

Broadcaster

Glenview Community Church

March 4, 2009

A Pilgrim's Progress

There's a verse in Isaiah that is descriptive of each of us, "a person of sorrow, acquainted with grief" (Is. 53:3). We are carrying bags full of emotional losses often with little or no awareness of the pain the losses are causing us. Frightened by the thought of how much hurt there might be if we go there, scared that we might lose control of our emotions if we begin to think or talk about our losses, we bury them alive. They come from wherever we have buried them, working their way into our lives in inappropriate and damaging ways.

We've all seen this in someone else. It's less frightening to see some things in others than in ourselves. In the midst of a conversation, a friend, who recently lost his job, erupts with an outburst of anger that is overdone and seems to have little or no connection to the current conversation. Just a little reflection reveals that the anger caused by losing a job is just under the surface of this friend's life and affects every part of his life. You see it in his face or hear it in her tone of voice.

All of us have our losses—death of a parent or friend, miscarriage, a child leaving home, a job turns out not to be what we signed up for it to be, church is not like we remembered it being "back in the day," a marriage in name only, divorce, loss of a job, loss of physical abilities, or loss of esteem and self-worth. There is no exhaustive list of losses.

As one pastor stated, "Seldom do people make an appointment just to tell us that they're overwhelmed with gratitude. If there isn't a problem in their personal life, then it's usually a problem with the church that has brought them to the pastor's study. . . . Even when they're talking about a complaint with the church, the true issue is closer to home.

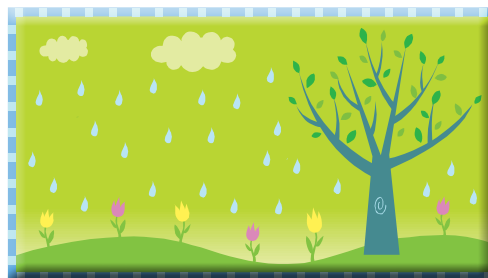
"Complaining is usually a veiled lament about deeper issues of the soul. Since people are unaccustomed to exploring the mystery of their own souls, they will often work out their spiritual anxieties by attempting to rearrange something external like one or more of the church's programs. But it

doesn't matter how many changes they make to the environment around them. They will never succeed in finding peace for the angst of the soul until they attend directly to it. This is why people have pastors." (M. Craig Barnes, "Poet in Residence," The Christian Century, 2/10/09, p. 27)

The best time to confront and deal with our losses is when they occur. Too often what we do is deal just enough with the pain to keep functioning but in our heart of hearts we know we are not functioning at full capacity. The Lenten season provides a climate that encourages us be reflective, introspective and come to terms with our losses. Here is a way to begin. What are your complaints? About what do you spend time complaining? What personal loss is beneath your complaint(s)? As you are able to sit with the emotions that come out of the graves where you've buried them, you may discover and experience the true meaning of resurrection.

Howard

Spring Forward



on March 8
for the time
change



SUNDAY SERVICES

MARCH 8, 2009

8:30 a.m. *Pilgrim Wind Ens.*
10:30 a.m. *Chancel Choir & Pilgrim Wind Ens.*

Scripture:

Exodus 20:1-17, Mark 15:6-10

Sermon:

"When We Turn Green"
Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts

MARCH 15, 2009

MISSION MOMENT

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

Scripture:

Matthew 26:57-75; Ephesians 4:25-32

Sermon:

"To Tell The Truth"
Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts

MARCH 22, 2009

8:30 a.m. *Children's Choir*
10:30 a.m. *Chancel Choir*

Scripture:

Obadiah 1-16; Matthew 5:21-24, 38-48

Sermon:

"The Killing Attitude"
Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts

March Mondays with Pam

Want to talk about life? Your life? What do you believe or don't believe now? What was your religious training, if any as you were growing up? Rev. Pam Keckler will be in Room 5 each Monday during March from noon until 1 pm and from 7-8 pm if you would like to sit and talk about issues such as these. The only thing not allowed is church business! Feel free to bring your lunch and beverage and sit for a spell. Just show up!

Prayer

Gracious God,
direct and guide your church
with your unfailing care,
That it may be hard-working
in times of quiet and
daring in times of trouble.
Amen.

Adapted from the Franciscan Breviary, c. 1226

Recessed Mid-Winter Congregational Meeting

The recessed Mid-Winter Congregational meeting will take place Sunday, March 8 at 9:30 am in the Sanctuary.

The purpose of the meeting is to adopt the 2009 Glenview Community Church Budget.

All members of the church are urged to be present.

Beryl Bills, Church Clerk

Ministerial Institute at CTS

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.

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

April 26
June 7
August 9
October 25
December 13



Soul Sisters

SOUL SISTERS LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

Learn about the women of the Bible at our three sessions on Tuesday morning, March 3, 10, and 17. We'll meet from 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.. Several have signed up for this small group. If you would still like to join us, contact Rev. Pam Keckler or Marilyn Belleau.



Be More Active! Pilates Classes at GCC

Pilates Classes will be offered here in the church by Coach Yvonne Bennett, a Stott Certified Pilates instructor and AFAA certified personal trainer/fitness consultant.

We will meet in Room 201 at 7:00 PM on Tuesdays March 17, 24, 31, April 7, 21, 28 (skipping April 14).

Pre-registration is required (forms in church office) –return to Marilyn's mailbox

Cost for 6 week session is \$75.00 Questions? Call Marilyn Belleau, Parish Nurse, 847-724-2210 ext. 30 or email instructor at yvonne@allbennetts.com.

Adult Education Sundays 8:30 am in the Chapel

March 8

REMINDER, REMINDER, REMINDER!!!! Adult Education featuring Bill Taylor from Hands of Peace will be meeting at **8:30 am** on March 8, not the usual 9:30 time slot. This change is in place so that all may attend both Adult Education at 8:30 am AND the all congregational meeting scheduled for 9:30 am.

Please plan to get to GCC a little earlier on March 8 to hear Bill Taylor speak about his thoughts on the possibility of peace in the Middle East and how to achieve it.



There is help! Career Resource Center offers professional assistance to individuals in employment transition. Services include private advisor sessions, education programs, interview training, reference materials, internet job search training, individualized computer training, computer and other equipment use, networking sessions, employment clearing house. Check out their web page at www.careerresourcecenter.org or phone them at 847 295-5626. They are located in Lake Forest.



DON'T FORGET Soup at Six and Lenten Bible Study

Join us in the Mayflower Room on Thursday evenings in March for a simple soup and bread at 6:00 p.m. followed by a Bible study from 6:30-7:30 pm with Dr. Roberts. A basket will be available for donations to cover the cost of the food (suggestion of \$5.00). Many have signed up for this supper and program. If you haven't signed up for supper but would like to come, simply call the church office and let us know. Thank you.

A Recipe for Peace



Serves: A healthy portion of Peace for up to 99 people!

Preheat: Set Calendar to Sunday, March 22, 2009, 3 p.m.

Ingredients:

- * \$50 Adult Ticket
- * \$30 Student Ticket
- * 5 (five) Baskets of delectable treats will be raffled, each including a copy of The Arab-Israeli

Cookbook. \$5 per ticket, or 3 for \$10! Winner need not be present to win.

Directions:

* Purchase theater and raffle tickets with a credit card at www.hands-of-peace.org, or call Wendy Steinberg at 847-207-1218 to purchase with a check or for ticket information.

* Enjoy the performance!
THE ARAB-ISRAELI COOKBOOK
The Storefront Theater
66 E. Randolph Street, Chicago

* Join cast and audience members for a "talkback" and refreshments following the performance!

A portion of the matinee's proceeds directly benefits Hands of Peace.

SPRING



The GCC resale shop is now taking donations of spring merchandise

Please consider donating your gently used quality clothing and merchandise such as small housewares, toys, jewelry and accessories for sale at the GCC Resale Shop. The Resale Shop at Glenview Community Church is the primary source of funding for the charitable activities of the GCC Woman's Association.



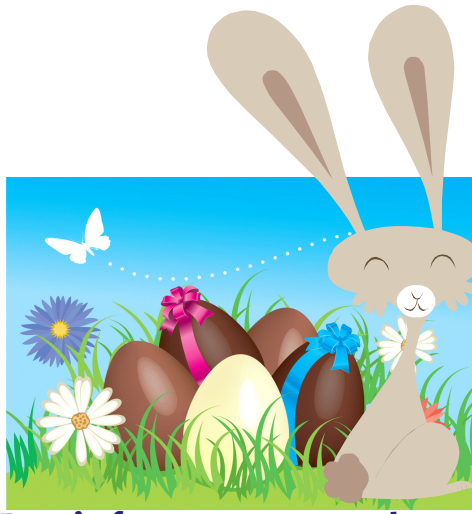
SUNDAY, MARCH 22

12:00 in the Mayflower Room
Preventing Personal Identity Theft Seminar

If you have not been part of a "Phishing" attempt, had your credit card number lifted electronically, or had your social security number used fraudulently you are in a shrinking group. In the past few weeks, a number of GCC members have been fraudulently contacted over the telephone by automated messages purporting to be from banks where they have existing accounts. David Kreiman, Senior Vice President at Glenview State Bank will be in the Mayflower room on March 22, at noon. He will discuss the steps you need to take to be and feel secure insofar as your identity is concerned. ALL of us, not just internet users, need to attend this because the techniques involve mail and the telephone as well as electronics. If you have specific questions for Mr. Kreiman, you can e-mail them to David Aki dave254@comcast.net and we will forward them to Mr. Kreiman, who will address your concerns on March 22.

Bagel's, doughnuts and coffee will be available (for a donation).

Hosted by: *The Men's Ministry and the Board of Adult Education*



Don't forget to save the date on April 11th for the Easter egg hunt. Watch for your invitation in the mail.

Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers to "Extend Radical Hospitality" to GCC's visitors by delivering bread!

Did you know that GCC volunteers deliver bread to first time visitors who live in the nearby neighborhood? It is a great way of acknowledging to GCC's visitors that sincerely "All are welcome here." Bread deliveries for the Spring-Summer will soon be scheduled. Bread Volunteers are scheduled for 1 delivery day every 2-3 months and usually have two to three loaves of bread to deliver. To participate please call Linda Binaei, Director of Member Engagement at 847-724-2210, extension 29.

The Lenten Devotional

The Lenten Devotional booklets are now available in the church office. The readings began on Feb. 25, Ash Wednesday and will run through Easter morning, April 12. Several of our former confirmands and adults have written personal reflections. For those who are unable to come to the church, you may also call the office if you would like a copy mailed to you.

Pastoral Care

Please keep Colin Kelly and family in your prayers upon the death of his father, James, on February 14.

Confirmation News:

7th Grade Confirmands

FIELD TRIP

The 7th grade class will worship with the congregation of BJBE in Glenview on Friday evening, March 6 at 7:30 p.m. We'll be part of a Tefilah (Prayer) Band Service – a very musical service with guitars, drums, etc. Call the Vevangs or Rev. Keckler if you plan to attend. Parents are invited.

PYFF Lenten Vespers

Sunday, March 22 from 4-5 pm.

Join us for a fun night of worship, fellowship, potluck supper and games for youth. Parents will bring their favorite parenting tip in working with their teenagers. All are welcome. To reserve your spot, contact Elizabeth or Pam.

PYF 4:00 - 6:00 PM

March 6

Friday Night Pretzel Making: We will start at 5:30. Dinner will be served.

March 8

PYF AM (Pretzel Selling) & Open Youth Room.

March 15

Miniature Golf @ Putting Edge. Meet at the church at 3:30 p.m.

March 22

PYFF – Lent

March 29

Spring Break

PYF will be selling their homemade chocolate pretzels on Sunday, March 8. This is always a favorite treat. Thanks for your support.



CHAPERONES FOR PILGRIM YOUTH FELLOWSHIP WORK CAMP

This year our youth will travel to Northern Minnesota to work on the Cass Lake reservation, repairing houses and working with young children.

We are looking for two chaperones. Youthworks is the organization we are working with this year. www.youthworks.com The dates are June 14– June 19. Please email Elizabeth Ciccolini for information on the process to become a PYF chaperone. Elizabeth.ciccolini@gccucc.org

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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*
Linda Binaei, *Member Engagement*
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

Thurs 9:00 am Resale Shop, Plymouth Rm until 5:00 pm
3-5 6:15 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Bell Rm
7:00 pm HOP Comm. Mtg., Parlor
7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Rm, Sanctuary

Fri 9:00 am Resale Shop, Plymouth Rm until 1:00 pm
6:00 pm PYF Pretzel Making, Kitchen
6:00 pm NSVYR Volleyball, Gym
3-6 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
3-7 9:00 am Men's Open Gym, Gym

Sun 8:30 am Sunday School, Room 105
8:30 am Adult Education, Chapel
3-8 9:15 am Fellowship Hour, Mayflower Rm
9:30 am Fellowship Board, Rm 213
9:30 am 8th Grade Confirmation, Various Rms
9:30 am 7th Grade Confirmation, Rm 8
9:30 am Membership Board, Rm 7
9:45 am Primary Choir 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 11:45 am Confirmation/Youth Board, Youth Rm
3-8 2:00 pm 678 Club, Youth Rm, Gym
3:30 pm Voices Rehearsal, Rm 201
5:00 pm St. Patrick's Potluck Dinner, Mayflower Rm

Mon 12:00 pm March Mondays With Pam, Rm 5
3-9 7:00 pm Pilgrim Wind Ensemble, Sanctuary
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Tues 12:00 pm Knitting Classes, Rm 5
3-10 7:00 pm Mission Outreach Board, Parlor
7:00 pm Services & Sacraments, Youth Rm
7:00 pm Adult Education, Founders Rm
7:00 pm Pastoral Care Board, Rm 210
7:00 pm Children's Board, Rm 201

Wed 9:00 am Resale Shop, Plymouth Rm until 1:00 pm
3-11 6:30 pm BSA Troop 156 Court of Honor,
Mayflower Rm
7:00 pm Venturing Crew, Rm 210
7:00 pm Music Board, Rm 201
7:00 pm Stewardship Board, Rm 7

Broadcaster DEADLINE

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