for Rummage Sale.

Snowbird Ski Shop: Donated hangers and provided clothing rods. They also contributed toys and Easter decorations for the sale.

Glenview Methodist Church: Bruce Sieworth, CEO of their Rummage Sale had breakfast with the RDC team and presented an outline of how to run a Rummage Sale and answered numerous questions.

Chapter 9: Prepared and served lunch to all Volunteers on Saturday.

Chapter 1: Plant sale of donated perennials. The profit of over \$700.00 to benefit Garden Committee and GCC landscaping.

Trader Joe's & Sunset Foods: Donated new shopping bags.

Ace Hardware: Donated multiple good boxes.

DONATED ITEMS USED DIRECTLY BY THE CHURCH

- Two lamps to Room 210, lampshade to Room 5
- Youth Room: Hockey game table, Wooden Bench, Slip & Slide, Reusable cloth bags
- Prayer Shawl Ministry: Yarn and knitting needles.
- Children & Youth Project: Misc. craft items, Picture Frame painting kit with large numbers of paints and brushes.
- Services & Sacraments: New vases
- Kitchen: Farberware Pot, Vases for use by all
- Sunday School: games, toys
- Maintenance Dept., Misc. tools

UNSOLD DONATIONS WERE DISTRIBUTED TO:

- WINGS: clothing & accessories, china, dishes
- Salvation Army: clothes, china, toys, furniture, etc.
- Orphanage in Ecuador: jeans
- Good News Partners: clothes & toys
- Interfaith Refugee Immigration Ministries: clothes and dishes

The GCC Rummage Sale

A devoted group of volunteers has just completed the first annual Rummage Sale at Glenview Community Church. This was the first major project of the newly formed Resource Development Committee. Many, many people graciously donated their excess and unneeded possessions to GCC in an outstanding showing of support for this endeavor. Many people volunteered what time they could to plan this event, collect the donations, pick up donations, sort the donations, set up display tables, display all of the items, price the items, promote the event, make promotional signs and many other activities. Then on the two days of the sale, there were many volunteers that helped make the sale a huge success. Over eight thousand dollars was raised in this first time event.

Recognition of many dozens of people is appropriate, but the leaders of the event warrant special mention here. Margaret Lutz, John Tillman and Steve Brown from the Stewardship Committee and Tracy Sawires of the Mission Board and Woman's Association provided great leadership and countless hours to make this event possible. The congregation owes them a very special thanks. In addition, I want to thank everyone who donated things to the sale and who volunteered their time.

Since I handled the money in this effort, I, of course, had people come up to me afterwards asking about how much we made. When I gave them the results, the response from several was, "Do you think it was worth all of the time and effort?" I responded that yes it was worth it because there were benefits far beyond the raising of eight thousand dollars for our operating budget.

First of all, I saw five generations of members working together in the final days of preparing for this event. I met congregational members that I didn't know, and I got to know others much better. Other volunteers told me they had similar experiences. Our congregation is just a little bit closer as a group than it was before this rummage sale.

There were also intangible benefits to this rummage sale that I hadn't anticipated. One family bought clothes at a very cheap price to send back to their relatives in Mexico. Someone else bought 50 pairs of shoes that were going to be sent to the Philippines. Someone bought ten bags of clothes to resell because her income was so limited. I'm sure there were many other stories like these that went untold. It was clear to me that there were many people of limited means at the sale that were able to buy useful things at a price they could otherwise not afford. Some of the remaining items that were not sold will go to other charities, such as Wings and The Salvation Army.

Was the rummage sale worth the effort? Everyone has to make their own assessment, but from my point of view it was absolutely. I would certainly do it again. Thanks again to everyone involved, and

God bless our congregation.

Bill Dailey
Vice Moderator

GCFD/GCC Work Session SUMMER FUN!

Saturday, July 31 from 1:00-4:00 p.m.
The next GCC work session at Greater Chicago Food Depository (GCFD) is scheduled for Saturday, July 31 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. This volunteer opportunity is open to ages 13 and up so it is a great opportunity for individuals and families alike! Duties vary but may include assembling emergency boxes of canned food, packaging dry pasta for distribution through the 600+ food pantries served by GCFD, or sorting packages of food donated by local restaurants or stores. Please RSVP quickly to Tracy Sawires, esnstsms@hotmail.com (847)832-0063 as space is limited to 10 participants.

Thank you from your friends on the GCC Missions Outreach Board.

Hats, Hats & More Hats!

Another box is being sent with more than 30 baby hats to **PARTNERS IN HEALTH**. These are then sent to the Burera District Hospital in Rwanda where one in ten babies die before her first birthday. The goal is 100 hats a month so that each baby goes home with a beanie. Thanks to new knitters Barbara Gundrum, Ann Perce, Marilyn TeRonde and Donna Morrow. If you want more information about the PIH project go to: hotheadknitters.blogspot.com.

Thanks, Nan Hinchliff

Don't Forget!

GCC still needs your help on the 1st Sunday Food Collection...**August 1, 2010**

GCC collects non-perishable food on the first Sunday of each month...**all year long!**

Bring your bags to the table(s) in the Narthex or upper level west entrance. The collections are divided between Northfield Food Pantry and Iglesia San Lucas UCC church in the Humboldt Park neighborhood of Chicago.

We will be handing out bags on July 25 to help you remember the August 1 collection date. Current **ITEMS NEEDED** by the pantries include: boxed meals, paper towels, toilet paper, noodles, sauce, cereal, pancake mix and syrup, drinks, canned vegetables and fruit.

Thank you from your friends on the GCC Missions Outreach Board.

Something New is Sprouting at GCC!

The Rainbow Garden is continuing to grow and has become a welcome site for the community. Please come in and take a closer look! We now have a waterproof bag on the gate with a binder containing a log book, calendar, and a few educational materials. Please sign the log when you visit the garden! Harvest bags are also inside.

The Sunday school children have been harvesting already and the Northfield Food Pantry has been very excited by our donations. We will typically be harvesting on Sunday mornings and on Thursdays and will deliver to the Northfield Food Pantry on Mondays and Thursdays or Fridays. Let us know if you are interested in helping to harvest or deliver!

We have a science project in our garden as well. Ask us what it's all about.

If you are interested in helping our garden grow, please let us know. We are looking for:

- * volunteers to help water, weed, and tend the plants
- * material donations including tomato cages, compost, and stakes
- * financial contributions (please make checks payable to GCC with "Community Garden" in the memo)

Please visit The Organic Pantry Project's website <http://organicpantryproject.org> for more information about TOPP, including a schedule of when TOPP staff will be at the garden.

Questions? Interested in helping out? Call or email Laura Heyser at lheyser@comcast.net or (847)724-2526.



Summer Sunday School

It has been a pleasure to see so many children at Summer Sunday School. Coinciding with our work in the Rainbow Garden to support the Northfield Food Pantry, we have been exploring "The Tale of Peter Rabbit" by Beatrix Potter. Peter disobeys his mother and gets himself into trouble in Mr. McGregor's garden. The children have been talking about obeying our parents as well as forgiveness and love.

Certainly Mr. McGregor's garden did not contain the variety of crops flourishing in our Rainbow Garden. Do stop by and check them out. Our next step is to insert the markers the children created to inform us.

Help is always needed at the Northfield Food Pantry at 3801 West Lake in Glenview. Consider making time this summer to arrange for your family to assist with sorting, packaging, etc. or to drop off food items. Please contact Jill Brickman at (847)724-8300 to schedule a time for this meaningful family outing.



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Summer Office Hours

Monday - Friday
8:30 a.m. - 12:30 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, *Adult Choir*

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

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It's nearly time for another Hands Of Peace Program! Our visitors arrive on Friday, July 17. As usual, GCC is generously supporting HOP with facilities for some of our events, as well as delicious meals from the Women's Association. HOP would like to invite GCC members to meet the HOP participants on Sunday, July 25 at 9:30 a.m. The Hands of Peace participants will be attending the worship service and would love to meet you during the fellowship hour.

Thanks to everyone at GCC for your generous support of Hands Of Peace.

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

Congratulations!!

Warren and Judy Fellingham are pleased to announce the arrival of their grandson, Jasper Eaton Trehearne, on June 12th. Proud parents are Vicki and Mike Trehearne.

Pastoral Care

Our sympathies and prayers to Sue Hunt and her family on the recent death of her daughter, Sally Sue Hunt.

A memorial service was held at the church on June 30.

Summer Broadcaster Deadlines

Wednesday, August 18 by 9:00 a.m., Publication August 25.

The Broadcaster will resume regular weekly deadlines following the August 25 summer deadline.