

Broadcaster

Glenview Community Church



February 11, 2009

A Pilgrim's Progress

Several years ago when we lived in Alabama I was on my way to the Atlanta airport when I had a flat tire. I stopped beside the highway, turned on the emergency lights, and got out the jack. Try as I did, three times, I could not get the car high enough to change the tire.

Several times I waved both arms over my head at passing vehicles seeking to get someone to stop, but to no avail. I attempted hitch hiking, but no one stopped. I walked a mile and a half to an exit. When I got to the exit, I went to a Shell station and inquired about calling for a tow truck. The woman behind the counter looked dumbfounded and mumbled that she was new to the area. She suggested I try across the highway at the Amoco station. I walked over there.

I asked the clerk if she would help me call a tow truck because I had a flat tire. She asked, "Have you been in a wreck?" I replied, "No. Why? Do I look like I've been in a wreck?" She said that I did. Having not shaved that day and having a black eye from my most recent basketball experience may have contributed to her impression. But she was helpful. She looked up a towing company, dialed the number and gave me the phone. When she heard me repeat, "\$45", she said, "We can call another company that will come for less than that." I hung up. She called another company. That person agreed to come. After hanging up, she learned I was going to walk back to my vehicle. She said, "The driver can pick you up. He has to come right by here." She called the company back and asked them to get the message to the driver to pick me up at the station. I thanked her and started to walk out to meet the driver. She said, "Get a cup of coffee to take with you. I just put some on and it will be ready in just a minute. I thanked her but said that wasn't necessary. She insisted and so I got a cup of coffee and went to the street to wait for the driver.

When the driver arrived, I had barely gotten in the truck before he said, "Well, tomorrow is going to be a better day." Such optimism.

We arrived at my vehicle, changed the tire, paid the man \$25 and I was on my way.

I arrived at the airport an hour and twenty minutes after my flight departed. I went to the ticket counter to explain my situation. The next flight was Sunday morning and would not get me to my destination until 11 a.m., too late for my appointment. I could get a cash credit for my ticket with a \$50 charge for a ticket fee. My ticket for this leg of the trip was \$51. I waited for the clerk to credit me the \$1. When she finished, she gave me credit for \$51. Then, I made my way to Delta, bought a high priced fare on a flight leaving in 30 minutes. However, maintenance problems on that flight meant that plane wouldn't be flying. Delta got another plane. We departed at midnight and arrived at Dulles Airport at 1:15 a.m. I was immediately informed the available shuttle was the last one until 5:30 a.m. I made sure I was ahead of the Flight Crew confident the shuttle would wait for them. I was in bed before 2:30 a.m. and up in time the next morning for my meeting.

I could complain that no one would stop to help or that the first clerk was not helpful. I could forget about all of that and just tell about the woman who was helpful, the tow truck driver who was optimistic, and the airline clerk who was generous. The point is all of life is a mixture of positives and negatives. No one is blessed with only positive, good things happening to them. And even when there are negative events that seem to overshadow our lives, there also are some positive aspects mixed and mingled in our lives.

God is not causing any of these events. The promise of God is to be a constant companion and source of strength and encouragement to us no matter what happens. On any given day, there may be more positives or more negatives. But on balance, we have plenty of both. Even in my traveling saga, there was a mixture and blend of both. I see my traveling saga as a metaphor of life. Happy traveling. Let me hear about your sagas. May all of our sagas help us make progress as pilgrims.

Howard

SUNDAY SERVICES

February 15, 2009

Mission Moment

8:30 a.m. Women's Choir
10:30 a.m. Women's Choir

Scripture:

Genesis: 1:1-2:4, Matthew 28:16-20

Sermon:

"Creation Revisited"
Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts

February 22, 2009

8:30 a.m. Bell Choir
10:30 a.m. Chancel Choir

Scripture:

Psalms 50:1-6; Mark 9:2-9

Sermon:

"Sense of the Sacred"
Rev. Sally Iberg

Recessed Mid-Winter Congregational Meeting

At the Mid-Winter Congregational meeting on February 8, the following business was transacted: approval of the Minutes of the May 29, 2008 Congregational Meeting; election of Beryl Bills, Church Clerk and Rob Hevey, Church Treasurer; receipt of reports from the Church Clerk, Church Treasurer, and Stewardship Board; adoption of amendments and additions to the GCC Constitution.

The meeting was recessed until Sunday, March 8, 9:30 a.m. for the purpose of adopting the 2009 Budget.

Adult Education Sundays 9:30 am in the Chapel

February 15

Please join us for a discussion of Ecclesiastes by GCC member Earle Shultz on February 15. This promises to be a fascinating look into the Bible and an exploration of passages that are familiar to many of us.

February 22

"Huck Finn, Hamlet, & the Apostle Paul". One, repulsed by the hypocrisies of our civilization, fled first South and then West. One, trapped by his pledge to exact murderous revenge, battled his conscience repeatedly and torturously. And one, seeking to lead others to lives of faith, addressed with disarming candor the tug-of-war between the demons and the angels struggling for his soul.

Huck Finn, Hamlet, and the Apostle Paul have, each in his own way, kept GCC member and English teacher Allan Ruter thinking for most of his life. This spring, before retiring from the Glenbrook High Schools after thirty-two years and 3000+ students, Allan will teach The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn and Hamlet, Prince of Denmark for the last time. As for Paul, if not for his story, Allan might never have become a teacher in the first place.

On Sunday, February 22, at 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel, come explore with Allan the resonances within and connections among these three great characters caught in the throes of moral turmoil. For this literary excursion, there is no prior reading, no quiz, no essay exam—and certainly no Cliff's Notes! Textual excerpts will, however, be supplied.

March

In March we will be featuring a theme of hope and peace. Jay Forman from Thresholds will be with us on March 1 discussing mental illness and hope for healing in the homeless. On March 8 Bill Taylor from Hands of Peace will present a discussion of his paper entitled "The Only Road to Peace". Please email Chris Calandra at ccalandra4@comcast.net for a copy of the paper if you are interested in reading it ahead of time.

Finally, Tom Aldrich will present three weeks of Lenten Bible study using the Kerygma series as a resource. This will be a wonderful way to add to our observations of the Lenten season.

Child care is available upon request—please give us 3-4 days notice to arrange for sitting.

Small Group Ministries

Register today for March small groups. Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts will offer a Lenten Bible study on Thursday evenings beginning with a soup supper. Rev. Dr. Pam Keckler and Marilyn Belleau, Parish Nurse, will offer a small group to discuss women in the Bible on Tuesday mornings. Elizabeth Ciccolini, Director of Youth Ministries, will offer a small group on Wednesday evenings for high school juniors and seniors to talk about what comes after high school. On Wednesday evenings, Rev. Sally Iberg will lead a discussion of Robert Schnase's book, "Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations." You may register through February 22 at Fellowship Hour following worship. You may also register by stopping by or calling the office at 847 724-2210 or going to our website: www.gccucc.org. For more information, contact Rev. Sally Iberg at sally.iberger@gccucc.org or 847 724-2210 x 23.

LECTIO DIVINA

Thursday, February 12, and the second Thursday of each month. This is an opportunity to expand the blessing of meditation in your life. It is a unique spiritual experience within a group meditation on Scripture passages. It is a powerful, prayerful, and gently transforming 90 minutes. We meet from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. in Room 5. Facilitator: Parish Nurse, Marilyn Belleau, ext. 30.

Something For You

Interested in being a part of a new Women's Association chapter? The membership committee of the Women's Association is assessing whether there is interest in the formation of a new chapter, potentially for (but not limited to) young moms. Chapters are a great way to be a part of a small group within the larger group. Members usually meet monthly to study, work together on outreach projects, and share fellowship and fun.

There will be an information meeting on Tuesday, February 17, from 7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. in the Parlor of the church. Current chapter members will be on hand to answer any questions and share their perspectives on what chapter involvement has meant to them. If you are interested, please join us. If you have any questions in advance or are interested but unable to attend the meeting, please call C.J. Sultz at 657-7079.



Our annual 60 Plus Valentine Bingo Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, February 17 at 12 noon in the Mayflower Room. What better way to celebrate this day, but with good food and an extra "lovely" dessert! You will have the opportunity to play our famous Valentine Bingo and win a prize. On this day everyone is a winner!

We ask that you bring an inexpensive wrapped gift (can be white elephant type) to be used as a prize when someone is lucky enough to call out "BINGO".

Join us and bring your friends. Rides are available – call Marilyn Belleau, Parish Nurse at 847-724-2210 ext. 30.



On February 22 at 4 p.m., bring your favorite Valentine to a concert filled with love! The Chicago Early Music Consort will perform beautiful 17th-century Italian love songs in a concert called "Per Amore".

Warm-up to the passionate music of Monteverdi, Strozzi, Legrenzi and Scarlatti, performed as it was originally intended by Stephanie Sheffield, soprano; Gary Berkenstock, recorder; Joel Spears, theorbo and Phillip W. Serna, viola da gamba. For more information, visit www.ChicagoEarlyMusicConsort.org or phone 847.296.4829.

Ministerial Institute at Chicago Theological Seminary

Each year in April the Chicago Theological Seminary presents a Ministerial Institute. Religious leaders and other persons of faith gather to examine pressing issues of our time regarding the life of faith and ministry in the world. April 21-22 are the dates for this year's institute. Interested? Talk with Dr. Roberts, pick up a brochure in the church office, or call Rob Leveridge at 319-592-9548. The institute will be a life enriching, faith deepening experience.



St. Patrick's Day Celebration

SUNDAY, MARCH 8
5 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Mayflower Room

Food, Fellowship and Entertainment by dancers from the *Sheila Tully Academy of Irish Dance*

Please bring a dish to share according to your last name:

A - M Main Dish
N - S Salad or Vegetable
T - Z Dessert

Donations will be gratefully accepted to offset the entertainment expenses.

Please RSVP by March 6 with your name and the number of people attending to Bud or Karin Kinzalow by phone at (847)298-9128 or via email at karin@meridiancable.com

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Altar Flowers for 2009

We have open dates for altar flowers for 2009. If you would like to purchase flowers for one or more of the dates listed below, please pick up a form in the church office or Narthex and return it as soon as possible.

OPEN DATES

February 22	August 9
March 8, 15, 29	September 6, 20
April 5 & 26	October 11, 18, 25
May 10	November 15, 22, 29
June 7	December 13

Prayer Shawl Ministry UPDATE

We had a lovely display on the altar in January when this particular ministry was dedicated to the glory of God and to the recipients of the prayer shawls. Thanks to all the women who are creating these shawls of beauty and love.

Marilyn Belleau, Parish Nurse and Rev. Pam Keckler feel that perhaps they are the lucky people whose "job" it is to deliver the prayer shawls to our members. So far we have concentrated on visiting some of our homebound members who are so grateful and touched by this special "gift," as they think about missing their church and their friends. They are overwhelmed with your loving kindness. Marilyn and Pam are never sure which color to choose for the people, but somehow the one chosen becomes "their favorite color."

We now have 28 women who have signed up to make a prayer shawl or two. We will be having knitting classes at church soon, as well as a time once a month when the knitters can gather at church to work on their projects together. Please contact Marilyn Belleau or Rev. Pam Keckler if you would like more information.



A "SOUPER" Sunday School Project

On February 1, over 150 Sunday School students and a large group of parents gathered in the gym to assemble jars of dry ingredients for a Creamy Cheese Soup. Working in an assembly-line fashion, this team of children and adults prepared 216 of the pretty layered jars. One-third were sold to the congregation, and about 140 were added to the shelves of Northfield Food Pantry. Leftover spices and other dry ingredients were donated to the Good News Community Kitchen. The Children's Ministry Board, who organized the project, would like to thank all who participated in this wonderful contribution to our local community.

Confirmation News:

How are you coming on your service projects and worship reflection sheets? All 8th grade reports must be turned in by Easter Sunday, April 12. There are many opportunities to complete this requirement. If you need help, contact Rev. Keckler.

Eighth Grade Classes

The 8th grade classes will all meet together on Sunday evening, February 22 from 5-8 p.m. for the annual "Confirmation Survivor Night." PYF will help in leadership roles that evening as well. Did we mention pizza and ice cream sundaes?

PYF SOUPER



BOWL SUNDAY



Are You Ready for More Winter?

Coffee, Tea and Cocoa

Equal Exchange products will be for sale during coffee hours on Sunday, February 15.

Since the groundhog saw his shadow, now is the time to stock up on all these warm beverages for those cold winter days ahead.

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Andrew Lewis, *Adult Choir*

Affiliates:

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

At A GLANCE

Thurs 9:00 am Resale Shop, Plymouth Rm until 5:00 pm
2-12 9:30 am Lectio Divina, Rm 5
6:15 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Bell Rm
7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Rm, Sanctuary

Fri 9:00 am Resale Shop, Plymouth Rm until 1:00 pm
2-13 8:00 pm Al-Anon Mtg., Rm 201
8:00 pm AA Mtg., Parlor

Sat 9:00 am Resale Shop, Plymouth Rm until 1:00 pm
2-14 9:00 am Men's Open Gym, Gym

Sun 8:30 am Sunday School, Room 105
2-15 9:15 am Fellowship Hour, Mayflower Rm
9:30 am 8th Grade Confirmation, Various Rms
9:30 am 7th Grade Confirmation, Plymouth Rm
9:30 am Adult Education, Chapel
9:45 am Mission Moment Meeting, Rm 5
9:45 am Voices & Primary Rehearsal, Rm 201
10:15 am Confirmation Closing Prayers, Plymouth Rm
10:30 am Sunday School Gathering, Rm 201
11:30 am Fellowship Hour, Mayflower Rm

Sun 4:00 pm Voices Rehearsal, Rm 201
2-15 4:00 pm PYF Gathering, Youth Rm
4:00 pm Organ Concert, Sanctuary

Mon 9:30 am Finding My Spirit, Library
2-16 4:00 pm Tiger Cub Skit Practice, Rm 201
7:00 pm BSA Troop 156 Com. Mtg., Founders Rm

Tues 12:00 pm 60 Plus Luncheon, Mayflower Rm
2-17 7:30 pm New Chapter Interest Mtg., Parlor

Wed 9:00 am Resale Shop, Plymouth Rm until 1:00 pm
2-18 9:30 am Chapter 20, Chapel
6:30 pm BSA Troop 156 Mtg, Gym, Mayflower Rm
7:00 pm Venturing Crew, Rm 210

Broadcaster DEADLINE

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