

# A HOUSE FOR ALL GOD'S PEOPLE

Mary Ann Hoberman's wonderful children's book, *A House is a House for Me*, begins this way:

A hill is a house for an ant, an ant.
A hive is a house for a bee.
A hole is a house for a mole or a mouse
And a house is a house for me!
A web is a house for a spider.
A bird builds its nest in a tree.
There's nothing so snug as a bug in a rug
And a house is a house for me!

This verse is a great introduction for the theme for our new year together: **A House** for All God's People. Several years ago, the Glenview Community Church made an identity statement of the United Church of Christ our own: No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you're welcome here! In other words, we have decided to be A House for All God's People. Last May 18th we celebrated and affirmed GCC's decision in 2010 to be an Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ where no particularity of a person's identity diminishes or excludes them in our fellowship. That means that we are committed to be A House for All God's **People.** But decisions and commitments take work. Unless we remind ourselves regularly of who we are and wrestle with what our identity means in changing times, our identity can blur and our decisions and commitments can be compromised. So, especially this year, we're going to celebrate who we are...what kind of a house and a household we are for God.

And we begin on Rally Day – Sunday, September 7. Here's the schedule:

## 8:45 a.m.

Confirmation for 7th and 8th Graders

10:00 a.m.

Festival Worship in the Sanctuary

11:15 a.m.

A Rally Day Fair with Food, Fellowship and Fun for all ages on the lawn.

It's going to be an exciting, Spirit-filled year of faith, grace and growth. So join us on Rally Day! Bring friends along...especially friends who need a faith community that is open, inclusive, accepting, affirming and focused on God's amazing love.

We're getting this house in order to begin anew. The parking lot is nearly complete. The building is being cleaned and prepared. Now it's up to us to fill them! So, let's fill this house on Sunday, September 7. Let's make this house pulse with the vitality of God's beautiful children. Together, let us be **A House for All God's People!** 

See you in church!

Chuck Mize

# **WORSHIP SERVICES**

SEPTEMBER 7, 2014

**RALLY DAY** 

10:00 a.m.

Scripture:

Romans 13:9-14 Matthew 18:15-20

Sermon:

A House For All God's People Rev. Dr. Chuck Mize

# **SEPTEMBER 14, 2014**

**COMMUNION** 

10:00 a.m.

Scripture:

Psalm 103 Matthew 18:21-35

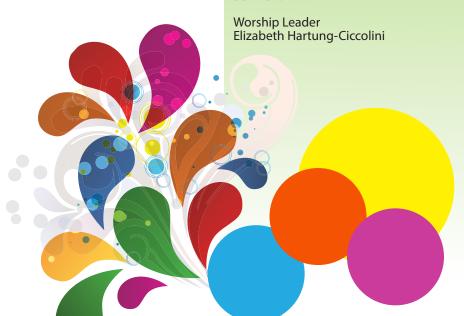
**Sermon:** *Free To Forgive*Rev. Dr. Chuck Mize

**SEPTEMBER 21, 2014** 

10:00 a.m.

**Scripture:** 

Sermon:



# ASPHALT AND DRAINS OH MY! CAMPAIGN

The campaign to fund the Parking Lot Repaving and Storm Water Abatement Project is well underway. As of August 27, you have donated \$96,720.25 for parking spaces, concrete parking bumpers, striping and signs for disabled access parking. Praise God! If you have not yet added your support to this project, please consider doing so because... We have to do it...We can do it...and It's a privilege to do it. Remember, God loves a cheerful giver, even for asphalt and drains!

# **NEW MEMBER CLASS**

Have you been thinking about joining GCC? Do you have questions about the church? Our Fall New Member sessions will be held on Sunday, September 21 after worship and Thursday evening, September 25 at 7 p.m. We will welcome new members officially into the church on Sunday, September 28 during worship. Please contact the church office or one of the pastors if you would like to attend the sessions.

# **IT'S TIME FOR 60 PLUS!**

We will have our first fall luncheon on Tuesday, September 16, 2014. Join us at 12:00-1:30 p.m. in the Mayflower Room. All are invited to attend.

# **CALLED TO CARE**

We will resume our training and fellowship on Monday, September 8, 2014 (because of Labor Day). We will begin at 12:00-1:30 p.m. in the Founder's Room.

# LIFE EVERLASTING

We trust the promise of the resurrection for Jewel Nawrocki who died on July 29, 2014, even as we hold her family in our prayers.

We trust the promise of the resurrection for Betty Maute, who passed away following a long illness on Sunday, August 17, even as we hold Beth and Bob Raebel, Steffen and Nancy Maute and their families in our prayers. We trusted Betty to our God at a memorial service at the Glenview Community Church on Saturday, August 23rd.

# A HOUSE FOR ALL GOD'S PEOPLE

# SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 IS RALLY DAY AT THE GLENVIEW COMMUNITY CHURCH!

Please join us for this exciting morning of New Beginnings:

8:45 a.m. Confirmation Begins10:00 a.m. Worship Begins11:15 a.m. 9th Annual Rally Day Festival and Fundraiser

There will be music, entertainment, the ever popular cake walk, games, moonwalk, and more!!

Please help us reach our fundraising goal of \$3,500 for:

# Glenview/Northbrook Youth Services The Night Ministry Northfield Food Pantry

Make checks payable to GCC. You may designate your gift for your ministry of choice. For every \$20 donated, you will be entered in a raffle for a grand prize! You won't want to miss this day of faith, fellowship and fun at GCC!

# THANK YOU IS NOT ENOUGH...

Gratitude, humility and great joy are the only words to describe the events of June 15, 2014 when the Glenview Community Church collaborated (and conspired!) to celebrate my 30th Ordination Anniversary. Special thanks to Rev. Dr. Mize, Rev. Dr. Keckler, the Pastoral Care Board and Marion Alexanian, Tania McCarthy, Susan Woodsome, Dale Wittenberg, and Katherine Hughes for their work behind the scenes. Who knew that you all (and the whole church) were so extraordinarily good at keeping secrets!!!

It was a great day for worship, remembrance, recommitment, not to mention refreshments and recreation (meaning JAZZ.) Your generosity and appreciation will always be fondly recalled.

In Service, Rev. Dale



# **UNIQUELY AMERICAN**

# **BY MYRA LORIS**

"Uniquely American" is an in-depth look at buildings and structures that are exclusively American and their significance.

# **SEPTEMBER 16:**

"The White House: Beyond the Oval Office" looks at the history, changes and major personalities connected to this "home of the American people."

### **OCTOBER 14:**

"Long, Tall and Strong" reflects on the history of the construction and importance of the Brooklyn and Golden Gate Bridges as marvels of American technology and ingenuity.

### **NOVEMBER 12:**

"Freedom's Tower" is an in-depth look at the 13-year process of the re-building of the World Trade Center, including the new 9/11 Memorial and Museum and the new 5 building office complex. Full of interesting anecdotes, details and powerful stories of triumph over tragedy.

DESSERT 7:00 p.m.

PROGRAM 7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

TICKETS: \$15 per lecture

\$35 for three lecture series

Tickets can be purchased following worship on Sunday or call Beryl Bills (847)724-1694.

# WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT....?

Many of us have had that question...what the Bible says about some topic or issue that we're not certain about...or what the Bible really says an issue or topic that others have offered you definite convictions about. We will meet in the church's Parlor on Wednesday afternoons from 3:00-4:30 p.m., beginning on September 10th. You will determine the topics! So please come with the topics and issues that you want to discuss. We will begin with What does the Bible say about Homosexuality? I look forward to these opportunities for learning and growth together. Please join us!

Chuck Mize

# FOOD ON THE FIRST

This is a reminder that Sunday, September 7 is our Food on the First collection. Items will benefit San Lucas' Food Pantry or Northfield Food Pantry. There is greater need than ever right now for two specific reasons. Families, whose SNAPP (food stamp) benefits were recently reduced by Congress, will need to meet these additional needs from their food budgets and might not be able to afford the increase.

San Lucas has specifically indicated that they are in the most need for protein sources (dried beans, canned tuna/chicken/ Vienna sausages, peanut butter, etc.), oatmeal and plastic plates (which they use to serve a hot lunch every week).

For those in the congregation who would like to donate but did not have the time to shop or forgot the items at home, we have created a donation box. This will be on a table in the Narthex on the first Sunday of the month before, during and after the service. There will be a frame next to it identifying the box. If you would like to make a donation for the food pantry, you can deposit cash or checks. If you deposit a check, please make it payable to "GCC" but in the memo line identify it as "Food on the First". The donations will be collected from the box shortly after the service ends.

Thank you for your generosity.



The Resale Shop's Opening for the 2014-2015 season is Wednesday, September 3. Consignments for the Fall/Winter season will be taken from September 3 through November 11.

A complete list of our guidelines and our form can be obtained either in the Resale Shop (so stop on by) or you can find them on our website <a href="https://www.theresaleshopglenview.com">www.theresaleshopglenview.com</a>.

If you are new to consigning, stop on in so we can introduce ourselves and show you whattype of items we accept.

# Our hours are:

 Wednesday
 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

 Thursday
 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

 Friday
 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

 Saturday
 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Both consignment and donations are welcome during the shops open hours. If you have any questions, please contact Martha Fergus at the shop (847) 724-2638.

# HOMESTAYS NEEDED FOR VISITING GERMAN CHOIR

We are thrilled to welcome the Westend Gospel Singers from Eberwalde, Germany for a concert in our sanctuary on Sunday, September 28th at 4:00 PM. This adult choir is in need of Glenview homes to stay in on the evening of Sept. 28th. If you are interested and available to host, please contact Gary Wendt for further information. Thank you! gary.wendt@gccucc.org or 847.724.2210 X251

# CONFIRMATION

Reminder to parents that confirmation classes begin September 7 at 8:45 a.m. Confirmands will all meet together in the Plymouth Room before going to their individual class rooms. Watch for your Friday Emails each week for up to date information.

### **Upcoming Parent Meetings:**

7th Grade parents on September 14 and 8th grade parents on September 21. We'll begin in the Plymouth Room at 8:45 a.m. and then move to the Mayflower Room at 9:00 a.m.



# PILGRIM YOUTH FELLOWSHIP 4-6 PM

"BELOVED COMMUNITY" 2014-2015 THEME

# **SEPTEMBER 7**

**Serving the Community:**We will make prayer chains for children in the hospital.

### **SEPTEMBER 14**

Being a Community: Fear Factor

# **SEPTEMBER 21**

**Building Community: Scavenger Hunt** 

### **SEPTEMBER 28**

**Creating Community:** Cooking in the kitchen

# **POW** (PYF on Wednesdays)

Each Wednesday night from 6:00 -8:00 p.m. starting August 27, Bible Study.

The first unit will run 10 weeks and we will cover Revelations. POW will utilize a curriculum, short video clips, current events to aid in the discussion.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT GCC

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THUR	9:15 AM	Music & Movement Class, Cradle / Toddler Rm
08/28	11:00 AM	Working Out With Weights, Mayflower Rm
	1:00 PM	Dementia Support Group, Narthex
	6:15 PM	Bell Choir Rehearsal, Bell Rm
	7:30 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
FRI	8:00 PM	Al-Anon, Library
08/29	8:00 PM	AA Meeting, Parlor
SAT	8:00 AM	Men's Open Gym, Gym
08/30		
SUN	10:00 AM	Worship, Sanctuary
08/31	10:00 AM	Summer Church School Begins in the Sanctuary
00,5.	11:00 AM	Fellowship and Refreshments, Narthex
MON		Labor Day - Building Closed
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TUE	6:45 PM	Sing To Live Rehearsal, Sanctuary
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WED	9:00 AM	Resale Shop Open Until 1:00 p.m., Plymouth Rm
09/03	4:15 PM	FISH, Rm 7
	5:30 PM	Community Dinner, Mayflower Rm
	6:00 PM	PYF/POW, Youth Rm
	8:00 PM	Venture Crew, Rm 5 & Gym
THU	9:00 AM	Resale Shop Open Until 5:00 p.m., Plymouth Rm
	6:15 PM	Bell Choir Rehearsal, Bell Rm
09/04	7:30 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
FRI	9:00 AM	Resale Shop Open Until 1:00 p.m., Plymouth Rm
09/05	8:00 PM	Al-Anon Meeting, Library
	8:00 PM	AA Meeting, Parlor
SAT	8:00 AM	Men's Open Gym, Gym
09/06	9:00 AM	Resale Shop Open Until 1:00 p.m., Plymouth Rm
SUN	8:45 AM	Confirmation Open Prayers, Plymouth Rm
09/07	9:15 AM	Voices of GCC Rehearsal, Rm 201
	10:00 AM	Rally Day Worship, Sanctuary
	11:15 AM	Rally Day Festival, Church Lawn
	4:00 PM	Voices of GCC, Rm 201
	4:00 PM	PYF, Youth Rm
MON	9:30 AM	Spirit Group, Library
09/08	6:30 PM	Faith In Action Team, Parlor
	7:00 PM	BSA 156 Committee Mtg., Founders Rm
	7:30 PM	Mission Outreach Board, Parlor
TUE	9:30 AM	WA Board Mtg., Parlor
09/09	6:45 PM	Sing To Live Rehearsal, Sanctuary
	7:00 PM	Adult Education Board Mtg., Library
	7:00 PM	Pastoral Care Board Mtg., Parlor
WED	11:45 AM	Working Out With Weights, Mayflower Rm
WED	9:00 PM	Resale Shop Open Until 1:00 p.m., Plymouth Rm
00/10	3:00 PM	Bible Study, Parlor
09/10	4:00 PM	FISH, Rm 7
	6:00 PM	PFY/POW, Youth Rm
	7:00 PM	BSA 156 Troop Mtg., Mayflower Rm
THE ME	8:00 PM	Venture Crew, Rm 5 & Gym



# GOOD NEWS ON RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

There were shouts of joy and celebration at New Landmark Missionary Baptist Church on Thursday, July 24, where 500 leaders from Community Renewal Society, Southside Together Organizing for Power, and Gamaliel of Metro Chicago began a partnership with Cook County Chief Judge Evans to prevent violence by creating a new Restorative Justice diversion and reforming the court system. Rosalie Amos, Christine Foley, Betsy Martin, Nancy Mullarkey and Jane Sanderson represented GCC.

Judge Evans committed to help create a Restorative Justice Diversion Pilot Program for adult arrestees that will be the first of its kind in Cook County. Starting in November, 100 low-level offenders will be diverted into Peace Hubs where they will be able to repair the harm they have caused. This Restorative Justice Pilot Program will help prevent violence by diffusing conflict before it escalates, supporting victims in the healing process and providing offenders support to turn their lives around.

The commitment by Judge Evans to reform bond court and pretrial services is just as important. Every year thousands of people, facing low-level nonviolent charges, are being held unnecessarily in Cook County Jail because they cannot afford to pay their bail. As Reclaim Campaign leader Russell Cunningham testified, our court system punishes people for being poor. Many of these individuals are released when their cases are dismissed at a preliminary hearing. Others are held until they make a plea deal with the State's Attorney. These days spent in detention ruin lives and drain resources Cook County desperately needs to prevent violence.

Judge Evans committed to reforming bond court by moving from a system that relies on monetary bonds toward a system where low-level non-violent offenders are released on personal recognizance (no bond). A secondary review of bond will also be reinstituted so that low-level bond amounts are reviewed and re-evaluated if they have not been posted within a designated timeframe.

Furthermore, the Pretrial Services Department will also use a validated risk assessment tool so that they can conduct appropriate evaluation of all pretrial detainees. This will lead to better recommendations on bond amounts and more accurately identifying detainees that are good candidates for diversion. A detailed plan for implementing these court reforms will be released by Chief Judge Evans in October 2014.



On August 15, 80 Confirmands, PYFers, and adults went to Tower Hill, MI to enjoy a weekend of great faith conversations, fun and fellow-ship on the dunes. The PYF youth prepared games and led many of the discussions for the Confirmands. Some of the highlights included 50 person games of Nukem (using a volleyball and net), bonfires on both Friday and Saturday nights, live music played by the PYFers during Friday's devotion and a worship on the beach. This retreat truly reflected the ways in which youth ministry at GCC is both mentoring, faith building and fun.

# **GCC CHURCH SCHOOL FAMILIES**

This year we are looking forward to another great year. The theme for this year's church school on Sunday morning is "Community." We will be focusing on how we build, belong to and serve our community. There is a preschool program for 3s and prekindergarten that starts at 10 am. The 3s will meet in 107 and the prekindergarten class will meet in 105. Pick up for both the 3s and the prekindergarten class will be in room 107 where they will end with music. Children grades K-4 will start with their parents in the sanctuary and the 5th and 6th graders will sit together in the transept balcony. All children K-6 will be dismissed to their church school classes. K-4 will be picked up in 201 and the 5th and 6th graders may arrange a meeting place with their parents.

There is a midweek program that will meet on Wednesdays, 4-5:15 p.m., during the school year. The FISH theme will be "Living Water." The first FISH is August 27! The goal will be for the children to engage their church community, learn about the Bible and grow in their faith. All of the different grade levels will start with Elizabeth, Minister for Youth and Children, in the Mayflower Room and then divide into different age groups(K-2, 3-4, and 5-6) for activities centered around Bible verses. The children will also have time in the gym and art room. We will close in prayer in the Mayflower Room. The first Wednesday of each month starting in September we will conclude with a Community Dinner at 5:30 p.m. Children can sign up and attend based on their schedule. You may sign up by following this link. <a href="https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1XRW">https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1XRW</a> dpPTJLourSTBl58rAB5ARqVYJ7vAKrN54D- $2gk \ dY/viewform?c=0\&w=1$ 

Family Fun and Pizza is back. Starting on October 12 families are encouraged to stay after church for pizza, open gym for the children and fellowship. The lunch will start shortly after worship. We hope you can join us! We will be decorating pumpkins in October.

# **COMMUNITY DINNER**

Everyone is invited to Community Dinner the first Wednesday of each month starting September 3. The first month chicken will be provided and we are asking that you bring a side dish if you are able. There will also be a place to donate a few dollars to cover the cost of the main course and drinks. If you would like to be green please bring a set of dishes to use and then to take home with you. There will be paper products provided. An RSVP would be ever so helpful. You may RSVP to *elizabeth.cic-colini@gccucc.org*.



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