

#### THE CHURCH GOD NEEDS

Places in the Heart is one of my favorite movies. Edna Spalding is the sheriff's wife in Waxahachie, Texas. Widowed when a black boy accidently shoots her husband, Edna struggles to survive and keep the family cotton farm. With the help of a black drifter named Moze she does it; in spite of the opposition of the banker, local businessmen and the Klan. My favorite scene is the last one...in church. The Lord's Supper is being shared, and all the characters in the story - living and dead - commune, including Edna's husband and the boy who killed him. What an amazing vision of the redeeming, reuniting, renewing power of God's love! On Sunday, October 13th I felt like I was living that scene. So many of you worked tirelessly to make that day incredible: Pam Keckler and Dale Susan Edmonds...Gary Wendt, Stephen Blackwelder and Debby Shellard...Sally Thuresson and Karen Aldrich...the Chancel Choir and Voices of GCC...the Search Committee and the Transition Team...ushers and ambassadors...Courtney Sherman and Ray Thompson from Green Bay...my childhood friend Anne Dierbeck and my seminary friend Doug Anders...Tony Robinson... Vertie Powers and Jorge Morales from the Chicago Metropolitan Association and IIlinois Conference...and all of you! So many people who are important to me came to Glenview to be a part of my installation as your Senior Pastor. From my neighbor on the street where I grew up (and now in Glenview!), to Jeanie's sister Barb, to friends from St. Louis, to a whole delegation from Green Bay, to all of you: I was surrounded and lifted up in a wonderful moment when several chapters of my life merged as one. More importantly, I was reminded that loving and being loved is what makes life precious and full. It's what life is truly all about. However, my October 13th was also tinged with deep sadness. In the midst of that day's festivities I received word that a Green

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Bay friend and member of Union Church Sunday had died. In the words of his obituary, he "chose to leave this earthly life." And I was reminded again that feelings of insignificance, hopelessness and lovelessness that lead to overwhelming despair can be as terminal as any other dread disease. The humanizing graces of significance, hope and love are the gifts that God means for all of us to receive and share in abundance. Sharing these gifts that God has given us is the power and purpose of GCC's mission...gifts that can literally be the difference between death and life. I believe that with all my heart...for each and every child of God.

My hope for our future rests in that inclusive conviction. It's a message that so many are desperate to hear and to experience. It's ministry that changes lives and changes the world. It's the foolishness of the gospel and the wisdom of God.

Sometimes we get so bogged down with the little details of our institutional operation that we lose track of the ministry for which this institution exists. Sometimes we get so enmeshed in petty skirmishes with one another that we forget the holiness of our shared humanity and the hope of our common calling.

Now that the installation has been accomplished, we are officially pastor and people together. As Karen Aldrich said at the service: "It's too late now!" In the life and ministry that is yet to unfold, may we always live and strive to be God's love together... love that humanizes and sanctifies each precious child of God...love that means what it says when it says that **No matter who you** are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here! This is not just the church GCC needs to be. This is the church God needs GCC to be. See you in church!

Chuck Mize

# **WORSHIP SERVICES**

#### **OCTOBER 27, 2013**

10:00 a.m. Worship

**A Reforming Church** 

**Bibles presented to 4th Graders** 

#### Scripture:

Habakkuk 2:3-4. Matthew 16:13-18

#### Sermon:

On This Rock Rev. Dr. Chuck Mize

#### **NOVEMBER 3, 2013**

10:00 a.m.

Worship & Communion **A Serving Church** 

Scripture: Psalm 119:137-144 Luke 19:1-10

Sermon: A Serving Church Rev. Dr. Pam Keckler

#### **NOVEMBER 10, 2013**

10:00 a.m. Worship

**A Giving Church** 

#### Scripture:

Psalm 34 2 Corinthians 8:1-15 Mark 12:41-44

Sermon: Giving is Living Rev. Dr. Chuck Mize







**Common Ground** and the **Adult Education Board** present

#### **CHUNGLIANG AL HUANG**

Sunday, November 10 3:00-5:00 p.m. The Three Pillars of Ancient Wisdom— Buddhism, Taoism, and Confucianism for the West

Join Master Huang, who is the founder of the Living Tao Foundation (an international cultural-arts network for lifelong learning), for Sunday's program. He is the director of the Lan Ting Institute, which is a cross-cultural study and conference center located in the sacred and historical Wu Yi mountains in China, as well as on the southern coast of Oregon. Chungliang Al Huang has been a teacher of Eastern wisdom for many, many years. His insight, charm, humor, and grace are legendary. In this extraordinary presentation, he'll set forth the essentials of the three great traditions of the East in a way we'll never forget.

The program will be followed by a reception and book signing in that time period. This will be a great program that you will not want to miss.





# SERRV IS COMING IN NOVEMBER

The international organization, SERRV, which provides fair trade compensation to handicrafters around the world, will be providing those handicrafts for you to buy in our Mayflower Room following worship services on Sundays, November 17, November 24, and December 1. You can purchase gifts for family and friends while supporting these hard-working families from many countries around the world. Watch the "Broadcaster" for more information about the lives and talents of these handicrafters. Please join us for the Adult Education program on Sunday, November 17 at 9:00 a.m.

to learn more about SERRV.

SERRV's mission is to eradicate poverty wherever it resides by providing opportunity and support to artisans and farmers worldwide.

# **WOW!** YOU WERE GREAT! Many thanks to Trader Joe's for its donation

The Children's Board partnered with the Mission Outreach Board to increase Food on the First Donations on October 6 with great results.

Sunday School students stapled grocery lists to bags for donations to San Lucas UCC and distributed the bags to worshipers on September 29. On October 6, You showed your generosity with so many grocery bags that PYF needed to be enlisted to pack



of paper bags and to Elizabeth Hartung-Ciccolini and the Sunday School teachers who orchestrated the roles of the children and youth in this

intergenerational project that touches lives of the givers and the receivers.

Please sign up on the Mission Outreach bulletin board near the church office if you would like to deliver the food to either San Lucas or the Northfield

them into an SUV for delivery by a Mission Outreach Board volunteer.

Township Food Pantry the first week of any month.

The next FOOD ON THE FIRST collection will be November 3 for Northfield Township Food Pantry.

#### **ADULT EDUCATION** SUNDAY IN THE CHAPEL AT 9:00 AM Sunday, October 27

GCC's Mission Outreach Board is pleased to present Sue Shimon, Executive Director of Northfield based New Foundations. **New Foundations** partners with people who have a mental illness to support their recovery and their pursuit of lives with meaning and purpose. The Center provides members' recovery programs, permanent supportive housing, supported employment, and health and wellness programs, all within a community that encourages sharing, independent living, friendship, personal responsibility, and family participation. GCC supports New Foundations through the portion of pledges administered by the Mission Outreach Board.

#### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

John Miller, *A New New Testament*. Significant discoveries of early Christian texts have only recently become generally available. Last year 19 spiritual leaders, including Geoffrey Black, General Minister and President of the United Church of Christ, met in council to decide which, if any, of these texts might add important new meaning for 21st century Christians. The result was A New New Testament. John Miller will lead a discussion about this new text. Come find out what's new and sample some of the newness.

## **COMMON GROUND**

The Adult Education Board will be co-sponsoring the Common Ground programing. Please join us on Friday, November 22, in the Founders Room at 7:00 p.m.



#### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22 SCIENCE AND RELIGION—STRANGERS, ANTAGONISTS, OR ALLIES?

Are science and religion inevitably opposed, or can they fill complementary roles in a progressive culture? This workshop will examine the battlegrounds and the common ground of the two estates. We'll explore the basic question with respect to a variety of controversial issues including evolution, abortion, stem-cell research, environment, and even the "big-bang" theory. What is the source of religious opposition to science? How common is scientific disdain for religion? And how significant is this continuing tension for the future of our culture?

#### ANNUAL GCC FRASER FIR CHRISTMAS TREE SALE

It's only mid-October, but that's the time we think about ordering Christmas Trees from the



GCC Youth!. If you are interested in ordering a tree this year, please fill out the Christmas Tree order form included in this newsletter and either mail or bring the form and check to the church office. The deadline is November 5.

This Christmas tree sale is a tremendous fundraiser for our youth programs, generating a 40% profit on every tree! Proceeds are used for retreats, mission trips and projects that support the Northfield Township Food Pantry, the Night Ministry and other GCC mission partners and scholarships.

Best wishes for a blessed Holiday season, and thank you again for your generous support of our youth.

From the Pilgrim Youth Fellowship, Confirmation and Youth Board

# Full Games Fairung raffle Fair Corrections

Please join us for a morning of fun at the Glenview Community Church Nursery School Fall Fun Fair on Saturday, October 26, from 10:00 a.m. to noon in the GCC gymnasium. There will be games, crafts, face painting and tattoos, raffle, balloon creations by Holly Nagel, and more! (Check out <u>www.hollynagel.com</u> for a preview of her masterpieces). Adults are free and children age two and over are \$5. A fun family event to help celebrate the season.



## **SEMINAR FOR PARENTS**

Thursday, November 21 from 7:00-8:15 p.m. at GCC in the Youth Room. "Shedding Light on Adolescent Depression" given by Erika's Lighthouse.

The program is for parents of middle school and high school students. Learn how to understand depression in young teens as we hear a speaker and panel of high school students. Invite a friend to join you.

#### PYF SEPTEMBER SUNDAYS 4-6 PM OCTOBER 27TH:

Fall Fun Day! We will have some fun and explore our root theme.

#### **POW THIS FALL!** PYF ON WEDNESDAYS

POW meets on Wednesdays from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Every four weeks or so there is a new unit. Dinner of some sort provided. Come once or come all the time. We will meet in the youth room.

Elizabeth



# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT GCC

THUR	9:00 AM	Resale Shop, Plymouth Rm
10/24	1:00 PM	Dementia Support Group, Narthex
	6:00 PM	Breast Cancer Support Group, Founders Rm
	6:15 PM	Bell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
	7:30 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
FRI	9:00 AM	Resale Shop, Plymouth Rm
10/25	7:00 PM	Common Ground, Founders Rm
	8:00 PM	AA Meeting, Parlor
	8:00 PM	Al-Anon, Rm 201
SAT	9:00 AM	Resale Shop, Plymouth Rm
10/26	9:00 AM	GCCNS Fall Fair, Gym
SUN	8:45 AM	Confirmation Opening Prayers, Plymouth Rm
10/27	9:00 AM	Adult Education Program, Chapel
	9:15 AM	Primary Choir Rehearsal, Rm 201
	10:00 AM	Worship, Sanctuary
	10:00 AM	Sunday School, Sanctuary
	11:00 AM	Fellowship and Refreshments, Mayflower Rm
	4:00 PM	Voices of GCC, Rm 201
	4:00 PM	PYF, Youth Rm
MON	9:00 AM	Finding My Spirit, Library
10/28	6:00 PM	Pink Angels Rehearsal, Sanctuary
	7:00 PM	Walking Angels Practice, Sanctuary
	7:45 PM	Tableau Angels Practice, Sanctuary
	9:00 PM	Dancing Mary Practice, Narthex
TUE	11:30 AM	No Events Scheduled
10/29		
WED	9:00 AM	Resale Shop, Plymouth Rm
10/30	1:00 PM	Weekly Bible Study, Parlor
	6:00 PM	PYF Wednesday, Youth Rm
	7:00 PM	Wednesday Night Bible Study, Parlor
	7:00 PM	BSA 156 Mtg., Mayflower Rm
	8:00 PM	Venture Crew, Rm 5 & Gym
THU	9:00 AM	Resale Shop, Plymouth Rm
10/31	7:30 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
FRI	9:00 AM	Resale Shop, Plymouth Rm
11/1	8:00 PM	AA Meeting, Parlor
	8:00 PM	Al-Anon, Rm 201
SAT	8:00 AM	Men's Open Gym, Gym
11/2	9:00 AM	Resale Shop, Plymouth Rm
SUN	8:45 AM	Confirmation Opening Prayers, Plymouth Rm
11/3	9:00 AM	Adult Education, Chapel
	9:15 AM	Primary Choir Rehearsal, Rm 201
	10:00 AM	Worship, Sanctuary
	10:00 AM	Sunday School, Sanctuary
	11:00 AM	Fellowship and Refreshments, Mayflower Rm
	11:00 AM	Bell Choir Rehearsal, Bell Rm
	4:00 PM	PYF, Youth Rm

MON	12:00 PM	Called To Care, Founders Rm
11/4	1:00 PM	Pickleball, Gym
	6:00 PM	Pink Angels, Sanctuary
	7:00 PM	BSA 156 Committee Mtg., Founders Rm
	7:00 PM	Yoga, Rm 201
	7:00 PM	Walking Angles Practice, Sanctuary
	7:30 PM	CSA 156 Committee Mtg., Rm 213
	7:45 PM	Tableau Angels Practice, Sanctuary
	9:00 PM	Dancing Mary Practice, Narthex
TUE	6:30 PM	STL Town Hall Mtg., Mayflower Rm
11/5		
WED	9:00 AM	Resale Shop, Plymouth Rm
11/6	1:00 PM	Weekly Bible Study, Parlor
	1:00 PM	Pickleball, Gym
	6:00 PM	PYF, Youth Rm
	7:00 PM	BSA 156 Troop Mtg., Mayflower Rm & Gym
	7:00 PM	Weekly Bible Study, Parlor
	8:00 PM	Venture Crew, Rm 5 & Gym

# THE NEXT DEADLINE FOR THE BROADCASTER IS OCTOBER 30, 2013 AT 9:00 AM



Let us become the Living and Giving Church Christ calls us to be! On Sunday, November 10th, we will celebrate the culmination of our 2014 Stewardship Campaign during our U.C.C. church-wide Stewardship Sunday Service. You should receive your 2014 Financial Commitment Appeal Letter and Card in your mailbox during the week of October 21st.

Here is what you should do next: mail or drop off your 2014 Commitment Card to the church office. Or, e-mail our Administrator for Business, Dale Wittenberg, at <u>dale.wittenberg@gccucc.org</u>, or call Dale directly at 847-724-2210 x227 with your 2014 Financial Commitment amount.

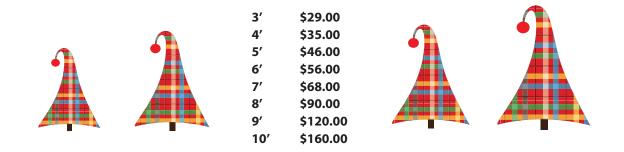
The deadline is 11:00 AM on Sunday, November 10, 2013. Our goal for this campaign is a lofty \$1,100,000; \$300,000 more than we achieved for GCC's ministries in 2013! Please prayerfully consider your financial support for GCC in 2014. What can your share of our \$1,100,000 goal be? What level of financial commitment stretches the growing edge of your faith?



All trees are Fraser Firs - fresh cut less than one week prior to delivery and transported to Chicago via refrigerated trucks. The Fraser Fir has strong branches for decoration, beautiful dark green needles, full shape, wonderful aroma, and the ability to stay fresh the longest. Because of the size and fullness of the Fraser Fir, a substantial tree stand is needed. For those interested, Cinco tree stands are available at \$20.00 for the medium stand (holds up to an 8' tree), or \$25.00 for the large stand (up to 10'). These stands are durable, made of a material that will not crack or rust, easy to put the tree in and fill with water, and very economical.

Tree pick-up will be Saturday, November 30, from 10:00 AM until 12:00 PM. If you will be unavailable on this date, please arrange for your tree to be delivered or picked up by a friend. For Glenview residents wishing tree delivery, trees will be delivered by PYF on Saturday, November 30, for a fee of \$15.00. Please indicate address and any special instructions below.

The Christmas Tree Sale is one of PYF's most important fundraisers as 40% of each tree purchase goes directly to supporting PYF and Confirmation programs including scholarships for mission trips, and funding for GCC's mission outreach partners including Northfield Township Food Pantry and the Night Ministry.



Questions, please e-mail or call Elizabeth Hartung-Ciccolini <u>Elizabeth.ciccolini@gccucc.org</u> or 847-724-2210 ext 233. **ORDERS DUE BY NOVEMBER 5, 2013** 

MAIL TO: Glenview Community Church Christmas Trees 1000 Elm Street, Glenview, Illinois 60025				
Name	Phone			
Address				
Tree SizeTree Price	Stand SizeStand Price			
Delivery Yes No Delivery Charge \$15 Check (#) enclosed in the amount of				
\$ Please make payment at time of order to GCC. Thank you for your support.				
DIRECTIONS FOR DELIVERY (EX: DRIVEWAY, BACK YARD):				

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OFFICE HOURS Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 430 p.m. August 19, 2013 - June 13, 2014

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17 3:00 PM

TICKETED EVENT

#### **NORTH SHORE CHORAL SOCIETY** *Dr. Julia Davids, Conductor*

The North Shore Choral Society is joined in concert by Chicago keyboard virtuoso David Schrader. General Admission: \$25 Seniors: \$22 Students: \$15 Tickets available online at <u>northshorechoral.org</u> or at the door

#### **GLENVIEW COMMUNITY CHURCH**



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14 7:00 PM

#### DO-IT-YOURSELF MESSIAH

The Christmas portion of Handel's MESSIAH will be performed in the "Do It Yourself" tradition with the entire. Glenview community invited to join in. Led by the Chancel Choir, our GCC soloists and instrumentalists – all accompanied by the Waukegan Symphony Orchestra. Stephen Blackwelder, Conductor; Gary Wendt, Organist Admission: A freewill offering will be taken.

#### **GLENVIEW COMMUNITY CHURCH**



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