

ALL THINGS NEW

Back in 1979, two of my seminary classmates and their wives piled in a Volkswagen Rabbit (remember those?) and headed to North Dakota to get the best view possible of a total solar eclipse. I thought they were eclipse crazy!

But they were only ahead of their time. On Monday, August 21, we experienced the vast eclipse migration. The closest eclipse ground zero to us was Carbondale, Illinois. And, on Eclipse Day, the regular population of Carbondale of 26,000 swelled by 60,000 heaven gazers who were all determined to watch our moon swallow up the sun through NASA approved safety glasses. There have been other total eclipses in my lifetime. I remember learning how to make a pinhole viewer with paper or a cardboard box in grade school. But I don't remember us ever being quite so captivated by this astronomical phenomenon. We all went eclipse crazy!

But why? Perhaps we needed something in the heavens to unify us because the culture wars on earth are so divisive. Perhaps we needed some great equalizer of cosmic dimensions to put our petty competition for supremacy and lust for power in perspective. Whatever the case, for one afternoon the eclipse drowned out the noise of our human conflicts and competitions, and it gave us something bigger to focus on than our own egos and desires that have been brought into painfully sharp focus by the emboldened neo-Nazi, white supremacist, and Ku Klux Klan uprisings in Charlotte and Boston.

Maybe, just maybe, this eclipse mania is a sign of how desperate we are to be assured that God is God, and we are not. Maybe it

is an indication of how much we desire the presence and power of the Divine in our lives. If the eclipse witnesses to this most basic human need to encounter and be transformed by the Holy, then how much more is it the church's privilege and ministry to witness to the transforming and renewing power of God in the vastness of our world and in the intimacy of our hearts?

The theme of GCC's Message, Ministries and Mission for the coming year is **All Things New**. That phrase is taken from God's words in Revelation 21: **See, I am making all things new**. That chapter begins with this vision:

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.

Our God isn't just in the business of manipulating *this* heaven and earth. Our God is in the business of creating a *new* heaven and a new earth...a new heaven and a new earth where God will dwell with us and we will be God's people...a new heaven and a new earth where there will be no more tears, no more pain, no more mourning and crying, no more death...a new heaven and a new earth where there will be only life, and joy, and harmony, and peace.

In other words, if you thought the eclipse was something, you haven't seen anything yet!

So join us as we renew our relationship with God who makes all things new...as we re-commit ourselves to the way of love and service that Jesus lived and taught...as we open our hearts to life in the Spirit that never ends.

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AUGUST 30, 2017

WORSHIP 10:00 AM SEPTEMBER

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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN TRINITY HOLY COMMUNION

Scripture: Psalm 46, Romans 12:9-21

Sermon: Spirit-Led Living Rev. Dr. Pamela Keckler

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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN TRINITY RALLY DA Y

Scripture: Revelation 21:1-7, Matthew 18:15-20

Sermon: Pillars of the Reformation: Community Rev. Dr. Charles E. Mize

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN TRINITY

Scripture: Genesis 50:15-21 Matthew 18:21-35

Sermon: Pillars of the Reformation: Mercy and Forgiveness Rev. Dr. Charles E. Mize



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We begin on Rally Day, Sunday, September 10 in worship and on the church lawn afterwards. And we will continue as the days unfold from September through May. Our opportunities will be many. But our purpose will be nothing less than becoming new in God's love that works through us to bring newness to others and to our world.

So join us as we experience the wonder of our God who makes **All Things New**... including you! See you in church! *Chuck Mize*

CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE TOUR

After months of work with TKWA (our architects), Pepper Construction (our construction manager) and the AT Group (our owner's representative), the Construction Committee is excited to share a revised design for our Forward in Faith project!

Join us on Sunday mornings after worship at 11:15 a.m.: through the month of September. We will start in the Chapel for an introduction, and then take a walking tour of the GCC building.



On Wednesday afternoons from 4:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m. beginning on September 13, we will explore our faith in the pages of scripture. This fall our study will have two foci. First, we will dive into the world and words of the prophet Isaiah. Of all of the prophets of Israel, Isaiah is the most influential and central for Christians. Alongside of our partnership with Isaiah, we will also consider the culture and context of the Reformation whose 500th anniversary is October 31.

Please join us for this rich experience of Christian community, scripture study and faith exploration!

Chuck Mize

GENERAL SYNOD HIGHLIGHTS

The 31st General Synod of the United Church of Christ was held in Baltimore, June 30 thru July 4, 2017. It was a joyous occasion as we celebrated the 60th anniversary of the UCC. The Illinois Conference brought 50 delegates coming from all five Associations and I represented the Chicago Metropolitan Association (CMA). Attendance for the first day was 2,751, which included both delegates and visitors. Worship was a highlight for me, as new songs were introduced and shared from a variety of gifted musicians. Some of these songs will be shared during worship at GCC on September 3. I was invited to a luncheon honoring the local churches who had contributed to the Special Mission Offering. Each day people could sign up for "Speak Out," when delegates have the opportunity to speak about a cause, an issue, or even a prayer request or

good news. The business sessions included some anticipated Constitution and Bylaw changes (sound familiar?) and debate and voting on about 20 resolutions centered on various issues of justice and witness.

One resolution of intense interest to the Illinois delegation was titled, "On Recognizing and Studying Gun Violence as a Public Health Emergency." The resolution urged the removal of the Congressional block on treating gun violence as a public health issue. The Illinois delegation included four high school youth from CMA, who live with gun violence in their neighborhoods every day. They told us we should "consider and stop thinking of them as the future of the church, and see that they are here and now in and of the church." It was a very powerful moment to hear the youth speak boldly about their faith! Rev. Keckler

SPIRITUAL COUNCIL MEETING REPORT AUGUST 15, 2017

The Spiritual Council held a brief meeting to build fellowship in addition to receiving reports about summer activities at GCC. Highlights of the gathering included an update from the Construction Committee, the Treasurer's Report, and news of the youth happenings around the church in July and August.

CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

The Construction Committee continues to focus on the three themes of infrastructure, accessibility, and community and on finding ways to get the most out of our building budget. The post-services building tours have been well attended and very effective in helping participants visualize the proposed changes. The Construction Committee is reaching out to any groups within the church who would like to take a tour, so that the entire congregation can be well informed when it is time to vote on the final plan. If you are interested, please contact Jill Ruter or Melinda Krueger to arrange a time.

Construction Next Steps: In July, the Spiritual Council voted to approve a contract for TKWA, our architects, to take the next step in the process—preparing the schematic drawings. These will assist the engineers with their part of the planning and help refine the budget for the project. In late fall, the Spiritual Council will call a Special Congregational Meeting to take a vote on a final construction plan based on these drawings and on input received from congregation members. The date of the Special Congregational Meeting will be determined and announced in September.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Year to date, our revenues v. expenses are \$39,700 favorable to budget, largely due to strong pledges and continuing good work by the church staff in keeping expenses down. While these numbers are encouraging, it is worth noting that we have been fortunate not to have any big-ticket facility expenses or emergencies so far this year.

PASTORS' REPORTS

Both Elizabeth and Chuck remarked on the exciting youth activities taking place at GCC over the summer. Elizabeth reported on the enthusiastic participation of children and youth at Vacation Bible School and at the August Retreat at Tower Hill. Chuck reflected on what an honor and gift it is to host Hands of Peace. Looking ahead, Pam reported that plans for Rally Day are firmly underway.

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GCC CHOIRS BACK IN THE SWING - JOIN US!

You're invited to participate in the ensembles of GCC! Our program year begins in just a few weeks, and all are welcome. Join us as we begin another exciting year of musical leadership and ministry!

STARTUP TIMELINE

Voicies of GCC began August 20 Sundays,

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Grades 3-8. No audition necessary!

Pilgrim Wind Quartet began August 23

Wednesdays, 2X/month, 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. High School and older. No audition necessary, but reservation required.

Joyful Ringers begins August 31

Thursdays, beginning August 31 6:15 p.m. - 7:20 p.m. High School and older. No audition necessary! One **Full Time** position available, substitutes needed.

Chancel Choir begins August 31

Thursdays, beginning August 31 7:30 p.m. - 9:15 p.m. High School and older. No audition necessary!

Primary Choir begins September 17

Sundays, beginning September 17 9:15 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. Grades K-2. No audition necessary!

Contact us for more details: gary.wendt@gccucc.org

MORE GOOD NEWS FROM THE SPIRITUAL LIFE TEAMS

Dr. Bobbie McKay started a new Women's Spiritual Life Team on Saturday, August 26 at 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel. The teams meet once a month for one hour to learn about spiritual life in the company of other women.

It is a truly remarkable, life changing, unforgettable learning experience! The group size is limited. For more information contact Bobbie: <u>bobbiemk@mc.net</u> or ask any member of a spiritual life team.

"THANK YOU, TODA" AND SHUKRAN" FROM HANDS OF PEACE TO GCC

You may have been on vacation in July, but the church was overflowing with teens and staff from across the country and around the world, working hard to understand each other and build the bonds of peace. From July 12-31, GCC hosted the 15th summer program of Hands of Peace, with 49 Israeli, Palestinian and American high school youth and 18 staff members filling the building every day. You may have seen them:

- starting each day with noisy "icebreakers" in the Mayflower Room
- holding intense daily dialogue sessions in the Parlor and Youth Room
- taking over the kitchen to produce Israeli, Palestinian and American delicacies for Culture Night
- Taking part in worship on July 23 and sharing their stories
- Crying a river in the parking lot and sharing last hugs on departure day

(at the same time, 45 teens were having the same experience at the HOP site in San Diego)

GCC is a founding sponsor of HOP and the program wouldn't be possible without the care and support of our congregation. Immense gratitude to all those who give with full and loving hearts:

- office and facilities staff who are patient with the many and complex program needs
- the clergy who welcome the teens and answer questions with kindness
- members of Women's Assoc. Chapters 8 and 9 for hosting a lavish brunch
- GCC's own teen participants: Alex Roth and Andrea Ciccolini (second year XLs) and Charlie Koloms
- GCC host families: Aldrich, Bond/Mize, Clark, Drennan/Roth, Fosdick, Lauesen, Martin, Orr
- GCC board members: Tom Aldrich (Chair), Debby Fosdick, Gretchen Grad (Founder), Lisa Leger
- GCC Advisors: Don Clark, Jane Hund, Rev. Chuck Mize
- Farewell Celebration Committee: Debbie Berg (co-chair), John Busch, Pam Reidy

Next year's program will be held: July 11-30, 2018

Hands of Peace is always looking for new participants, host families, and volunteers. If you would like information on that OR our 2018 trip to the Holy Land OR would like to receive the monthly newsletter, please contact: Gretchen Grad, <u>ggrad@handsofpeace.org</u>, 847-707-7033, <u>www.handsofpeace.org</u>.

Thank you GCC for living our mission to be a blessing to the peacemakers!

*Hebrew and Arabic for "thank you"



Women's Association Chapters 8 and 9

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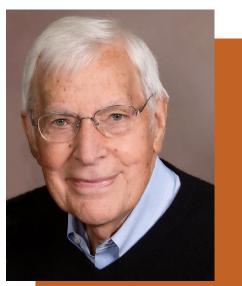
8 WEEKS

Thursday mornings: 9-10 a.m., September 7-November 2 (no class October 5).

Monday evenings: 7-8 p.m., September 11-November 6 (no class October 23).

Register by September 5:

kellygolding@comcast.net or 847-657-1314



MARVIN JOHNSON

OUR OWN MARVIN JOHNSON HAS JUST PUBLISHED HIS FIRST BOOK.

Titled **Navigating a Successful Life Journey** by Dr. Marvin A. Johnson, it is a guide for personal and family problem solving. It deals with mental health and social problems, and also includes a chapter on Spirituality and Mental Health. With a doctorate in psychology and a psychotherapy practice spanning several decades, Marvin brings great wisdom and experience to this very accessible book. You can get your own copy from Amazon by book title or author name for \$12.95. **Congratulations, Marvin!**



The staff (Laurie, Kathryn, Stephanie & Martha) are ready to welcome you all back to The Resale Shop down in the Plymouth room. We are open for the 2017-18 season and our racks are full of wonderful items and great bargains. Please take some time in the next few weeks to come and check out all we have and say hello.

Our normal hours are Wednesday, Friday & Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and Thursdays 9:00 a.m. -5:00 p.m. We will start taking donations Wednesday, September 13 if you have things you would like to drop off.

CONSTRUCTION INFORMATION MEETING

The Construction Committee has exciting things to share regarding our upcoming capital improvement project! Please join Vince Micha from The Kubala Washatko Architects, Lisa Koeune from Pepper Construction, Jerry Aulisio from the AT Group (our owner's representative) and the Construction Committee in the GCC sanctuary immediately following worship on Sunday, October 8 as we update you on the project's progress and present the plans in their most current form. We look forward to your questions and input! And, if you have not yet participated in the Construction Committee tours, please do so soon, any Sunday following worship (except for September 3), beginning near the Chapel.



A Community Concert Series

Join us for a new concert season, supporting local charities and bringing our community together through the gift of music.

Go to <u>www.gccmusic.org</u> to learn more about about the concerts and schedule.

PILLARS OF THE REFORMATION: A SERMON SERIES

2017 is the 500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. On October 31, 1517, an Augustinian monk and Professor at the University of Wittenberg posted a homework assignment on the school's bulletin board. That assignment was ninety-five thesis statements for which the professor's students were to develop arguments and responses. The university bulletin board was at the side doors of the church at Wittenberg's castle, and the professor was Martin Luther.

Though the ninety-five theses were an in-house academic exercise, Gutenberg's newly developed printing press with movable type made it possible to circulate Luther's homework assignment far and wide. Because the theses challenged the status quo of the church, Rome took offense. Ultimately Luther was tried and excommunicated. But what the church's hierarchy never expected was that the German princes would abandon the oppressive authority of Rome and cast their lots with their homegrown eccentric monk.

Beginning on Rally Day (September 10) and continuing through Reformation Sunday (October 29) the sermons will focus on Pillars of the Reformation: essential principles of our faith and how those principles lead into the promise and power of God's ongoing reforming Spirit and work today and tomorrow...God who says to us: **See, I am making all things new!**

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Event Time	Event Name	Primary Location
Thursday, 31 Augus	t 2017	
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
6:15 PM to 7:20 PM	Bell Rehearsal	Bell Room
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	BSA Troop 156 Meeting	Founders
7:30 PM to 9:00 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Friday, 01 Septembe	er 2017	
8:00 PM to 9:00 PM	AA Meeting	Parlor
Saturday, 02 Septem		
8:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Mens Open Gym	Gym
Sunday, 03 Septemb	per 2017	
10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	Glenview Community Church Worship Service	Sanctuary
Monday, 04 Septeml	oer 2017	
8:00 AM to 8:30 PM	GCC Closed - Labor Day	Sanctuary
Tuesday, 05 Septem	ber 2017	
4:00 PM to 8:30 PM	HOP Host Family Meeting	Mayflower
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	Generosity Team	Parlor
Wednesday, 06 Sept	ember 2017	
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
4:00 PM to 5:14 PM	FISH	Mayflower
5:30 PM to 7:30 PM	6th - 12th Grade Wednesday Youth Group	Youth Room
5:30 PM to 6:15 PM	Community Dinner	Mayflower Room A
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9:00 AM to 5:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
9:00 AM to 10:00 AM		Narthex
6:15 PM to 7:20 PM	Yoga Bell Rehearsal	Bell Room
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	BSA Troop 156	Founders
7:30 PM to 9:00 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	
		Sanctuary
Friday, 08 Septembe		
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
8:00 PM to 9:00 PM	AA Meeting	Parlor
Saturday, 09 Septem		
8:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Mens Open Gym	Gym
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
Sunday, 10 Septemb	per 2017	
8:30 AM to 9:30 AM	8th Grade Confirmation Teachers Meeting	Room 32
9:15 AM to 9:45 AM	Voices of GCC Rehearsal	Room 201
10:00 AM to 10:15 AM	Church School Children Meet In Sanctuary	SanctuaryM
10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	Glenview Community Church Worship Service	Sanctuary
11:15 AM to 1:00 PM	GCC Rally Day Sunday! East & South Lawn	Sanctuary
4:00 PM to 6:00 PM	PYF	Youth Room
Monday, 11 Septemi	per 2017	
6:30 PM to 8:30 PM	BSA 156 Meeting	Founders
6:30 PM to 7:30 PM	FIAT	Room 210
7:00 PM to 8:00 PM	Yoga	Room 201
Tuesday, 12 Septem	ber 2017	
9:15 AM to 10:00 AM	Music & Movement Class	Cradle/Toddler Room
10:15 AM to 11:00 AM	Music & Movement Class	Cradle/Toddler Room
6:30 PM to 7:30 PM	FIAT	Room 210
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM	Myra Lorris	Mayflower
Wednesday, 13 Sept	•	
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
9:15 AM to 10:00 AM	Music & Movement Class	Cradle/Toddler Room
9:30 AM to 11:30 AM	Womens Assoc Meeting	Parlor
10:15 AM to 11:00 AM	Music & Movement Class	Cradle/Toddler Room
11:00 AM to 11:45 AM	Music & Movement Class	Cradle/Toddler Room
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The next Dea	dline for the Broadcast	ter is

GIVING GLIMPSE

JULY 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
June	\$ 65,468	\$ 60,000	\$ 5,486
YTD	\$488,726	\$475,446	\$ 13,280

* Note: The amount pledged reflects the approved 2017 Budget.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS ARE OVER

We are now back to our normal business hours with the office being open from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The building will be open from 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

LIFE EVERLASTING

We trust the promise of the resurrection for Allen H. Kofoed who passed away on August 12, 2017, even as we hold in our prayers his wife, Martha, and their family. A memorial service for Allen was held on August 16 at GCC.



Summer is winding down, and a new church year begins!

Please join us for worship and church school on September 10 at 10:00 a.m. Then stay for the annual **RALLY DAY FESTIVAL** starting at 11:15 a.m. Lunch (burgers, dogs or turkey subs, chips, water and dessert) is available for purchase: \$4/person, \$3.00 for seniors, \$20 max/family. There will be fellowship, games, bouncy house, a cake walk, music and much more. Donations will be accepted for Glenview / Northbrook Youth Services, Northfield Food Pantry or The Night Ministry.

FUN FOR ALL AGES SO MARK YOUR CALENDARS.

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September 6, 2017 at 9:00 AM

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678/POW POW has a new name 612 YOUTH GROUP!

6 – 12th graders will be meeting on Wednesdays beginning September 6. The youth will meet together for a meal and then break out for fellowship in the gym, Youth Room for large group games. We will also divide into age specific groups for discussion. This provides cross grade level relationships that are important for all grade levels. This group will do service projects that are needed for the church or other organizations. The first dinner will be pizza, chicken, pasta and salad.

JOHN 6:12

'When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost."'

FISH K-5TH GRADE

FISH is a fellowship and Bible study time for K - 5th grade. We will break up into age appropriate groups for learning and then come together for fellowship time in the art room and gym. We will meet on Wednesdays from 4 - 5:15 p.m. starting September 6. There is a suggested \$40 donation for the year to cover the cost of curriculum and supplies.

Checks can be made out to and sent to Glenview Community Church, attn.: Chris Calandra. Please write **FISH** in the Memo.

You may register your child(ren) by clicking on the FISH link at <u>http://www.gccucc.org/</u> <u>prog_child_school.html.</u>

COMMUNITY DINNERS

Community Dinners are the first Wednesday of each month. This is a wonderful chance for intergenerational fellowship. Dinner starts at 5:30 p.m. The dates for the fall/ winter dinners are September 6, October 4, November 1, and December 6. The first meal will be chicken, salad, pizza, and pasta. There is a suggested donation of \$8 a person. Dinners take place in the Mayflower Room.

FALL CONFIRMATION

Parents – last call for Confirmation Registration! It is a two-year program for 7th and 8th graders. We meet on Sunday mornings from 8:45-9:45 a.m. Registration forms are available in the church office or contact Rev. Pam Keckler who coordinates this program.

Parent/Confirmand Mini-Retreat: Friday, Sept 15 at GCC from 6:00-8:30 p.m. Pizza supper will be served at 6 pm. Classes begin on Sunday, September 17 at 8:45 a.m.



MUSIC AND MOVEMENT CLASSES - FALL 2017

Are you looking for something for your younger child/children to do while the older child/children are in preschool, then Music and Movement classes are for you. This is also a class where both your younger children can attend together no matter what their ages.

Our very own GCC member and GCCNS music teacher, Debbie Berg, will be offering Music and Movement classes beginning this fall for children ages 9 months – 4 years. Classes are offered on Tuesdays 9:15-10 a.m. and 10:15-11 a.m. and Wednesdays 9:15-10 a.m., 10:15-11 a.m., and 11:00-11:45 a.m.

Classes will be of mixed age and parents or caregivers are required to stay with the child/children. The fall session (12 weeks) will begin the week of September 11 and continue until the week of December 11.

Please look for the registration form on the GCCNS website or follow the link here. Non- GCCNS families are welcome as well, so share the information with your friends from playgroups, library story time, or neighbors. If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Berg at <u>debbieberg23@gmail.com</u>.

CHILDREN'S CHOIRS

Children's Choirs are beginning again. **VOICES OF GCC:** for current 3rd - 8th graders will be meeting on Sundays from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. in room 201. We will be preparing to sing on Rally Sunday, September10. Come try Voices and see if you enjoy singing with friends from church!

PRIMARY CHOIR: for current Kindergarten - 2nd graders will begin meeting later in September on Sunday the 17th. Please bring your child and you can sign up that day. We look forward to welcoming your child into the GCC music program if you are new! Questions, contact Debby Shellard at *debbyshellard@gmail.com.*



SEPTEMBER 10

Fellowship: Large group and small group games.

SEPTEMBER 17

Splatter Paint: Bring something to do your splatter paint on. Picture frames will be available to purchase for \$1.

SEPTEMBER 24

Story Time: We will hear a powerful story from a guest speaker, who grew up with insecure housing and then went on to college.



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OFFICE HOURS SUMMERS

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PONDERING IN SILENCE

Praise to You, God, for long warm days, for buzzing bees and chirping crickets, for shade trees and gentle breezes. Praise to You for the earth's rotation, for our cycle around the sun, for "sun, moon, and stars in their courses above. Praise to You for the order of the universe, the variety of the seasons, and the gift of another summer.