Broadcaste Glenview Community Church

## Pilgrim's Progress

Grief is what many are experiencing as a result of the congregation's decision to vacate the position of Minister for Mission and Ministry. Grief is an emotional response to loss. The loss caused by this decision is experienced on many levels and varies with individuals. Some feel the loss of relationship. They will not be able to interact and relate to Sally in the way they have become accustomed because Sally will not be here. Some feel the loss of a part of the ministry of the congregation. This may be expressed by a sense of sadness. Others feel the loss of their congregation because this is not how they want their congregation to function. This has been expressed by some who say they are ashamed of their church.

Grief begins the moment a person becomes aware of a loss and continues until that person has assimilated the meaning of the loss into life and readjusted to a normal pattern of living. There are at least six stages in the grief process: shock, numbness, fantasy, depression, stabbing pain, and readjustment.

**Shock.** When loss is experienced people often feel like they have a huge weight on their chests, like they're in a daze, or they want to think but their minds won't function. These are symptoms of shock. The shock waves serve as a type of emotional anesthesia to deaden some of the pain for the griever for a season.

**Numbness.** As the shock wears off, the griever is left numb. Emotions are distorted, reaction time is slowed, and thinking capacity is foggy. Part of the cause of the numbness is the extreme emotions the person experiences. Grievers are worn out from the flood of feelings that roar through their lives as they respond to loss.

**Fantasy.** Whatever the loss is: a job, a child leaving home, congregation being different than anticipated, or death of a spouse, part of the process of adjusting is fantasizing about the situation being different than it is. Some people pretend that the loss didn't happen. Many people in Western cultures work overtime emotionally denying the pain they feel because of loss. Generally, the griever fantasizes that the loss has not really

occurred.

**Depression**. A concise definition of emotional depression is anger turned inward. Two very strong emotions unleashed because of loss are hostility and guilt. Actually, these two feelings are like two sides of the same coin.

Anger is a natural response to any loss we experience. We often are angry when some unexpected or even an anticipated event upsets our normal patterns of living. If a person loses his job, it is natural to be angry at the employer or at the economic situation that forced his unemployment. It is not unusual for the anger to be misdirected, either turned in on oneself or taken out on a family member. Often when unemployment rises, spouse and child abuse also rise. When a loss occurs, it may not be easy either to identify or focus the anger. The anger usually is expressed in the speculative question, "Why did this happen?" There is no satisfactory answer to the "why" question.

Guilt may be identified as anger at oneself either for failing to take a certain action or for taking action that contributed to or caused the loss. Loss often is followed by second-guessing, and such secondguessing usually is prefaced by "if." Implied in the "if" expression is that one event done differently would have altered the entire outcome of the situation for the better.

**Stabbing Pain**. As a person journeys through the grief process, there are events, sights, and sounds that remind the person of the loss. A song is played on the radio that has been heard many times before, but this time the words convey reminders of an important person who has moved away, is estranged, or has died. Anniversaries, birthdays, and holidays also are reminders. Whatever the reminder, the griever relives the loss experience in miniature.

**Readjustment.** People often comment that time heals, but time has no healing power. The events that occur with the passing of time can help people who are grieving to integrate the meaning of the loss into

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## SUNDAY SERVICES

NOVEMBER 1, 2009 All Saints Day Communion

8:30 a.m.

a.m. Chancel Choir

Scripture: Isaiah 25:6-9 Revelation 21:1-6a

Sermon: "When Saints Go Marching" Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts

All Church Memorial Service at 3:00 p.m.

### **NOVEMBER 8, 2009**

8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.

PYF Singers

**Scripture:** Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17 Psalm 23

**Sermon:** "Risk and Restoration" Rev. Dr. Pamela Keckler

their lives.

One of the concerns grievers have is how long it will take for life to get back to normal. They are aware that life will never be like it was before the loss occurred, but they want to arrive at the point where all of life is not revolving around the loss. Generally, it takes twelve to eighteen months for the griever to move from the initial shock to readjustment and resumption of normal living patterns. Of course, the nature of the loss and the constitution of the griever affect the intensity and longevity of the process. Understanding that our responses to loss are natural helps us know why we are feeling like we are and can help us cope in a healthy way with whatever loss we are experiencing.

## Leadership is Seeking

The Leadership Committee seeks nominations for volunteers to serve as Church Clerk, Church Treasurer, Vice Moderator and At-Large Members on the Executive Board for the 2010-2011 church year.

Their volunteer responsibilities can be summarized as follows:

**Church Clerk**-Works with church staff to maintain an accurate and detailed record of the proceedings of the Church, membership rolls and attendance records. The Clerk serves as Secretary of our major meetings and serves on the Executive Board.

Church Treasurer-Works with the Church **Business Administrator and the Finance** Board to assure that we have accurate record keeping for all financial records for receipts & disbursements, operating and trust accounts, and financial reports. The Treasurer serves on the Executive Board and is the chief financial officer of the church.

Vice-Moderator-This is the second highest elected lay officer of the Church. This person performs the duties of the Moderator when the Moderator is unable to serve and serves as the Chair of the Leadership Committee.

#### **At-Large Members to the Executive**

Board: In addition to your responsibilities as a member of the Executive Board for two years, you will also serve on either the Leadership Committee or Personnel and Ministerial Relations Committee.

If you are interested in one of these positions or want to recommend someone else, please contact Lloyd Bettis, Chair of the Leadership Committee for further information on the responsibilities and requirements. He can be reached by email at lbettis@nationalbureau.com or by phone during the day at 312-861-4272.

# Adult Education Seminar

### PRESENTS: Happy Birthday To our Organ In The Chapel at 9:30 a.m.

#### November 1

A Conversation with Howard Roberts and Andrew Lewis. GCC's Senior Minister and Director of the Chancel Choir share their thoughts about selection of hymns, collaboration between clergy and music staff, and the role of music in Congregational worship.

#### November 8

A Conversation with Gary Wendt and Andrew Lewis. Director of Instrumental Music and Organist Gary and Choir Director Andy share their perspectives on music at GCC, the role of the organ, the choir and the Congregation in worship and community outreach.



The love we give away is the only love we keep.

Elbert Hubbard



#### **NOVEMBER 13TH**

Take the night off cooking and bring home dinner on Friday, November 13th.

Sponsored by WA Chapter 11 and catered by Goode & Fresh. Orders can be purchased at the fellowship hour on November 1st. Deadline for orders is November 6th and orders can be turned in at the GCC office. Questions? Please contact Kim Vanderveen 847-730-3335 or email at chicagodutch@ yahoo.com.

## GCC Final Walk

Final walk of the year! Take a WALK IN THE WOODS by the Des Plaines River. November 8, meet after church at 12:45 in the north parking lot. For information call Bob and Nan Hinchsliff @ 847-724-4836.

### Pastoral Care

Our sympathy and prayers to the Clonts family on the death of Sally Clonts, October 24. A memorial service will be held at Glenview Community Church on Saturday, October 31st at 10:00 a.m.

### **BLOOD DRIVE** Sunday, November 1

GCC BLOOD DRIVE NEEDS YOU!

GCC and LifeSource will be holding its annual blood drive on Sunday, November 1 in the Plymouth Room from 7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. If you are at least 17 years old and weigh a minimum of 110 lbs., we are asking for your participation in this lifesaving mission. Donating blood is safe, fast and easy and the benefit to those in need is priceless. Mark your calendars for November 1st and make it your day to donate blood. You may sign up to donate by calling Sally Hicks at (847) 729-3162.

## All Church Memorial Service

If you have lost a loved one in the past year or years, you and your family are invited to our annual All Church Memorial Service on Sunday afternoon, November 1 at 3 p.m. in the Sanctuary. We offer a quiet service to remember those who have died, by reading their names aloud. Afterwards, the Pastoral Care Board will host a time of fellowship and refreshments in the Narthex. For more information see Marilyn Belleau, Parish Nurse.

## **Dealing with Breast** Cancer

Friday, November 6, 11:00 a.m. There are women in this church dealing with breast cancer. Several have asked that there be a time to gather as a group to share information and converse with one another. A meeting has been scheduled for Friday, November 6 at 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in Room # 5. Questions? Please call Rev. Pam Keckler at (847)724-2210 ext. 24 or Marilyn Belleau, Parish Nurse at (847)724-2210 ext. 30.



### **Workshop** CARING FOR THE CAREGIVERS: Tuesday, November 3 at 7-9 p.m. Creating Caregiver Support Circles for the Holidays

#### Learn:

- -- how you can help someone providing long-term care for their loved one,
- -- how you can "get real" about what you can do and what you can't,
- how you can ask for help to get through this holiday time.

Facilitator: Rev. Dale Susan Edmonds To register, please call Marilyn Belleau or Rev. Pam Keckler at 847-724-2210. The *free workshop* is offered for both caregivers and those who want to help them but don't know how. This event is sponsored by Marilyn Belleau, Advocate Health Care, Parish Nurse Ministry and Family Home Health and Family Centered Hospice.

## Advance Care Planning 101

You may think you have everything prepared for the future, but do you really? People are often confused by terms and decisions that are required. Make sure you and your loved ones have the answers to your questions. *Facilitators include* Rev. Pam Keckler, Marilyn Belleau, and Rev. Dale Susan Edmonds who have completed training in this subject and who will facilitate our time together. Join us on Monday, November 16 at 7:00 p.m. in the Founder's Room. Bring a friend or a family member.

## **Turn Back Time**



Set your clocks back one hour on November 1 at 2 a.m.

## **2009** Church Women United World Community Day

### NOVEMBER 6 at OLPH Chapel, 10 a.m.

Please join us for the 2009 World Community Day presentation, Piecing Earth Together. OLPH is hosting the event this year in the chapel with a 10:00 a.m. start time. Fellowship and refreshments will follow in the Francis Room.

## 1st Sunday Conversations

Join the Senior Minister November 1st for 1st Sunday Conversations. The discussion is open ended around your topic of choice, including sermons, worship, church life, moral and ethical decisions. We'll gather in the Founders Room following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Join us in the Mayflower Room for refreshments and make your way to the Founders' Room for conversation with the Senior Minister.

## Prayer Shawl Ministry Gathering

We now have 35 women who are making prayer shawls for Marilyn Belleau and Rev. Keckler to deliver to our members. What a wonderful ministry this has become for both the givers and the recipients. Thanks to all. We are planning a gathering of all who have made prayer shawls and those who are interested but haven't begun yet. Please join us on Wednesday evening, November 4 from 7-8 PM in the Chapel.

## Sunday School

Sunday school students, under the leadership of Corey Barnes and Sara Taylor of the Children's Board, are supporting the efforts of the The Pediatric Oncology Treasure Chest Foundation, which provides toys and smiles to kids with cancer. At the 10/18 children's worship service, we learned from volunteers Sue Greco and Jean Barreto that the foundation's goal is to establish a treasure chest of \$5 toys and gifts cards in every medical facility in the US that houses a pediatric oncology department. Those in Indiana and Illinois are "filled". The latest chest was recently introduced in Boston. The Sunday school students and their teachers are excited and proud to assist this very worthwhile mission.



Now is the time to order your Christmas tree. The youth are selling the trees to help fund their retreats, workcamp, scholarships and confirmation Bibles. Green order forms are available around the church and in the office. This is a great fundraiser, as the youth get to keep about 40% of the earnings. The trees are available for pick up or delivery on Thanksgiving weekend. Order deadline is October 30. Questions, contact Rev. Keckler.

PYF Mugging on October 18, 2009



**PYF** NOVEMBER, 4–6 p.m. Youth Room *unless otherwise noted* 

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We will meet in the youth room at 3:30 p.m. and leave at 3:35 p.m. Cost is \$20. The cost includes bowling and laser tag. We will use parent drivers. RSVP helpful.

### NOVEMBER 8 Hygiene Kits, 4 pm – 6 p.m . Youth Room

Please bring travel size shampoo, condi-

tioner, razors, deodorant, tooth paste, tooth brush, wet wipes, combs, lotion, and soap. They will be donated to the Night Ministry.

#### NOVEMBER 15 Taking Control: Small Group Discussion 4- 6 p.m. Youth Room

Join us for small group discussions on taking control of our lives. We will have time for the gym, fellowship and other fun.

NOVEMBER 22 4 – 8:30 p.m. Movie night We will watch a movie and enjoy other fun large group games.



## Stewardship Campaign Goes Into the Final Week!

My Faith, My Church, My Commitment response announces Your Faith in Action. The Stewardship Board continues to be able to report substantial gains as 358 pledges are now in for a total of \$847,201, which is up 10.43% from the same pledges made in 2009..... that is \$79,960 up from 2009!! With heart-felt gratitude we extend a sincere thank you to the following people who have responded to the 2010 Stewardship Campaign with their generous financial support for our beloved church and its good works.

2009-2010 Stewardship Board

#### AS OF OCTOBER 21, 2009

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Stewardship Campaign this year – and regardless of the various pathways we travel, as a congregation we all share the common belief that the work and ministry of this church must go on, and with that common belief, we must all affirm our support for our church and participate in this single, most important fundraising campaign. Sharing your financial gift with GCC is a commitment we thank you for...let all of us unite for growth & renewal.

Pledged commitments constitute more than 85% of Glenview Community Church's operating budget, which is established after the Stewardship Pledge Campaign is completed October 31, 2009. For those who have not yet submitted their pledge we ask that you support the church in renewal and growth as we seek to build for the future.

Pledge forms can be found in the pews, adjacent to the Pledge-o-Meters in the Narthex and Transept, and on-line at the GCC website or our e-mail blast. You can return your pledges by mail, e-mail or place in Dale Wittenberg's mail box in the main office or the Pledge box in the Narthex.

Please respond ASAP. Thank you. 2009-2010 Stewardship Board



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### Affiliates:

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

Thurs	9:00 am	Resale Shop until 5:00 pm, Plymouth Rm	Mon	6:00 pm	Pink Angels Rehearsal, Sanctuary
10-29	6:15 pm	Bell Choir, Bell Rm & Sanctuary	11-2	7:00 pm	Walking Angels, Sanctuary
2	7:00 pm	PMRC, Rm 210		7:00 pm	Pilgrim Ensemble Rehearsal, Parlor
	7:30 pm	Chancel Choir, Sanctuary & Choir Rm		•	Cub Scout Committee Mtg., Founders Rm Tableau Angels Rehearsal, Sanctuary
Fri	9:00 am	Resale Shop until 1:00 pm, Plymouth Rm		9:00 pm	Dancing Mary Auditions, Sanctuary
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Sat	9:00 am 9:00 am	Resale Shop until 1:00 pm, Plymouth Rm Men's Open Gym, Gym		7:00 pm 7:00 pm	
10-31	9.00 am	Men's Open Gym, Gym		7:00 pm	
Sun	7:30 am	BLOOD DRIVE, Plymouth Rm		, ,	
11-1	9:15 am	Fellowship Hour, Mayflower Rm	Wed	9:00 am	WA Chapter 19, Parlor
	9:30 am	Adult Education, Chapel	11-4	9:00 am	Resale Shop until 1:00 pm, Plymouth Rm
	9:30 am			7:00 pm	Prayer Shawl Group Mtg., Chapel
)	9:30 am	8th Grade Confirmation Class, Assigned Rms		7:00 pm	BSA 156, Mayflower & Gym
	9:45 am	Primary Choir, Rm 201		8:00 pm	Venture Crew, Rm 210
	10:30 am	Sunday School Gathering, Rm 201			
	11:30 am	Fellowship Hour, Mayflower Rm			
	11:45 am	1st Sunday Conversation, Founders Rm			
	4:00 pm 4:00 pm	PFY, Youth Rm Voices of GCC, Rm 201			

## **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

