

# **ALIVE TOGETHER WITH CHRIST**

It seems like forever since I've written a message for the **Broadcaster!** Like many of yours, our summer has been blessed with many wonderful experiences. July was most remarkable for us. On June 29, we left for Germany for our second tour with the **Wisconsin Gospeller Choir**. For two weeks, we visited a number of villages and cities near Berlin, singing ten concerts in churches of that region. We saw spectacular sights, experienced incredible hospitality, renewed treasured friendships and made wonderful new friends. Most significantly, we experienced the Spirit of Christ in vital and inspiring ways!

The people of Germany swelled the churches for our concerts: balconies, main floor, with some standing. It was an overwhelming response, especially given our American experience of thrilling to any attendance in excess of 100 people at most of our local concerts. And, as they left, many of the concertgoers greeted us with tears, and with a plea that we come back, soon! Rhythmic applause and standing ovations were the norm. Deep gratitude and sincere joy filled our hearts. What an inspiration!

And the churches we sang in were hundreds of years old...some even over a thousand years old! As we celebrate GCC's 75th anniversary, churches that count centuries as we count years give me a fresh perspective on the power and the breadth of the Christian faith with roots that moderate the tyranny of the present and the persuasion of a particular personality (except for **Martin Luther** and **Philip Melanchthon** in Germany)! These churches are Alive Together with Christ.

*Alive Together with Christ* is the theme of our coming year. With *A House for ALL God's People* as our perennial tagline, we are particularly celebrating our 75 year old community whose life is sustained and invigorated by the love of Jesus. That phrase comes from the Apostle Paul's letter to the church in Ephesus:

But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ... --Ephesians 2:4-5a

What does it mean to be *alive together with Christ?* It means giving thanks for our 75 years of ministry by celebrating what has been, but by more persistently investing in what shall be. We've been doing that through our *Forward in Faith Capital Campaign*, and so many of your responses are amazing and moving.

It means opening the windows of this established institution so that today's breezes of dynamic ministry can blow new life into our familiar attitudes, patterns and traditions; especially when this heritage includes discomfort, disaffection and resentment. If we **are alive together with Christ**, the only sacred sameness is this: Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. (Hebrews 13:8)

And it means investing in the future of life as Christ gives it, in and through GCC. In my view, one of the greatest failures of mainline U.S. Christianity is how it has downplayed and apologized for stewardship. The goal has seemed to be to promote giving so minimal that it is painless. The problem with this kind of giving is that it leaves our hearts untouched, our lives unchanged, and our church unable to do Christ's work. So, when we are all soon invited to give GCC's Message, Ministries and Mission our support for 2017 with an open heart that asks us to Go and do the same...please do!

The Sundays in October will be lively for GCC! Here's the schedule:

OCTOBER 2- 75th Anniversary Service. OCTOBER 9 - Holy Communion. Our own Gary Wendt will present the world premiere of Paul Ayres' Fantasy-Sonata on 'Over the Rainbow.

**OCTOBER 16 -** *Bob Warskow Sunday.* With Rev. Robert Warskow in the pulpit, we will remember his 25 year pastoral ministry at GCC.

OCTOBER 23 - Hymnfest 10 with Paul Leddington Wright. We will dedicate and celebrate a hymn and an anthem that Paul Leddington Wright has written for us. OCTOBER 30- Reformation Sunday. We will receive new members and Fourth Graders

will receive bibles.

It's going to be a memorable month for a remarkable congregation.

But in just two weeks, we begin this 76th year of GCC's life on Rally Day, Sunday, September 11. There will be food, fun and fellowship on the church lawn and in Elm Street following worship. You won't want to miss it!

And, in worship, we will kick off our new year of God's love for all people. We will celebrate the beginning as the **Voices of GCC**, the **Chancel Choir** and the **Joyful Ringers** return. Then we mark the 15th anniversary of the September 11 attacks in a time of remembrance and memorial. So we will mingle joy with reflection in worship as they are so often mingled in the lives we live. It will be a good and Godly day to come back together again. See you in church!

Chuck Mize

# **Alive Together With Christ**

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# **CAMPAIGN CORNER**



You have not lived until you have done something for someone who can never repay you. John Bunyan 1688

#### PLEDGE CARD UPDATE:

70% of the pledge cards have been reported

We are anxiously awaiting the completion of the visits with the families of our congregation so that we can announce the Campaign Total. We need to have 90 - 95% of the pledge cards reported before that announcement can take place so it is important that all members and friends complete their visits with the volunteers as soon as possible. If you haven't been contacted by a volunteer to date, please call our Campaign Coordinators, Karen & Tom Aldrich.

Once the Campaign Total has been announced, we want everyone to know that we will continue to keep you informed as we begin the next phase of our Campaign. We will let you know when the Spiritual Council along with the Building Task Force will be presenting our revised Plan of Action based on the funds raised. We will then vote on the Plan before proceeding forward. You will be receiving more information on this in the coming weeks. We want everyone to feel a part of this major accomplishment.

If you have any questions, please call our Campaign Coordinators, Karen and Tom Aldrich at: 847-729-1168 or email: campaign@gccucc.org

#### "HONORING OUR PAST, SECURING OUR FUTURE"

#### **STEWARDSHIP SNAPSHOT JULY, 2016** We have completed the stewardship campaign and are grateful for

We have completed the stewardship campaign and are grateful for your pledges. However, to deliver on our message, ministries and mission we need to remain current on our contributions against those pledges. The reality is that everyone is very busy so to keep our progress against our pledge commitments in focus, this Stewardship Snapshot will be updated monthly and included in the worship bulletin and Broadcaster.

	Amount Received	Amount Plegded	Over/ Under
JULY	\$ 51,566	\$ 68,479	-\$16,913
YTD	\$518,535	\$590,020	-\$71,485

# **PICTORIAL** DIRECTORY

Have you seen the special 75th anniversary pictorial directory? Please pick up your directory in the Narthex following worship on Sunday or in the office during the week. If you would like us to mail you a copy, please contact Rev. Pam Keckler.

# **ALTAR FLOWERS**

We have some Sundays open this fall for friends and members to sponsor the altar flowers for worship. The flowers are then delivered to one of our home-bound or hospitalized members by our Pastoral Care Board. If you would like more details, please contact Susan Woodsome in the church office.

# OIL TANKS AND AIR CONDITIONING: PART 2

Back in May I reported that we had discovered two expensive repairs that needed to be made as soon as possible. The first was the removal of an abandoned heating oil tank buried in the Elm Street lawn of the church; a remnant from the days when our boilers were oil fired. The second was the failure of one of two compressors in the sanctuary air conditioning system.

The oil tank has been removed. Because of very poor records, we were surprised when Pepper Environmental unearthed an 8,000 gallon tank that was split in two places. With requirements for the removal imposed by the Illinois State Fire Marshal and a tor-rential rain, the cost of the tank removal was \$63,000. In addition to the compressor replacement in the sanctuary air conditioning, the second refrigeration loop for the sanctuary failed because of a catastrophic leak on the very hot Saturday of a large wedding at GCC. Repairs were completed in time for the wedding, but the total for both repairs to the sanctuary air conditioning system is \$15,000. These two unexpected expenses have put a major dent in our Capital Reserve Fund.

Chuck Mize

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# worship 10:00 a.m. SEPTEMBER

#### COMMUNION SUNDAY SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN TRINITY

Scripture: Jeremiah 18:1-11 Luke 14:25-33

Sermon: Reworking Our Lives Rev. Dale Susan Edmonds

#### RALLY DAY SUNDAY SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN TRINITY 9-11 REMEMBRANCE

Scripture: Exodus 32:7-14 Luke 15:1-10

Sermon: God's Lost and Found Rev. Dr. Chuck Mize

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#### **EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN TRINITY**

**Scripture:** Amos 8:4-7 Luke 16:1-13

Sermon: A Shrewd Seduction Rev. Dr. Chuck Mize

#### STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY NINTEENTH SUNDAY IN TRINITY

**Scripture:** 1 Timothy 6:6-19 Luke 16:19-31

Sermon: For the Love of Money Rev. Dr. Chuck Mize

### WOMEN'S RETREAT SAVE THE DATE

All women are invited to our annual Women's Retreat, to be held the weekend of March 10-12, 2017. Mark your calendars and tell a friend. More details to come.

# **RALLY DAY ON 9/11**

Join us for worship and church school on September 11 at 10:00 a.m. Then stay for the **RALLY DAY FESTIVAL** after worship starting at 11:15 a.m. Lunch (burgers, dogs or turkey subs, chips, water and dessert) is available for purchase: \$4 or \$3.00 for seniors. There will be fellowship, games, bouncy house, ponies and music.

Donations will be accepted for Glenview / Northbrook Youth Services, By The Hand Kids Club or The Night Ministry. Fun for ALL ages.

## **CHURCH SCHOOL**

The Church School program year begins on Rally Day 9/11. We are excited by this program year's ability to engage and energize your family's faith formation. Families of children birth to 4th grade can register online at <u>gccucc.org</u>. Parents of 5th and 6th graders that need a registration form for our new program CONNECT can send an email to <u>elizabeth.ciccolini@gccucc.org</u>.

2016-17 church school year teachers, please email Pastor Elizabeth with any questions, *elizabeth.ciccolini@gccucc.org*.

#### PRE SCHOOL PROGRAM

Pre School 3s – Brian Healy and Nathan Shook (begins and ends in 107) Pre-Kindergarten – Holly Hyla, Bob McGee, and John Schott (begins in 105 and ends in 107)

#### K-4TH GRADE PROGRAM

The k-4th grade classes begin in the sanctuary with their parents and then leave after *For Children Mostly*. Pick up is in room 201. **Kindergarten** – Tara Call, Jocelyn Shook **Grades 1**) Leisl Bonakdarpour-Jaberg, Jessica Greve, **2**) Meredith Estes, Jenifer Healy, Jessica Shott, **3**) Laura Floyd, Bethany Woods, **4**) Karen Mockton.

#### 5-6TH GRADE CONNECT

The 5th and 6th graders will begin in worship with their classes in the transept balcony. The children can be picked up in the youth room or you can arrange with their teacher for them to meet you in a designated spot.

**5th and 6th Grade Connect** – Kathy Crawford, Jody Mahoney, Megan McClung, Anne Wightman.

## 60 PLUS

Thank you to those who filled out our survey. We have planned out something new for food and fun! Come join us for our first luncheon of the new church year on September 20 at noon - 1:30 p.m. Come and have fun and fellowship with our "Back to School" theme. Spread the word!

### **WHO IS JESUS?**

Jesus is the central personality for the Christian faith. We confess that He is the Word of God; the One to whom the Bible witnesses. But who is He, really? And what does He mean for us as we seek to live a life of faith, hope and love?

Jesus will be the focus of our adult education offering on Wednesday evenings at 6:15 p.m., beginning on September 14. We will use both the Bible and Marcus Borg's seminal work, Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time (copies will be available for \$10 each). We will conclude by 7:30 p.m. I am offering this later time in response to requests from several people who cannot attend an afternoon class. If you are interested in participating in this offering, please let me know by sending me an email at <u>chuck.mize@gccucc.org</u>, or by calling me at 847-724-2210, extension 222. I am very much looking forward to our time together! Chuck Mize

## FISH

FISH is for Kindergarten—6th grade. It is a fun filled mid-week fellowship, music, art and bible study program that will meet every Wednesday. FISH begins September 7 and ends May 10 from 4:00 - 5:15 p.m. Children meet in the Mayflower Room and will be grouped by ages. We will talk about Bible stories, have gym and art time. We will also learn to play the chimes. To register email <u>Children.Gcc@gmail.com</u>.

## **CONFIRMATION BEGINS SEPTEMBER 18**

Confirmation classes will begin September 18 at 8:45 a.m. in the Plymouth Room. The Friday night mini-retreat is September 23 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Mayflower Room. This retreat is for both 7th & 8th graders and their parents. Come for pizza, learning and fun. Any 7th grader who has not registered for confirmation, please contact Rev. Pam Keckler.

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# PFY on Sundays SEPTEMBER

#### 4:00 - 6:00 YOUTH ROOM

*Mission Project:* Hygiene Kits. Please bring some of the following: toothbrushes, shampoo, conditioner, small soap, lotion, lip balm, razors, wash cloth, shaving cream, comb or small brush.

4:00 - 6:00 YOUTH ROOM

Scavenger Hunt

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#### Service Learning

Literacy and Bernie's Book Bank.

Bernie's Book Bank collects, processes and distributes quality new and gently used children's books to at-risk infants, toddlers and school-age children throughout Chicagoland.

# **PFY on Wednesdays** SEPTEMBER

We will meet at 5:30 in the Mayflower Room for dinner and then head to the Youth Room for lively discussions.

### **HYGIENE KITS**

PYF will be assembling Hygiene Kits for the Night Ministry on September 11. We are looking for donations of the following items:

Toothbrushes,	razors,
shampoo,	wash cloth,
conditioner,	shaving cream,
small soap,	comb or
lotion,	small brush.
lip balm,	

These should be travel size and they should be unopened. You can drop them off in the box in front of the main office.

## **HANDS OF PEACE**

Please join Hands of Peace staff, volunteers and alumni for the September HOPEducation event, "Why Dialogue? A Panel Discussion on What We Do and Why."

Many people claim that dialogue is the only road to peace. Others feel that it can actually be an obstacle. Explore with our panel of experts, including recent participants of our summer program, the importance and role of dialogue in peacemaking.

Join us on Monday, September 19, 2016 at 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Founder's Room.

### THE RESALE SHOP

The Resale Shop's Opening for the 2016-2017 season is on Wednesday, September 7. Last year was terrific and we hope to better it this year. Come on in and see what great stuff we have. Although we are no longer taking consignments, we would really appreciate your donations. Be sure to check out our website <u>theresaleshop-</u> <u>glenview.com</u> and Like us on Facebook.

Our hours are Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Donations are welcome during the shop's open hours. If you have any questions, please contact Martha Fergus or Laurie Binstein at the shop (847) 724-2638.

### **NEED YARN?**

We've got yarn! We need knitters! As you may know, the Glenview Community Church Women's Association knitting projects are well under way. Our pleas for yarn have not gone unanswered. We have a LOT of yarn! We could keep a lot of heads and little bodies very warm with all of the yarn that we have, if only we had some more knitters. The Yarn Box is in the GCC Church Office. Help yourself so you can knit some squares or hats. While you're at it, take with you one of the sheets that explains the knitting projects. You will be seeing some of our knitted projects in September. But in the meantime, keep on knitting & crocheting.

### **FOOD ON THE FIRST**

Food insecurity is affecting families and children in our community. Please consider participating in GCC's Food on the First program by bringing non-perishable items to church on the first Sunday of each month. Monetary contributions are also accepted. Checks can be made out to GCC with a notation indicating Food on the First. Collection tables are located in the Narthex and by the West entrance. The food and money collected supports San Lucas UCC and the Northfield Township Food Pantry.

### **LET'S GET ACTIVE**

The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others. Mahatma Gandhi

Here are a few opportunities to lose yourself for others in the fall that might interest you.

#### **OCTOBER 16**

Crop Walk begins at St. David's at 1:00 p.m.

#### NOVEMBER 6 AND 13

*Heifer International Living Gift Market*more details to come.

DECEMBER 10 Feed My Starving Children - 9:00-11:00 a.m.

#### **FEBRUARY 7**

Souper Bowl - more details to come.

Be on the lookout for the *Mission Tree* in December and cookies for the *Night Ministry* in February. *Food on the First* will be collected again this year for Northfield Pantry and San Lucas.

### **DRIVERS NEEDED**

Volunteer drivers are the heart and soul of Helping Hands of Glenview. Providing transportation to the elderly can ease an overwhelming burden.

Frequency of driving is very flexible, once a week or once a month. To voluneteer call the Helping Hands of Glenview coordinators at 847-729-8181 or go to their website for a form and more information.

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## **MYRA LORIS ON THE 1950'S**

Myra Loris will continue her series "The Fabulous Fifties" starting Tuesday, September 13 and conclude the series in November. Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$15 each or \$35 for a series of three. Refreshments will be served beginning at 7:00 p.m. and the lecture will begin at 7:30 p.m. and conclude at 8:30 p.m.

#### SEPTEMBER 13

**The Dark Side** looks at the Cold War, the Nuclear Arms Race and the paranoid hunt for Communists in the US that culminated in the McCarthy Hearings/"witch hunts".

#### **OCTOBER 4**

**The Golden Age** looks at the expansion of technology and the richness of the culture of the decade, with a focus on TV, movies, books, fashion and other such things that made the decade memorable and unique.

#### **OCTOBER 25**

**Equal Justice Under the Law** looks at the rise of the African American Civil Rights Movement in the decade, with a focus on Brown v the Board of Education, the Montgomery Bus Boycott, and the integration of Central High in Little Rock.

#### **NOVEMBER 15**

**Out of This World** looks at some of the social and scientific highlights of the decade, including the start of the Women's Movement, the newly discovered political power of television and the start and significance of the early US-Soviet space race, focused on the launch of Sputnik!

### **MUSIC & MOVEMENT - FALL 2016**

If you are 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 GCCNS music teacher, Debbie Berg, will be offering *Music and Movement* classes beginning this fall for children ages 9 months – 4 years. Classes will be offered the following mornings:

**TUESDAYS** 9:15-10 and 10:15-11 **WEDNESDAYS** 9:15-10, 10:15-11, and 11:00-11:45.

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

Please look for the registration form on the GCCNS website. Non- GCCNS families are welcome, so please 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>.

Event Time	Event Name	Primary Location
Thursday, 01 Septe	mber 2016	
6:15 PM to 7:20 PM	Joyful Ringer Rehearsal	Bell Room
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	BSA 156 Troop Mtg	Mayflower
7:30 PM to 9:00 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
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8:00 PM to 9:00 PM	AA Meeting	Parlor
8:00 PM to 9:00 PM	AL-ANON	Library
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8:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Mens Open Gym	Gym
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10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	Church School Children Meet in Sanctuary	SanctuaryM
10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	Glenview Community Church Worship Service	Sanctuary
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9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
4:00 PM to 5:15 PM	FISH 7/8 Club & POW	Mayflower
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10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	Glenview Community Church Worship Service	Sanctuary
11:00 AM to 1:00 PM	GCC Rally Day - South Lawn	Parking Lot
4:00 PM to 6:00 PM	PYF	Youth Room
4:00 PM to 5:00 PM	Voices of GCC Rehearsal	Room 201
Monday, 12 Septem	ber 2016	
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6:30 PM to 7:30 PM	FIAT Meeting	Parlor
7:30 PM to 8:30 PM	CSA 156	Room 213
Tuesday, 13 Septen	nber 2016	
9:15 AM to 10:00 AM	Music and Movement Classes	Cradle/Toddler Room
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6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	Myra Lorris Presentation	Mayflower
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM	Adult Ed Board Meeting	Library
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM	Pastoral Care Meeting	Parlor
7:00 PM to 8:00 PM	Services & Sacraments Meeting	Room 210
Wednesday, 14 Sep	tember 2016	
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
9:15 AM to 10:00 AM	Music and Movement Classes	Cradle/Toddler Room
4:00 PM to 5:15 PM	FISH	Mayflower
5:30 PM to 7:30 PM	7/8 Club & POW	Mayflower
7:00 PM to 8:00 PM	Music Board Meeting	Music Office
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# **Alive Together With Christ**

## happenings

### **GLENVIEW COMMUNITY CHURCH**

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#### **PASTORS**

Rev. Dr. Charles E. Mize, Senior Pastor Rev. Dr. Pamela Keckler, Pastor Rev. Elizabeth Hartung-Ciccolini, Associate Pastor for Children and Youth

#### **OFFICE HOURS**

Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Nonprofit Organization US Postage PAID Glenview, IL Permit NO. 41

#### **RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

# **PONDERING IN SILENCE...**

The fullness of joy is to behold God in everything. God is the ground, the substance, the teaching, the teacher, the purpose, and the reward for which every soul labors. Julian of Norwich, England (1342-1419)

