



Broadcaster

APRIL 27, 2016

SECURING OUR FUTURE

It happens every year. Once again, we are immersed in the post Easter rush to the end of the program year at GCC: Palm Sunday... Maundy Thursday... Good Friday... Holy Saturday... Easter... Decades Sunday... Vivaldi Sunday... Good Shepherd Sunday and Discipleship Recognition... **Malice in the Palace** Children's Musical... Confirmation... Mother's Day... Pentecost (the birthday of the church) and new member reception... PYF Sunday... Memorial Weekend Sunday... and all of it culminated in **Pam Keckler Sunday** as we celebrate Pam's 25 years of ordained ministry and 20 years of pastoral leadership with GCC on Sunday, June 5th. Whew! It makes me tired just writing about it! Then, on June 12th, we will dedicate our Capital Campaign team members as they begin their visits with the members and friends of GCC about the Campaign and why it is crucial for our church's future. One of the less visible but essential ministries for the renewed vitality of GCC is our **Spiritual Life Team** Ministry. With unending energy and complete devotion, Rev. Bobbie McKay is growing these teams that will soon be eight in number! Our members and friends are learning to pray out loud together. They're sharing God experiences and becoming comfortable with talking about God with heightened awareness and sensitivity to how the Spirit of God's love is moving in their lives. It's amazing! This is just one sign of how God is renewing GCC.

But renewal for churches still committed to a static institutional expression can no longer count on culture to support them. Our culture no longer views established religion as essential. And we no longer value institutions because we're suspicious of organizations that, at best, consume significant resources to maintain their existence and that, at worst, have no mission or core purpose greater than institutional survival.

And this is especially true for the institutional church. Churches like ours aren't just shrinking. They're dying. With 1,300 members, GCC is among the 50 largest congregations in the United Church of Christ. Yet, at its peak in 1956, GCC's membership was approximately 3,000. Said another way, a church with 300 members sixty years ago would be a church of 130 members today. That's a 57% decline!

For declining institutional churches, the easiest and most comfortable strategy is to circle the wagons. It's to manage decline by cutting back on spending rather than increasing stewardship, by bemoaning what we no longer do rather than launching new initiatives, by eliminating evangelism and promotional efforts from the budget because we can't afford them, by focusing on how many children and youth filled our building in the 1970's as evidence that we're in decline rather than focusing on how our ministries with children and youth have grown in the last ten years, and by investing our resources in so many sacred cows that there's no room left for God. As they say, **We've never done it that way before** are the seven last words of the church!

We've made some amazing strides to free ourselves from the death-grip of this mentality. The balance between opening our windows and doors to let God in and gate-keeping is shifting toward the former. But we still have a long way to go! We are focusing our financial health on increasing our money for ministry rather than on reducing our spending. But the truth is that our real financial challenge is that we're still spending far too little for this church to thrive, especially in the areas of evangelism and communication.

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WORSHIP SERVICES

MAY 1, 2016

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY COMMUNION

10:00 a.m.

Scripture:
Acts 16:9-15
John 14:25-27

Sermon:
Rev. Dr. Pam Keckler
Listen Up!

MAY 8, 2016

FESTIVAL OF THE CHRISTIAN HOME MOTHER'S DAY

10:00 a.m.

Scripture:
1 Corinthians 13
John 17:20-26

Sermon:
Rev. Dr. Chuck Mize
Growing Up

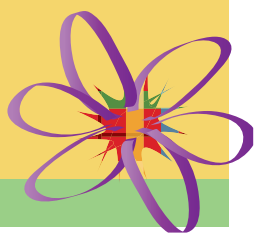
MAY 15, 2016

PENTECOST RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

10:00 a.m.

Scripture:
Acts 2:1-21
Romans 8:14-17
John 14:15-17, 25-27

Sermon:
Rev. Dr. Chuck Mize
Dwell in Us!



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I am amazingly blessed to work with two exceptional pastoral colleagues. **Pam Keckler** and **Elizabeth Hartung-Ciccolini** are deeply committed, rich in experience, abounding in creativity and unflagging servants of God's love. What a treat it is each day to share the pastoral office with them! And what a celebration we will share on Sunday, June 5th when we lift the Rev. **Dr. Pamela J. Keckler** up and thank God for her 25 years of ordained ministry and her 20 years of pastoral service at GCC! Details will follow. You won't want to miss it!

Just now, I want to give thanks for the ministries of our two Pastoral Associates. Though they are not our pastors, they are ordained ministers in the United Church of Christ. And what a rare and rich blessing it is that they are a part of our staff! As our Pastoral Associate for Congregational Care, the **Rev. Dale Susan Edmonds** brings years of pastoral experience, hospice chaplaincy experience, and a wealth of study concerning health and aging to our ministry of Congregational Care. And, as our Pastoral Associate for Spiritual Life, the **Rev. Bobbie McKay, Ph.D.** literally wrote the book on spiritual life for congregations like ours. After serving on GCC's pastoral staff in the 1970's, God led her back to this church less than two years ago. Both Dale Susan and Bobbie are contributing immeasurably to GCC's renewal. What a joy it is to celebrate the surprising gifts of God's amazing grace that Bobbie and Dale Susan are to us!

For GCC to survive and thrive, it has to claim its ministry and believe in it! Our response to our Forward in Faith Campaign will be a very real barometer for our enthusiasm and investment in deepening our roots in God and making God's love in Jesus real in Glenview and in our world. In the words of our **Forward in Faith** campaign tagline, this is the best way we can do the work of **Securing our Future.**

Dear friends, I urge us to be steadfast about building a community of faith for God's children we have yet to meet...nimble in the way we make God's love real and relevant, and faithful in following and serving the unchanging, solid rock of our faith: Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. In the words of the letter to the Hebrews: **Jesus Christ is the**

same yesterday and today and forever, who is the same yesterday, today, and forever! See you in church!

Chuck Mize



As the first of four special seminars planned in conjunction with GCC's 75th anniversary, the **Adult Education Board** is pleased to announce that Beverly Dawson will present **"A Stroll Around Historic Glenview (with Frequent Stops at GCC)"** on Sunday, May 1, at 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel. Plan now to join Glenview's foremost local historian—who has literally "written the book" on our village—for 50 minutes chock-full of visual and anecdotal nostalgia and insights. Come feast your eyes on pictures of yesteryear and perhaps even contribute your own anecdote!

LOST AND FOUND

Did you ever wonder where that cake pan went? Or that serving platter? Or the big casserole dish, or the casserole carrier? or the serving tray, or your really great water bottle? It's probably been sitting in the GCC church kitchen for a week/a month/a year. Why not reclaim it? You will find it in the church office, with all of the other kitchen stuff others have left behind. In a month, all items not claimed will be donated to the GCC Resale Shop. Stop by the church office and see if you have left something behind.

NEW MEMBERS

Our next new members will join the church on Sunday, May 15 during worship. Please contact Rev. Pam Keckler if you would like to become a member at that time.

NEED HELP WITH YOUR RESUME? OR HELP WITH THE INTERVIEW PREP?

GCC is offering a new service to assist job seekers, whether recent graduates or those seeking a new position, in the interview process, including resume writing and interview preparation. (The purpose is not to help job seekers with the networking or specific job search process).

Nick Bubnovich, long-time consultant to HR organizations, will be leading this new service. If you need some assistance, please contact Nick at 847-494-4972.



DISASTER RELIEF

This has been a week of devastating tragedies. Texas, and Houston in particular, have experienced unprecedented flooding and the destruction from an earthquake in Ecuador is beyond comprehension. The good news is that the United Church of Christ is already providing relief for the people whose lives have been shattered by these disasters through Church World Service. If you would like to contribute to these relief efforts, just make your check payable to Glenview Community Church, mark it either Texas or Ecuador, and place it in the offering plate. Thank you for your generous compassion!

Event Time	Event Name	Primary Location
Wednesday, 27 April 2016		
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
3:00 PM to 4:30 PM	Bible Study	Parlor
4:00 PM to 5:15 PM	FISH	Mayflower
5:30 PM to 8:00 PM	POW / 87 Club	Mayflower
7:30 PM to 9:30 PM	Cub Scouts Leader Mtg	Room 213
7:30 PM to 8:30 PM	PYF Singers	Room 201
Thursday, 28 April 2016		
8:30 AM to 10:30 AM	Yoga Classes	Narhex
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
12:00 PM to 2:00 PM	Pipe Organ Demo	Sanctuary
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	BSA 156 Meetings	Mayflower
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM	Capital Task Force	Parlor
7:30 PM to 9:00 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Friday, 29 April 2016		
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
1:00 PM to 3:00 PM	Pickleball	Gym
4:30 PM to 6:00 PM	156 Cub Scouts	Gym
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	GCC Adult Volleyball	Gym
8:00 PM to 9:00 PM	AA MEETING	Parlor
8:00 PM to 9:00 PM	AL-ANON	Library
Saturday, 30 April 2016		
8:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Mens Open Gym	Gym
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
Sunday, 01 May 2016		
8:30 AM to 10:00 AM	Confirmandes Gathering	Plymouth Room
9:00 AM to 9:45 AM	Adult Ed, 75 Anniversary, Historical Presentation	Chapel
10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	Church School Children Meet in Sanctuary	SanctuaryM
10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	Glenview Community Church Confirmation Sunday	Sanctuary
11:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Fellowship and Refreshments	Mayflower
11:30 AM to 12:30 PM	Joyful Ringers Rehearsal	Bell Room
4:00 PM to 6:00 PM	PYF	Youth Room
Monday, 02 May 2016		
12:00 PM to 1:30 PM	Called to Care	Founders
6:30 PM to 8:30 PM	Yoga Classes	Room 201
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	BSA 156 Committee Mtgs	Founders
7:30 PM to 8:30 PM	Childrens Board Meeting	Youth Room
7:30 PM to 8:30 PM	Cub Scout Committee Meeting	Room 213
Tuesday, 03 May 2016		
7:30 PM to 8:30 PM	Governance Task Force	Parlor
Wednesday, 04 May 2016		
9:00 AM to 12:00 PM	GCCNS Board Meetings	Parlor
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
3:00 PM to 4:30 PM	Bible Study	Parlor
4:00 PM to 5:15 PM	FISH	Mayflower
5:30 PM to 6:45 PM	GCC Community Dinner	Mayflower
7:30 PM to 8:30 PM	PYF Singers	Room 201
Thursday, 05 May 2016		
8:30 AM to 10:30 AM	Yoga Classes	Narhex
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	BSA 156 Meetings	Mayflower
7:30 PM to 9:00 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Friday, 06 May 2016		
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
1:00 PM to 3:00 PM	Pickleball	Gym
6:30 PM to 8:30 PM	Cub Scouts Service Fair	Mayflower
8:00 PM to 9:00 PM	AA MEETING	Parlor
8:00 PM to 9:00 PM	AL-ANON	Library
Saturday, 07 May 2016		
8:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Mens Open Gym	Gym
9:00 AM to 11:00 AM	Fellowship Breakfast	Mayflower
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
1:30 PM to 4:00 PM	BSA - Planning for PowWow	Founders
Sunday, 08 May 2016		
8:00 AM to 9:30 AM	Stewardship Board Meeting	Founders
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
11:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Fellowship and Refreshments	Mayflower
11:15 AM to 12:15 PM	A&E Meeting	Chapel
11:30 AM to 12:30 PM	Joyful Ringers Rehearsal	Bell Room

FORWARD IN FAITH



CAMPAIGN CORNER

Clear information guides everyone in the right direction. Attending to detail helps us reach our full potential. Exceeding expectations keeps us on the path to success. Strength of character helps us rise above all obstacles. A sense of pride in our work inspires spectacular achievements. Dedicated efforts can provide surprising breakthroughs. The brighter our outlook, the broader our horizons.

Our first FORWARD IN FAITH Campaign Awareness / Education Meeting took place at 11:15 am in the Founders Room on April 24. Two more opportunities remain to become informed and ask questions so please sign up by calling the church office at 847-724-2210:

*Sunday, May 8, 2016 at 11:15 am in the Chapel
Sunday, May 15, 2016 at 11:15 am in the Chapel*

Our FORWARD IN FAITH Chairpersons are doing a great job of enlisting their Team Members – but we still need a few more Team Members. If you would like to become a Team Member, please call Karen & Tom Aldrich. We thank the following Team Members for accepting this important responsibility and giving of their time to make our Campaign a success! Team Members as of 4/19/16 are:

<i>David Aki</i>	<i>Gretchen Grad</i>	<i>Bob McGee</i>
<i>Paul Bauerschmidt</i>	<i>Julie Hansen</i>	<i>Nancy Mullarkey</i>
<i>Debbie Berg</i>	<i>Blanche Hanson</i>	<i>Jeff Musich</i>
<i>Lloyd Bettis</i>	<i>Susan Johns</i>	<i>Laura O'Mera</i>
<i>Joe Bond</i>	<i>Mary Ellen Johnson</i>	<i>Mary Anne Peruchini</i>
<i>Chris Clark</i>	<i>Marv Johnson</i>	<i>Barbara Pollak</i>
<i>Bill Cooper</i>	<i>Barbara Lauesen</i>	<i>Bridgett Prewett</i>
<i>Ann Deakyne</i>	<i>Steve Lindell</i>	<i>Jessica Schott</i>
<i>Debby Fosdick</i>	<i>Margaret Lutz</i>	<i>Donna Scott</i>
<i>Anne Frerichs</i>	<i>Colleen MacKimm</i>	<i>Kristine Voelker</i>
	<i>Megan McClung</i>	

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Karen and Tom Aldrich, our Campaign Coordinators at: 847-729-1168 or email: campaign@gccucc.org

"HONORING OUR PAST, SECURING OUR FUTURE"

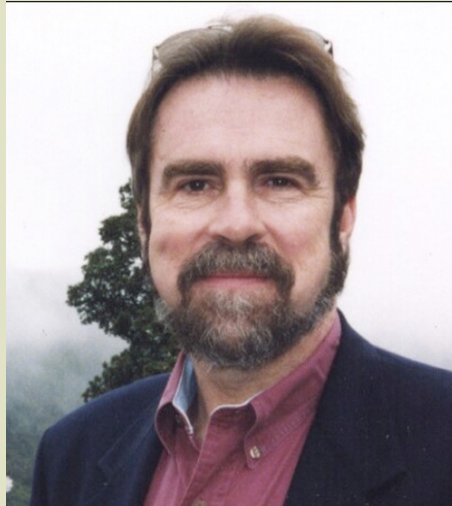
The next Deadline for the Broadcaster is May 4, 2016 at 9:00 AM

COMMON GROUND AT GCC, SPRING LECTURES ARE HELD ON DATES LISTED BELOW, 7:00-9:00 P.M.

MAY 18

EUROPE AND ISLAM, FEARS AND REALITIES Jim Kenney

Terror attacks in France, Turkey, and elsewhere have heightened European anxieties over Islam to the point where Euro-centric nationalism has become a dramatic concern in its own right. Islamophobia, as many Europeans and Americans are coming to realize, is usually linked to anti-Semitism, and is often protofascistic. It's a complex and alarming situation. We'll try to sort through the actual reasons for European fears and the somewhat less alarming realities of the modern interface of Islam and the West in Europe.



JUNE 15

THE DIDACHE — THE TEACHING OF THE TWELVE APOSTLES Jerrrol Leitner

The Didache (Did-a-kay), a brief early Christian treatise, dates from the mid to late first century. Its importance is highlighted by the fact that some church fathers pushed to include it in the New Testament. Written perhaps even before the first gospel, the book's version of ritual and belief both agrees and clashes with that found in the New Testament – making for intriguing and enlightening study.



SPIRITUAL LIFE TEAM

What's a Spiritual Life Team? Why a Spiritual Life Team? Would I want to be on a Spiritual Life Team?

A Spiritual Life Team is **EASY!** No Requirements; no homework; no hidden agenda.

A Spiritual Life Team is **SIMPLE!** 6-8 people who meet for one hour, once a month, to talk about God.

A Spiritual Life Team is about **SPIRITUAL GROWTH.** Not a psychological program & not problem solving.

A Spiritual Life Team is an **OPPORTUNITY** to learn to pray out loud & discover & share God experiences.

A Spiritual Life Team is a **SHARED SPIRITUAL EXPERIENCE** that is healing, transforming & life changing.

Spiritual Life Teams are led by our Rev. Bobbie McKay, Ph.D., an ordained minister and licensed psychologist who has conducted a twenty year research study on Spiritual Life in Mainstream Interfaith Congregations. Based on the results of that study, she designed the Spiritual Life Team program to offer people a chance to discover and share God in their lives. **The program is simple, powerful and just might change your life!**

GCC now has six Spiritual Teams. Two more will be starting in the next few months. Next year, Bobbie will start a leadership training program to continue to grow the program at GCC.

For more information about the program contact Bobbie via email bobbiekm@mc.net. Come and visit a Spiritual Life Team. Later this year the teams will share their God experiences with the congregation. **Open your heart and spirit to the discovery of God in YOUR life and be surprised!**

60 PLUS LUNCHEON

Join us for our final luncheon and program until September.

We meet on Tuesday, May 17 from noon until 1:30 p.m. in the Mayflower Room. All are welcome.



CONGRATULATIONS IRENE KREER

A celebratory reception to honor Irene Overman Kreer was held in the Glenview Public Library Community Room on Wednesday, April 13. As part of this special reception attended by 80 colleagues, co-workers, and neighbors, the Glenview Public Library Board of Trustees named the Library's Used Book Store the Irene Overman Kreer Used Book Store to honor her vision and tireless efforts.



FELLOWSHIP AND UNITY WITH OUR MUSLIM NEIGHBORS

As part of GCC's resolution of friendship and support for our Muslim brothers and sisters, the Fellowship Board and Faith in Action Team are hosting a Fellowship and Unity Breakfast for members of five local Muslim congregations.

Please put aside Saturday, May 7 from 9 to 11:00 a.m. to get to know our Muslim neighbors over breakfast. This is a family event; all church members are invited and there will be activities for children. The Breakfast Committee met with leadership from each Muslim faith community. They are eager to meet with us and share their love for our country, their concerns in the current climate of distrust and violence, and their wish to explore ways our faith communities can support each other.

We would appreciate an RSVP to one of the Breakfast Committee members listed below indicating your intention to attend the event, so we can get an accurate count for planning purposes. Also, please include the numbers and ages of children in your party who will attend.

BREAKFAST COMMITTEE CO-CHAIRS

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Betsy Martin, Faith in Action Team betsywisemartin@att.net, 847-657-7595

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Glenview Community Church's Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, May 22, 2016, at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. The purpose of the meeting will be to receive nominations and elect the Moderator, Vice-Moderator, and board members and to receive the annual reports of the leadership. In addition, there will be updates from the Governance Task Force and the Capital Campaign.

This notice constitutes the official call to meeting. All members of the church are urged to be present.



We offer our blessings and support as these young people are confirmed on **Sunday, May 1, 2016.**

We give thanks for their teachers: **Kara Clark, Rev. Dale Susan Edmonds and Jeff Wagner.**

Matthew Jesse Barrett
 Peyton Eileen Bond
 Jackie Christiansen
 Lauren Elizabeth Hartung Ciccolini
 Ailla Spelman Clark
 Tegan Sterling Clark
 Jessica Jeanette Ehlinger
 Sarah Eileen Eshoo
 Kendall Julia Grenolds
 Mark Jefferson Kritzman
 Lauren Lee Loeber
 Sarah Elizabeth Lothian
 Charlotte Victoria Matik
 Thomas Morgan
 Anna Jane Musich
 Caitlin Jade Noe
 Daniel Patterson O'Brien
 Karin Elizabeth Olson
 Maxten Patrick O'Mera

Trenton Bryce Paul
 Ashleigh Grace Roth
 Caroline Rose Sultz
 Kendall Kelly Vega
 Katerina Rose Wagner
 Sarah Elisabeth Williams
 Brendan Carter Wolf



STEWARDSHIP SNAPSHOT MARCH, 2016

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.

	ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE
MARCH	\$72,667	\$78,963	-\$6,296
YTD	\$305,082	\$317,058	-\$11,976



The museum rotunda was packed with 300 guests!

RIDING THE PEACE TRAIN: HOP'S GREAT SUCCESS!

Sixty-four GCC members were part of the crowd of 300 who attended *"Riding the Peace Train,"* the annual Chicago Benefit for **Hands of Peace**, held at the Museum of Science and Industry on Sunday, April 17. The evening started early as volunteers from Women's Association Chapters 8, 19 and 20 (headed by Sandra Frantz) arrived at 2:00 p.m. to put together centerpieces and ended late with Chapter 10 (headed by Lumi Stutz) pitching in on clean up. Debbie Berg ably organized 40 volunteers!

The evening kicked off with hors d'oeuvres and cocktails in the Great Train Exhibit, and was followed by dinner in the high-domed museum rotunda. Many GCC youth were among the Hands of Peace alumni circulating at the event, including Alex Roth who delivered the convocation. Recently retired Oakton Community College President (and HOP Advisory Board member) Peg Lee was host for the night's proceedings.

The host of WBEZ's *"Worldview"*, Jerome McDonnell, interviewed the producer and director of the new documentary *"The Promised Band"* (which will be screened again at GCC on Monday, June 6), the amusing story of a group of Israeli and Palestinian women with questionable musical talent who concoct a band in order to cross borders and see one another. Perhaps the most emotional part of the evening was hearing from 3 **Hands of Peace** alums now in their late 20's who have all followed paths of

diplomacy, international law or business inspired by their experience in **Hands of Peace** 10-12 years ago.

An exciting live auction followed (thank you Lauesens for donating your vacation condo, Hunds for the Harley gear and Clarks for the HOT concert tickets!) as well as a "paddle raise" for scholarship funds. In all, the event raised \$125,000 to support the **Hands of Peace** program! GCC members are deeply involved in this mission; board members include Tom Aldrich (Vice Chair), Debby Fosdick, Gretchen Grad and Lisa Leger. Advisory Board members include Rev. Mize, Don Clark, Jane Hund (and until his death, Per Hanson). GCC benefit committee members included Ginny Hotaling, John Busch, Debbie Berg, Colleen MacKimm and Rob Orr.

Even if you "missed the train" it's not too late to get on-board with **Hands of Peace!** Meal donations and volunteers are still needed for this summer (contact Rhonda at rmccarty@handsofpeace.org) Mark your calendar for the summer Farewell Dinner (committee members needed!) on Sunday, July 31 at GBS.

See all the Benefit pictures at www.handsofpeace.org/chicago-benefit-evening

Want to stay up on all our great events? Go to handsofpeace.org and click "Join Our Email List"



Tom Aldrich, Danya Saleh, Don Clark



Casey Chiappetta, Lisa Leger, Bev Lavitt, Analeise Parchen



Two guests with Debby Fosdick and WBEZ's Jerome McDonnell



Don & Ellen Clark, Gretchen Grad, Dr. Peg Lee



Rev. Dale Susan Edmonds, Rev. Dr. Pam Keckler



Jane & Larry Hund, Vera Ginburg



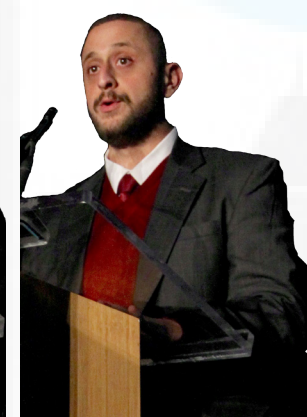
Gretchen Grad, John Busch, AV Guru



Chapter 10: Lumi Stutz, Lauren Bauerschmidt, Tara Call, Karen Monckton, Jessica Greve, Genevieve Schuberth, Julia Brady Hoexter, Jennifer Healy, Jocelyn Shook



Speaker; Adam Heffez, HOP '06



Speaker; Bashar Sorri, HOP '06



Marion Alexanian, Dori Hirsch



Ginny Hotaling



Getting ready before the big event. Wasib Bajwa and Rich Katz, Benefit Chair



Speaker; Katie Hughes, HOP '04



Debbie Berg



Rev. Dr. Chuck Mize & Jeanie Bond



Tom & Karen Aldrich

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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.

PONDERING IN SILENCE...

I do not have to go to sacred places in far-off lands.
The ground I stand on is holy.
Here, in this little garden I tend my pilgrimage ends.
The wild honeybees, the hummingbird moths,
the flickering fireflies at dusk are a microcosm of the universe.
Each seed that grows, each spade of soil
is full of miracles.

And I toil and sweat and watch and wonder
and am full of love.
Living in place, in this place,
for truth and beauty dwell here.

---Mary de La Valette

