

A Pilgrim's Progress

On Palm Sunday, April 5, at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. we will gather to celebrate the arrival of Jesus into Jerusalem. To symbolize this, palm fronds will be provided as you enter worship. Through our worship on Palm Sunday we will portray how quickly the shouts of support turned into sinister retorts of destruction during Jesus' life and today as well. Truly this is the most conflicted worship service of the year.

Through the centuries the week prior to Easter, beginning with Palm Sunday, has become increasingly important to Christians. The week has become identified as Holy Week, not because people are holy that week. Actually, the week represents how unholy people were twenty centuries ago and how unholy we are now. This next week is known as Holy Week because people see in Jesus a holiness that penetrates human existence. We are challenged to recognize our unholy actions that result in denial and betrayal, to intensify our identification with Jesus and discover the more honest we are about our unholy actions, the better prepared we are to experience resurrection. Because of the way Jesus dealt with being maltreated caused many, reflecting on his life and in particular on the last week of his life, to use the term Christ to identify him.

On Thursday evening we will gather to worship at 7:30 p.m. This service has its roots in the last meal that Jesus shared with his disciples. Known as Maundy Thursday, the name is derived from the Latin word, mandatum, "command" and is related to the statement of Jesus, "A new commandment I give to you that you love one another." This worship service will include Scripture, music, meditation, and the sharing of Communion by intinction.

We will gather again to worship at 7:30 p.m. on Good Friday. Using the work of Dale Wood, "A Service of Darkness, " this is a worship service of solemn introspection and reflection. It is a time to remember the tragic

death of Christ, to remember what happens when we prefer darkness to light.

I invite you to participate with us in each of these services. As we journey through this week together we will be better prepared to experience the meaning and purpose of resurrection on Easter.

Howard



The Labyrinth Walk

Walking a labyrinth is a personal journey or pilgrimage. It is a spiritual tool dating back to ancient times. It offers a pathway of prayer and a walking meditation. Unlike a maze, a labyrinth has a single pathway for entering and exiting. No directional decisions are necessary. Your walk, pace and personal experiences are all your own. There is no right or wrong way to walk a labyrinth. A labyrinth guide will be available to assist you and answer any questions you may have.

All are invited to experience the Labyrinth Walk in the Mayflower Room beginning Palm Sunday morning, April 5th 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.; Monday and Tuesday April 6th and April 7th 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.; Wednesday, April 8th 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. There is no charge for this unique Lenten experience.

CANCELLATION

Simple Gifts concert cancellation: The Pilgrim Brass Ensemble concert scheduled for April 5th has been cancelled. Please join us for our next Simple Gifts event on May 2nd - Bella Voce.

SUNDAY SERVICES

APRIL 5, 2009

Palm Sunday

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

Scripture:

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29, Mark 11:1-11

Sermon:

"The Self System" Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts

APRIL 9, 2009

Maundy Thursday

7:30 p.m. *Pilgrim Wind Ensemble*

Rev. Sally Iberg "How Do We Get Through This Night?

APRIL 10, 2009 Good Friday

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Tennebrae Service Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts

The Sanctuary will be open at noon for individual prayers and meditation.

APRIL 12, 2009

EASTER

9:00 a.m. Chancel Choir and

Bell Choir

11:00 a.m. Chancel Choir, Bell Choir

and Primary Choir

Scripture:

Luke 24:1-12, Romans 8:31-39

Sermon:

Easter People in a Good Friday World Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts

During Lent The Chapel will be open from noon until 6:00 p.m. for quiet meditation.

LECTIO DIVINA

April 9, Maundy Thursday, and the second Thursday of each month. How does God speak to you? On this holy day, take this opportunity to bring prayer and meditation into focus. Join us as we use a Scripture passage to experience the power of prayer in our own lives. We meet from 9:30 to 11 am in Room 5. Facilitator: Marilyn Belleau, Parish Nurse, ext. 30

Someone mistakenly took the wrong coat after the 10:30 a.m. worship service on March 22. The coat was hanging on the coat rack located outside of the Transept. It is a woman's small black pea coat with car keys in the pocket. A dark navy coat was left in its place.

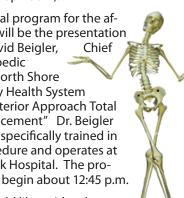
Please check your closet to make sure you did not take the wrong coat by mistake. If you do have the coat, please call the church office at 847-724-2210.

60 Plus Luncheon April 21 at 12 noon in the PLYMOUTH ROOM.

Please notice the change of location for our monthly 60 Plus Luncheon. We will be feasting on homemade soup, bread and wonderful dessert in the Plymouth Room (Resale Shop Room).

Our special program for the afternoon will be the presentation by Dr. David Beigler, Chief of Orthopedic Trauma North Shore University Health System titled "Anterior Approach Total Hip Replacement" Dr. Beigler has been specifically trained in this procedure and operates at Glenbrook Hospital. The program will begin about 12:45 p.m.

If you would like a ride, please call Marilyn Belleau, Parish Nurse at 847-724-2210 ext. 30.



PREVENTING

GCC thanks David Kreiman very much for his presentation on Preventing Personal Identity Theft. It was a great success. There are copies available of his handout from his presentation last Sunday in the church office. It is a valuable source of information containing web links and contact information for ID Theft, Internet Scams and Fraudulent mailing and e-mails.

Share the Joy of Easter

The Sanctuary will be abloom with lilies on Easter morning! Again this year, volunteers are needed to help deliver these lovely plants to members of our congregation who are home bound or in nursing homes or hospitals. By delivering one or more plants, you will be extending the hope, joy and beauty of this celebration to those who cannot worship with us in person. Flowers will be available for pick up at the conclusion of the second Easter service, at which time volunteers will be given the names and addresses of recipients. If you can help, please call Mary Buchanan at (847) 729-2328 or e-mail her at mlfledder@aol.com.



GLENVIEW COMMUNITY CHURCH

Women's Association Spring Plant Sale It's time to order your garden flowers! The Women's Association Chapter 1 is offering a fabulous variety of flats, hanging baskets and potted plants.

Profits will be used to beautify the grounds of the church. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

Deadline for order:

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 12

Pickup/Delivery * **SATURDAY, MAY 9** 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Please give June Massay (729-0021) or Jill Ruter (729-2368) a call if you have any questions.

Adult Education Sundays 9:30 am in the Chapel

APRIL 5

We welcome Tom Aldrich who will present a program on the Brahms Requiem with connections to the Kerygma Bible study series.

MAY 3

May is Older Americans Month...

In honor of Older Americans Month, Wendy Thornton will share with you the "Good ews-Bad News". A story that illustrates how to create a long-range plan to allow an aging parent or spouse to receive care at home and postpone or prevent the need for care in a nursing home.

Ideas, suggestions for future Adult Education programs? E-mail Chris Calandra at ccalandra4@comcast.net

GCC Staff Changes

As a result of our budget challenges for 2009, Linda Binaei and Kathie Mann will be leaving GCC at the end of March. Kathie has been our administrative associate for the past eight years and Linda has served as the Director of Member Engagement for the past four years. Both have made important contributions to the ministry of GCC and to the life of our church and they will be sorely missed by their many friends and colleagues. We wish them both the very best of God's blessings.



Unemployed, returning to work or considering a job change? Looking for resources or a place to network? Interested in posting career opportunities? Been there - done that and want to share your experiences and tips? Then welcome to the GCC Career Network - a place for GCC members and friends to share knowledge, resources, job openings, hear speakers and support one another. Alek and Renee Jablonski will be the moderators and we will meet every other Monday at 12pm and 7pm, beginning April 6th. We are also in the process of setting up a yahoo group to share information and alert you of opportunities. E-mail any questions to Pam Keckler at pam.keckler@ gccucc.org or call her at 847-724-2210 x24.



Chapter 8 will be selling Equal Exchange Coffee and other items during fellowship hours on Sunday April 5. Plan to pick up your Spring supply of coffee, tea, snacks and other products.

Hands of Peace

Hands of Peace, the unique interfaith program that brings together American, Israeli and Palestinian teenagers for two weeks of dialogue, friendship and fun each summer in the northern Chicago suburbs, is still accepting applications for participants and host families.

Hands of Peace seeks applications from 15 - 17 year olds who are interested in meeting other teenagers from the Middle East to discuss the Arab/Israeli Conflict and make lasting friendships. We also need host families to open their homes for a very rewarding experience - the opportunity to get to know a teen visitor or adult staff member from Israel or the Palestinian Territories.

The dates of the Summer Program are July 17 - August 3, 2009.

If you'd like more information, please go to the *Hands of Peace web site*.

Calling All Walkers

A new walking season is at hand (and foot). Walks are normally scheduled on the first Sunday of the month. With Palm Sunday and Easter on the first two Sundays in April, we plan the first walk of the season on the third Sunday. GCC Walkers meet on April 19 at 12:45 p.m. in the North Parking lot. We let the weather determine where to go a few days before. Newcomers and old-timers are equally welcome!

God is with us.

We can face whatever tomorrow might bring Because we know that

God is with us.

We can dare to stand at the foot of the cross Because we know that

God is with us.

We can confront the realities of our own sin
Because we know that

God is with us.

Amen.

We can walk in peace, knowing that Wherever our journey leads us, **God is with us.**

Missions Opportunity

We are looking for 4-6 adult volunteers to work with The Night Ministry on Tuesday night, April 7. We will be helping their Youth Outreach Team serve meals to homeless young people in the Lakeview neighborhood from 7:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. GCC has long supported The Night Ministry and their vital work serving the homeless on the nighttime streets of Chicago, and this is a great opportunity to get more involved. If you are interested in participating, please contact Bill Ryan at billjryan@sbcglobal.net or 847-226-6972. We hope you can join us for this important work during Holy Week.

Thank you from your friends on the Missions Outreach Board.

Sunday School

What is a psalm?

Ask a Sunday school student and you will learn that a psalm is a song or poem that praises or thanks God. You will find 150 psalms in the Bible. Inspired by Rev. Sally lberg, Psalm 151 was created by the children of GCC.

Psalm 151

(sung to the tune of Twinkle Twinkle Little Star)
Love you, love you, gracious One.
Thank you for the things You've done.
You made stars, the sun, and sky,
Animals, fish, and birds that fly.
Love you, love you, gracious One.
Thank you for the things you've done.

Confirmation

No class on April 5 or April 12.

Next class is April 19. Be sure to finish up all worship reflection sheets and service project reports. All are due by April 12.

New Service Project Ideas:

1) Assist with Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday morning, April 11 at GCC. Help is needed distributing all the eggs outside on the church grounds, helping children return the empty eggs to the bins, and reassembling the eggs. Also needed is a "bunny" to meet and greet the children. Volunteer times are 8:00-11:30 a.m. 8th graders may use this as your final service project or make up. 7th graders may also use this as a service project to count for next year. Contact Melissa Bacon-Aki.

2) We need volunteers to deliver Easter lilies to home bound members on Easter Sunday after worship. A parent and confirmand can do this visit together. Contact Mary Buchanan to sign up.

8th Grade

Don't forget to pick up your robe in the Youth Room. Also, please fill out your retreat forms (there are extras by the bulletin

PYFF

We met recently for our final time this program year. We had vespers and communion in the youth room, followed by a potluck supper together. Then the youth had programming while the parents of teens met with Rev. Keckler to each share our "Parenting Tips that Work!" If you would like a copy of those tips, contact Pam. We look forward to more youth/family events next year, beginning in August.

PYF

Movie & Game Night April 5th 3 – 8 p.m.

There will be surprise games, pizza & "Evan Almighty"

Think of this as a Spring Rally day. Come & bring a friend.



Mitzvah Day SUNDAY, MAY 17



with B'nai Jehoshua Beth
Elohim, the Islamic Cultural Center of
Northbrook and the Baha'i of Glenview
in performing acts of loving kindness
throughout the northern suburbs and
the city. The day will begin at 12 noon
with brunch in the Mayflower Room
for all participants. We will recognize Nancy Bloom, Director of Youth
Services of Glenview, with the annual
Humanitarian of the Year Award. List of
all projects and sign up sheets will be
available next week, Palm Sunday.

Save The Date

web site at www.gccns.com/springboutique.

A President's First 100 Days

THURSDAY APRIL 30 AT 10 AM

A Presentation by JOYCE SCHRAGER.

Ms. Schrager is a well known, highly respected and popular current events lecturer. Plan to attend this historical perspective on President Obama's first days in the White House. In the aftermath of the presidential election, all are watching and anticipating "change" in this current time of crisis. Joyce, a dynamic speaker, is an expert on past and present political events.

FOLLOWED BY A BUFFET LUNCHEON

TICKETS \$15 for the program and luncheon \$10 for the program only

The Chapter 8 members of GCC Women's Association are sponsoring this Spring program. We think the venue will appeal to both men and women of all ages. Tickets will be sold during fellowship hours and in the church office.

Are We There Yet?

Did you ever wonder what it is was like for Moses to travel through the desert leading the people? You will have your chance to find out on April 19th as Voices of GCC and the Primary Choir will be bringing the story to you with "Are We There Yet?". They are continuing to practice their lines and choreography for their Sunday worship performance on April 19.







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GLENVIEW COMMUNITY CHURCH

SMALL GROUP MINISTRIES

Spring 2009 Opportunities

SIGN UP TODAY!

Registration is required

The grass is turning green and early flowers are peaking through the frozen ground. Jump into spring at GCC. Sign up today for a small group. Small Group Ministries provide opportunities for personal and spiritual growth, learning, support, and fellowship in a small group setting. Groups of 8 to 12 will meet at a pre-arranged time and place for an hour or so. Facilitators help guide the discussion and encourage participation. Registration is required. You may register in the church office. E-mail the church office at gccucc@gccucc.org or call at 847 724-2210. Or you may complete and return the registration form below. Registration deadline is April 26th or when the group is full.

SPRING 2009 OPPORTUNITIES AT GCC

- ▶ BIBLICAL WOMEN: MIRRORS, MODELS, AND METAPHORS. Rev. Dr. Pamela Keckler, facilitator. Delve deeper into the old and new testament stories of women in the bible as we find places to connect with contemporary male/female experiences. Both men and women can share in this Bible study. Wednesday mornings (4/29, 5/6, 5/13, and 5/20) from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.
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- THREE CUPS OF TEA: ONE MAN'S MISSION TO PROMOTE PEACE . . . ONE SCHOOL AT A TIME. Join facilitators Kelly Golding and Nina Fockens to discuss this wonderful book by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin. This book has been described as "the astonishing, uplifting story of a real-life Indiana Jones and his remarkable humanitarian campaign in the Taliban's backyard" and "proof that one ordinary person with the right combination of character and determination really can change the world." The book is available through the Glenview Public Library. Please read up to page 82 prior to our first meeting. Thursday evenings (4/30, 5/7 and 5/21 from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

REGISTRATION FORM Please complete and return this form to Small Group Ministries mailbox in the church office at the address below. Your name ______ Email ______ Address _____ Phone ______ Name of Small Group ______ Today's date ______

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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
4-2	12:00 pm	Chapel Meditation, Chapel
	7:00 pm	HOP Committee Meeting, Parlor
	7:30 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Rm, Sanctuary
Fri	9:00 am	Resale Shop, Plymouth Rm until 1:00 pm
4-3	12:00 pm	Chapel Meditation, Chapel
	6:00 pm	NSVYR Volleyball, Gym
	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
4-4	9:00 am	Men's Open Gym, Gym
	10:00 am	Memorial Service - Boynton, Sanctuary
	12:00 pm	Chapel Meditation, Chapel
Sun	8:30 am	Sunday School, Room 105
4-5	9:15 am	Fellowship Hour, Mayflower Rm
	9:30 am	Fellowship Board, Rm 213
	9:30 am	Adult Education, Chapel
	10:30 am	Sunday School Gathering, Rm 201
	11:30 am	Fellowship Hour, Mayflower Rm
	4:00 pm	PYF Gathering, Youth Room
Mon	12:00 pm	Career Networking, Parlor
4-6	12:00 pm	Chapel Meditation, Chapel
	7:00 pm	Cub Scout Pack Mtg., Parlor
	7:00 pm	Pilgrim Wind Ensemble Rehearsal, Sanctuary

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Tues 4-7	12:00 pm 7:00 pm	Chapel Meditation, Chapel Properties Board, Library
Wod.	0100 am	Pecale Shap Diamouth Dm until 4400 pm
Wed	9:00 am	Resale Shop, Plymouth Rm until 1:00 pm
4-8	9:00 am	Memorial Garden Meeting, Library
	12:00 pm	Chapel Meditation, Chapel
	6:30 pm	BSA Troop 156, Mayflower Rm
	7:00 pm	Called To Care, Rm 210, Rm 213, Upper Rm
	7:00 pm	Music Board, Rm 201
	7:00 pm	Stewardship Board, Rm 7
	7:00 pm	Venturing Crew, Parlor

Pastoral Care

GCC Member Bud Boynton passed away on March 21. A memorial service will be held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, April 4, with a reception following the service. Please keep his wife, Ginger, and their family in your thoughts and prayers.

Congratulations

The proud grandparents Ray and Phyllis Scott and parents Kevin and Lindsay Scott are delighted to announce a new arrival in the Scott family. Austin Michael Scott was born March 19. He was 7 lb 8 oz and 19 inches long.

Broadcaster Deadline

Please submit all articles by 9:00 am, Wednesday, one week in advance to publishing via e-mail at tania.mccarthy@gccucc.org