# **PILGRIM'S PROGRESS**

The Bill of Rights in general and the 1st Amendment in particular are the foundation of freedom as well as individual and minority rights stated in the Constitution of the United States of America. Many statements, some debate, and too much intolerance have been expressed in recent days regarding the construction of an Islamic Community Center approximately two blocks from the site where the World Trade Center once stood.

My observations and comments will not resolve the issues. However, I hope they will help us practice our unofficial motto: "No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here." This is an expression of invitation and welcome to Glenview Community Church. I hope it also is an expression of our attitude toward the diversity of faiths and those who practice them as citizens of this nation.

History is replete with examples of individuals and groups who have committed atrocious acts in the name of their religion. The Crusades, the Spanish Inquisition, the Salem Witch Trials, and the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama are four of the worst acts committed by some in the name of Christianity. And there have been horrific acts of violence within Christianity committed by Protestants against Catholics and vice versa. Unfortunately there have been too many times when prejudice and bigotry governed attitudes and actions as noted by Anthony Stevens-Arroyo, "When we Catholics were considered "papists" and "less American" in colonial America, we did not enjoy the blessings of freedom of religion. Even on July 4, 1776, tolerant and Quaker colonial Philadelphia limited us to a single Catholic Church. But that church could not be located on a main street - it had to be in a back alley."

Islam, like Christianity, is not a monolithic faith. The plane hijackers of 9/11 are not representative of Islam just as members of the Ku Klux Klan are not representative

of Christianity. Opposition to the center is one of the strongest arguments in favor of it going right where it is planned. The best way to bridge the gulf between the Islamic community and its neighbors is to help people understand that their trepidation is based not in reality but born of a myth that has been cruelly exploited. The Islamic cultural center can help span this chasm.

At the height of the Civil Rights Movement, Martin Luther King, Jr. received the strongest reprimand and resistance from white ministers who said it wasn't the right time or the right place for protests. Forcing the Islamic center out of sight will only allow ignorance and fear to fester and grow. It will keep more Americans from learning a lesson that King shared with the ministers: "Anyone who lives inside the United States can never be considered an outsider anywhere within its bounds." Instead of demanding that the Muslims get out, I hope the residents of Lower Manhattan will be grateful that their fellow Americans are willing to stay put and make the effort, under difficult circumstances, to build bridges so that, as King said, "the deep fog of misunderstanding can be lifted from our fear-drenched communities." (Stephanie J. Jones)

Too often when people are motivated by fear the attitude is, "If my enemies are not your enemies, then you are my enemy." Times of great fear call for people of great faith. We need people of all faiths striving for understanding within their faiths and between faiths to lift the deep fog of misunderstanding. May we be people of great faith working for tolerance and understanding.



# SUNDAY WORSHIP RALLY DAY

### **SEPTEMBER 12**

9:30 a.m.

### **Scripture:**

Exodus 34:29-35, Revelation 1:9-20

#### Sermon:

"The Message to the Church at Glenview" Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts

# **SEPTEMBER 19**

9:30 a.m.

### Scripture:

1 Samuel 26:17-25, Revelation 2:1-7

### Sermon:

"The Weary Congregation" Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts

### **SEPTEMBER 26**

9:30 a.m.

### Scripture:

Exodus 32:30-34, Revelation 3:1-6

### Sermon:

"The Sleeping Congregation" Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts

# OCTOBER 3 WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

9:30 a.m.

### **Scripture:**

Proverbs 3:11-18, Revelation 3:13-22

#### Sermon:

"The Indifferent Congregation" Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts

# PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

joyfully invites you to attend

A SERVICE OF INSTALLATION FOR THE SENIOR PASTOR REVEREND SALLY IBERG

on Sunday, September 19, 2010 at 3:00 in the afternoon at

PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH 460 Lake Street Oak Park, IL 60302

> A Reception in Fellowship Hall to Follow Immediately

Clergy are invitedto gather at 2:30 to robe and process

If possible, please respond by September 12 708 848-5860

# ONE WORSHIP SERVICE AT 9:30 A.M.

The Executive Board approved a motion on August 28, 2010 that we have one worship service at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday for a one year trial. This action is in effect immediately and we will continue with worship at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday as has been our practice through the summer months. The exception to this schedule is Easter Sunday when we will have worship services at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Throughout the year, please give your comments, observations, and suggestions to a member of the Executive Board or a member of the staff. Your input will be vital to the Executive Board as it evaluates and decides on worship service plans going forward in the fall of 2011.

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Registration forms are now available in the church office and on the website at <a href="https://www.gccucc.org">www.gccucc.org</a>.

**Theme:** "Images of Self, Images of God, Images of God in Me" We begin Friday evening and conclude Saturday afternoon. Details are on the forms or contact Rev. Keckler or Marilyn Belleau.

## **WELCOME BACK 60 PLUS!!**

The 60 Plus Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, September 21 at 12 noon in the Mayflower Room. Our favorite chef, Barb Thewis, will prepare her special Fall soup and delicious dessert. Bring those appetites and celebrate the opportunity to once again be with GCC members and friends for a time of good food, fellowship, and fun.

We will be having a special program titled "Fall Prevention – Something All Seniors Should Know". Mindy Haglund, MSW and Laura Westerkamp, PT, DPT will review safety precautions during transition periods of moving from sitting to standing, reaching to sit, or turning to walk. Learn to minimize risk for fall and subsequent injury. We will also have fun with numerous exercises to encourage strength and stability you can do in a safe, seated position that promotes a healthy lifestyle.

If you need a ride, please call Marilyn Belleau, Parish Nurse at (847) 724-2210 ext. 30.

# **CALLING ALL WALKERS**

The next walk for the GCC Walkers will be on Sunday, September 12, immediately after the single service. We will tour an outstanding Winnetka exclusive neighborhood, a proven "winner" on previous excursions. Any and all are welcome. The walk leader will be Steve Lindell who can answer your queries at (847) 998-6806.

# YES, YOU CAN HELP!

Heifer Quilt Auction at GCC Saturday, November 6, 2010

Many have stepped forward and have agreed to help with the preparations and/or with the Auction. Those people have our thanks. Others have asked, "How can I help in other ways?" Below are some suggestions:

- (1) Sponsor a personal ad or notice in the Auction Booklet honoring a loved one or expressing a thought or idea.  $\frac{1}{4}$  page costs \$100,  $\frac{1}{2}$  page = \$150, full page = \$250.
- (2) Encourage a business, service group, organization, or chapter to do the same.
- (3) Become a craft or quilt sponsor. (while most quilts have been donated, some are purchased at other auctions and you can become the sponsor of them by contributing to their cost. Crafts available from \$30 to \$300. Quilts available from \$100 to \$3,000. (Your name appears as sponsor in the Quilt Auction Booklet)
- (4) Donate a Quilt or Craft for Auction or to be pre-priced. (Call Beryl Bills or Tom Amos for pick-up)
- (5) Come on November 6th and make a purchase! Most of All Mark Your calendars Now for Saturday, November 6th!

# **CONGREGATION SHA'AR ZAHAV**

In mid summer a copy of this synagogue's prayer book, *Siddur Sha'ar Zahav*, was received as a gift celebrating with GCC the action taken at the annual meeting to be an Open and Affirming congregation. M-J Detwiler's brother is a member of Congregation Sha'ar Zahav and serves as their business manager. Here is a portion of the letter from Rabbi Camille Shira Angel that accompanied the prayer book.

"We applaud Glenview Community Church's decision to welcome people of all sexual orientations. Historic changes like this do not happen without an activist shepherd in the congregation. I appreciate your role in creating an new path of inclusivity for your church."

*S"iddur Sha'ar Zahav* was published just last year. It represents the culmination of years of work by our members to create liturgy and meditations to integrate Jewish tradition with egalitarian, feminist and LGBT language. On the other hand, some writings, such as "Early I Will See You" on page 203, carry a universal message."

What a wonderful gift and delightful way to celebrate with us and express support and encouragement. The prayer book is in the library for your use.

# RALLY DAY



### SEPTEMBER 12TH

Rally Day is coming on September 12th. It will begin immediately after the 9:30 a.m. service. Food, games, petting zoo and more.

Donations can be made to Glenview/Northbrook Youth Services, Night Ministry, or Northfield Food Pantry.

FLU SHOTS AT GCC SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9TH, 9 AM - 1 PM



### PYF IN SEPTEMBER

Pilgrim Youth Fellowship meets in the Youth Room from 4:00–6:00 pm and has use of the Gym each Sunday. Hope to see you there! Bring a friend!

#### **SEPTEMBER 12:**

#### FEEL THE POWER! RALLY DAY LUAU

Join us for airbrush tattoos, limbo, fun food, good music and other party fun!

### **SEPTEMBER 19:**

FEEL THE POWER! MISSION PROJECT

Birthday Bags: Paint Ball T-Shirts – Bring a Shirt

### **SEPTEMBER 26:**

### Feel the Power!

Volleyball & Other Great Games 4 – 6



# GLENVIEW COMMUNITY CHURCH

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### **Office Hours**

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### 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

### **Affiliates:**

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

# **AT A GLANCE**

Thu 9-9	9:00 am 9:30 am 12:30 pm	Resale Shop until 5:00 pm, Plymouth Rm Lectio Divina, Rm 5 Musical Revue, Mayflower Rm
Fri 9-10	9:00 am 8:00 pm 8:00 pm	Resale Shop until 1:00 pm, Plymouth Rm AA, Parlor Al-Anon, Rm 201
Sat 9-11	9:00 am	Resale Shop until 1:00 pm, Plymouth Rm
Sun 9-12	8:45 am 9:30 am 9:30 am 9:30 am 9:30 am 10:30 am 10:45 am 4:00 pm 4:00 pm	Worship, Sanctuary Confirmation Class 7th Grade, Founders Rm Confirmation Class 8th Grade, Parlor, Library, Rm 5 Sunday School Classes start in the Sanctuary Rally Day Outside on the Church Lawn Bell Rehearsal, Bell Rm Voices of GCC, Rm 201
Mon 9-13	9:30 am 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Finding My Spirit, Library Finance Board, Founders Rm Services and Sacraments Board Mtg., Parlor

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Tues	7:00 pm	Stewardship Board Mtg., Rm 7
9-14	7:00 pm	Mission Outreach Board Mtg., Parlor
	7:00 pm	Pastoral Care Board Mtg., Rm 210
	7:00 pm	Property Board Mtg., Library
	7:00 pm	Adult Education Board Mtg., Founders Rm
	7:00 pm	Hands of Peace Board Mtg., Rm 213
Wed	9:15 am	Chapter 11 Mtg., Parlor
9-15	7:00 pm	Pilgrim Wind Ensemble, Sanctuary
	7:00 pm	BSA Troop 156, Gym, Mayflower Rm
	8:00 pm	Venture Crew, Rm 210 & Gym



Please submit all articles by 9:00 am, Wednesday, one week in advance to publishing via e-mail at tania.mccarthy@gccucc.org



(formerly the Good News Community Kitchen)

A Just Harvest, located in Rogers Park – just a few miles from our congregation – is a non-profit, privately funded anti-hunger organization that has been serving hot, nutritious dinners 365 days a year to those in need for 27 years. During this time, we have served well over one million meals to our neighbors in need.

Each night, we serve an average of 170 people from all over the city and increasingly from area suburbs, many of whom ride the CTA to the Howard Street stop and walk one-half block to the Community Kitchen. Due to the economy, we recently served a record high 210 people.

It seems there has never been a greater need for A Just Harvest than today -- and from all indications, tomorrow.

Today, A Just Harvest works beyond "just" serving meals daily to <u>also</u> work with others to break down the systemic issues that create poverty & hunger in the first place. Our current work in this area includes campaigns to preserve and restore affordable housing in Rogers Park, and another to avert residential mortgage foreclosures in Rogers Park and on the North Shore.

For many years, our congregation has been a proud partner of A Just Harvest, thanks to dedicated volunteers who faithfully prepare, transport and serve meals to the Community Kitchen every month.

A Just Harvest is, and has long been, grateful for our congregation's significant and faithful participation in the fight against hunger.

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Please join us on Sunday, October 10th for "Creating A Just Harvest Together" our 7th Annual Awards Banquet and Benefit.

Each year, this is A Just Harvest's primary "fund-raising & friend-raising" event where net proceeds from the evening go toward the operating budget in support of our feeding and advocacy work.

Please come and join in celebrating our partnership with A Just Harvest!

What:	A Just Harvest's					
	Annual Celebration & Fund-Raising Event					
When:	Sunday, October 10th, 2009 5:00 pm—Reception & Silent Auction 6:00					
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	table]. [check enclosed]					
Where:	Where: Mid-America Club, 80th Floor, Aon Center; 200 E. Randolph, Chicago					
I am unable to attend the October 10th event, but want to support the						
	Kitchen's work with a donation of \$ 8:30 pm—Program Ends					
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