

NEARLY HALFWAY THROUGH

In Confirmation, I asked the class how often they talk to their best friends. They said every day, most said several times a day. I asked what would happen if they went several days **without** talking, then a week... several weeks. They said the relationship would start going downhill and pretty soon you wouldn't have a friendship anymore.

We used that conversation as a lead-in to talking about Prayer.

Even though we know better, it's all too easy to allow our practice of prayer to become somewhat like going to the heavenly vending machine. We wait till we're nearly desperate for something, then we expect "prayer in – answer out".

But prayer is much more analogous to building an on-going relationship. It's our way of reconnecting to God, who is Love. Who is the Source of Love. Who is the Source of our ability to redirect when we are going in the wrong direction.

The season of Lent and the ancient urging toward extra or unusual spiritual practice isn't because fasting, or not eating meat, or giving something up for Lent, or reading a devotional book every day is inherently pleasing to God. It's for us – a trigger, a reminder to check-in, to reconnect. To check on the state of our own heart connection to God's Love.

So we're nearly halfway through the season. Did you have a plan? How is it going? If you discovered you didn't have time to follow through, then it really is time to recalibrate.

In that same Confirmation class I asked how you could tell if someone was really connected to God. They had quite a variety of answers – that they would be nice, kind, caring, helpful, included others... I told March 26, 2014

them their list sounded a lot like Galations 5:22, that "the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control."

The class saw cliques, bullying, lying, irrational anger, and deliberately excluding or harming others as evidence of being disconnected.

So what do we do when we're stressed, fearful, overwhelmed, finding ourselves irritable for no reason, or raging with even a minor trigger? Time to stop and check in especially when we don't think we have the time – returning to the One who can guide our hearts to exactly what we need.

Wishing you God's Courage and Peace, Rev. Dale

LENTEN PRAYER

You keep us looking. You, the God of all space, want us to look in the right and wrong places for signs of hope, for people who are hopeless, for visions of a better world that will appear among the disappointments of the world we know. So thank you...for the looking time.

You keep us loving. You, the God whose name is love, want us to be like you – to love the loveless and the unlovely and the unlovable; to love without jealousy or design or threat; and most difficult of all, to love ourselves. So thank you...for the loving time.

May we look and love anew this Lenten season.

--- from Iona Community, Scotland

WORSHIP SERVICES

MARCH 30, 2014 A HEALING CHURCH

10:00 a.m.

Scripture: John 9:1-41

Sermon: Now I See Rev. Dr. Chuck Mize

APRIL 6, 2014

A BELIEVING CHURCH

10:00 a.m.

Scripture: Romans 8:6-11, John 11:1-45

Sermon: Rev. Dr. Chuck Mize

April 6, 2014 – Communion will not be served, rather we will celebrate communion on Easter Sunday, April 20 at 9:00 and 11:00 AM.

APRIL 13, 2014

A DEMONSTRATING CHURCH PALM SUNDAY

10:00 a.m.

Scripture: Matthew 21:1-11

Sermon: Rev. Dr. Chuck Mize

LARGE PRINT

We now offer large print bulletins of the worship service. Please ask an usher for a copy.

WORSHIP PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 13

10:00 AM

Long ago the anonymous and forgotten people of Israel welcomed Jesus to Jerusalem with a raucous parade. They sang, they shouted, they waved palm branches and carpeted Jesus' way with their coats and clothing. Join us as we welcome Jesus to GCC and in our lives in worship with singing, shouting and palms!

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 17 7:00 PM

We will gather in worship to remember Jesus' Passover meal with His disciples, and how He became our Passover lamb through word and sacrament. The name of the day comes from the Latin word mandatum, which means commandment. It is on this night that Jesus gives His disciples a new commandment:

"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." --John 13:34-35

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 18 2 PM & 7:00 PM

What more appropriate day for us to remember the story of Jesus' life than on this day? We will do that in a worshipful drama as our Voices Children and Youth Choir present Godspell. Join us at 7 pm for this moving witness. If you can't come at 7 pm, you are welcome to attend the 2 pm open dress rehearsal.

HOLY SATURDAY – EASTER VIGIL, APRIL 19 7:00 PM

Join us in the Founders Room for a service new to the Glenview Community Church, we will keep watch in the twilight between death and resurrection. This meditative service of repentance and forgiveness, hope and anticipation, darkness and light is one of the most beautiful of the whole Christian year. Join us!

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 20 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

Join us as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord in identical festival services of worship with Holy Communion.

LIFE EVERLASTING

We trust the promise of the resurrection for Bessie Powell, who died on March 15, 2014, even as we hold her daughters Christa and Alexis and their family in our prayers. A memorial service was held on March 22, 2014.

We also commend to God's eternal care, long-time member, John Howland who died on March 17, 2014, even as we hold his wife, Karen, sons Nick and Jack and their family in our prayers. A memorial service will be held at GCC on Saturday, April 5, 2014 at 1:00 PM.

We trust the promise of the resurrection for Patti Lingenberg, who died on March 13, 2014, mother of Kathy Riddell; for Robert Callanan who died on March 15, 2014, father of Carol Uhl; for Lucille Larson, who died on March 9, 2014, grandmother of Leisl Bonakdarpour Jaberg and Emily Smith; for Wendell H. Clark, who died on March 19, 2014, stepfather of Kathryn Hall and Deedee Brannigan - a memorial service will be held at GCC on Friday, March 28, 2014 at 3:30 p.m. and for Reed Hagee, who died on March 12, 2014, mother of Joanne Matik. Our prayers are with all of these families. May God's peace be with you.

A memorial service for Helen Bond, Jeanie's mother and mother-in-law of Rev. Chuck Mize will be held on Saturday, March 29, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. at Fairhaven Senior Services in Whitewater, Wisconsin.

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 18 AT 7:00 PM

Have you ever wondered what would happen if Jesus appeared to us here today in Chicago? Well, Voices of GCC and Primary Choir try to answer that question when they present Godspell Jr. on Good Friday, April 18 at 7:00 p.m. Come hear the well loved score of Stephen Schwartz with songs, "Day by Day", "All Good Gifts," "You are the Light of the World" and many more! Come support our youth singers while they help to lead us in worship through a Good Friday service that you will not forget!

OPEN AND AFFIRMING ... REAFFIRMED AT GCC

In January 2014, GCC's Spiritual Council passed a motion to reaffirm the congregation's commitment to being an open and affirming church. As provided by that motion, GCC will be acting to welcome and engage the LGBT community more fully in the upcoming months by:

- Hosting a Rainbow Sunday at which time a message of acceptance and inclusion will be the focus of the sermon and coffee hour events;
- 2. Adding a small rainbow symbol to GCC's outside signs;
- 3. Placing notices in local newspapers congratulating all those who worked on the marriage equality campaign and letting LGBT individuals know that GCC welcomes them and their families;
- 4. Providing a delegation to march in Chicago's Gay Pride Parade with a GCC banner alongside other churches.

In addition, to further improve the diversity of the GCC congregation and demonstrate that we value all of God's children equally regardless of their gender identity, race, economic status, national origin or physical/mental disability, GCC will be creating a Diversity Committee. Look for more information about this new committee in the upcoming weeks.

A DAY OF FAITH

DAY OF FAITH IN SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS Join members of GCC as we travel to Springfield, Illinois on Tuesday, April 8, 2014, to add our voices to the 500 church members organized by Community Renewal Society for a day of Faith in Action. We will speak to legislators about removing bars to employment for people with records, a fair tax, reducing statutory time to preliminary hearings, and asking legislators to vote against new mandatory minimum sentences. If you are interested in attending please contact Kristine Voelker at kristinev818(@gmail.com.



Sunday, April 6 is almost here and time for our first Youth "Hometown" auction. Join us in the Mayflower Room from 5-8 for some bidding fun. All donated items will be auctioned off by our professional auctioneer, Greg Wilson! All the money raised will go to this summer's mission trip to Kansas City, Kansas. Some items to date include a 2 night stay in a Wisconsin cottage near Kettle Moraine State Forest, handmade quilt, 2 tickets to the Bears/Packers game, 2 tickets to a Cubs game, and homemade goodies. Auction items will be on display in the Founders Room during the coffee hour on April 6. The success of this auction depends on you, the bidders, so bring neighbors, family and friends for an evening of fun like no other. We look forward to seeing you on Sunday, April 6 from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the Mayflower Room!

COMMON GROUND FRIDAY, MARCH 28 AT 7:00 PM IN THE FOUNDERS ROOM

Jim Kenney, "One Summer—America, 1927." What happened that summer? Well, what didn't? Bill Bryson, one of our great storytellers, gives us a word picture of a prosperous American summer that celebrated daring aviators (especially Charles Lindbergh), baseball heroes (Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig), Showboat, The Jazz Singer, flagpole sitters and flappers. The same summer witnessed the brief, bloody ascendancy of Al Capone, brutal murders, the controversial trial and execution of Sacco and Vanzetti, and the fiscal missteps that set the stage for the depression that was just over the horizon. There's more, lots more; and we'll sample most of it, occasionally pausing to listen to Bryson himself as he reads from his wonderful book.

PLANT SALE

Help us beautify our church gardens by purchasing your flats of flowering annuals, hanging baskets, pots, and herbs from the Women's Association this year. We even deliver!

DEADLINE FOR ORDERS Sunday, April 20

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PICKUP/DELIVERY

Saturday, May 17 9:30 a.m. – noon

If you have any questions, please call Sue Hoffmann (847)998-0164 or email Jill Ruter at *jill.ruter@comcast.net*

Forms are at the church office.

HANDS OF PEACE TUNE INTO PEACE GALA SATURDAY, APRIL 26

DOUBLE TREE HILTON @ 6:00 P.M.

Once again Hands of Peace is celebrating its efforts of fostering dialogue and friendship among Israeli, Palestinian and American youth. Glenview Community Church has been a part of HOP every step of the way. Everyone is invited to this special gala to celebrate our contributions toward Middle East peace. There will be dinner, a silent auction, live music, and lots of fun! Cocktail attire. Tickets are \$100. We'd love to have the best turnout possible from GCC! You can purchase tickets on the Hands of Peace website: <u>www.handsofpeace.org.</u>

Hands of Peace is also seeking local host families who can open their homes and their hearts for our Middle East participants during our Summer Program, which will take place from July 6 - 24th! For informa-

tion on hosting, please visit our website <u>www.handsof-</u> <u>peace.org</u> or call Host Family Coordinator Gail Tatsuda at (847)559-0599. Applications are available online.



CHILDREN MINISTRIES SUNDAY, APRIL 13

Join us for pizza, bingo and celebration on April 13 at 11:15-12:30 p.m. in the Plymouth Room following worship.

SUNDAY, APRIL 27

Calling all 4th, 5th and 6th graders! We are having a party on April 27. It will feature, karaoke, pizza, an ice-cream sundae bar, & open gym between 7:00 -9:00 p.m. Meet in the Plymouth Room.

FISH IN APRIL

Join us for after school faith and fun, "FISH" on April 24, May 1, and May 8. We will meet after school and enjoy a snack, a short Bible lesson, complete one part of a three week service project, and have time for gym games or other games. This is for k-5th grade. We will split up into age appropriate groups. We are asking that you sign up in advance by sending an email to <u>elizabeth</u>. <u>ciccolini@gccucc.org</u>. There will be a snack sign up. Please list the names and ages of the children and the dates your children can attend in the email. All three days would work out best but we understand schedules.

PYF IN MARCH & APRIL, SUNDAYS 4-6 PM

MARCH 30 NO PYF - SPRING BREAK

APRIL 6 - HOMETOWN AUCTION 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. Watch for details.

APRIL 13 - MISSION PROJECT

Animal Beds. We will be making beds for an animal shelter.

Questions email <u>*pyf.gcc@gmail.com*</u> - Hope to see you soon! Elizabeth.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT GCC

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THUR	9:00 AM	Resale Shop until 5:00 PM, Plymouth Rm		1:00 PM	Howland Memorial Service, Reception to Follow, Sanctuary
03/27	9:30 AM	Lenten Book Study, Parlor	SUN	8:45 AM	Opening Prayers/Confirmation Class, Plymouth Rm
	11:00 AM	GCC Working Out With Weights, Mayflower Rm	04/06	9:00AM	Lent Book Study, Founders Rm
	1:30 PM	Dementia Support Group, Parlor		9:15 AM	Primary Choir Rehearsal, Rm 201
	7:00 PM	Glen Estates Home Owners Assoc. Founders Rm		10:00 AM	Sunday School Begins In Worship, Sanctuary
	7:30 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary		10:00 AM	Worship, Sanctuary
FRI	9:00 AM	Resale Shop until 1:00 PM, Plymouth Rm		11:00 AM	Fellowship Time , Mayflower Rm
03/28	1:00 PM	Pickleball, Gym		11:15 AM	Bell Choir Rehearsal, Bell Rm
	3:30 PM	Wendell Clark Memorial, Sanctuary		3:30 PM	Voices of GCC Musical Rehearsal, Rm 201
	7:00 PM			4:00 PM	PYF, Youth Rm
		Adult Volleyball, Gym		5:00 PM	PYF Auction, Mayflower Rm
	7:00 PM	Common Ground, Founders		5:30 PM	Childrens Musical Rehearsal, Sanctuary
	8:00 PM	AA Meeting, Parlor	MON	12:00 PM	Called To Care, Founders Rm
	8:00 PM	Al-Anon, Rm 201	04/07	7:00 PM	BSA 156 Committee Mtg., Founders Rm
SAT	8:00 AM	Men's Open Gym, Gym		7:00 PM	GCC Yoga, Rm 201
03/29	9:00 AM	Resale Shop, Plymouth Rm		7:30 PM	CSA 156 Committee Mtg., Rm 213
SUN	9:00 AM	Lenten Book Study, Founders Rm		7:30 PM	Lenten Book Study, Library
03/30	10:00 AM	Worship, Sanctuary	TUE	8:30 AM	GCC Music and Movement, Cradle Toddler Rm
	10:00 AM	Sunday School, Sanctuary	04/08	6:45 PM	Sing To Live Rehearsal, Sanctuary
	11:00 AM	Fellowship Hour, Mayflower Rm		7:00 PM	Adult Ed Board Mtg., Founders Rm
	11:15 AM	Bell Choir Rehearsal, Bell Rm		7:00 PM	Career Network Ministry Mtg - OLPH/GCC , Mayflower Rm
	11:15 AM	FIAT/Community Renewal Society Information, Mayflower Rm		7:00 PM	
	4:00 PM	PYF, Youth Rm			Membership Board Mtg., Library
MON	9:30 AM	Lenten Book Study, Library		7:00 PM	Pastoral Care Board Mtg., Parlor
03/31	1:00 PM	Pickleball, Gym		7:00 PM	Service and Sacraments Board Mtg., Rm 210
	7:00 PM	GCC Yoga, Rm 201		7:30 PM	Youth/Confirmation Board Mtg., Youth Rm
	7:30 PM	Lenten Book Study, Parlor	WED	8:30 AM	GCC Music and Movement Class, Cradle/Toddler Rm
TUE	8:30 AM	GCC Music and Movement, Cradle Toddler Rm	04/09	9:00 AM	Resale Shop, Plymouth Rm
04/01	6:45 PM	Sing To Live Rehearsals, Sanctuary		9:00 AM	Memorial Garden Committee Mtg., Library
				1:00 PM	Weekly Bible Study, Parlor
	7:00 PM	Spiritual Council Mtg., Mayflower Rm		6:00 PM	PYF Wednesdays, Youth Rm
WED	9:00 AM	GCC Music and Movement, Cradle Toddler Rm		7:00 PM	BSA 156 Troop Mtg., Mayflower Rm
04/02	9:00 AM	Resale Shop, Plymouth Rm		7:00 PM	Wednesday Night Bible Study, Parlor
	1:00 PM	Weekly Bible Study, Parlor		8:00 PM	Venture Crew, Rm 5
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The Resale Shop, Plymouth Rm

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BSA 156 Troop, Mayflower Rm & Gym

Working Out With Weights, Mayflower Rm

Voices of GCC Musical Rehearsal, Sanctuary HOP Operating Committee, Rm 213

Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

The Resale Shop, Plymouth Rm

Venture Crew, Rm 5 and Gym

Resale Shop, Plymouth Rm

Lenten Book Study, Parlor

Lent Prayer Group, Rm 5

AA Meeting, Parlor

Al-Anon Meeting, Rm 201

GCC Yoga, Narthex

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MUNITY CONCERTS

SATURDAY, APRIL 12 7:30 PM

TICKETED EVENT





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"The Best of Broadway": Enjoy the sounds of America's most endearing shows, past and present, from the timehonored hits of the golden age to the intimate gems of more contemporary musicals. Wilbert Watkins, Conductor General Admission: \$20, Seniors/Students: \$15, Breast cancer survivors complimentary. Tickets available online at <u>singtolive.org</u> or at the door.

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