

THE LONG WAIT

It's Advent again – that time in the church year when we anticipate the coming of God as we await the birth of the Christchild. We do this through various symbols: Lighting of the Advent candles and the wreath; singing songs such as "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" and "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus." One of my favorite Advent traditions is to find a different Advent Calendar to send to my four grandchildren (no, not the ones with chocolate candy) for them to open one window each day. Sometimes the calendars involve stickers or coloring. One year I found these amazing 3-D calendars at the art museum. It's all part of the waiting and anticipation of Christmas. Some of us unwrap our nativity sets from storage and place them on a favorite spot. Some people have the animals and shepherds gradually walk toward the manger. Others don't add the kings until much later – during Epiphany (those days following Christmas). And some children move the characters around each day and have their own drama and story.

Even in the midst of all of our traditions both old and new – we still have to wait until Christmas arrives and sometimes, especially for little children, that time can seem very long. I was able to travel to my son's home in Indiana over Thanksgiving, planning to arrive late afternoon, after nap time. When I greeted Kari who is almost 5 years old, I asked her what she had been doing all day. Her frustrated response to me was "Waiting for you to get here, Grammy!" Aren't we all just a bit like that little girl? We get impatient on waiting for "the real thing" to happen. But in doing so, we often miss the journey of "getting" there."

I like this Advent time of waiting. I use these days to focus on my own spiritual health and ask some questions: How close am I to God right now? How is my prayer time? Am I reading the daily Advent devotions and seeing where I need to grow? Who is lonely and needs a phone call? Who could use some extra food? And how do I use my time when I indeed wait at various places? What is this waiting all about, anyway?

I shared a portion of a prayer recently during worship from theologian/professor/ author Walter Brueggemann. Here is the complete prayer/poem.

The Grace and the Impatience to Wait

In our secret yearnings, we wait for your coming, and in our grinding despair, we doubt that you will. And in this privileged place we are surrounded by witnesses who yearn more than do we and by those who despair more deeply than do we. Look upon your church and its pastors in this season of hope, which runs so quickly to fatigue and this

which runs so quickly to fatigue and this season of yearning which becomes so easily quarrelsome.

Give us the grace and the impatience to wait for your coming to the bottom of our toes,

to the edges of our finger tips. We do not want our several worlds to end.

Come in your power

and come in your weakness in any case and make all things new. Amen.

We wait for God's coming – however and whenever that may come. And we are alert as we learn new things, experience God's quiet presence and then...after our waiting... hear those bells on Christmas day and rejoice!

May you experience all of this and more... in your waiting this Advent Season.

Peace, Pam Keckler

WORSHIP SERVICES

DECEMBER 11, 2011 Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. A Time for Reflection

10:00 a.m. Community Worship

"MUSIC OF THE SEASON" Chancel Choir and The Northwestern University Brass

Scripture:

Psalm 126, Isaiah 40:1-5 John 1:9-13 Rev. Dr. Douglas Busby

4:00 p.m. 2nd Sunday of the Month Informal Worship

Rev. Dr. Pamela Keckler

DECEMBER 18, 2011 Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. A Time for Reflection

10:00 a.m. Community Worship

Scripture: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16 Luke 1:26-38

Sermon: "God With Us" Rev. Dr. Douglas Busby

DECEMBER 24 2011 Christmas Eve

4:30 p.m.	Family Celebration of Christ- mas
7:30 p.m.	Quiet Celebration of Christmas with Communion
10:30 p.m.	Music of Christmas: Joyful Ringers, Chancel Choir, Choral Sing
11:00 p.m.	Festive Celebration of Christ- mas

Bylaws Changes

The Executive Board has approved the following changes to the Bylaws of the Constitution of Glenview Community Church. The approved additions are shown in bolded type below.

In The Bylaws Article II Section B.2.a and d:

- 1. Personnel and Ministerial Relations Committee (PMRC). It shall be the duty of this Committee to:
 - a. conduct periodic, individual, in-person reviews of the performance of the Called Ministers and **Interim/Transitional Ministers** and report to the Executive Board on the results of such reviews;
 - d. make an annual recommendation to the Finance Board regarding the compensation, including allowances for housing and expenses, for each of the Called Ministers and Interim/Transitional Ministers, and for staff members upon the recommendation of the Senior Minister;

Vice-Moderator Nominations

The GCC Leadership Committee is now considering candidates for the Vice-Moderator position. The Vice-Moderator is the second highest lav officer of the Church and performs the duties of the Moderator when the Moderator is unable to serve. The Vice-Moderator serves on the Executive Board and as the Chair of the Leadership Committee. For a description of this position and the responsibilities, please refer to the GCC Constitution and By-Laws which can be accessed on the GCC website www.gccucc.org under the Resources tab or in the Church Office. If you are interested in being considered for this position or want further information, please contact David Aki at dave254@comcast.net or at (847)657-0139.

Please Note:

The office and church building will be closed on December 23 & 26, 2011 for the Christmas Holiday Season and January 2, 2012 for the New Year Holiday.

There will not be a Broadcaster for the dates of December 21 and 28. Please see dates below.

DEADLINE DATE	PUBLISH DATE		
December 7	December 14		
December 28	January 4		



Looking for Ambassadors

The Ambassadors are the Directors of First Impressions and we need more positive friendly people to help serve in this important role. We are the first people to welcome visitors and share helpful information about child care, Sunday school, fellowship and events. Current members and friends enjoy the warm greetings. If vou would like to volunteer to serve in this important role, please call M-J Detwiler at (847)724-4844 or e-mail *mjcd2223@gmail*. *com*. You are scheduled approximately once every 6 weeks. We are always looking for more subs if that's more suitable for you. If you are serving as an Ambassador and want to continue, you don't need to do anything.

GCC Name Badge Sign-Up

The Membership Board is pleased to announce that name badges (with or without magnetic backing) will be produced and provided to all Glenview Community Church members at no cost. You may have already seen these badges worn by our Ambassadors at Sunday service. These badges are easy to read, easy to use, easy to store. While these badges are offered at no cost, if you would like to assist in deferring the cost, donations of \$5 per badge (upon receipt) will be welcomed and appreciated. Please complete the name generation form located in the Friendship Book, indicating the preferred listing of your first and last name. Opportunities to submit your name will be available through Sunday, December 18.

* If due to any health reasons or concerns regarding magnetized objects on your person which may cause interference with medical devices, and you would prefer a pin-backing over a magnetic backing for your badge, please indicate such.

Looking Ahead

Christmas Day Sunday, December 25 10:00 a.m. (only) Worship and carol singing

New Years Day January 1 Worship at 10:00 a.m. (only)

Adult Education Seminars

8:50 a.m. in the Chapel

December 11 and December 18:

Have you ever wondered where your favorite Christmas carols came from? No? Well, (Noel), we're going to tell you. Bring your carol-singing voice.



Marilyn Belleau

Marilyn Belleau, our Parish Nurse is celebrating her 25th year with Glenview Community Church this year! We want to recognize her in worship on Sunday, December 18 at 10:00 a.m. and then to honor her during coffee hour following the service.



Women's Winter Retreat

Save the Date for the Women's Winter Retreat January 21-22 (Saturday-Sunday). We're returning to the Deerfield Marriott Suites. Our speaker will be Rev. Jo Giarrante, Spiritual Director. Theme: **"Threads of the Past, Weaving of the Future"**. Registration forms are available in the church office. What a great Christmas gift idea!



CHECK HERE:

— I'm grateful for the warmth of a blanket.
— I'll gladly sponsor the gift of a blanket.

How? Stop by the Mission Tree in the Mayflower Room following worship service on December 11 and 18.

Chapter 20 will be gratefully accepting your donations of \$7.00 per blanket for The Night Ministry. In exchange, take a handmade card or ornament that will show a blanket has been sponsored "in behalf of" a friend or family member.

The Night Ministry connects with Chicago's vulnerable youth and adults, providing basic supplies, free healthcare, housing and supportive services for youth, referrals to other resources, and more.



GCC Indoor Pickleball

Glenview Community Church is now offering Indoor Pickleball. We play on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. in the church gym. We will be playing through March of 2012. It is open to all - no experience needed! A donation of \$2 per person per day is requested when playing. Just come and "watch" to see if you want to join in the fun. Please enter at the church office door and go down stairs to the gym.

For more information, please call Bob and Nan Hinchsliff at (847)724-4836.

Looking for Intergenerational Singers!

If you would like to sing on Christmas Eve at 4:30 p.m., we have a choir for you! We will take students in 3rd grade through great grandparents to sing with us. Come join Voices of GCC and practice Sunday, December 18 from 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. in room 201 and Saturday, December 24 at 3:30 p.m. for one final practice before we sing for Christmas Eve. You can attend any of the these rehearsals or pick up music in room 201. See Mrs. Shellard if you have any questions!

The 18th Annual A Toy-Ful Celebration Holiday Concert!

A concert to benefit the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots campaign, will continue the holiday season of giving on Saturday, December 17 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The concert is filled with the music of the holiday season and is FREE to the public, but in the spirit of giving, we ask that you consider bringing NEW, UN-WRAPPED TOYS to the concert to donate at the door and help the Marines raise toys for underprivileged children. It is an evening filled with holiday magic, music, and Marines and the wonderful opportunity to do something good this holiday season! It'll warm your heart! Bring your family and friends, but most of all— BRING SOME TOYS! For information, call (847)724-2210. Toys may also be dropped off at any of the 5 Glenview Fire Stations from now through December 18!

Congratulations

Congratulations to Brandon and Leslie Roberts for the birth of their son, Beckett William Roberts, born November 23, 2011. Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts and Peggy are once again very proud grandparents.

They are enjoying retirement and presently enjoying their time with Brandon and Leslie helping with Beckett and brother Greyson.



Christmas Luncheon TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20 12 NOON IN THE MAYFLOWER ROOM

These are a few of the Christmas Carols that will be played by GCC and 60 Plus member, Al TeRonde, as we sing along while getting into the spirit of the holidays.

We will also celebrate this day with free home made soup, bread and a Christmas dessert. Special Christmas activities are planned! Join us for food, fun, and fellowship. Mark your calendar and bring a friend. Need a ride? Call Marilyn Belleau, Advocate Parish Nurse, at (847)724-2210 ext. 230.

Here we go a-caroling!! Hymn Fest 6: Carol Fest!

Sunday, January 8, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. The Chancel Choir will host a sing-along concert of songs and carols to fill the air with glad tidings! Guest conductor, Paul Leddington Wright will lead us all in song, with massed choirs and brass. This is a FREE concert. So, bring your family and friends and come a-caroling!! A free-will offering will go to the Northfield Township Food Pantry to help re-stock their empty, post-holiday shelves!

Hope to see you there!

Snail Mail

Are you tired of getting your Broadcaster days or even weeks late? Are you missing out on what's happening at church because your news is old news? We have a solution for you.

Just log onto the GCC website at <u>www.gc-</u> <u>cucc.org</u> and subscribe to get your Broadcaster delivered right to your email.

You say you don't have a computer, problem solved. Just send in \$22.00 to Susan Woodsome at the church office to receive the Broadcaster by first class mail.

Now you can still get the Broadcaster through the bulk mail if you want. But "Buyer Beware" the post office has up to six weeks to deliver your bulk mail.



As of Wednesday, November 30th, our total pledging is up to \$733,447. At this same time in last year's campaign, \$784,564 in pledges had been received. As you can see, if you have not pledged yet—now is the time!

On page 5 and 6 you can see the names of those who have pledged already—thank you so much.

I was asked recently about "who" should be pledging. Well, of course, all church members should be pledging. While Sunday collections are important and helpful, it is only through our members pledging that we can plan for the mission and program work for the coming year. But in addition to members, if you are a frequent or even periodic visitor who is thinking of becoming a member or may simply want to attend without a membership commitment, we need and welcome your pledge, too!

Nearby you will see a convenient pledge form. There are return envelops in the pews and in the Narthex. You can mail your pledge in or simply drop it off in the church office today.

In total we have about 110 pledgers from 2011 that we have not heard from yet for 2012. Are you one of them? We don't

believe in guilt trips but we sure are counting on you! We very much would like to receive your pledge before Christmas so it can be recorded and planned for as we prepare the 2012 budget.

More important, this is not just about a budgeting exercise. Rather, this is about why we pledge—to advance our faith mission. When you pledge, you are not simply making a contribution out of obligation, you are strengthening your community of faith out of love and commitment. You are strengthening those tethers that connect us all together. You are helping people share their faith and life journeys with you and with GCC. You are ensuring that there is a lector to read on Sundays, that there is an organ to respond to the amazing talents of Gary Wendt, that there is a choir and choir leadership to help us feel God's love through music, that our mission projects are well funded, and most especially, to ensure there is coffee in the Mayflower Room and a Christmas Pageant every year!

The Stewardship Board is so very grateful for all the pledges received to date and for the very kind words from so many of you. We look forward to closing out the 2012 Pledge Campaign as soon as possible—if you haven't pledged yet—now is the time!

The Pledge Form is on page 6.

John Tillman, Stewardship Chair

CONGRATULATIONS!



Brad Berg, Mackenzie Barnes, Vicki Powers, Lindsay Lyhus and Taylor Brown were awarded the Optimist Club Youth Aprericiation award for Religous service. Congratualtions to these seniors and a big thank you for all of their hard work.

Community Renewal Society Education in the 2011-2012 Platform for Renewal

Justice in education, affordable, livable rental housing; and removing barriers to employment of ex-offenders are the three key issues in the Community Renewal Society (CRS) Platform for Renewal for 2011-2012. Representatives of the 60 CRS member congregations unanimously endorsed the platform, and three teams are researching and planning advocacy actions on these issues. Please contact Bill Ryan <u>Billiryan@sbcglobal.net</u> or Nancy Mullarkey <u>Mullarkeyn@hotmail.com</u> for a postcard to sign, asking Governor Quinn to meet with CRS leaders and attend the Martin Luther King Day Faith in Action Assembly. As a CRS member congregation through the Missions Outreach Board, GCC will send a delegation to the assembly; so please let Bill or Nancy know if you are able to participate.

As a follow-up to the Broadcaster's last article summarizing the role of CRS, this article highlights the education issues related to justice in school discipline and school funding.

Chicago Public Schools (CPS) lead the nation in the rate of suspending and expelling students, particularly African American males. Students who are suspended even once are far more likely to drop out of school or go to prison. To interrupt the school to prison pipeline, the High HOPES (Healing Over the Punishments of Expulsion and Suspension) Campaign is calling on CPS to implement restorative justice programs and reduce expulsions and suspensions by 40%.

Illinois has the fifth largest economy in the US but provides less support for public education than nearly any other state. Consequently our schools over-rely on local property taxes for funding, making it extremely difficult for low-income communities to provide the type of education that can lift their children out of poverty. The campaign for education reform is working to identify new sources of revenue to fund our schools and classrooms.

Watch this space next week for more information on the remaining issues in the 2011-2012 platform: affordable, livable rental housing and job opportunities for ex-offenders.

The Stewardship Board wishes to thank all members and friends of GCC in the 2012 Stewardship Campaign.

Those listed below have given permission for their names to be published in the bulletin. Currently, we also have 53 additional households who have requested that their names not be published. If we have made any errors, we apologize and ask that you call the church office with any corrections. Thanks to everyone for your support of your church. We encourage all to respond so that we might prepare our budget for the new year. Additional names will be updated next addition.

JIM & MARY-LOU AAGAARD SAM & CATHY ACH **RUTH ACKERMAN BRYCE & TERRY ADAMS** KAREN AESCHLIMANN DAVE AKI & MELISSA BACON-AKI MARION ALEXANIAN TOM & KAREN ALDRICH MARY BETH AMORUSO **TOM & ROSALIE AMOS** WAYNE ANDERSEN & SHEILA O'BRIEN WILLARD & MARY ANDERSON CAROLYN ASHBROOK **DOUG & MARLENE BADDELOO STEPHEN & WENDY BAN** PATRICIA BELL **DOUG & DEBBIE BERG TIM & STACEY BERNARD** LLOYD & KATHRYN BETTIS **JUSTIN & SHANE BILL** PAMELA BINDER **PAUL & KIM BLAKE DICK & BEVERLEY BOYER VIRGINIA BOYNTON** CATHY BRACKETT SCOTT BRADY HANK & LOIS BRANDT **JACK & DEEDEE BRANNIGAN DIANE BRAUER STEVE & CAROLYN BROWN** NICK BUBNOVICH JENNIFER BURROWES **GEORGE & VICKI BUZARD** CHRIS CALANDRA **DIANE CARROCCIA JACK & DIANE CHRISTIANSEN** CHRIS & KARA CLARK **DICK CLARK & MARY MUNDAY BILL & HEATHER COOPER BILL & BETH COULSON TOVA CRAIG** TONI CUCCO HANS & SILVIA DAEHN **BILL & CINDY DAILEY GLENN & LINDA DAVIS** WILLIAM & BEVERLY DAWSON ANN DEAKYNE **CHRISTOPHER & ELLEN DEAN** SCOTT & LESLIE DECKER **ROB & DELLA DEME** JOHN & JANE DEMLER LUKE & VICKI DEROECK PAUL & SANDRA DESJARDINS

ED & M-J DETWILER CLIFF DIEHL **MIKE & MARCIA DILLON BONNIE DOHRING** MICHAEL & AMY ECCLESTON JIM & SANDY ELLIS PETE & LAURA ELZER **ART & DAGNY ENGLE** JOHN & CATHIE ESTEY JOHN & TERRY FELL JR JOHN & JUNEAL FERGUSON **DIANN & MICHAEL FINLEY** JEAN FLORY **PIETER & NINA FOCKENS** ADELAIDE FORD SCOTT & STEPHANIE FORD HENRY & BETTE FORSTER DEBBY FOSDICK **TODD & DEANNE FRANK** SANDY FRANTZ SCOTT & ANNE FRERICHS JOYCE FRIDELL JOE & CINDY GABUZZI TOM & JEANETTE GALLANIS LIZABETH GARDNER DUANE GARRETT & MICHELE MONTEITH PHIL GARTNER & AMY DOWNEY **RALPH & SONJA GILLILAND BILL & JAN GODE** KELLY GOLDING WIN & ALISON GOODRIDGE III **DICK & KATE GOTTFRED BRIAN & GRETCHEN GRAD** ANN GRANT JOAN GREENE JIM & CAROL HABEL **JOE & KRISTIN HAFFNER JOEL & SUSIE HALL** JULIE HANSEN JOE HARRINGTON **BARRY & BETH HERBERT BUD HERRMANN DAN & KAY HICKS TERRY & SALLY HICKS STEVE & LAURA HILL BOB & NAN HINCHSLIFF BILL & JANE HINKLE** DORI HIRSCH DOUG HIVELY JIM & JULIA HOEXTER JOHN & SUSAN HOFFMANN SHANNON HOGAN JON & CATHERINE HOOVER

GINNY HOTALING KATHERINE HUGHES JAYNE HULTMAN JANE HUND JIM & PAT HUNT SUE HUNT **STEVE & KRISTINE IIDA STEPHEN ISAACS & CATHY SHAPIRO** DON & MARGY IVERSON **KATHIE JOHNSON MARVIN & MARY ELLEN JOHNSON DENNY JORGENSEN & MARGARET LUDE-**MANN **BOB & DIANE KAPPUS** AIMEE KARAGIANNIS PAMELA KECKLER **GLENN & CRICKET KELLY** DANIEL & MARCIA KIRALY ALLEN & MARTHA KOFOED **BRIAN & SARAH KOLOMS IRENE KREER STEVE & MELINDA KRUEGER** JUNE KRUMHOLZ **MIKE & BARB LAUESEN** BATES & MARCIA LEA MARK LEFENS STEVE LINDELL IAN LISK DAVID & BECKY LOTHIAN JR MARGE LOTHIAN **RALPH & HOLLY LOVE** MARVIN LUTZ TOM & MARGARET LUTZ JOHN & NANCY MACDOUGALL TOM & MEG MACFADDEN DAVID & COLLEEN MACKIMM **MIKE & JODI MAHONEY** HELEN MARCH **BARBARA MARSH** LIZ MASON JOANNE MATIK SCOTT & MEGAN MCCLUNG ELLEN MCCARTHY **MIKE & ISABEL MCFAUL** MICHAEL & CHRISTOPHER MCGUIRE **ROBERT MCGEE** JIM & GILL MERGL JOHN MILLER **GLEN MISEK & LAURIE KILPATRICK PAUL & LAURA MITCHELL** JACK & DAWN MOLLER PAT MONDLOCK & ANNE WIGHTMAN-MONDLOCK

Stewardship Pledge Names Continued

DOUG & MEREDITH MORGAN STEVE & DENISE MORGAN FRANCIS MORLEY RALPH MUELLER DOROTHY MURPHY DORINNE MURPHY MARSH & JUNE MUSSAY BARRY NELSON & HEIDI MARTIN GLORIA NELSON JEAN NELSON **NELS & ALICE NELSON** JEFF & TRACEY NOE JOHN NORDBERG **RON & PAULA NORENE KAREN O'BRIEN** FRAN OLDHAM ANDY & KRISTEN OLSON **CARLTON & LAURA OLSON** JASON & KAREN ORNDUFF HARRIETT OSTLUND **RICHARD & CAROLYN PARMELEE** MARGARET PATCHETT ELAINE PATTERSON **BILL & KELLY PAULSON** MARIETTA PAYNTER NOEL & LOIS PELTIER MARY ANNE PERUCHINI JAMES & RITA PLANEY BARBARA POLLAK MURRAY PRATT TOM & CONNIE PRUTER **BOB & BETH RAEBEL MIKE & JENNIFER RAHALEY ROBERT & JO RAND** DAVE & KATHY RIDDELL THOMAS RIEDY & PAMELA MERS RIEDY **RICHARD & GLORIA RIEMER** PAUL & CAROLINE RIORDAN

CHRIS ROCAP MARGE ROMANO VALERIE ROSENBERG **STEVE & SUE RUCH ALLAN & JILL RUTER** JEFF & SUE RYAN JANE SANDERSON MARK & TRACY SAWIRES **BOB & CONSTANCE SCHIELE** FRANK & MICHELLE SCHMALZ **STEVE & ELLEN SCHOLLY** JOSEPH & JANET SCHROEDER JR JOHN SCHROLL SCOTT & SUSAN SCHROLL **BOB & BARBARA SCHWARTING** NORMAN & JOAN SCOTT THEODORE & DOROTHY SHAW **EARLE & RUTH SHULTZ GEORGE & DIANE SILCA** LESLIE SIMON **BRAD SMITH** ROBERT SMITH SCOTT & CHRISTINE SMITH WILLIAM & BARBARA SMITH KAY SOPOCY **RUSSELL & ELEANOR SORENSON** CORINNE SPAULDING DAVE SPAULDING **MICHAEL & MIKAELA SPALDING RONALD & AMALIA SPAULDING** DARRELL SPLITHOFF & VICKI WEYHRICH **SPLITHOFF JAMES & JENNIE STADLER FRED & ANGELA STEWART** JOAN STREIBEL **BRAD & WENDY STUDT JASON & LUMI STUTZ** WALTER & NANCY SUBERG

KIT & CJ SULTZ QUENTIN & ELINOR SWIGER JON & LAURA SYKES KEN & KAREN TATARELIS AL & MARILYN TERONDE PAUL THOMAS PATTI THOMPSON TOM & SALLY THURESSON JOHN & JULIE TILLMAN TAD & KATHY TOMITA **BOB & NANCY TOMPKINS** JOHN & NICOLE TOMASZEWSKI DAVE TOSH **GREG & CAROL UHL JIM & LOUISE URICE** JAN VALKENAAR **BOB & ALLISON VEVANG** JEFFREY WAGNER & KRISTINE VOELKER MATT WALCH & SANDY MUHLENBECK **MIKE & PEGGY WALTERS BOB & KAY WARSKOW** FRED & MARILYN WEBSTER **JACK & STEPHANIE WHISLER** ED WHITE MARY WHITE **VIRGINIA WHITE** LYNN WILDE SCOTT & LIS WILLIAMS **DAVE & NANCY WINTON** CAROL WINZELER **RUTH WINZELER** HUD WIRTH **ARTHUR & JENNIFER WIRTZ III** LESLIE WOJICK JIM & NICOLE WRAY **JAMES & KIM YAGELSKI** JOYCE ZYLKE JULIE ZYLKE

My Faith, My Commitment, My CHURCH

2012 PLEDGE OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO GLENVIEW COMMUNITY CHURCH

To support "**My Faith, My Church, My Commitment**," I/we make the following pledge to Glenview Community Church 2012 Stewardship Campaign as outlined below. I understand that my commitment begins with the New Year, in January 2012.

Please accept my/our tithe of 10% of my/our ir Please accept my/our 2012 commitment of \$ annually quarterly l/we would like weekly contribution enveloped	weekly.	for 2012. _ to be paid	
(1) Signature	(2) Signature		
Please Print Name	Please Print Name		

____ Please do not publish my (our) name(s).

Equal Exchange Sale Dates: December 11 & 18

Our broad selection of coffees, teas, hot cocoa mix and candy bars will be available on Sunday, December 11 and 18 during Fellowship Hour. They make wonderful gifts and are tasty to serve for holiday entertaining. We will have spectacular gift baskets for sale also.

With your purchase you are supporting a small-scale farmer to have a better life for his family and education for the children, helping to break the cycle of poverty, preserve the land and environment for future generations and protect local and migratory birds. Chapter 19 thanks you for your generous support of this program.

GCC Library News

Our GCC library has several books for Advent and Christmas including: A Book of Christmas: Readings for Reflection during Advent and Christmas, The Max Lucado Christmas Collection and The Gift, a novel by Richard Evans.

Reminder: You can use the online catalog at <u>http://www.librarything.com/catalog/</u> <u>librarygcc</u> to search by title, author, subject and more. For questions or concerns about the church library please contact Marcy Blackwelder at (847)724-0479 or <u>marcyblackwelder@gmail.com.</u>

Old Pictorial Directories

In the process of cleaning and sorting for the GCC History Project, we have found several boxes of the GCC Pictorial Directory from 2008. The book includes pictures of staff and members at that time, along with church history pictures, a map of the church floor plan, history of the GCC Nursery School, as well as the covenant of the church. The church directory inserted is also from the same year. If you would like a free copy, please stop by the Narthex or Transept Lobby after worship or check in the church office.

Advent Devotionals

Advent Devotional Booklets are available in the church office as well as the Transept and Narthex. Advent began November 27. Pick up a copy or call us if you would like a copy mailed to you.

Share The Blessings and Joy of the Christmas Season!

Church members can still purchase poinsettias to decorate the Sanctuary at Christmas in honor of your loved ones. Forms are available in the church office. Each poinsettia is \$15. You may take your poinsettia home after the 11:00 p.m. service on Christmas Eve or the 10:00 a.m. service on Christmas Day, or pick it up at the front church door between 11:00 a.m. and noon on Monday, December 26. Alternatively, you can share in an important church ministry by donating your poinsettia for delivery to a church member who is ill or home-bound.

DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 12TH.

Bring a Touch of Holiday Cheer to Others!

Volunteers are needed to help deliver Poinsettias after Christmas. This delivery is a wonderful way you can reach out to church members and friends who are ill or home-bound. It takes a little of your time, but means so much to those receiving the flowers. You may pick up the poinsettia for delivery after the 11:00 p.m. service on Christmas Eve or the 10:00 a.m. service on Christmas Day, or pick it up at the front church door between 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon on Monday, December 26. If you are interested in helping or have any questions, please call Betsy Martin at (847)657-7595. Leave a voice mail if I am not home, and I will get right back to you.

Bake Sale for Toys Sunday, December 11 MAYFLOWER ROOM

It is your last chance to buy Confirmation Yummies!!! The 7th grade Confirmation class is having their last Bake Sale of the season. The proceeds will be used to purchase toys for the TOYS FOR TOTS donations. Please visit our table of wonderful, delicious deserts in the Mayflower Room on Sunday, December 11 and help a child receive a present this year.

Thank you from the 7th grade Confirmation classes.

Sunday School

First, second, and third grade Sunday school students and their families are invited to participate in the music accompaniment of *Silent Night* during the first Christmas Eve service at 4:30 p.m. Rehearsals are on Saturday, December 10 and Saturday, December 17 from 8:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m. as well as 15 minutes prior to the 4:30 p.m. Christmas Eve service. Please RSVP to Kathy Lifton at <u>kathy.lifton@gccucc.org</u>.

Kathy Lifton, Director of Children's Ministries

Confirmands

Regular class schedule on December 11 and 18. Please turn in your worship reflection sheets and service projects that you have completed to this point.

Reminder:

We are inviting all Confirmands to bring \$1.00 each Sunday for their offering for our mission goal. Also, this is the time to bring in a toy for "Toys for Tots" if you would like to contribute a new toy for a child this Christmas.

678 Club

678 Club will be meeting on December 11 at 2:00 p.m. They will be making Study Buddy lunches. (See Below)

678 Club Parents

678 Parents will meet Sunday, December 11 at 9:15 a.m. in the Youth Room to discuss "Technology as a Family"

PYF

YOUTH ROOM 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

DECEMBER 11

Study Buddy Lunches: We will assemble non-perishable lunches for Youth Services. Please bring some items from the following list. Fruit cups, individual Mac & Cheeses, granola bars, juice boxes, fruit snacks, chips/ pretzels, "ramen" soup cups (add water only). These are used for their clients that are on free and reduced lunch at school and have a harder time getting lunches at home during days off of school.

DECEMBER 18

Christmas Party: Cookie baking and Yankee Swap. Please bring one wrapped item (no more then \$10) that you would like to put in a grab bag.

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Return Service Requested

At A Glance

At A		8	Junua	y continuct	
THUR				11:15 AM	Membership Board Mtg., Parlor
12/8	9:00 AM	Resale Shop until 5:00 PM, Plymouth Rm		11:15 AM	Joyful Ringers Rehearsal, Bell Rm
	9:00 AM	GCC Yoga, Narthex		2:00 PM	678 Club, Youth Rm & Gym
	9:00 AM	HOP Envelope Assembly, Mayflower Rm		4:00 PM	2nd Sunday of the Month Worship, Sanctuary
	4:30 PM	HOP Leadership Committee, Parlor		4:00 PM	PYF, Youth Rm
	6:15 PM	Joyful Ringers Bell Choir, Bell Rm		4:00 PM	Voices of GCC, Rm 201
	7:00 PM	Beginning Bells, Bell Room	MON		
	7:30 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Rm & Sanctuary	12/12	1:30 PM	GCC Pickle Ball, Gym
FRI				7:00 PM	Finance Board, Founders Rm
12/9	9:00 AM	Resale Shop open until 1:00 PM, Plymouth Rm		7:00 PM	BSA 156 Committee Mtg, Rm 201
	1:30 PM	GCC Pickle ball, Gym		7:00 PM	Sr. Minister Search Committee Mtg., Rm 213
	7:00 PM	Pack 156 Arrow of Light, Mayflower Rm		7:30 PM	Mission Outreach Board, Parlor
	8:00 PM	AA Meeting, Parlor	TUES		
	8:00 PM	Al-Anon, Rm 201	12/13	9:30 AM	Lectio Divina, Rm 5
SAT				6:30 PM	Sing to Live Rehearsal, Sanctuary
12/10	9:00 AM	Men's Open Gym, Gym		7:00 PM	Adult Ed Mtg, Founders Rm
	9:00 AM	Resale Shop open until 1:00 PM, Plymouth Rm		7:00 PM	Pastoral Care Board Mtg., Parlor
SUN				7:00 PM	Stewardship Board Mtg., Rm 210
12/11	8:00 AM	Reflective Worship Service, Transept		7:00 PM	Service & Sacraments Board Mtg., Rm 201
	8:50 AM	Adult Education, Chapel		7:00 PM	Properties Board Mtg., Library
	9:00 AM	Confirmation Opening Prayers, Youth Rm	WED		
	9:15 AM	Confirmation Classes, Various Rms	12/14	9:00 AM	Resale Shop open until 1:00 PM, Plymouth Rm
	9:15 AM	Primary Choir, Rm 201		1:30 PM	GCC Pickle Ball, Gym
	10:00 AM	Community Worship, Sanctuary		6:00 PM	BSA 156 Court of Honor, Founders & Mayflower Rm
	10:00 AM	Sunday School Classes, Various Rms		7:00 PM	Music Board Mtg., Rm 201
	11:00 AM	Fellowship Hour, Mayflower Rm		7:00 PM	Faith in Action, Parlor
	11:00 AM	Fellowship Board Mtg., Rm 213		8:00 PM	Venture Crew, Rm 210 & Gym

Sunday Continued

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