



Broadcaster

GLENVIEW COMMUNITY CHURCH

APRIL 6, 2011

Pilgrims Progress

From the moment I announced my plans to retire on January 23rd, our relationship as congregation and senior minister began to change. We began a time of transition of ending a relationship that began ten years ago. This relationship began in April 2001 with my first communication with the members of the Senior Minister Search Committee. Members of the committee were John Estey, Tom Amos, Terry Reed-Adams, Don Clark, Blanche Hanson, Bob Kappus, Constance Filling, Dick Gottfred, Kathy Chapman, and Marty Slusarz. As the process evolved we got to know each other better, began to develop a relationship, I met more members of GCC, and eventually I was invited to serve as your Senior Minister. The process of our bonding or becoming attached to each other continued to evolve. Now, we are reversing the process. We are ending our relationship. Saying goodbye takes time, energy, and intention. Saying goodbye to each other and ending our relationship is a process, a process of detachment and grief. This is a type of death, the death of a relationship.

The stages of this process of grief are similar for all of us but the emotions and responses that we have are individual and personal. The response of many when first hearing my plans to retire was shock. The response of others was they were pleased or as one person said, "It's a good thing." Often people do not know what to say when a relationship is ending or when someone dies, and so they say nothing. One of the best things we can say at those times is to say, "I don't know what to say." This often unlocks our feelings and we are then able to express ourselves.

Some respond with anger. They are angry that I'm leaving or angry at the way that I'm leaving or the timing of my leaving. Others may feel guilty. They may say something like, "If I had worked harder or spoken out more, maybe Howard would

not be leaving." "If I hadn't been so upset about the way Howard did that, maybe he would not be leaving." There is nothing wrong with feelings of anger or guilt. They are feelings. What we do with these feelings, what actions we take with these feelings may be right or wrong, helpful or hurtful. I have been angry and hurt by some of the things said about me and the actions that some have taken. I hope that I have not responded out of my anger and hurt in a harmful or hurtful way. But if I have hurt you in any way, I am sorry and I ask you to forgive me. And I forgive you for any hurt or harm you may have caused me.

The next stage in this process is to see if there isn't some other way to do this. We try to strike a bargain that will keep this ending from happening. "Isn't there some way we could reconsider this?" "Maybe I could delay my leaving until a later time."

Eventually we arrive at the place where we admit, "This is really going to happen." Our response may be sadness and it does little good to try to cheer up. Often it is at this stage that we begin to be able to express our appreciation for each other. As I said in the letter announcing my plans, "The welcome and excitement I experienced as I arrived and began my work with you remains one of the highlights of over forty-five years of pastoral ministry. The encouragement and support that so many of you have given has added joy to my life." I am truly grateful for the time we have had together. Many of you have remembered a baptism, a wedding, or a memorial service I conducted that touched your life. Others have recalled a specific sermon that spoke to them. Still others remember a meal or a conversation we shared. Many have said, "We're going to miss you." I'm going to miss you as well.

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SUNDAY SERVICES

APRIL 10, 2011

9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir

Scripture:

Joel 2:28-32, Mark 10:46-52

Sermon:

"The Miracle of Vision"
Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts

APRIL 17, 2011

PALM SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir

Scripture:

Psalms 23, John 11:17-27

Sermon:

"The Miracle of Resuscitation"
Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts

APRIL 21, 2011

MAUNDY THURSDAY

COMMUNION

7:30 p.m.

Pilgrim Wind Ensemble and Men's Chorus

Rev. Dr. Pam Keckler

APRIL 22, 2011

GOOD FRIDAY

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir
Faure Requiem

Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts
Andy Lewis





Holy Week Services and Easter Sunday

Be sure to attend two special services during Holy Week: Maundy Thursday, April 21 at 7:30 we will read the story of Jesus from the Passover Meal to the Cross and share in communion around the altar. The Pilgrim Wind Ensemble will offer our music, along with a Men's Chorus who will sing a song from Jesus Christ Superstar. On Good Friday, April 22 the sanctuary will be open from Noon until 1 pm for prayer and meditation. That evening at 7:30 our Chancel Choir will sing the Faure Requiem.

We will celebrate Easter on Sunday, April 24 at both 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. No Sunday school, but nursery care will be provided.

Labyrinth, A Spiritual Walk

Spiritual Relevance for Today: Walking the Labyrinth is a personal journey or pilgrimage. The single pathway that leads you to the center and out again enables you to free your mind from mundane thoughts and concentrate on the sacred. Your walk, pace, and personal experience are all your own.

When will I be able to participate in the Labyrinth experience? You are invited to walk the Labyrinth at GCC in the Mayflower room at any time the church is open after services on Palm Sunday or during Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of Holy Week. For those new to walking the Labyrinth, Labyrinth guides will be available to assist you from 8:30 – 11:30 AM on Palm Sunday and from 4–8 pm on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of Holy Week, April 17-20.

Chapel Open During Lent

Do you yearn for some quiet time and prayer? If so, come to the Chapel Monday through Friday from Noon to 6 pm. It is open for your meditation time, along with reference books and materials available to guide you.

Mid-Week Lenten Soup–Study–Worship

Join us on Wednesday evening, April 6 and April 13 in the Founder's Room. Soup is on at 6:15 pm. We begin our program at 6:45 and end at 7:30. Take time out for reading scripture as we learn more about stories of Jesus during his last weeks. So far we've discussed Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane, Judas Betraying Christ, and Peter Denying Christ. Our final two weeks we will look at The Plot to Kill Jesus, the Anointing at Bethany and the Rich Man from Arimathea. We enjoy soup prepared by one of our Boards or groups, look at scripture and dialogue around the tables. We close with a song and prayer. Take time out during this Lenten season for personal and spiritual growth. It's helpful to sign up in the church office, but feel free to come without a reservation. A basket for donations for the food will be available. Questions, contact Rev. Keckler.

Bring a Touch of Spring to Others!

Volunteers are needed to help deliver Easter lilies on Easter Sunday, April 24, after the 11:00 a.m. Worship Service. This delivery is a wonderful way you can reach out to church members and friends who are ill or home-bound. It takes a little of your time, but means so much to those receiving the flowers. If you are interested in helping or have any questions, please call Betsy Martin at (847)657-7595. Leave a voice mail if she is not home.

Share the Blessings and Joy of Easter!

Church members can still purchase lilies to decorate the Sanctuary on Easter morning in honor of your loved ones. Forms are available to order lilies in the church office, deadline is April 13. You may take your lily home after the 11 a.m. service or donate your lily for delivery to a church member who is ill or home-bound.



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This grief process we are in during this transition time will continue for awhile. Eventually, we'll get to the final stage where we move on and adjust to life without this relationship. We have work to do to get to that place. We need to process the feelings and factors that have resulted in our relationship ending. Out of this can come a clearer understanding of who we are as individuals and who Glenview Community Church is as a faith community. Eventually we'll move through the dying of this relationship into a place of renewed life and hope.

Howard

GCC Library News

The GCC Library is "weeding" its collection in order to have more space for new books and offer better service to our congregation. We are offering some used books and AV material during coffee hour on April 10, 2011. Please come and help yourself to these oldies but goodies.



To Benefit By The Hand Club for Kids Sponsored By:
Chapters 7 & 11, Children's Board and Missions Outreach Board

Please join us for our Eggstraordinary Easter Eggstravaganza on Saturday, April 16, 2011 at Eggsactly 9:30 a.m. in the Mayflower Room.

Don't forget to mail in your RSVP form to the Eggstravaganza. Respond in advance and receive an extra raffle ticket!



Let's Celebrate Easter!

60 Plus Luncheon
April 19th at 12 noon
in the PLYMOUTH ROOM

Notice the change of room as we celebrate the Easter Season with a delicious soup and bread luncheon. Can't wait to see that special dessert that is a part of this enjoyable time together. A surprise activity awaits us all!!! Mark your calendar and bring a friend. New faces are always welcome!

Remember, if you need a ride, call Marilyn Belleau, Parish Nurse at (847)724-2210 ex. 30

SAVE THE DATE!

GCCNS SPRING BOUTIQUE
Monday, May 2nd
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 3rd
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Please join us for the 6th annual GCCNS Spring Boutique. Over 20 vendors, most of them new to our boutique, will be selling jewelry, purses, workout wear, home décor, personalized stationery, children's clothes, toys and more.

Visit www.gccns.com/springboutique for a list of our wonderful vendors.

Break Bread Together

Saturday, April 30 is the inauguration of the Fellowship Board's new "Break Bread Together" dinner program!

An opportunity to build and nourish new relationships with fellow GCC members by breaking bread together (enjoying dinner), either at a members' home or at a restaurant on Saturday, April 30th.

Congratulations

Jake Robert Simpson was born on Sunday, March 27 to Kyle and Stephanie (Aldrich) Simpson.

Proud grandparents are Tom and Karen Aldrich and Janet Aldrich.

Pastoral Care

Our sympathy and prayers for Margaret Ludemann on the death of mother, Marguerite Ludemann in Naper, Nebraska, March 27th.

APRONS for GCC

Chapter 9 of the Women's Association is happy to donate new aprons to GCC to be used for a variety of events. Stop by the kitchen and check them out.... they're hanging by the hallway door next to the dishwasher. You'll find several different kinds all embroidered with 'Glenview Community Church'.... bib aprons for serving, waist aprons for events beyond the kitchen such as the Rummage Sale or Resale Shop and even a few long aprons for the official 'chefs' in the kitchen....40 aprons total. Chapter 9 had donated the last aprons over 20 years ago.....about time we stepped up again! The aprons are available for any and all groups to use.....Enjoy!

Sunday School

Classes will resume April 10 and nursery care will be available.

Confirmation Field Trip to Local Funeral Home

Each year our 8th grade confirmands visit a local funeral home to ask questions, take a tour, and talk with a funeral director. We will be going after class on Palm Sunday, April 17 to N.H. Scott and Hanekamp Funeral Home at 10:45 a.m. Parents are invited, as well as any other church member or friend. Just show up at the funeral home. Address is 1240 Waukegan Road. Contact Rev. Keckler if you have questions.

PYF

On Sunday, April 10, we will be meeting from 4:00-6:00 p.m. in the Youth Room. We will be assembling coloring books for Kids Club and tie-dyeing PYF t-shirts. The PYF t-shirts will be provided to everyone who attends.

Broadcaster Deadlines:

Submit articles by 9:00 a.m. , Wednesday to Tania McCarthy via e-mail at tania.mccarthy@gccucc.org.

From the Parish Nurse

Are we a healthy congregation? The report from Test Well Wellness Inventory, who helped sponsor the Wellness Screening this past March 13, says we are, but with some areas that need work. We scored extremely well in safety, social awareness, emotional awareness, intellectual wellness, occupational wellness, spirituality and values. Some of the areas of wellness that might need a little boost are: physical fitness and nutrition, medical self-care, environmental wellness and emotional management.

Other interesting results: ages 31 to 40-- women scored higher than men in self-care, safety environment, social and emotional management; ages 41 to 55-- women scored a bit higher in those previously mentioned, but men rated higher in intellectual wellness; ages 56 to 85 -- men scored higher than the women in all areas except safety and social awareness.

Thanks to all those who participated in this screening. As a whole the group scored very well. The overall composite score was 826 with 800-1000 being in the Excellent range. Let's celebrate our healthy behaviors while looking at ways of improving other aspects of wellness.

*Peace and Health,
Marilyn*



National Healthcare Decisions Day

**Friday, April 15, 2011
9 a.m. to noon**

North Shore Senior Center, along with other national, state and community organizations, is leading an effort to highlight the importance of advance healthcare decision making on National Healthcare Decisions Day. Join us for this free event, which will help participants gather facts to make informed decisions, determine how to put their wishes in writing, learn how to talk with family members about personal desires, and take control of one's own future health care. Featured speakers will be Pat Ahern, president of Rainbow Hospice, and Ronald A. Semerdjian, M.D. Refreshments will be served. Please call (847)784-6030 to register in advance.

Cell Phone Giveaway for Seniors

**Friday, April 8, 2011
11 a.m. to noon**

Cook County Sheriff's Cell Phones for Seniors Program invites Cook County residents over the age of 65 to receive a free 911 emergency cellular phone. Having a cell phone that can reach emergency services personnel provides an extra measure of security when away from home. Attendees will receive two batteries, a charger and instructions. Advance registration is required: call (847)784-6030.

There is no fee for this session.

Healing Touch

Healing Touch one hour sessions will be available again in the GCC library on May 5 from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. and in the evening from 5:00 p.m. -8:00 p.m. There will be no charge for sessions. A donation box will be available for those wishing to donate to GCC.

Healing Touch can benefit you by:

- Reducing stress
- Easing acute and chronic conditions
- Decreasing pain
- Creating a sense of well being
- Promoting wound healing
- Enhancing surgical recovery
- Supporting cancer care
- Calming anxiety, depression

For more information on Healing Touch, go to the www.healingtouchprogram.com and view a short, 9 minute video. You may also view the video "Healing Touch Program: An Introduction to Healing" on YouTube.

To set up an appointment call Susan Johnson at (847)804- 6363 or email with your requested time to s.h.johnson@comcast.net.



The Rainbow Garden SPRINGS Forth again at Glenview Community Church



The Rainbow Garden, a donation garden created by The Organic Pantry Project to benefit the Northfield Food Pantry, is ready to begin its 2011 growing season and we are looking for volunteers and material donations to support another bountiful year.

Whether a novice gardener-wannabe or an experienced gardener, we encourage you to be a part of this rewarding endeavor. TOPP has two gardens in Glenview, one at Pleasant Ridge Elementary School and one at Glenview Community Church. Last year these gardens donated almost 500 pounds of fresh organic produce to the Northfield Food Pantry.

- Learn new skills!
- Support the Northfield Food Pantry!
- Support children learning about gardening, healthy eating, and giving back to their community

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

May 1st at 10:45 a.m.

We will have a brief volunteer meeting to help organize volunteers, whether you have already signed up at Volunteer Sunday or not.

TOPP is looking for volunteers (no experience necessary) to help with the following:

- Support during Sunday school when we have our Junior Gardens out in force
- Summer seasonal care including watering, weeding, plant care, harvesting
- Educational material development

We will be cleaning up the gardens and preparing for our first plantings in **April**.

- **April 10** will be our first planting day with one of our Sunday school classes
- **May 1, 15, 22** may also see specific Sunday school classes in the garden

- **June 5** will kick off our summer Sunday school participation in the garden

- Please let us know if you are interested in helping us now or in the future. A schedule of planned activities will be posted on our website at <http://organicpantryproject.org>

TOPP is also looking for material donations to help maintain and enhance our gardens:

- * **Top soil or garden mix**
- * **Mulch**
- * **1 x 1 furring strips**
- * **Lumber for garden bed construction**
- * **Paper lunch bags**
- * **Plastic sandwich pages (snack, sandwich, and gallon sizes)**
- * **Tomato cages and other plant supports**
- * **Gardening tools**
- * **Small baskets or containers for collecting harvest**
- * **Row covers**
- * **Old screen material (metal or plastic, either in frames or on a roll (2' x 4' minimum))**

If you are interesting in volunteering or making a donation to the Rainbow Garden, please contact Laura Heyser at (847)724-2526, lcheyser@comcast.net

The **organic** pantry project

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday

8:30 am - 4:30 p.m.

MINISTERIAL STAFF

Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts, *Senior Minister*

Rev. Dr. Pamela Keckler, *Minister for Spiritual Formation*

DIRECTORS:

Marilyn Belleau, *RN, Health Ministry*

Kathy Lifton, *Children's Ministry*

Elizabeth Hartung-Ciccolini, *Youth Ministry*

Debby Shellard, *Children's Choirs*

Gary Wendt, *Organist, Instrumental Music*

Andrew Lewis, *Music*

AFFILIATES:

Marcia Kiraly, *Director, GCC Nursery School*

Barbara Thewis, *Manager, Resale Shop*

Return Service Requested

At A Glance

THRS	4/07	9:00 am	Resale Shop open until 1:00 pm, Plymouth Rm	SUN	4/10	10:45 am	Joyful Ringers, Bell Rm
		11:00 am	Healing Touch, Library			10:45 am	Leadership Meeting, Founders Rm
		12:00 pm	Meditation and Prayer, Chapel			3:30 pm	Voices of GCC, Rm 201
		4:30 pm	HOP Leadership Mtg., Parlor			3:30 pm	Pre Mission Trip Mtg, Mayflower Rm
		7:00 pm	BSA 156 Troop Patrol Council, Founders Rm			4:00 pm	PYF Program, Youth Rm
		7:00 pm	HOP Operating Committee Mtg., Rm 201			5:00 pm	Family Trivia Night, Mayflower Rm
		7:30 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary				
FRI	4/08	9:00 am	Resale Shop open until 1:00 pm, Plymouth Rm	MON	4/11	12:00 pm	Meditation and Prayer, Chapel
		11:30 am	Daisy Girls, Founders and Rm 8			7:00 pm	Finance Board, Founders Rm
		12:00 pm	Meditation and Prayer, Chapel			7:00 pm	Scoutmasters Mtg., Parlor
		7:00 pm	CSA 156 Skit Night, Mayflower Rm	TUE	4/12	12:00 pm	Meditation and Prayer, Chapel
		8:00 pm	AA Mtg., Parlor			4:30 pm	Hebrew School, Various Rms
		8:00 pm	Al-Anon Mtg., Rm 201			7:00 pm	Stewardship Board Mtg., Rm 7
SAT	4/09	8:00 am	Scout Master Mtg., Founders Rm			7:00 pm	Pastoral Care Board Mtg., Rm 210
		9:00 am	Resale Shop open until 1:00 pm, Plymouth Rm			7:00 pm	Property Board Mtg., Library
		9:00 am	Men's Open Gym, Gym			7:00 pm	Adult Ed Board Mtg., Founders Rm
SUN	4/10	8:00 am	Membership Board Mtg, Founders Rm			7:00 pm	Service and Sacraments Board Mtg, Chapel
		8:45 am	Primary Choir Rehearsal, Rm 201			7:00 pm	HOP Board Mtg., Rm 213
		9:30 am	Worship Service, Sanctuary			7:30 pm	Mission Outreach Board Mtg., Parlor
		9:30 am	Confirmation 7th Grade Class, Founders Rm	WED	4/13	9:00 am	Memorial Garden Mtg., Parlor
		9:30 am	Confirmation 8th Grade Classes, Various Rms			12:00 pm	Meditation and Prayer, Chapel
		9:30 am	Sunday School Class, Start in Rm 201			6:00 pm	PYF Small Groups, Youth Rm
		10:20 am	Confirmation Closing Prayers, Youth Rm			6:15 pm	Lenten Soup & Study, Founders Rm
		10:30 am	Fellowship Hour, Mayflower Rm			7:00 pm	BSA 156 Troop Mtg., Gym
		10:30 am	Fellowship Board Mtg., Rm 213			8:00 pm	Venture Crew, Rm 210 & Gym
		10:45 am	Adult Education, Chapel				

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