

what comes from the Heart reaches the Heart

Broadcaster

FEBRUARY 1, 2017

SETTLING IN

My fourth anniversary as your Senior Pastor is March 1st – a month from the publication date of this issue of **The Broadcaster**. After four years we've settled in with each other. You have gotten to know who I am: my strengths and weaknesses, my convictions and idiosyncrasies, my personality and style and, hopefully most of all, my perspective on the Christian faith.

And I've gotten to know you: your strengths and weaknesses, your convictions and idiosyncrasies, your personality (yes, congregations have personalities!) and style, and the hallmarks of your Christian faith.

In four years, surprise and discovery yield to comfort and dependability. What we all know is that I'm not the perfect pastor, and you're not the perfect church. But we also know that that's how God intends it...that, with our faults and failings we still bear the treasure of God's love in this world. And, by God's grace, perhaps our pastor/people partnership works well enough for us to bear fruit together.

One of the great things we're doing together is our **Forward in Faith** Capital Campaign. The fund-raising portion of that campaign is nearing completion. So now, the fun begins! The newly-appointed Construction Committee has had its first meeting! I am grateful to **Nick Peters** for answering the call to chair the committee, and to **Lauren Bauerschmidt, Glenn Kelly, Melinda Krueger, Scott McClung, Jill Ruter, Steve Sargent and Ellen Scholly** for agreeing to serve. Also serving will be the Moderator (**Nancy Mullarkey**), the Facilities Manager (**Jeff Thompson**) and the Senior Pastor (**me**). The first task for this committee will be to merge our plans with the financial resources that the campaign has raised. In that process the committee will be working with **TKWA** (architects), **Pepper Construction** (construction manager) and **Jerry Alisio** (owner's representative). You will be hearing more about this process and will be invited to provide input. Then, when a plan is developed and approved by the congregation, the committee will move into its second phase of actual construction! It's going to be an exciting time!

Another great thing that's in process is the work of the **Governance Task Force**. Chaired by **Bob McGee**, this task force has been working tirelessly to develop a governance structure for our church that will better enable us to carry out and strengthen our **Message, Ministries and Mission**. Look forward to hearing more from this task force soon!

Part of getting to each other well is routines. We've developed those with each other. And, sometimes, routines mean that we take things for granted and allow our intentionality to wane. There is a great deal of competition for our Sunday morning time together. And, in our culture where we view nearly everything as a commodity (What will I get from that?), it's hard to quantify the significance of participating in a faith community where getting and giving are inseparable. If you've strayed from worship, let this be the nudge you need to find your way home!

Finally, March 1st (my fourth anniversary at GCC) is Ash Wednesday. During Lent that begins on Ash Wednesday we will be focusing on the deceptively simple teaching stories that Jesus told. Our Lenten theme is: **In Parables: Little Treasures of Light and Love**.

We've settled in with each other. Yet God keeps urging us to step out of our comfort zones together...to leave behind the things that make us hesitate and hold us back so that faith, hope and love can lead us to places we never imagined we'd go and inspire us to do things we never thought we could do in this adventure that we're on with Jesus! See you in church!

Chuck Mize

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SPIRITUAL COUNCIL RECAP

At its January 24 meeting, the Spiritual Council voted to escalate the 2017 Stewardship Campaign and to ask the congregation to delay a vote on a 2017 budget until May, when more pledge results can be included. The Council expressed optimism that a renewed appeal to the congregation's generosity would provide adequate funds to support the message, ministries and mission of GCC. In the meantime, the church will continue to operate off the 2016 budget.

In his final report to the Council, retiring Treasurer Dave Aki announced that 2016 pledge income exceeded 95% of total pledges, compared to the historical 93% fulfillment rate. 2016 contributions, combined with strong investment returns helped keep the charge to reserves close to the budgeted level in spite of high un-budgeted maintenance expense.

Vice Moderator Gretchen Grad reported that the Leadership Committee has nominated Jane Hund for election to the position of Vice Moderator in May. Barbara Pollak has succeeded Jim Yagelski as chair of the Membership Board. Additionally, new vice chairs are sought for the Finance and Fellowship Boards due to relocations of the 2016-17 vice chairs.

Stewardship Chair Steve Hill reported that to date, church members have pledged \$826,000 for 2017, with 317 pledging units responding. Of note, there are eighty-five 2016 pledging units that have not responded to the 2017 stewardship campaign. Most

Council members volunteered to personally reach out to the congregation for additional pledges.

Construction Committee Chair Nick Peters reported that Scott McClung has joined the Construction Committee, which will meet for the first time on January 31.

Retiring Clerk Bob McGee reported that the Governance Task Force is continuing its work and will solicit feedback on the proposed structure and transition plan over the next few months. The goal of the Task Force now is to meet with the current church boards and groups and to bring the transition process to a new structure for approval at the Annual Meeting in May. Doug Morgan reported that the Personnel and Ministerial Relations Committee has recommended requiring lay staff to bear the cost of adding dependents to their health insurance coverage provided by GCC. This policy would not apply to the employees who have dependent coverage as of January 24, 2017. Council will vote on this proposal at its February meeting.

Finance Board Chair Matt Bauer reported that the current 2017 pledge level of \$826,000 would result in a 2017 budget shortfall of nearly \$350,000. Over the past five years, non-discretionary expenses have outpaced pledge income. Since 2013, the deficit has been offset from unrestricted reserves, and this is not sustainable, as the balance in this fund stands at \$561,000 at the end of 2016.

THANKS TO BOB & DAVE!

Bob McGee and Dave Aki are retiring from their respective roles as Clerk and Treasurer of GCC in February. They have fulfilled their roles with distinction, skill, professionalism and good humor.

Dave was elected Vice Moderator in 2011, and after serving as Moderator and Past Moderator, he accepted the nomination for Treasurer in 2014, tracking GCC's budget, expenditures and financial matters ever since. In addition, Dave leads GCC participation in Rebuilding Together, as part of his role with the Men's Ministry.

Bob, also a past moderator and dedicated volunteer in the youth program, has maintained church records, produced reports to support the work of the Leadership Committee, taken minutes for Spiritual Council, and been the in-house expert on parliamentary procedure and the requirements of the GCC Constitution. Most recently, he has shared his expertise as chair of the Governance Task Force.

The congregation will have the opportunity to join the Spiritual Council in thanking these fine gentlemen at the Midwinter meeting on February 26. The Spiritual Council has endorsed the Leadership Committee's nominations of Chris Clark as Treasurer and Cathy Shapiro as Clerk, for election at that meeting.

BECOMING A MEMBER AT GCC

We are making plans for a winter group of new members to join the church.

If you are interested in more details, please contact Rev. Pam Keckler at pam.keckler@gccucc.org or 847-724-2210, Ext. 224.

LIFE EVERLASTING

We trust the promise of the resurrection for Toni Cucco's father, Dr. Lee Cucco, who passed away this past Tuesday, even as we hold Toni and her family in our prayers.



MIDWINTER CONGREGATIONAL MTG

The Glenview Community Church's Midwinter Congregational Meeting will be held in the Sanctuary following the Worship Service on Sunday, February 26, 2017. Agenda topics for this meeting include a presentation on church finances and a vote on the Spiritual Council's proposal to delay consideration of a 2017 budget until May, allowing time for completion of an extended stewardship campaign; reports from the Church Clerk, Treasurer and Stewardship Board; the election of the Church Clerk and Church Treasurer; and updates from task forces.

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

Worship 10:00 a.m.

FEBRUARY

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FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY / HOLY COMMUNION

Scripture:

Isaiah 58:1-12
Matthew 5:1-16

Sermon:

Getting God Out of Heaven
Rev. Dr. Chuck Mize

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SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Scripture:

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Sermon:

The Question of Belonging
Rev. Dale Susan Edmonds

FEBRUARY

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SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Scripture:

Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18
1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23

Sermon:

Me? Holy?
Rev. Dr. Pam Keckler

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TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

Scripture:

1 Peter 1:16-19
Matthew 17:1-9

Sermon:

Established in the Truth
Rev. Dr. Chuck Mize



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FEBRUARY 15

JERROL LEITNER

NICAEA—WHEN JESUS BECAME GOD

When Constantine claimed the empire in 306, Christian teaching was varied and inconsistent. A minority camp called Jesus divine and equal to God the Father but the majority saw Jesus as subordinate to the Father and lacking in absolute divinity. Bishops and theologians fought an ever-escalating war of words and wounds complete with anathemas and excommunications. Demanding unity in his empire, in 325 Constantine called a council in the city of Nicaea. Christianity was forever transformed in doctrine and its relationship to the larger culture.

MARCH 15

JOHN WASIK

WHAT HAPPENS NOW? TRUMP AND FINANCIAL REALITY

How will the new president and Congress impact your retirement, financial well being and health security? Author/journalist John Wasik has been closely examining the impact of the most disruptive election in modern times and will distill some key insights.

OPEN MOSQUE DAY

The Muslim Community Center is pleased to invite you, your family, friends and colleagues to upcoming **Open Mosque Day** at Muslim Community Center on February 19 from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

LOCATION

Muslim Community Center
4380 N. Elston Ave, Chicago IL 60641

Date/Time: 02-19-17, 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

This event has been specially organized to provide an opportunity for guests to meet their Muslim neighbors and to get first hand information about Islamic faith. There will be a Mosque tour, basics of Islam presentation, discussion, Q&A, refreshments, heena design and much more.

Hope to see you there.

Please RSVP by either sending an email mccinterfaithteam@gmail.com or by calling 1-442-264-7526.

**HANDS OF PEACE
SEEKING HOST FAMILIES FOR
HANDS OF PEACE**

Hands of Peace (HOP) is an interfaith organization that empowers young people to raise their voices as leaders of change. Through the power of dialogue, Palestinians, Israelis and Americans partner to pursue peace, equality, freedom and justice. Hands of Peace believes the future depends on the leadership of the next generation. Whether hosting an Israeli, Palestinian or American participant, hosting allows families to be immersed in the Hands of Peace experience. We are looking for families who can host one or two teens from the Middle East. Whether you have children or teens or are empty-nesters, this promises to be one of the most rewarding experiences you can have. The program will take place from July 12 – July 31, 2017, at Glenview Community Church. If you would like to learn more about Hands of Peace, please consult our website at handsofpeace.org. For more information about becoming a host family, contact Rhonda McCarty at 901-230-7119 or RMcCarty@handsofpeace.org.

60 PLUS

60 Plus will not meet in January. We will gather for lunch and a program on **Tuesday, February 21**. Watch for more details. *The Pastoral Care Board*

FOOD WITH FRIENDS

Enjoy a hot meal provided by Glenbrook High School Interact Club in partnership with St. David's Episcopal Church. There is no cost for this meal. It is an opportunity to join your friends and neighbors at St. David's on every third Tuesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. for dinner and fellowship. It is a chance to meet some amazing young people, break bread with your neighbors and feed your body.

Here are the dates:

February 21, March 21 and April 18.

St. David's Episcopal Church,
2410 Glenview Road, Glenview, IL
(corner of Glenview Road and Shermer Road)

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18th Annual COOKIE DAY FEBRUARY 12



For 18 years the caring folks at GCC have been baking, buying and bringing cookies for the Night Ministry to Glenview Community Church. These cookies are then packaged (3 cookies per package) by PYF and given to the cold and hungry folks after their visit to the Night Ministry bus. For some this may be all the food they have for the next day. Our cookies are greatly appreciated - and greatly needed. Please no nuts or peanut butter.

The Night Ministry Bus is now on the streets six nights a week offering the homeless a chance to warm up, visit with a nurse or counselor, HIV testing and other supportive help. In addition to the Bus, they now have a team of people who reach out to the homeless individuals in the underpasses, bridges, and areas where they live to provide services. These teams bring sandwiches and medical care with them. The Night Ministry also provides housing, health care, outreach, spiritual care and social services to teenagers and young adults in Chicago who struggle with homelessness, poverty and loneliness. GCC has helped support this agency for many years. Allan Ruter is a Board member.

Please bring your cookies to the church kitchen by Sunday morning, February 12, 2017

Questions: call Elizabeth Ciccolini at church - 847-724-2210 Ext. 233



WOMEN'S RETREAT

MARCH 10 THROUGH 12

Come away and rest a while at our annual women's retreat. We will meet at the Renaissance Chicago North Shore Hotel in Northbrook. Registration forms and details are available in the church office or contact Rev. Pam Keckler or Rev. Dale Susan Edmonds for more information. Invite a friend!

**PYF FEBRUARY
4:00-6:00
YOUTH ROOM**

FEBRUARY 12

Mission Project. We will package cookies for *The Night Ministry*.

FEBRUARY 19

PYF Cooks! We will cook together. Either a cooking competition or we will learn to cook something new.

FEBRUARY 26

PYF Game On! Come and enjoy different gym and non-gym games.

Questions: contact Rev. Elizabeth Hartung-Ciccolini, email elizabeth.ciccolini@gccucc.org, call or text 708-228-4304.

**POW-PYF ON
WEDNESDAYS
7/8 CLUB**

We are working on "Tough Stuff". Dinner will be at 5:30 p.m. followed by fellowship time and ending with some fun Bible discussions.

LET'S GET ACTIVE SUPER SOUP MIX FEBRUARY 5

We have researched a dry lentil soup recipe that only requires water to prepare that we can bag and provide to the San Lucas Food Pantry. The mix provides a needed source of protein but does not require a lengthy cooking process. During Sunday school, our children will kick us off by starting the process to bag some soup mix and then we invite everyone to finish the project after church in the back of the Mayflower room. Our goal is to complete 200 bags of soup mix.

FOOD ON THE FIRST

Food insecurity is affecting families and children in our community. Please consider participating in GCC's Food on the First program by bringing non-perishable items to church on the first Sunday of each month. Monetary contributions are also accepted. Checks can be made out to GCC with a notation indicating Food on the First. Collection tables are located in the Narthex and by the West entrance. The food and money collected supports San Lucas UCC and the Northfield Township Food Pantry.

CHILI COOK-OFF AND "HOMETOWN" AUCTION SUNDAY, APRIL 23

The Confirmation and Youth Board is now accepting donations of auction items to help raise money for this summer's mission trip to Leech Lake, Minnesota. This year's Hometown Auction is on Sunday, April 23. Popular donations in years past have included homemade items, tickets to games or shows, and overnight trips to vacation homes. Other various items are welcome too, as are any cash donations! We do request that donated items be NEW. Donation forms are available in the church office. Questions? Contact karen.ornduff@gmail.com for questions about donations or the event. Contact susan.shute@gmail.com to enter the chili cook-off.

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Event Time	Event Name	Primary Location	Event Time	Event Name	Primary Location
Thursday, 02 February 2017			7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	GCC Volleyball	Gym
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room	8:00 PM to 9:00 PM	AA Meeting	Parlor
9:00 AM to 10:00 AM	Yoga	Narthex	8:00 PM to 9:00 PM	AL-ANON	Library
6:15 PM to 7:20 PM	Joyful Ringer Rehearsal	Bell Room	Saturday, 11 February 2017		
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	BSA 156 Troop Mtg	Mayflower	8:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Mens Open Gym	Gym
7:00 PM to 8:00 PM	PYF Singers	Youth Room	9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
7:30 PM to 9:00 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary	Sunday, 12 February 2017		
8:00 PM to 9:00 PM	High School Round Table	Youth Room	8:30 AM to 9:30 AM	Stewardship Board Meeting	Room 210
Friday, 03 February 2017			8:45 AM to 9:45 AM	Fellowship Board Meeting	Founders
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room	9:15 AM to 9:45 AM	Primary Choir Rehearsal	Room 201
8:00 PM to 9:00 PM	AA Meeting	Parlor	10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	Church School Children Meet in Sanctuary	SanctuaryM
8:00 PM to 9:00 PM	AL-ANON	Library	10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	Glenview Community Church Worship Service	Sanctuary
Saturday, 04 February 2017			11:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Fellowship and Refreshments	Mayflower
8:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Mens Open Gym	Gym	11:15 AM to 12:15 PM	Leadership Committee Meeting	Founders
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room	3:30 PM to 5:30 PM	GCC Voices Rehearsal	Room 201
Sunday, 05 February 2017			4:00 PM to 6:00 PM	PYF	Youth Room
9:15 AM to 9:45 AM	Primary Choir Rehearsal	Room 201	Monday, 13 February 2017		
10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	Church School Children Meet in Sanctuary	SanctuaryM	3:30 PM to 6:00 PM	Confirmation Make Ups	Room 32
10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	Glenview Community Church Worship Service	Sanctuary	6:00 PM to 7:00 PM	Spiritual Life	Chapel
11:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Fellowship and Refreshments	Mayflower	7:00 PM to 8:00 PM	Yoga	Room 201
3:30 PM to 5:30 PM	GCC Voices Rehearsal	Room 201	7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	Youth Leadership - 156	Founders
4:00 PM to 6:00 PM	PYF	Youth Room	7:31 PM to 8:30 PM	Mission Board Meeting	Parlor
Monday, 06 February 2017			Tuesday, 14 February 2017		
12:00 PM to 1:30 PM	Called to Care	Founders	3:30 PM to 6:00 PM	Confirmation Make Ups	Room 32
3:30 PM to 6:00 PM	Confirmation Make Ups	Room 32	6:30 PM to 7:30 PM	FIAT Meeting	Room 32
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	156 Committee Mtg	Founders	7:00 PM to 9:00 PM	Adult Ed Board Meeting	Library
7:00 PM to 8:00 PM	Yoga	Room 201	7:00 PM to 9:00 PM	Pastoral Care Meeting	Parlor
Tuesday, 07 February 2017			7:00 PM to 8:00 PM	Services & Sacraments Meeting	Room 210
3:30 PM to 6:00 PM	Confirmation Make Ups	Room 32	Wednesday, 15 February 2017		
7:30 PM to 8:30 PM	Childrens Board Meeting	Youth Room	9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
7:30 PM to 8:30 PM	CSA 156	Room 213	9:30 AM to 10:30 AM	Womens Chapter 20	Chapel
Wednesday, 08 February 2017			4:00 PM to 5:15 PM	FISH	Mayflower
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room	5:30 PM to 7:30 PM	7/8 Club & POW	Mayflower
4:00 PM to 5:15 PM	FISH	Mayflower	6:00 PM to 7:15 PM	Bible Study	Parlor
5:30 PM to 7:30 PM	7/8 Club & POW	Youth Room	7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	Common Ground Meeting	Bell Room
6:00 PM to 7:15 PM	Bible Study	Parlor			
7:00 PM to 8:00 PM	Music Board Meeting	Music Office			
Thursday, 09 February 2017					
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room			
9:00 AM to 10:00 AM	Yoga	Narthex			
6:15 PM to 7:20 PM	Joyful Ringer Rehearsal	Bell Room			
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	BSA 156 Troop Mtg	Mayflower			
7:00 PM to 8:00 PM	PYF Singers	Youth Room			
7:30 PM to 9:00 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary			
Friday, 10 February 2017					
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room			

The next Deadline for the Broadcaster is February 8, 2017 at 9:00 AM

GIVING GLIMPSE DECEMBER 2016

The Message, Ministries and Mission of Glenview Community Church thrive because you fulfill your stewardship commitments and make faithful contributions. It is essential that we remain current in our giving. In the midst of our busy lives, we offer you this update reminder to keep in focus our progress on completing our financial commitments to GCC. This Giving Glimpse will be updated monthly and included in the worship bulletin and Broadcaster.

	Amount Received	Amount Pledged	Over/Under
December	\$116,331	\$123,756	-\$7,425
YTD	\$914,482	\$962,000	-\$47,518

KNITTERS NEWS

Sunday, February 5 - Knit-A-Square Roundup! Please bring all 8" knitted squares to church on or by Sunday, February 5. On that Sunday, after church in the Mayflower Room, we will be showing the hundreds of squares that have been knitted or crocheted by the women of Glenview Community Church. After that Sunday, the squares will be boxed up and shipped to the Knit-A-Square project in Bryanston, South Africa. It will be exciting to see all of the different squares that have been knitted since we began this project in June of 2016!

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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...

May you experience each day as a
sacred gift woven around
the heart of wonder.

John O'Donohue

