

Broadcaster

Glenview Community Church

December 23, 2009

What brings us joy on Christmas Day

What brings me joy on Christmas Day is: remembering times during the year when I have seen people treat others with love, grace, and respect; remembering situations where I have seen people genuinely care for others with no thought or concern of any cost to themselves; remembering a time when I have seen one person truly be Christ to another; having our children and their families together during the holidays; remembering I have the privilege of working with some amazing people; remembering there are lots of people who care about me--how fortunate I am. What joy these things bring to me on Christmas Day and throughout the year!

Howard

Joy comes into your life when you share with others a bit of that love you've received. May you have a joyful and blessed Christmas.

Pam Keckler

One of the real joys of the Holiday Season is the opportunity to say Thank You and to wish you the very best for the new year. Peace and Health, Marilyn Belleau, Parish Nurse

Christmas Eve candlelight services are always the highlight of my Christmas. I was able to visit Bethlehem two years ago, and stand in the cave where Jesus was born. Remembering that experience on Christmas Eve as the candles light our faces, and as we sing Silent Night is just a rush of joy and emotion that is hard to explain.... but a joy that stays with me all year long. May the baby Jesus touch your heart in a special way this Christmas!

Dale Wittenberg

May the promises of Christmas fill your heart and guide your life.

Sally

Family, eggnog and good health!

Jennifer Helgren

Peace!

Elizabeth Ciccolini

CHRISTMAS EVE

DECEMBER 24, 2009

Family Christmas Eve Service
4:30 p.m. "Promises Kept"
Rev. Sally Iberg
Music- Intergenerational Choir & Children's Choir

Meditative Christmas Eve Service
7:30 p.m. "Home is Where?"
Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts
Communion Offered

Celebrative Service of Music, Scripture & Meditation
11:00 p.m. "Home is Where?"
Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts
Music: Festival Choir

SUNDAY SERVICES

DECEMBER 27, 2009

9:30 a.m. Carol Singing

Scripture:
Isaiah 9:2-7, Luke 2:1-14a

Sermon:
"Member of the Empire"
Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts

JANUARY 3, 2010

Communion
9:30 a.m.

Scripture:
Jeremiah 31:7-14, Psalm 147:12-20
John 1:10-18

Sermon:
"Shining Light"
Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts

**Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year
from the Staff at GCC**

Leadership is Seeking

The Leadership Committee seeks nominations for volunteers to serve as Vice Moderator and At-Large Members on the Executive Board for the 2010-2011 church year. Their volunteer responsibilities can be summarized as follows:

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.

First Class Broadcaster Mailing

If you would like to have the Broadcaster mailed to you First Class, please return a check to the office marked "First Class Broadcaster Mailing" in the amount of \$22.00. The deadline is December 31, 2009.

REGISTRATION GCC Nursery School

The 2010-2011 school year is underway!

Registration dates are:

IN-HOUSE Lottery Deadline
January 13, 2010 - 9:00 a.m.

OPEN HOUSE
January 20, 2010 - 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

OPEN LOTTERY Deadline
February 3, 2010 - 9:00 a.m.

Please check out our website at www.gccns.com for more information. You can also contact Marcia Kiraly to schedule a tour of the school by calling (847)729-1440 or email Marcia at marciak@gccucc.org.

Health Screening

Have you suffered a broken bone in your hip or spine? Do you feel as if you are getting shorter? If you answer "yes" to either of these questions, you may want to consider being screened for the risk of osteoporosis. We are pleased to offer a Life Line Screening preventive health event that can be used to detect just such a risk. Life Line Screening uses a quantitative ultrasound bone densitometer, using the heel as a measurement site, to assess one's risk of osteoporosis. This screening compares your bone density to that of the average 20-year-old adult female, according to World Health Organization guidelines. The osteoporosis screening is not only for women. Of the 10 million Americans who have been diagnosed with osteoporosis, 2 million are men. The screening will take place on Tuesday, January 12, 2010.

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

To register please call Your Health is in Your Hands at 1-888-653-6441 or for more information.

Recycle Christmas Lights

DECEMBER 1, 2009 - JANUARY 31, 2010

Mini-lights (or Italian lights), C7 lights, C9 lights, rope lights, LED lights, extension cords, etc. All colors and lengths will be accepted. Garland, live greens, wreathes, or other non-recyclables are NOT accepted.

Drop off your lights at the Village of Glenview Public Works on 1333 Shermer Road. There is a 24-hour outside drop-off. Please call the Glenview Public Works if you have any questions at (847) 657-3030.



CHILD CARE PROVIDER

A caring, sensitive, and welcoming adult is needed to supervise and nurture infants and toddlers on Sunday mornings from 10:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m., approximately two Sundays per month, September through May. \$ 25 per Sunday. For consideration or questions, please contact Dr. Howard Roberts, howard.roberts@gccucc.org or call (847)724-2210 ext. 22.

Adult Education Seminar

IN THE CHAPEL AT 9:30 a.m.

January 17, 2010

Chicago Theological Seminary (CTS) at GCC

Why is it important to have trained religious leaders? What does it mean to partner with a local UCC Seminary?

On January 17, find answers to these questions and participate in the adult education session with Rev. April Lewton, Director of Annual Giving and Community Engagement, at CTS. The session will feature small group discussions on meaningful and active ways of partnership, the study of scriptures that address the meaning of religious education, and the sharing of information about the life and community of CTS. Come and participate to learn more about Chicago Theological Seminary and its relationship with GCC.

2010 Giving Envelope

2010 giving envelopes are now available for members wanting to use envelopes for regular pledge gifts. Boxes of envelopes can be picked up from the table in the Narthex. Assigned envelopes have member names on the top of the box, and are arranged in alphabetical order. Unassigned envelopes are available - please note your name on the sheet by envelope number.



Women's Winter Retreat January 30-31, 2010

Attention: Spouses, children, parents etc.

Wonder what to give that special woman in your life? We have the answer! Give her a time away that she will remember forever. Let her experience rest and relaxation, with delicious meals and a chance to "get away" or be with others, AND an opportunity to hear Jo Giarrante, Spiritual Director and Supervisor at the Institute for Spiritual Leadership present "Sanctuary of the Heart". The theme is to explore the messages from our hearts that yearn for a safe place to rest, to be noticed, and to be honored. We're going back to the Chicago Marriott Suites in Deerfield. What more could any woman want?

Sign up today as space is limited! Registration forms available in the church office, narthex, and on line. Questions? Call Marilyn at (847)724-2210 ext. 30.

GCC Career Network

There will be no meeting in December due to the holidays. We do have a strong and energizing lineup of speakers for 2010 - join us and bring a friend!

If you are unemployed, returning to work, considering a job change or looking to expand your business network please join us! We meet at 12 p.m. and 7 p.m. on the last Monday of each month to hear speakers, share experiences, resources, job openings and support one another. Members have access to a Yahoo! Group to share information, community meetings dates and be alerted of opportunities. Contact Alek Jablonski at 847-486-1920/ajablonski03@hotmail.com or Rev. Pam Keckler at 847-724-2210 for more information and a listing of other local networking group meeting dates and times.

A Legacy to be Celebrated

Celebrate the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King and be part of continuing his work. Join us along with 1,000 people to attend the Sustainable Communities Public Meeting on Sunday, January 17, 2010 from 3:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m. It will be held at Church of St. Thomas the Apostle located on 5472 S. Kimbark Avenue in Chicago.

The agenda is to promote Sustainable Communities as a regional approach to today's issues: open and diverse housing, jobs that pay a living wage, transit opportunities and economic development strategies that are green and sustainable.

The sponsoring organizations are primarily composed of churches that get involved in hands-on ministry. This event will start and end with the voices of a regional choir, including some of our own GCC Chancel Choir members.

We'll take a bus from church as parking is limited. Early reservations will assure your seat. Please contact Pam Riedy if you would like join us in what should be a distinctive day of singing and political interest. To reserve your spot or if you have any questions, please contact Pam Riedy at (847)998-4746 or by email at pam@cstones.com. This event is supported by the GCC Missions Outreach Board.

Sponsored by:
IIRON

(Illinois Indiana Regional Organizing Network)

Northside POWER

(People Organized to Work, Educate and Restore)

SOUL

(Southerners Organized for Unity and Liberation)

GCC Christmas Offering The Night Ministry and Community Renewal Society

During this Advent season, as we prepare to celebrate the arrival of Jesus, let us also take time to reflect on his teachings and come together in support of the 2009 Christmas offering for The Night Ministry and Community Renewal Society.

Only donations put in the special Christmas envelope or checks noted with "Christmas offering" will go towards this special collection. Please be generous in your giving.

Please read the information below (taken from each of the agency web sites) to learn more about these two important organizations:

Every month, The Night Ministry serves hundreds of individuals . . . all ages, races, religions, sexual orientations, economic and educational backgrounds. The basis for all programs includes non-judgmental listening, caring support, and connecting people with resources to empower them to change their lives for the better. We serve youth and adults who face multiple complex challenges on a daily basis, including homelessness, poverty, abuse, loneliness, and neglect. (www.thenightministry.org).

The Community Renewal Society empowers people to build just communities by working to eradicate racism and poverty. It does so by informing, organizing, training, and encouraging individuals and communities in sustained and strategic efforts to engender systemic change. The vision of Community Renewal Society is for a just community where race and class no longer limit each person's full participation in all aspects of society (www.communityrenewalsocty.org).

Greater Chicago Food Depository Work Session JANUARY 9

Greater Chicago Food Depository/GCC Afternoon Work Session, **open to ages 13 and up**. Please join friends from GCC as we go down to the Greater Chicago Food Depository (www.chicagosfoodbank.org) for a work session on January 9, 2010. We will leave GCC at 12:30 p.m. and should be back by 5:30 p.m. GCFD distributes more than 55 million pounds of food each year and frequent volunteer projects involve re-packaging bulk cereal or pasta, sorting bread or canned food donations, or cleaning produce. Please contact Tracy Sawires at esnstsms@hotmail.com or at (847)832-0063 with questions or to sign up.

**Thank you from your friends on the GCC
Missions Outreach Board.**

Pilgrim Youth Fellowship Mission Trip

June 13 – 18, 2010

Pilgrim Youth Fellowship Mission Trip

This year PYF is headed to Booneville, Arkansas in the Ozarks. We will once again work with Youth-Works. This is a great way for youth to serve others and learn great things about themselves at the same time. The deadline for the deposit of \$50 is January 3rd. The total cost is \$320. Please contact elizabeth.ciccolini@gccucc.org with questions or send/ bring the deposit by the church and place it in Elizabeth's box.

ABOUT THE TRIP:

The Ministry

We focus on two primary areas of ministry: children and home improvement. Our work with children consists of a wonderful hands-on program led by our youth, known as Kids Club. Kids Club offers high-energy games, crafts, skits, songs and interactive lessons all designed to help kids learn about Jesus. Also during the week, our group will have the opportunity to do home improvement. Participants will do two days of home improvement, and two days of ministry with children, so that everyone has the opportunity to do both. Adult leaders will separate youth into ministry groups, and the youth in our group will be mixed with the youth from other groups for their week of service.

The Activities

Evening activities during a Youth-Works week are designed to give participants an insight into the lives of local residents and the culture of the area. A list of evening/cultural activities we have done in the past include: visit Mt. Magazine and Cove Lake, attend a local church service, spend the evening swimming at a local pool."

PYF January

4 – 6 p.m. Youth Room

JANUARY 3

PYF Cooks – Make It! Eat It!

Join us as we share a wonderful and delicious meal that we make together.

2 – 4 p.m. making dough

4 – 6 p.m. making pizza and having dinner

JANUARY 10

Exploring our Faith & Wacky Relays

We will continue to explore our theme for the year of "Moving toward our Destiny" in small groups and then adjourn for wacky relays throughout the church.

Look for the January issue of the Broadcast to see what's coming after January 10th.

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Ministerial Staff

Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts, *Senior Minister*
Rev. Dr. Pamela Keckler, *Minister for Spiritual Formation*
Rev. Sally Iberg, *Minister for Mission and Ministry*

Directors:

Marilyn Belleau, *RN, Health Ministry*
Kathy Lifton, *Children's Ministry*
Elizabeth Ciccolini, *Youth Ministry*
Debby Shellard, *Children's Choirs*
Gary Wendt, *Organist, Instrumental Music*
Andrew Lewis, *Adult Choir*

Affiliates:

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

At A Glance

Thur 12-24	4:30 pm 7:30 pm 11:00 pm	Family Christmas Eve Service Meditative Christmas Eve Service Celebrative Service of Music, Scripture & Meditation
Fri 12-25		Christmas Day Building Closed
Sat 12-26		Building Closed
Sun 12-27	9:30 am 10:30 am	Worship Service, Sanctuary Fellowship Hour, Mayflower Rm
Mon 12-28		Building Closed
Tues 12-29		No Meetings Scheduled
Wed 12-30		No Meetings Scheduled

Glenview Community Church building will be closed for the Holidays on December 25, 28 and January 1.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Eric and Danita Osborne on the birth of their daughter, Lydia Noel, on December 14. Grandparents are Peggy and Howard Roberts.

Church Business

Year-end pledge gifts and contributions which are either received in the office by the close of business on 12/31/09 or postmarked by 12/31/09 will be recorded as received in 2009. Gifts and contributions received after that date will be recorded in 2010.

Thank you for your faithful giving!

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