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GIVING IT UP FOR LENT

It's been five years since Jeanie and I moved from Green Bay to Glenview...and March 1st will be my fifth anniversary at Glenview Community Church. In those five years, a number of you have asked me, "What do you miss about Green Bay?" or "What do you miss about Wisconsin?" Of course, there are the predictable responses: friends, Door County, the north woods, and the Packers!

But one of the things I miss the very most is **Friday Fish Frys**. In Wisconsin, the Roman Catholic discipline of abstaining from red meat on Fridays (the day Jesus was crucified), has transcended particular religious expressions and has even become a religion of its own. In Wisconsin, EVERYBODY loves Friday Fish Frys! It's a cultural institution.

The most common fish that's fried in Wisconsin on Fridays is cod. But, after eighteen years in Wisconsin, my favorite fish filet is solidly perch. There's nothing like it! And no place does it better than **The Rite Place** in Green Bay. **Julie** – the owner of **The Rite Place** – knows that. So, when Union Church asked Julie to schedule our farewell dinner at **The Rite Place** on a Friday evening, she agreed...even though Friday is her busiest day. And nothing else would do for the menu except perch...250 plates of fresh, never-frozen perch, breaded and fried, for that evening. It was a little piece of culinary heaven!

The Wisconsin Fish Fry began with the religious discipline of fasting. So the taste treat sensation that it's become misses the point. We're supposed to feel sacrifice and deprivation, not satisfaction and delight! That brings us to Lent. Giving something

up for Lent is a widespread practice: chocolate, alcohol, TV, and dessert are a few possibilities for those who take it seriously... and anchovies, Brussels Sprouts, Spam and anything else that we wouldn't put on our plates are options for those who really aren't interested in this discipline!

For a long time I've thought that giving something up for Lent was more ritual than it is meaning. But I'm now persuaded that it can more deeply center our hearts in God and bring us closer to Jesus. The point is to give up something that's a real sacrifice... something that we will truly miss....and, in the missing, to feel a physical reminder of how much God gave up to love us and change us with holy love.

Are you willing to give it a try? If so, choose something that you truly enjoy...something that, in its absence, you will physically feel. And, when you come to that moment in the day when you'd indulge; abstain. But don't stop there! Instead, offer a prayer that goes something like this: **Thank you, God for loving us so much that You gave up Your own Son for us. Help me to love others the way that Jesus loves me.** Then remember the verse of scripture that we only need numbers to remember...3:16. Here's how it's written in my heart:

For God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Everlasting life...the life of love that never ends. Deepening our awareness of how precious we are to God is far more signifi-

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FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
UCC SEMINARY SUNDAY

Scripture:
Isaiah 40:28-31
Mark 1:29-39

Sermon:
Don Clark, former Board Chair and Acting President of Chicago Theological Seminary, preaching.

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SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Scripture:
Psalm 13
Romans 4:13-25

Sermon:
How Long?
Rev. Dr. Pam Keckler

MARCH

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THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
HOLY COMMUNION

Scripture:
1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Sermon:
I believe, anyway.
Rev. Dale Susan Edmonds

All Things New

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cant than forty pieces of chocolate that we give up for Lent.

It's hard to do this alone. So don't! Surround yourself with others who are working their way closer to God in the clarity of leanness on Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. in worship at GCC!

See you in church!
Chuck Mize

SPIRITUAL COUNCIL MEETING REPORT JANUARY 23, 2018

The first Spiritual Council meeting of 2018 focused on exciting opportunities for entertainment, service, and learning during Lent and beyond, and on our church's financial health.

Budget and Treasurer's Report: Looking at 2017 in review, our actual budget deficit of \$25,858 was considerably smaller than the anticipated deficit of \$154,999. While this is excellent news, the sobering fact is that we benefitted from events that we cannot count on repeating. Our revenues were greatly enhanced by the year's exceptional stock market gains and by a few large one-time gifts. At the same time, our expenses were low because the church building did not suffer any breakdowns or emergencies. Much credit also goes to the excellent stewardship of our building staff. Looking to the future, the Spiritual Council reviewed the 2018 budget presented by the Resource Ministry and recommended it for presentation to the congregation at the Midwinter Meeting on February 11. This budget reflects much careful thought and debate on the best ways to reduce and eventually eliminate deficit spending.

MINISTRY REPORTS: The Congregational Life Ministry encouraged everyone to attend the Mardi Gras pot-luck party on February 11 to enjoy live cajun music and fun for all ages. The Outreach Ministry is sponsoring Mission Moments once a month during services, with speakers representing organizations that are integral to GCC's missions, ministry, and message. The Pastoral Relations Committee is launching a Lenten Theater series. Each Pastor will choose a film that will be viewed and discussed during Lent.

PASTORS' REPORTS: Elizabeth reported that the PYF winter trip was a success. Chuck lifted up the happy news that Altounian Construction, our new construction manager, has delivered an estimate that is within our budget. Pam said the excursion to Too Hot to Handel was inspirational for all who attended and looked forward to the Women's Retreat on January 26-27.

APRIL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: The Spiritual Council voted to hold a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, April 8, after services, to vote on proceeding to the construction phase of the Forward in Faith project.

MINISTRY 101 RESOURCES

The Resources Ministry is a powerhouse of three heavy-hitting teams that serve our congregation: Finance, Properties and Generosity (formerly known as Stewardship.) Each of these teams alone account for a tremendous part of GCC, helping GCC to survive and flourish.

The weight of responsibility shouldered by these teams comes across in the commitment shown by Resource Ministry Chair, Brad Smith. He has the following to say about his group, "The Resources Ministry plays a key role in some of the most important aspects of keeping GCC a vibrant and healthy organization."

Here is how Brad describes his teams and how they serve GCC:

FINANCE – oversees all GCC's financial matters. This includes monitoring church expenditures throughout the year, managing GCC's investments, and developing the 2018 church budget that we ask the Congregation to approve at our mid-winter meeting in February. Team lead, Chris Wetterman, cwetterman977@hotmail.com, Treasurer, Chris Clark, chris.clark2@comcast.net

PROPERTIES – works closely with Pastors, Facilities Employees, and the Forward in Faith Construction Committee to coordinate maintenance and improvements to GCC's physical property. Team lead, Steve Gale, stevegale50@gmail.com

GENEROSITY – For years, this group was called Stewardship, but we have renamed it to better reflect our attitude to how GCC Members financially support the church. The Generosity team leads our annual pledging initiative as well as planned giving programs. Team Lead, Ann Deakyne, saltmama3@comcast.net

"Our Resources Ministry Teams offer a number of avenues for members to apply their expertise in substantial ways that help the church." says Brad Smith.

Join a team and make a difference for GCC! To get involved, contact the team leads mentioned above or Brad Smith at 847-525-1662.

Look for the last installment of "Ministry 101" in the next issue as we explore the Worship and Music Ministry Group in depth and conclude our series.



ANOTHER GCC AUTHOR!

Lew Musil is another GCC author who will be book signing and selling his latest book on February 25, after the church service: Proceeds to go to Glenview Community Church. Lew's book, "Farley Weldun" is a delightful series of stories about a young boy named Farley and his father as Farley is growing up. GCC's Jim Yagelski has provided the illustrations you will see throughout the book. But the cover picture of Farley is Lew's own portrait of this young man as he grows up.

The book is a wonderful look at boys and their dads through their experiences together. Neither autobiographical nor educational, this book reminds us of the breadth and depth of the relationship between sons and fathers. In an age of electronics and television we see the simplicity of conversation and the depth of understanding that is thoroughly lost in a world where time is taken up with machines.

Farley navigates the world through the lessons he learns from his dad. His dad learns about the important experiences in life as he shares them with Farley. The importance of this book is it attempts to raise and answer questions that are seldom asked in the relationship of fathers and sons but are basic to and underlie the relationship.

This book is for all boys, young and old who remember something about their experiences of growing up with their fathers. And it is for all the women who try to understand the men in their lives. You will recognize Lew Musil as he sits next to his wife, GCC's own Dr. Bobbie McKay, in the second pew on Sunday mornings. They will celebrate their 45th wedding anniversary in May.



FIELD TRIP TO TRINITY UCC – MARCH 4

The 8th grade Confirmands will travel by bus to Chicago on Sunday afternoon, March 4 to worship with Trinity United Church of Christ, the largest African American church in our denomination. We get to observe baptism by immersion, what it means to join the church and become a member, hear praise music, and share in communion. If any GCC adult members/friends would like to be part of this experience, contact Rev. Pam Keckler for more details.



You may recall that at the last congregational meeting, we were over budget. The committee has been busy working to close that gap. In the process, Pastor Mize's cellphone took matters into its computer chips and called Bill Bennett. Bill was with Pepper Construction when GCC started this project and he now works for Altounian Construction. Altounian Construction has many of the trades in-house, keeping their costs competitive. With adjustments to the design and the bid from Altounian, we are now within our budget. The Construction Committee approved a motion to move forward with Altounian as the construction company. To look at the updated drawings and 3D renderings, click [HERE](#).

NOW ACCEPTING DONATIONS



Plans are underway for our **5TH ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF AND "HOME-TOWN" AUCTION** on Sunday, April 15. The Faith Formation ministry is now accepting donations of auction items to help raise money for this summer's mission trip to Louisville, Kentucky. 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 and in bulletin board folders by the west entrance.

Questions? Contact karen.ornduff@gmail.com for questions about donations or the event. And consider entering the cook-off and impressing everyone with your chili recipe! Contact Stephen Isaacs at sisaacs3@bloomberg.net and provide your name and phone number to enter the chili cook-off.

PYF WINTER SPRING 2018

PYF is on Sundays from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. in the Youth Room unless otherwise noted.

FEBRUARY 18

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. PYF Pizza Snack

FEBRUARY 25

Game On! Board Games – join us as we put a twist on some of our favorite board games.

MARCH 4

PYF Cooks: “Chopped” join us for another fun cooking competition escapade.

MARCH 9

PYF Lock In - Murder Mystery Dinner – Invitations will be sent out. PYF attendance requirements of 5 times apply.

MARCH 11

No PYF

MARCH 18

PYF Mission Projects – We will assemble waiting room bags for St. Jude’s. Watch for a list of what needs to be donated.

MARCH 25, Palm Sunday

No PYF

APRIL 1, Easter Sunday

No PYF

APRIL 8

Game On! Card Games

APRIL 15

Auction & Chili Cook Off

APRIL 22

Staytreat Part 1: We will repaint the PYF Sign, have Smores, and enjoy the outdoors.

APRIL 29

Staytreat Part 2: Capture the Flag

MAY 6

PYF Field Trip: Navy Pier meet at the church at 12:45 p.m. We will take the train, and water taxi to Navy Pier. We will return right around 6:00 p.m.

MAY 13

Youth Sunday

Support GCCNS

**YOU SHOP.
WE GIVE.**

Glenview Community Church Nursery School has been a part of GCC for over 70 years, providing quality early education to children from our church and wider community. We can support our nursery school easily through Heinen’s school donation program. Sign up with your rewards card and select GCCNS as your school of choice.

This generation of GCCNS children say thank you and “Have a Happy Day”

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- Online at heinens.com/schools
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GIVING GLIMPSE DECEMBER 2017

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 and ensure the fiscal health of the church. 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 Financial Snapshot will be updated monthly and included in the worship bulletin and Broadcaster.

	YTD	Over/(Under)Budget
Pledge Fulfillment	\$990,433	\$21,658
Other Income	\$283,411	\$48,801
Expenses	\$1,299,703	(\$58,681)
Net Total	(\$25,858)	\$129,140

SUMMARY: We had a very strong December and ended 2017 with a \$25,858 operating deficit against a budgeted deficit of \$154,999. The positive results reflect outstanding pledge fulfillment, strong investment income, tight control of operating expenses, and no major unforeseen expenses.

Credo...This I Believe

Lenten Reflections on the Meaning, Mystery and Majesty of our Faith

Weekday Worship Opportunities

ASH WEDNESDAY – FEBRUARY 14

7-8 a.m. The sanctuary will be open for prayer, conversation with one of the pastors, and Imposition of Ashes. Join us for this quiet time of prayer early as you begin your day. A printed devotional guide will be available for your use.

7:30 p.m. Worship in the style of Taizé with Holy Communion by intinction and Imposition of Ashes

MAUNDY THURSDAY

March 29 at 7:30 p.m. Worship in the style of Taizé with Holy Communion

GOOD FRIDAY

March 30 at 7:30 p.m. Worship in the style of Taizé

HOLY SATURDAY

March 31 at 7 p.m. in the Chapel

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Join us at 4:00 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. each Wednesday in the Parlor.

Sunday Worship Opportunities

Each of the five Sundays in Lent will have a different worship leader and preacher. From a scriptural foundation the focus will be the reflection on the preacher's personal faith and how that faith anchors and inspires her or his life.

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

February 18 Don Clark, former Acting President of Chicago Theological Seminary for UCC Seminary Sunday.

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

February 25 Pam Keckler

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 4 Dale Susan Edmonds

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 11 Elizabeth Hartung Ciccolini

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 18 Chuck Mize

PALM SUNDAY

March 25 10:00 a.m. Procession with the palms

EASTER SUNDAY

April 1 at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. with Holy Communion

Outreach and Service Projects

MARCH MISSION MADNESS PROJECT; REFUGEE ONE

Refugee One has welcomed 175,00 refugees from countless world crises to Chicago since 1982. Their goal is to help refugees become self-reliant in as few as 6-9 months. More details to come.

PYF MISSION PROJECTS - MARCH 18

The youth are going to assemble waiting room bags for St. Jude's hospital. PYF will publish a list of what is needed and can be donated. More details to come.

CHURCH SCHOOL PROJECT

Easter Adopt-a-Family. We are gathering items for Easter dinners and clothing items for a homeless shelter. More details to come.

Lenten Dinner and Theatre

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LENTEN DINNER AND THEATRE

5:30 p.m. Community Dinner (Soup, Pizza, Chicken, Salad)

Free Will Donation. RSVP for dinner – sign up in the church office.

6:30-8:30

February 21 and 28

March 7 and 14

March 21 and 28

MOVIE AND GROUP DISCUSSION IN CHAPEL

A selection from The Spiritual Cinema Circle with Pam Keckler

A River Runs Through It with Elizabeth Hartung-Ciccolini

Gran Torino with Chuck Mize

Coming in April Worship 10:00

SHOWTUNE SUNDAY - APRIL 8

Make Someone Happy

CHILDREN'S MUSICAL APRIL 22

The 16th Voices of GCC Musical

CHANCEL CHOIR SUNDAY APRIL 29

Misa Criolla by Ariel Ramírez

An exciting, lively choral work by Argentinian composer Ariel Ramírez, Misa Criolla (a "Folk Mass") is based on the sounds and rhythms of various South American cultures, employing a variety of instruments and musical styles. Presented by the Chancel Choir.

Daily UCC Lenten Devotional Guides are available in the church office and in the narthex for your use.

Please take one!

All Things New

"Fais Do Do"!



Great Food!

Approximately 90 GCC members, friends and family celebrated Mardi Gras on Sunday evening, February 11 at a party and potluck organized by the Congregational Life Ministry Group.

Participants enjoyed the live music provided by the Cajun band, Le Travailant, and delicious food, including a Gumbo and Jambalaya bar! Children had fun decorating Mardi Gras masks and searching for the baby in the king's cakes. Thanks to all who participated and made this a wonderful fellowship event!



Fun Crafts!



Le Travailant



Laissez Les Bon Temps Rouler! (Let The Good Times Roll!)



Event Time	Event Name	Primary Location	Event Time	Event Name	Primary Location
Thursday, 15 February 2018			Sunday, 25 February 2018		
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room	9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
9:00 AM to 10:00 AM	Yoga	Narthex	8:45 AM to 9:50 AM	Confirmation Classes	Plymouth Room
6:15 PM to 7:20 PM	Bell Rehearsal	Sanctuary	10:00 AM to 10:15 AM	Church School Children Meet In Sanctuary	SanctuaryM
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	BSA Troop 156	Gym	10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	Glenview Community Church Worship Service	Sanctuary
7:30 PM to 9:00 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary	11:05 AM to 12:00 PM	Fellowship & Refreshments	Mayflower
Friday, 16 February 2018			4:00 PM to 6:00 PM	PYF	Youth Room
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room	Tuesday, 27 February 2018		
Saturday, 17 February 2018			9:15 AM to 10:00 AM	Music & Movement	Cradle/Toddler Room
8:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Men's Open Gym	Gym	10:15 AM to 11:00 AM	Music & Movement	Cradle/Toddler Room
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room	Wednesday, 28 February 2018		
Sunday, 18 February 2018			9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
10:00 AM to 10:15 AM	Church School Children Meet In Sanctuary	SanctuaryM	9:15 AM to 10:00 AM	Music & Movement	Cradle/Toddler Room
10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	Glenview Community Church Worship Service	Sanctuary	10:15 AM to 11:00 AM	Music & Movement	Cradle/Toddler Room
11:05 AM to 12:00 PM	Fellowship & Refreshments	Mayflower	11:00 AM to 11:45 AM	Music & Movement	Cradle/Toddler Room
4:00 PM to 5:00 PM	PYF	Youth Room	4:00 PM to 5:30 PM	Bible Study	Parlor
Monday, 19 February 2018			4:00 PM to 5:14 PM	FISH	Mayflower
6:30 PM to 8:30 PM	HOP Movie Night	Mayflower	5:30 PM to 7:30 PM	6th-12th Grade Wednesday Youth Group	Youth Room
7:00 PM to 8:00 PM	Yoga	Room 201	5:30 PM to 6:30 PM	Lenten Community Dinner	Mayflower
Tuesday, 20 February 2018			6:30 PM to 7:30 PM	Lenten Theater	Chapel
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	Spiritual Council Meeting	Founders	Thursday, 01 March 2018		
7:30 PM to 8:30 PM	FIAT Meetings	Room 32	9:00 AM to 5:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
Wednesday, 21 February 2018			6:15 PM to 7:20 PM	Bell Rehearsal	Bell Room
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room	7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	BSA Troop 156	Founders
9:15 AM to 10:00 AM	Music & Movement	Cradle/Toddler Room	7:30 PM to 9:00 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
9:30 AM to 11:30 AM	Chapter 20 Meeting	Chapel	Friday, 02 March 2018		
10:15 AM to 11:00 AM	Music & Movement	Cradle/Toddler Room	9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
11:00 AM to 11:45 AM	Music & Movement	Cradle/Toddler Room	Saturday, 03 March 2018		
4:00 PM to 5:30 PM	Bible Study	Parlor	8:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Men's Open Gym	Gym
4:00 PM to 5:14 PM	FISH	Mayflower	9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
5:30 PM to 7:30 PM	6th-12th Grade Wednesday Youth Group	Youth Room	Sunday, 04 March 2018		
5:30 PM to 6:30 PM	Lenten Community Dinner	Mayflower	8:45 AM to 9:50 AM	Confirmation Classes	Plymouth Room
6:30 PM to 7:30 PM	Lenten Theater	Chapel	10:00 AM to 10:15 AM	Church School Children Meet In Sanctuary	SanctuaryM
Thursday, 22 February 2018			10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	Glenview Community Church Worship Service	Sanctuary
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room	4:00 PM to 6:00 PM	PYF	Youth Room
9:00 AM to 10:00 AM	Yoga	Narthex	Monday, 05 March 2018		
6:15 PM to 7:20 PM	Bell Rehearsal	Bell Room	6:30 PM to 8:30 PM	BSA 156 Meeting	Founders
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	BSA Troop 156	Founders	Tuesday, 06 March 2018		
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM	Construction Meeting	Chapel	7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	HOP Movie Night	Founders
7:30 PM to 9:00 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary	Wednesday, 07 March 2018		
Friday, 23 February 2018			9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room	4:00 PM to 5:30 PM	Bible Study	Parlor
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM	GCC Volleyball	Gym	4:00 PM to 5:14 PM	FISH	Mayflower
Saturday, 24 February 2018			4:00 PM to 5:30 PM	Knitters/Crocheters	Library
8:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Men's Open Gym	Gym	5:30 PM to 7:30 PM	6th-12th Grade Wednesday Youth Group	Youth Room
			5:30 PM to 6:15 PM	Community Dinner	Mayflower Room A
			5:30 PM to 6:30 PM	Lenten Community Dinner	Mayflower
			6:30 PM to 7:30 PM	Lenten Theater	Chapel



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Rev. Dr. Pamela Keckler, *Pastor*
Rev. Elizabeth Hartung-Ciccolini, *Associate Pastor for Youth and Children*

OFFICE HOURS

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

PONDERING IN SILENCE

My business is not to remake
myself, but make the absolute
best of what God made.

– *Robert Browning*

