

MAY 25 2016

OUR MIDDLE NAME

May 22 was PYF Sunday at Glenview Community Church, and what a God-filled Sunday it was! Over forty strong, our Pilgrim Youth Fellowship led us in an inspiring and emotional season of worship. We were blessed by the musical gifts of the PYF Singers, with the leadership of Katelyn and Stephanie Ornduff...by Tori Lothian's powerful solo voice and Gracie Sands' beautiful guitar accompaniment...and by Ryan McFaul's masterful command of the piano as he offered Duke Ellington's Satin **Doll** and George Gershwin's **Rhapsody in** Blue. And we were invited into PYF's spirit through very personal Senior Sermons from Anne Isaacs, Tori Lothian, Ross Foley, Tori Brown and Grace O'Malley. As the last chord of Ryan's postlude floated in the sanctuary, there wasn't a person in that holy place who didn't know that PYF is a community of deep meaning and devoted friendship because the Spirit of God's amazing love is at work in our high school youth. What a blessing!

Community is the heart of our PYF. Just so, **Community** is our church's middle name. This church was founded seventy-five years ago to be a church for the Glenview community that transcended the particularities and barriers of specific denominations to bring all people together around the higher calling of God's love in Jesus Christ. So, from the beginning, GCC has been **A House for ALL God's People!** We are a church for this community.

The Rev. Robert Edgar was only 28 years old when he accepted the call of the Glenview Congregational Church to be its minister in May of 1941. Then, just four months later, he had convinced that congregation of fifty members to disband so that they could charter the Glenview Community Church: a church that had the community at heart

because *Community* is its middle name! In September, 1941, Congregationalism died in Glenview. In its place, a church named *Community* was born: a name that describes our identity (a church for the community), our **purpose** (a church where we are actively engaged with one another in doing God's work), and our **goal** (a church that is ever pressing toward peace, justice, mercy and healing for all God's children).

In our contemporary culture, our deep yearning for the intimacy of community is exploited for marketplace success. So our grocery store, our coffee shop, and even our bank promise us that they will fulfill this deep need...that they will be a place like the old sitcom **Cheers** where **everybody** knows your name, and they're always glad you came. And they do! It's the sizzle that they sell. But the communities they create are communities of convenience: communities whose purpose is the profit of commerce. We only belong as long as we get what we need. And, when a better opportunity comes along, we walk away from the community that met those needs because another community is more convenient

But the church is not a community of convenience, even though that's how we sometimes understand it and treat it. Instead, the church is a community of commitment. Convenience is disposable. Commitment is for a lifetime. We discard communities of convenience if they aren't providing us what we want. But communities of commitment aren't disposable! So, in this Diamond Jubilee year, I pray that we will amplify the preciousness of our church community. It is a community of commitment. Glenview may not need a church

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WORSHIP SERVICES

MAY 29, 2016

10:00 a.m.

Scripture:

Ephesians 3:14-21 John 6:1-14 Luke 6:37-38

Sermon:

Rev. Dr. Pam Keckler "A Good Measure"

JUNE 5, 2016

COMMUNION SUNDAY

Celebration of Dr. Keckler's 25th Ordination Anniversary and 20th Anniversary of ministry at GCC

Final Day of Chancel Choir and Joyful Ringers before summer

10:00 a.m.

Scripture:

1 Kings 17:8-16 Jeremiah 29:11-14a

Sermon:

Rev. Dr. Pam Keckler "Now | Know..."

JUNE 12, 2016

10:00 a.m.

Scripture:

1 Kings 21:1-21a Luke 7:36-8:3

Sermon:

Rev. Dr. Chuck Mize *Greed or Grace?*

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for the community in the same way that it did in 1941. But the people of Glenview are desperate for a community of faith where they can grow in God's love together. This community of commitment is what our PYF expressed so magnificently for us on May 22. Our youth have a great deal to teach us about the ideals that birthed this church and urge it on.

So let us become the best community in Christ we can possibly be: a community where we are committed to one another because God is committed to us...a community where we are committed to our world because we are committed to following and serving Jesus...a community where we are committed to love, because the Holy Spirit has been poured into our hearts.

Yes, *Community* is our middle name. It is our heart! By our commitment, let us make GCC a visible physical reality in Glenview and beyond that is filled with the Spirit of God. See you in church!

Chuck Mize

PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES

Pictorial Directories have arrived! Many thanks to the Membership Board and its Chair, Jim Yagelski, for his design and layout work. The directories are available in the Mayflower Room following worship each Sunday or through the church office during the week from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. If you wish to pick up during the evening, contact Rev. Pam Keckler. If you would like your copy mailed to you, please let us know.

A note about cost: Life Touch – our directory company – provided GCC with free copies of the directory for each household whose picture is included in the directory. We have ordered extra directories for those who did not have a picture in the directory, are staying close to home, and for those who want an extra copy. GCC's cost for these extra directories is \$5.00 each. A donation basket will be available if you wish to make a donation for these extra copies.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcomed our newest members on Pentecost Sunday, May 15, 2016.

Visit the New Member bulletin board outside the Narthex to see their pictures and get to know them, along with our newly confirmed members.

Laura and Johan Lane
Children: Jackson and Anders

Sara and **Michael McSpedon** Children: **Finn, Riley, Cooper**

Maren Miller

Amy Song

Children: **Carolena** and **Xander**

SNAPSHOT APRIL, 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	OVER/ UNDER
APRIL	\$62,337	\$56,088	\$6,249
YTD	\$367,419	\$373,146	-\$5,727

SPONSOR ALTAR FLOWERS

As summer approaches, we still have a few Sundays open for you to sponsor the altar flowers for worship. The flowers are then delivered to one of our homebound members by our Pastoral Care Board. If you would like more details, please contact Susan Woodsome in the church office.

2ND ANNUAL ALL CHURCH RETREAT

FAITH, FELLOWSHIP, SERVICE AND FUN!

Our theme is Relationships. The date is September 3 - 4, 2016, with option to stay until September 5. The location is at Tower Hill in Sawyer, MI. The drive is about 1.5 hrs from Chicago. We need an r.s.v.p. by June 15; email to lumistutz@yahoo.com.

COST:

children 7 and under FREE children 8-13 - \$60 children 13 + - adult \$90

Sign up early for savings!
The price will go up after June 15.

A FEW SPOTS STILL NEEDED FOR AJH

While for many of us summer is a break in the routine and a time to enjoy the outdoors, A Just Harvest continues to serve the needs of hundreds of Chicagoans who suffer from food deprivation year round. GCC has been a partner of A Just Harvest for over 25 years. We are looking for GCC volunteers for the following summer dates to make sure we meet this need:

Sundays- June 5, July 3, and September 4. Leave the church at 3:30 p.m.

Wednesdays- July 20, September 21. Leave the church at 4 p.m.





CAMPAIGN CORNER

Living a spiritual life requires a change of heart, a conversion.
Such a conversion may be marked by a sudden inner change, or it can take place through a long, quiet process of transformation.

Henri J.M. Nouwen

WHAT DOES OUR FORWARD IN FAITH CAMPAIGN MEAN TO YOU?

From the perspective of the gospel, fundraising is, first and foremost, a form of ministry. It is a way of announcing our vision and inviting other people into our mission. Vision and mission are so central to the life of God's people that the scriptures remind us that "without vision we perish" and "without mission we lose our way." Vision brings together needs and the resources to meet those needs. Vision also shows us new directions and opportunities for our mission. Vision gives us courage to speak when we might want to remain silent.

Fundraising is proclaiming what we believe in such a way that we offer other people an opportunity to participate with us in our vision and mission. When we seek to raise funds we are declaring, "We have a vision that is amazing and exciting. We are inviting you to invest yourself through the resources that God had given you-your energy, your prayers, and your money - in this work to which God has called us." Our invitation is clear and confident because we trust that our vision and mission are like "trees planted by streams of water, which yield fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither" (Ps. 1:3).

Every time we approach people for money, we must be sure that we are inviting them into this vision of fruitfulness.

ATTENTION ALL CAMPAIGN VOLUNTEERS: On Sunday, June 12, 2016 during the service there will be a special blessing for all of the volunteers working on the Campaign. We ask that you please attend this service which will invite God's blessings upon us all as we visit with the families of our congregation.

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"

COMMON GROUND

LECTURES ARE HELD ON DATES LISTED BELOW, 7:00-9:00 P.M. \$10.



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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT GCC

Vacation Bible School is a great opportunity for children to make new friends, discover new things about themselves, and grow their faith. The VBS theme this year is "Love Your Neighbor." We will engage in crafts, games and Bible stories that remind us and teach us to love our neighbors. The cost is \$50 a child with an option of lunch. The dates are August 15 – 17 from 9 – 12. Lunch will be from 12-12:30. Please email Pastor Elizabeth with any questions. Go to www.gccucc.org to sign up for VBS.

Event Time	Event Name	Primary Location	
Thursday, 26 May 20	16		
8:30 AM to 10:30 AM	Yoga Classes	Narthex	
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room	
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	BSA 156 Meetings	Mayflower	
Friday, 27 May 2016			
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room	
1:00 PM to 3:00 PM	Pickleball	Gym	
8:00 PM to 9:00 PM	AA MEETING	Parlor	
8:00 PM to 9:00 PM	AL-ANON	Library	
Saturday, 28 May 20	16		
8:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Mens Open Gym	Gym	
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room	
Sunday, 29 May 2016	6		
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	
11:00 AM to 12:30 PM	Governance Task Force Feedback Session	Founders	
4:00 PM to 5:00 PM	For Those Who Gave Their All (Concert)	Sanctuary	
Monday, 30 May 201	6		
8:00 AM to 9:00 PM	Church Closed - Memorial Day	Sanctuary	
Wednesday, 01 June	2016		
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room	
6:00 PM to 6:30 PM	Capital Campaign Steering Committee	Parlor	
6:30 PM to 8:30 PM	Campaign Campaign Team Training	Mayflower	
Thursday, 02 June 2	016		
8:30 AM to 10:30 AM	Yoga Classes	Narthex	
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room	
6:15 PM to 7:20 PM	Joyful Ringers Rehearsal	SanctuaryB	
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	BSA 156 Meetings	Mayflower	
7:30 PM to 9:00 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary	
Friday, 03 June 2016	i		
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room	
8:00 PM to 9:00 PM	AA MEETING	Parlor	
8:00 PM to 9:00 PM	AL-ANON	Library	
Saturday, 04 June 20	016		
8:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Mens Open Gym	Gym	
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room	
11:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Bill Stevens Memorial	Sanctuary	
12:00 PM to 1:00 PM	Bill Stevens Memorial Reception	Mayflower	
6:00 PM to 8:30 PM	HOP	Mayflower	
Sunday, 05 June 201	6		
10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	Glenview Community Church Worship Service	Sanctuary	
6:30 PM to 8:30 PM	HOP Movie Night	Founders	
7:30 PM to 8:30 PM	Spiritual Life Team	Room 32	
Tuesday, 07 June 20	16		
6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	Myra Lorris Presentation	Mayflower	
7:00 PM to 8:00 PM	Adult Ed Board Meeting	Parlor	
7:30 PM to 8:30 PM	Childrens Board Meeting	Youth Room	
Wednesday, 08 June 2016			
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM	Properties Board Meeting	Room 210	

The next Deadline for the Broadcaster is June 1, 2016 at 9:00 AM

CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION

It's time for 6th graders to register for Confirmation for September. Confirmation is a two-year program at GCC for 7th/8th graders. We meet on Sunday mornings at 8:45 a.m. for an hour. There are registration forms in the church office, or you may contact Rev. Pam Keckler who is in charge of this program.

THE SIMPLE GIFTS CONCERT SERIES

The Simple Gifts Concert Series of the Glenview Community Church presents *GOD BLESS AMERICA--FOR THOSE WHO GAVE THEIR ALL*, a free concert by The Musical Revue, directed by Phyllis Scott, on Sunday, May 29, at 4:00 p.m., 1000 Elm St., Glenview. The Musical Revue is a show/mission choir of approximately two dozen women sponsored by Metropolitan Family Services. These volunteers share their talents each Thursday, traveling to senior centers, assisted living homes, nursing care facilities, and Alzheimer's units throughout the Chicago metropolitan area. Each week their U.S.O style performance rekindles residents' memories and touches their hearts. This Memorial Day we reflect on the 70th anniversary of the end of World War II, dedicated to those who would be known as "The Greatest Generation" as they came home to a new beginning.

THE GOVERNANCE TASK FORCE (GTF) WANTS YOUR FEEDBACK

The GTF is looking for congregational input on its initial proposal for a revised governance structure that supports GCC's vision to serve God by making Christ's message, ministry and mission of love real for all people. Some of the differences from the current to proposed governance include moving from 13 boards to 5 ministries and from 149 elected positions to 35. We hope that piques your interest and that you will join us to hear more about the proposed governance structure and to share your thoughts with us at a GTF Feedback Discussion Session in the Founders Room at 11:15 on Sunday, May 29.

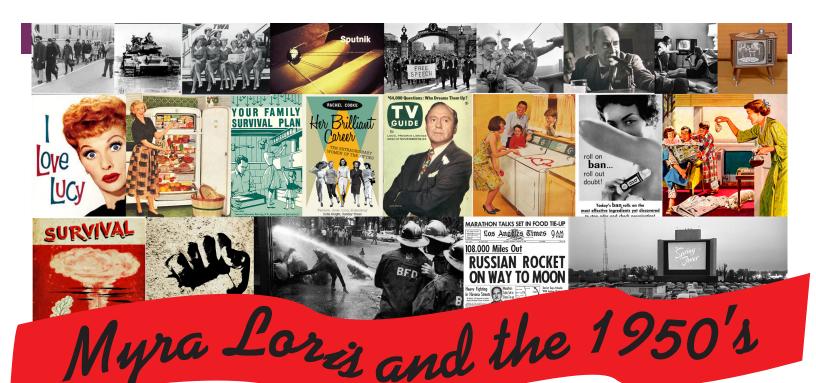
GCC HYMN FAVORITES SURVEY

On Sunday, October 23, as part of our 75th anniversary celebration, we will welcome guest director Paul Leddington Wright to lead us in Hymn Fest 10. We plan to include favorite hymns of our congregation into our worship celebration. Please note: we will only be able to accommodate a limited number of hymns in the service. There are 2 ways to fill out the survey:

- 1) Fill out the form below and mail or turn into the GCC office, addressed to Gary Wendt.
- 2) Go online to http://goo.gl/forms/skXjiPqvyX5bWhuw1 and it will be automatically submitted.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, JULY 1

GCC HYMN FAVORITES FORM Name (optional)
What is a favorite hymn you would like to see included in Hymn Fest 10? If you cannot think of the title, include as many lyrics as possible and we'll do our best to look it up.



June 7

"Best of Times, Worst of Times" serves as an introduction to and an overview of the important social, cultural, political and scientific events that marked the decade as uniquely important.

June 21

"GOOD Times": looks at the booming economy and rising prosperity of the Decade and focuses on three unique entrepreneurs whose achievements changed the future of the daily life of ordinary Americans.

Coming This Fall

Sept 13

"The Dark Side" looks at the Cold War, the Nuclear Arms Race and the paranoid hunt for Communists...

Oct 4

"The Golden Age " looks at the expansion of technology and the richness ...

Tuesdays June 7 & 21, September 13
October 4 & 25, November 15

7:00 p.m. Dessert 7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Program

Tickets \$15 per lecture

\$35 for any three lectures \$60 for all six lectures

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Purchase Tickets

Glenview Community Church following Sunday worship services

Reserve Tickets
Call Beryl Bills (847)724-1694

Oct 25

"Equal Justice Under the Law"
looks at the rise of the African
American Civil Rights Movement...

Nov 15

"Out of This World" looks at some of the social and scientific highlights of the decade, ,...

Myra Loris

Myra Loris, a humorist and outstanding storyteller, will bring these mesmerizing tales to life. During her 27-year teaching career, she wrote and taught courses in American Studies, Urban History, Global Issues and International Relations. More recently, she has developed a series of lectures on Chicago events.

Listening to Myra Loris is an enriching experience. This is a not-to-be-missed program appealing to men and women of all ages.

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

PONDERING IN SILENCE...

Quotes from the newly confirmed members...

When I began confirmation, I wasn't really sure about God. I didn't think there was a God. Now that I've been thinking about it for the past two years, I believe there really is a God, and that God leads our way, gives us hope to not give up and lastly, makes us who we are.



